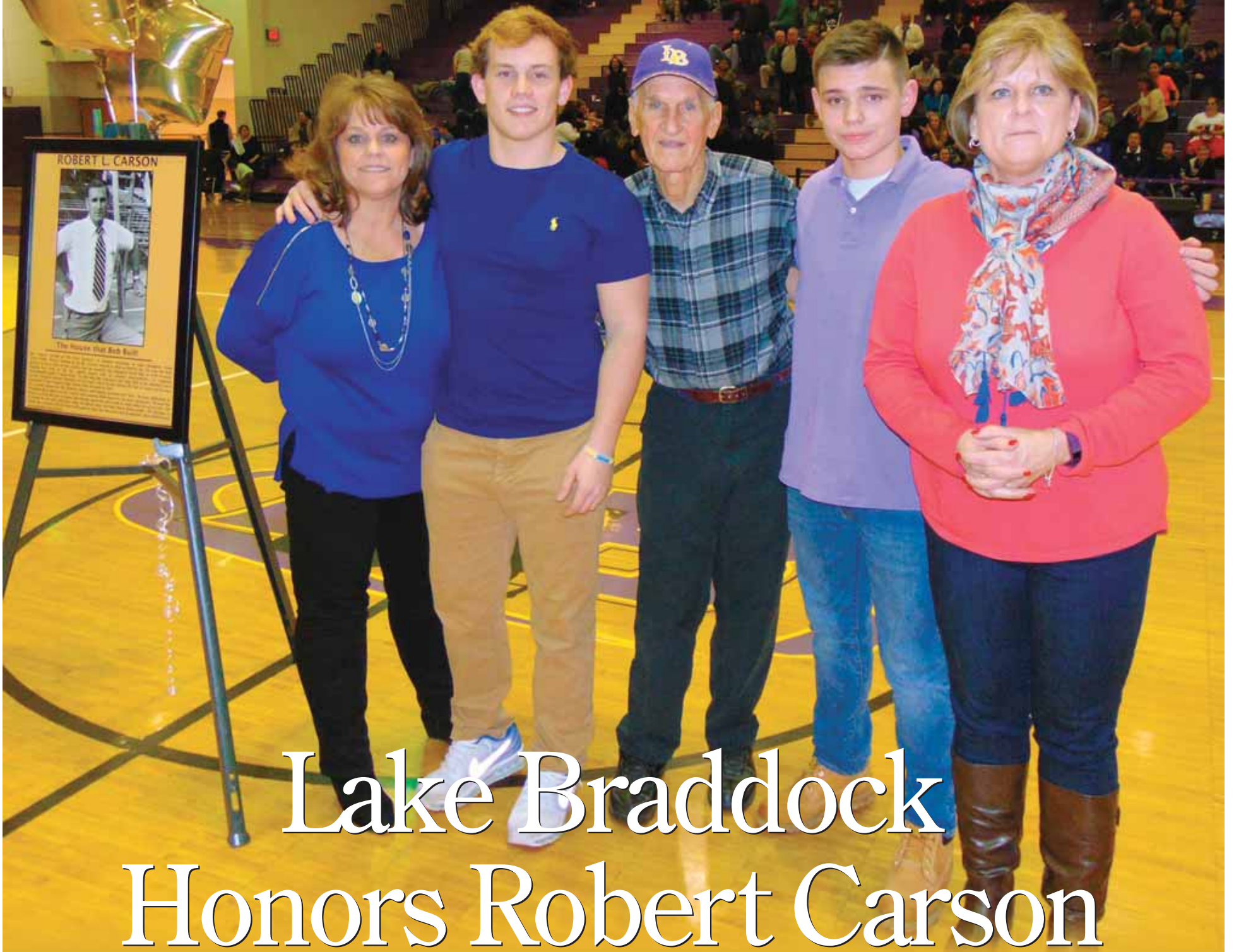


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From left: Family members Juliane Carson Wines, Tyler Wines, Robert Carson, Joshua Wines, and Susan Jones at half-time during the Lake Braddock basketball game of the gym rededication ceremony for Robert Carson.



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Rocky Road Ahead

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

The road signs along the highway to the region's economic future are a bit difficult to read, sometimes pointing positively one way, and at other times seeming to indicate slow downs and hazards ahead, according to speakers and panelists at last week's regional economic conference.

"Mapping New Economic Opportunities" was the title of the 25th annual conference, hosted by the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce (NVCC) in partnership with Cardinal Bank, George Mason University, and the Washington Business Journal, that played to a standing room only crowd on Feb. 1 at the Marriott Fairview Park in Falls Church.

Stephen S. Fuller, Ph.D. has been studying, analyzing and reporting on the region's economy for decades. A member of the faculty at George Mason University since 1994, from 2002 until May of 2015 he was the director of GMU's Center for Regional Analysis. After a brief retirement, Fuller is back as the Dwight Schar Faculty Chair and as the director of the university's Stephen S. Fuller Institute.

FULLER'S SESSION was billed as a "Progress Report" on the area's recent economic performance. He started with the "Downsides of Being a Company Town," noting the adverse effects that sequestration has had on the region. From the end of 2011 through 2014, sequestration and the reduction in Federal procurement and contracts has meant a loss of about \$2 billion in government wages and more than \$6 billion less in contract revenues.

Fuller and speaker Terry Clower, Ph.D. Northern Virginia chair and professor of Public Policy at GMU — and Fuller's successor at the Center for Regional Analysis — agree that business in the region has done surprisingly well over the last two years, slowly pulling away from its dependency on the Federal Government. "2015 and 2016 were our third best two years in history," said Fuller, "and that without booming Federal spending."

"Despite all of the campaign rhetoric," the overall trend in job growth has been positive since 2010, with 14 million jobs added since then, and 2.2 million just in the last year," said Clower. It's been a steady, but not "spectacular" climb, according to Clower, but both experts detect potential threats ahead unless addressed promptly.

Clower provided a list of "look out" items. Related to the new administration, the factors that will impact the region — and the nation's — economic growth ("positively or negatively remains to be seen") included changes to the corporate tax rate, spending on infrastructure, changes in interest rates, the ratio of spending vs. revenues vs. debt and the potential for the rise of inflation and changes in immigration policy.

Among the speakers, Clower was not in



Gov. Terry McAuliffe addresses the attendees at the 25th annual Northern Virginia Economic Conference, noting the Commonwealth's advancements in job growth and in certain segments of the state's economy.

the minority on the subject of immigration. "There is no doubt we need immigrants" particularly in the science, health and technology fields. Clower, Fuller and others among the speakers insist that educated immigrants are vital to the companies that currently employ them, and key to the future viability of the economy. In many industry sectors, "they don't take jobs away," said Clower. "They help create jobs with their work and innovations. And if we can't attract them, someone else will."

In his remarks, Gov. Terry McAuliffe expressed his concerns that poorly crafted immigration policies can have disastrous effects, noting the recent cancellation of two foreign investor site visits to Virginia that had been in the works for months. "Businesses are afraid to take a chance that the people they need might not be able to get into the country."

While acknowledging the challenges and the uncertainties in navigating economic

Governor, business leaders and analysts offer insights on regional economy.



Stephen Fuller, former director of George Mason University's Center for Regional Analysis, current head of the school's Stephen S. Fuller Institute, and an acknowledged expert on the region's economic history and prospects, delivered a cautionary session to the Northern Virginia Economic Conference attendees.

growth, McAuliffe, Clower, and panelists like Jennifer Aument, general manager, North America, Transurban Inc. and chair of the NVCC, Teresa Carlson, VP, Amazon Web Services Worldwide, S. Tien Wong, CEO, Tech 2000 & Appnetic, and chairman, Lore Systems, and Keynote Speaker Christopher Nassetta, president and CEO of McLean-based Hilton, offered positive comments on doing business in Northern Virginia.

Nassetta spoke about Hilton's decision to move its headquarters from Beverly Hills to McLean in 2009. "It was a major disruption and enormously expensive," but the benefits offered by the region, including a robust hospitality talent pool, lower cost of living, and the Eastern Time Zone that en-

hance global operations made sense to Hilton executives, and allowed the company to "accelerate cultural change."

THE GOVERNOR gave a high-speed update on achievements in job growth and business recruitment that have taken place during his administration, including the Commonwealth's surge to become the nation's leader in cybersecurity centers and the fact that the Port of Virginia now handles more cargo than any other in the country. He also informed the attendees that he was about to announce another major corporate relocation. After leaving the conference, the governor announced the upcoming relocation of Nestle, S.A. from Glendale, Calif. to Arlington.

While they agreed that Northern Virginia does have an enviable talent pool in some disciplines, and in general a well-educated population, the speakers and the governor all provided examples of difficulties in finding enough personnel with technology-specific knowledge and expertise.

McAuliffe said Virginia has about 36,000 openings for cyber-related jobs with starting salaries of \$80,000, and 149,000 vacancies in other tech fields. "This is our biggest roadblock. We need internships, externships, on the job training, and curriculums that are realistic."

"A Bachelor's Degree has been called the modern high school diploma," said Clower. To compete as a region, and for individuals to compete in the job market, Clower says there needs to be "continuous personal educational upgrades."

Using a series of statistical charts, Fuller showed the audience just where the growth in the region's economy has been coming from and explained why this pattern is ultimately not sustainable. Dividing types of jobs into 11 main "clusters," he illustrated that professional and business services, retail, and leisure and hospitality were three of the top four clusters in growth from February 2010 through December 2016. Biomedical and health services was third on the list, but it's the smallest cluster in the region and the numbers don't compare with the other three.

Those three clusters are the most vulnerable to economic pressures in Fuller's estimation, and generally don't pay as well as jobs in clusters like "information services" — an area that has lost ground, in spite of the fact that Northern Virginia has earned a reputation as a cybersecurity hub. "We are basically selling services to ourselves, and that is still the wrong focus," Fuller's research indicates that a failure to refocus job creation direction will lead to compounding money lost to the region totaling an estimated \$177.9 billion by 2025.

"And the longer it takes to get off this slow track, the harder it is to do. Remember, many of our competitors are on that fast track right now," said Fuller. "It's going to take a true regional approach, real regional cooperation and a redoubling of our efforts to get us there."

Joe O'Brien with CB Richard Ellis, and Mark Palmer of FVC Bank did some networking during the break.



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Fairfax County police commanders receive diversity training as part of a monthly meeting normally off-limits to the public and media. On this occasion, however, Chief of Police Edwin Roessler wanted to include eyes from the outside as he continues to “re-engineer” the force in terms of community engagement, transparency and accountability.



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Author and attorney Eric Broyles (right) said he wanted to remind officers they “have a higher burden” when it comes to meeting with citizens. “They’re the professionals,” he said. “They have to raise the standard. It’s socially unacceptable to have officers operate with racial innuendo.”

A Look Inside Police Diversity Training

Commanders hear speeches on openness, forgiveness, professionalism.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

West Springfield District Police Commander Cpt. Gervais T. Reed said when police officers leave the profession, some are in good shape, others are bitter. In the course of carrying out their duty to protect and serve citizens, officers can be cursed at, assaulted and have projectiles hurled at them, he said.

That kind of backlash can wear a person down and stress them out, even make them feel victimized, Reed said. “But we have to forgive,” he continued, “not take those things personally, to the extent that we can. We’ve got to be professional.”

Heightened professionalism and forgiveness in law enforcement were part of the message delivered by Eric Broyles to a room full of Fairfax County police commanders, leaders from the Sheriff’s Office and several other civilian leaders on Feb. 2.

Broyles is a Washington, D.C.-based attorney and co-author of the book “Encounters with Police: A Black Man’s Guide to Survival.” He said he wrote the book for a group of young men he was mentoring, preaching the concept of “comply now, contest later” in the event of a traffic stop or other interaction with police.

But speaking to the other side of that interaction, Broyles said he wanted to remind officers they “have a higher burden” when it comes to meeting with citizens. “They’re the professionals,” he said. “They have to raise the standard. It’s socially unacceptable to have officers operate with racial innuendo.”

Reed said he had already read Broyles’



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book, and that him coming to address the police commanders was a noble task. The author’s statements about professionalism and forgiveness, Reed said, made the most impact, and are things he intends to take back to his station and share with his first line supervisor and other officers.

The commanders were receiving diversity training as part of a monthly meeting normally off-limits to the public and media.

On this occasion, however, Chief of Police Edwin Roessler wanted to include eyes from the outside as he continues to “re-engineer” the force in terms of communication, transparency and accountability.

Roessler said diversity training is required by the Commonwealth of Virginia to be administered every two years, but at the bare minimum that involves a mere computer course.

“We have to change the culture of policing,” Roessler said, “this is about ethical leadership through engaging with the com-

munity.”

To go above the requirement the day’s training included three speakers, of which Broyles was third.

First was Genevieve Fine, board member of the Fairfax County Domestic Violence Prevention Policy and Coordinating Council. Though members of the media weren’t able to see any of her presentation, Fine said afterward that she spoke to the commanders about Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender issues, educating them about terminology, how to best approach a situation involving someone from the LGBT community and ideas for avoiding escalating a potentially violent situation.

Fine said there is some fear among LGBT individuals, especially in young people, of being outed to their parents through an interaction with police.

“You have to be careful how you take care of that case,” Fine said.

During a question-and-answer period,

Fine said officers asked her about the always controversial issue of transgender people using bathrooms of the sex with which they identify.

“If they’re called to a bathroom,” Fine said, “it’s likely there’s something else going on,” and not transgender people causing the problem. Most just want to get in and get out as quickly as possible, she said.

Second to speak was Shirley Ginwright, who until January was president of the Fairfax County NAACP. She addressed the commanders, however, as chairman of the Fairfax County Communities of Trust Committee. Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova created the committee in 2015 “to advance collaboration, partnerships and outreach between public safety agencies and the communities they serve,” according to the county’s website.

Ginwright emphasized that in Fairfax County, police and communities are building on existing trust, not starting from square one.

But she also wanted to remind the commanders what the Communities of Trust can offer, what they’re doing and what they’re planning on doing.

“We have a lot of volunteers,” Ginwright said, “and resources they haven’t tapped into.”

Ginwright took time with Roessler following the presentations to sign a memorandum of understanding between the Communities of Trust and Fairfax County Police Department, formalizing the role her organization would play in preventing a social crisis like the one in Ferguson, Mo. following the shooting of Michael Brown in 2014.

Ginwright said the chief of police would contact the communities of trust committee in case of such an event, who would then communicate immediately with an array of community leaders to help organize citizens and maintain peace and order.

Roessler said this type of action is already part of his personal crisis protocol, but the memorandum established a standard to which future chiefs and committee chairs shall commit as well.

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Two of the areas under review as part of the Virginia Department of Transportation's 2017 repaving schedule include Greeley Boulevard from Carrleigh Parkway to Old Keene Mill Road and Hillside Road from Rolling Road to Old Keene Mill Road.

Bicycle Improvements Proposed for Braddock and Springfield Districts

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Howard Albers of Springfield was encouraged by what he saw at the community meeting discussing proposed road striping changes in Braddock and Springfield Districts on Jan. 24.

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The meeting was held at Irving Middle School in Springfield.

Some of the ideas included shared lane markings, designated bike lanes and "climbing lanes," where bike traffic going uphill is in a protected lane while traveling downhill in the opposite direction it would be a shared lane.

"It will give a sense of safety to bicyclists, to have a designated lane," said Albers, who is an avid recreational biker and director on the board of the Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling.

Albers said Adam Lind, the Fairfax County bicycle program manager, did a good job at the meeting of explaining the benefits of the restriping, and how when VDOT repaves the road, it will have to put new paint down anyway.

"I don't see any downsides," Albers said. "It's a low-cost option for the county improvements to be put in."

VDOT says it plans to repave nearly 1,300 miles of roads in Fairfax, Prince William, Loudoun and Arlington counties through June this year.

For Albers a key component of the new lanes is their effect of narrowing existing car lanes to 11 feet. "Research has shown that will slow down drivers," he said. Along Greeley Blvd in particular, he said, the traffic calming would be especially helpful.

The proposed improvements would also improve access for bikers to the county park system and Gerry Connolly Cross County Trail.

Design completion is scheduled for April this year, with projects expected to go to construction this summer.

The entire presentation from the Jan. 24 meeting is available online at <http://www.slideshare.net/fairfaxcounty/hillside-rd-and-greeley-blvd-2017-vdot-repaving>.

A community meeting on proposed Lee District bicycle improvements is scheduled for Feb. 16 in the cafeteria of Groveton Elementary School, located at 6900 Harrison Lane in Alexandria.

For more information on the VDOT Northern Virginia Paving Program, visit http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/northern_virginia/northern_virginia_paving_program.asp.

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Del. Eileen Filler-Corn presenting HB 2258 before the Health, Welfare and Institutions Committee's Subcommittee #3.



Retired Fairfax County Firefighter and Suicide Prevention activist Leigh Boswell testifying in support of HB 2258.

Suicide Prevention Bill Passes the House

Del. Filler-Corn bill requires a review of Virginia's suicide prevention policy.

On Tuesday, Feb. 7, HB 2258, introduced by Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) passed the Virginia House of Delegates. The bill would direct the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to report by Dec. 1, 2017, to the Governor and the General Assembly on its activities related to suicide prevention.

Filler-Corn first presented the bill before the Health, Welfare and Institutions Subcommittee #3 last week. "Suicide rates are on the rise," Filler-Corn stated before the subcommittee. "The time is past due to shine a light on suicide. We already have started that process with our strides forward on mental health care reform but we can and should do

better." Retired Fairfax County Firefighter and Suicide Prevention activist, Leigh Boswell joined the Delegate at the hearing. Boswell told the story of her friend and fellow firefighter Nicole Mittendorf, who died by suicide last year. She emphasized the importance of continuously trying to improve the Commonwealth's suicide prevention efforts.

The bill moved quickly through the legislative process. Members of the subcommittee voted unanimously to support HB 2258 last week. This was followed by unanimous support from the full Health Welfare and Institutions Committee. By Monday, the bill was read and engrossed on the Floor of the House of Delegates. HB 2258 passed on Monday by a vote of 97 to 0.

AREA ROUNDUPS

Bulova, Petersen to Host Town Hall Feb. 11

Del. David Bulova (D-37) and Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) are planning to host a legislative Town Hall meeting on Saturday, Feb. 11 at the City of Fairfax City Hall.

This week marked the "crossover" period when bills that have passed the Virginia Senate and House of Delegates head to the opposite legislative body for review and voting.

Expect Bulova and Petersen to give an overview of issues currently before the General Assembly. They're asking constituents to come prepared to share ideas and thoughts on community issues.

Bulova serves on the General Laws, Education, Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources committees, and is a member of the State Water Commission, the Joint Commission on Health Care and the Housing Commission.

Petersen serves on the Courts of Justice, Educa-

tion and Health, Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources committees.

The Town Hall is scheduled for Feb. 11 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Council Chamber of Fairfax City Hall, 10455 Armstrong Street, Fairfax, Virginia.

To determine the elected representatives from your neighborhood, Fairfax County offers an online report available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/myneighborhood.

Information about Del. Bulova's legislative agenda is available here: <http://myemail.constantcontact.com/David-s-2017-Legislation.html?soid=1101168976767&aid=3nv50jN9XSL>.

Sen. Petersen's Senate website with sponsored legislation is available here: <http://apps.senate.virginia.gov/Senator/memberpage.php?id=S76>.

—TIM PETERSON

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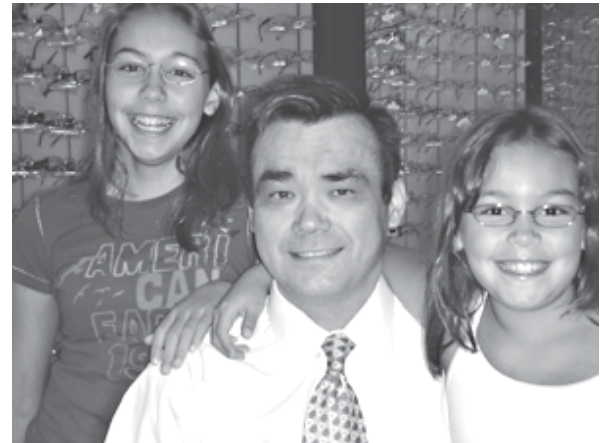
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/OlderAdults and click on Telephone Caregiver Support Group. Call **703-324-5484**, TTY 711.

The **Fairfax Commission on Aging** meets on **Wednesday, March 15**

from Noon-3 p.m. at the Lincolnia Senior Center - Craft Room, 4710 North Chamberliss St. Alexandria. (Please note new meeting location.) The public is welcome to attend and join in the com

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First Amendment Is Alive and Well

BY RONALD GOLDFARB

"Congress shall make no law ... abridging ... the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Having worked in D.C. and lived in Alexandria since 1961 when I came to work for Robert Kennedy in the Justice Department, I've experienced the First Amendment in real time action, by assembling and petitioning my government for redress of grievances.

In 1963 my wife and I stood near the Lincoln Memorial where Martin Luther King, Jr. pleaded to the world for civil rights for all people, and delivered his immortal "I Have a Dream" speech. About 250,000 people — black and white — peacefully gathered in the nation's capital to plead for President Kennedy to provide 19 million Afro-American descendants the right to vote, travel, and work.

Fears abounded. The D.C. police and FBI were present on the streets. There were altogether over 8,000 guardians of the peace. The federal government and many businesses were closed. Hospitals canceled elective surgery so all beds would be available for riot-related emergencies. Jails were emptied to provide room for predicted arrests. Judges were on around-the-clock standby.

These precautions were not necessary. The assembly was non-violent. People arrived from all over the world and marched with dignity. Many swarmed around the Reflecting Pool in

a field of humanity that ran all the way to the Washington Monument.

On that day we listened to the greatest orator of his time pleading for racial justice, claiming that the time had come "to lift our nation from the quicksand of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood," calling for "the fierce urgency of now," then urged on by Mahalia Jackson, departed from his prepared text and segued into his immortal plea, "I have a dream," that reverberates still in the hearts and minds of all decent people.

The New York Times called the event "the most impressive assembly for a redress of grievances in America's history." The Washington Post reported that the assembly was a happy combination of prayer meeting, picnic, and political rally, a crowd "united in a sense of brotherhood and common humanity." The next year, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was passed.

Unfortunately, many of the social injustices deplored on that summer day in Washington, D.C., have not yet been overcome. But Aug. 28, 1963, was a seminal moment in American history. It demonstrated the power and dignity of democracy in action.

In 1971, the scene was more fractious when my wife and I joined Vietnam War protests on the streets of Washington D.C., a gathering which was rougher and more proactive than the 1963 event. We were gassed, with many others, near Dupont Circle by police overreacting to the noisy protests. Eventually the public demonstrations worked. The war was ended, too late, but it might not have ended when it did without these public pro-

tests. Critics of the war hastened the end of it, and resulted in a president leaving politics.

In 1986, my wife, daughter and two human rights activist friends, the late Pat Derian and Rose Styron and their daughters marched on a sunny day near Congress in a sea of women who came from across the country to support the ERA. But this time their pleas were not successful in terms of reaching the goal that gave rise to that march. But peace prevailed and eventually the goals they asserted then have been advanced in major ways.

On Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017, an estimated half million Americans filled the streets of Washington, as did huge crowds in other cities in America and around the world to claim rights they felt were disparaged by the Trump campaign and election. The Saturday crowds far surpassed Friday's relatively insignificant inaugural crowds. President Trump now argues about the relative size of his crowds — those applauding his election, and those crying out against it.

My children who attended here in D.C. and other locations reported a cheering good spirit, upbeat communal behavior, welcoming friendly law enforcement officials, filled bleachers, and an upbeat camaraderie.

Now what remains after people returned to their homes away from Washington, D.C. is the question: how does this experience change the future? Will the energy become harnessed into a movement that changes politics? We all ponder that question, bravo to the people who are trying.

COMMENTARY

Crossing Guard Appreciation Day Feb. 8

BY JOHN C. COOK
SUPERVISOR (R-BRADDOCK DISTRICT)

If you have lived in Fairfax County for any amount of time, you are surely familiar with the traffic situation here. Congested roads and long travel times lead to frustrated and fatigued motorists, who may not always yield to pedestrians at a crosswalk. In the morning and afternoon, the situation is compounded by school children going to and from school. To help keep us all safe, and keep traffic moving in an orderly fashion, the County hires crossing guards to assist students and pedestrians in crossing the street at appropriate intersections. The service these workers provide plays an instrumental role in promoting student safety, and we should be thankful for their service to our children and the community. Crossing Guard Appreciation Day is Feb. 8, and I hope everyone will go out of their way to thank a crossing guard. (In fact, you can thank them every day!) Our students and pedestrians depend on them, and the County would not be as safe without them.

Safety at intersections, and roadway safety as a whole, is one of my priorities both as your supervisor and as Chair of the Board's Public Safety Committee. In that regard, I have

launched and participated in several safety initiatives. First, to improve safety for both motorists and pedestrians, I developed the "Slow Down" safe driving campaign. This campaign aimed to reduce neighborhood speeding through extensive community outreach efforts, and part of that outreach involved assistance from residents. If you are interested in spreading the word, my office still has available for free the yellow "slow down" signs, which you can place on your lawn to get the message out.

Second, to combat the issue of distracted driving, I joined Kirk Cousins (Washington Redskins Quarterback) in support of the "Phones Down Touchdown" campaign sponsored by Transurban. This campaign raises awareness of distracted driving, primarily by discouraging texting on the road. A significant number of accidents are attributable to texting while driving, and other forms of distracted driving. By keeping people focused on the road, and not their phone, we can improve everyone's roadway safety.

Recently, the Board joined my call to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to increase from three to six times per year its mowing of roadway median strips. This high grass is not only unsightly, but creates visibil-

ity problems for motorists.

These initiatives are great ways to promote community engagement and safe driving awareness, but, are not enough on their own. You can join with us by focusing on your own driving, speed, and attentiveness behind the wheel. Encourage your neighbors to do the same. And thank your local crossing guards. They are out there every day- rain, snow, or shine- working to keep our neighborhoods safe. Thank you!

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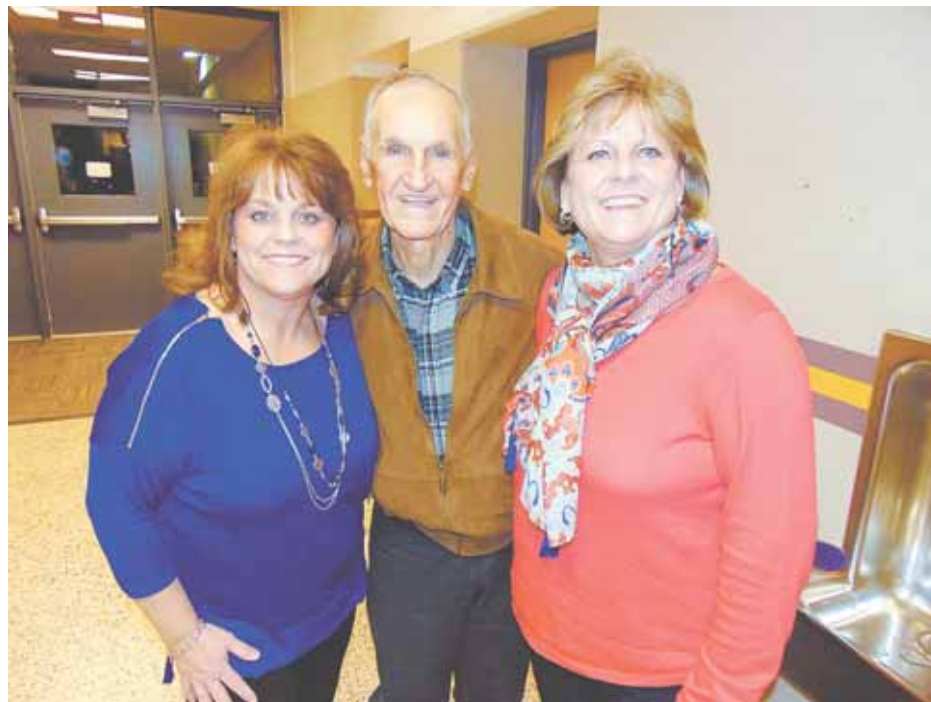
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Lake Braddock Gymnasium Named After Robert Carson

**Rededication
 ceremony held
 during halftime of
 basketball game.**

BY STEVE HIBBARD
 THE CONNECTION

In a basketball halftime ceremony that included family and School Board member Ilryong Moon, the Lake Braddock Secondary School gym was rededicated in honor of Robert Carson, age 83, of Springfield who was the school's first Director of Student Activities from 1973 to 1988. The gym was first named after him in 1988 when he retired, and now Carson's name is embedded above the entrance to the gym and it will be on the floor.

"I think it's great. It's a great honor. I'm not used to this. I was here for 16 years," said Carson.

Before coming to Lake Braddock where he built the program from scratch, Carson served as the DSA at Edison High School where he was Fairfax County's first DSA and remains the youngest hired in its history. Carson's two grandsons, Tyler and Joshua Wines, are athletes at Lake Braddock.

During his time at Lake Braddock, the sports teams won 42 District tournaments, 25 regional tournaments and 21 state titles. Carson is the only DSA to be selected twice as the Virginia Athletic Director of the Year. He is in the Edison High Hall of Fame and was inducted to the Virginia High School Hall of Fame in 1997.

"I feel this is long over due," said Leah Esper,



Former Lake Braddock colleagues Tom and Fran Giska with Robert Carson at the reception.



**Leah Esper, president of the
 Lake Braddock Athletic
 Booster's Club.**

His other daughter Susan Jones added: "He dedicated his life to Fairfax County. And he's always been supportive, as a daughter, whether I played sports, and he's a wonderful man and I'm very proud and this is a great honor."

president of the Lake Braddock Athletic Booster's Club. "Being the first DSA for Lake Braddock, Mr. Carson deserves his name to be on the court. It's a great honor to have the first DSA in the entire county be the first DSA at Lake Braddock. So I think that he deserves the recognition."

"My sister and I are beyond proud of my dad for the things he's done for the county," said his daughter Julianne Carson Wines. "People, when they hear his name, everybody has a story to tell; it's always positive. And the thing I loved most about my dad was he loved every kid. There was no kid that he didn't love that was here at the school. And to me, that's just a testament to his heart."



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NEWS

Trash Burned at Covanta Waste Facility

Fire lasted through the weekend.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

A fire started within the Covanta Fairfax Waste to Energy Facility in the 9800 block of Furnace Road in Lorton Thursday evening Feb. 2 and smoldered through the weekend.

As of Monday, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue spokesperson Ashley Hildebrandt said in an email that fire officials were “still there and going through all the trash making sure all the fire had been extinguished.”

Fire and Rescue said units were first dispatched to the fire around 9:09 p.m. Thursday night. Fire Station 19 units arrived on the scene first and saw “a significant amount of fire and smoke coming from the rear and roof of a four-story building,” according to a release from

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the department.

First responders immediately called in a second alarm for help to contain and extinguish the fire.

All the employees of the facility had escaped safely, Fire and Rescue said, and there were no injuries to either civilians or firefighters reported.

Though the exact cause of the fire is still being investigated, the fire reportedly started on the building’s tipping floor and spread to a full holding pit. Due to the depth of the fire in the facility, it has taken sev-

eral days to fully extinguish.

The Friday after the blaze started, Fire and Rescue shared a message from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality that there should be no concern for air quality, since all that was burning was “ordinary household trash.”

Covanta spokesperson James Regan said in an email that the Lorton facility is closed, but that they hope to restart operations in the coming weeks after repairs are completed.

“Assessment of the damage is ongoing,” Regan said, “but we do know that the primary facility systems are intact, with damage contained to the waste storage pit and roof.”

Regan said waste from Fairfax County has already been diverted to alternate facilities and that there should not be any impact to waste collection for residents.

Supervisor Dan Storck (D-Mount Vernon) referenced the fire in his Feb. 4 Mount Vernon town meeting, saying that he was “very unhappy” about it.

Storck said there should be other prevention measures in place at the aging plant.

“We should not have this kind of air and water pollution,” he said.

The Covanta Fairfax facility was opened in June 1990 and while open processes 3,000 tons of waste per day, according to the Covanta website. The facility generates and sells up to 80 megawatts of energy — enough, the company says, to power more than 80,000 homes.

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Lizzy Rivera Colindres is described as Hispanic, about 5 feet 6 inches tall and 125 pounds. She has long black hair with light-colored strips in it. She wears glasses.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective K. Mason (571-585-2378) or Detective M. Fox (571-489-1796) or the Fairfax County police at 703-691-2131 or you can contact Crime Solvers electronically



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"Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated (FCAC-DST) announces its annual scholarship package is now available. The FCAC Scholarship application is available on the chapter website: <http://www.fcacd.org/applications.htm>. The completed application must be postmarked no later than February 17, 2017 and mailed to: Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 221224, Chantilly, Virginia 20153-1224."

SATURDAY/FEB. 11

Town Hall Meeting. Del. David Bulova (D-37) and Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) will hold a town hall meeting, from 9-11 a.m., at Fairfax City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St. in Fairfax. All are welcome to attend, hear about their legislative agenda, ask questions and share concerns.

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