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Woodson senior Laura Dunn (6) scored six goals against Annandale on Tuesday night.

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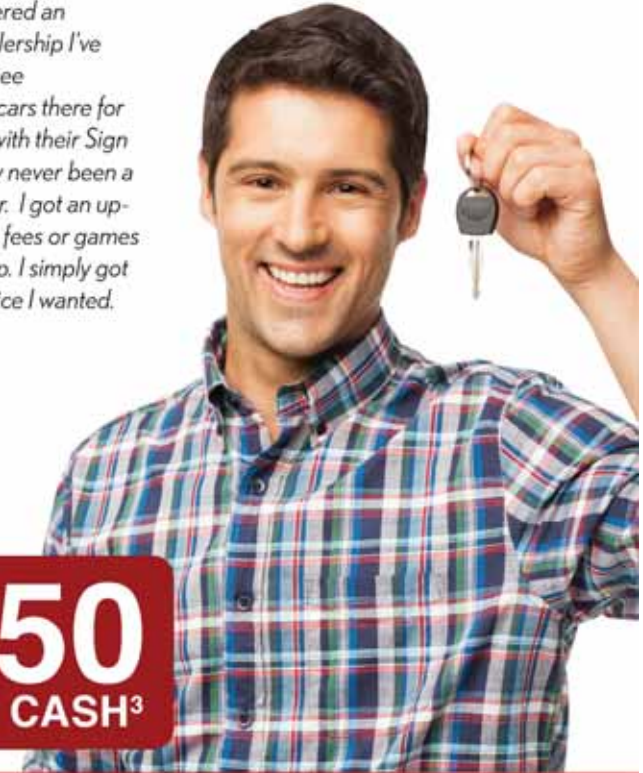
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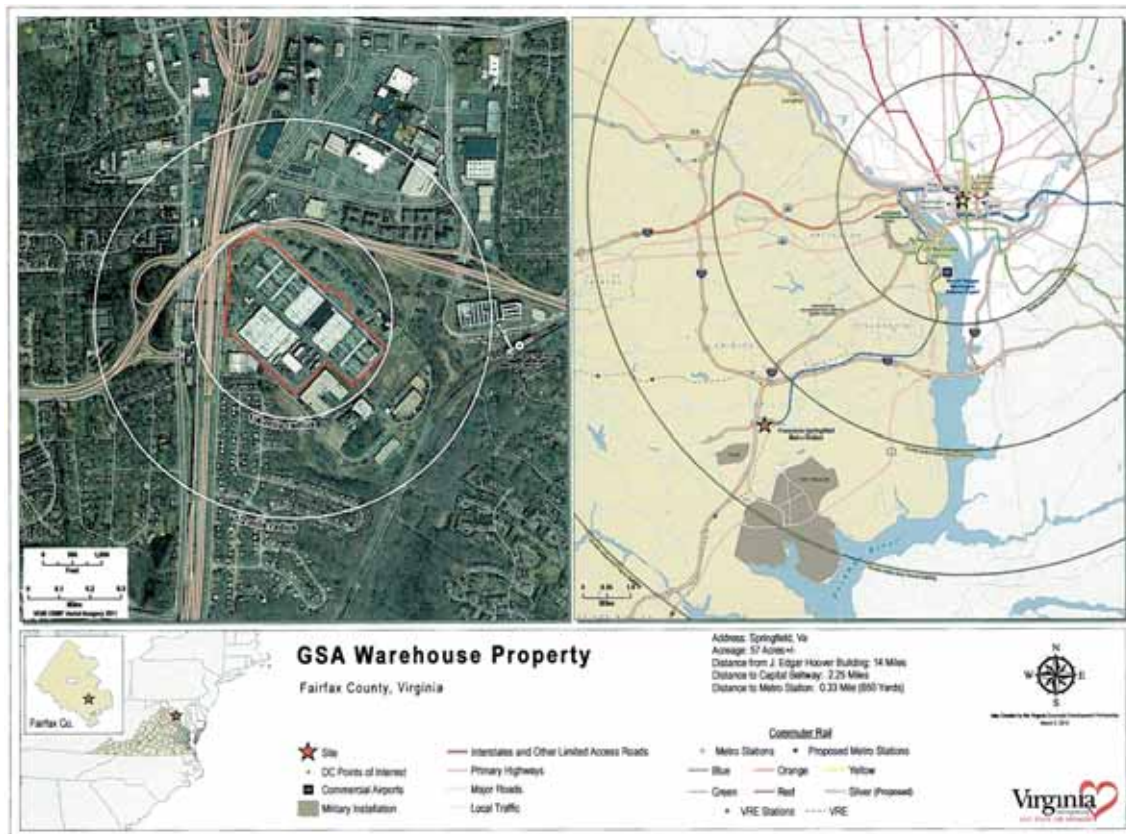


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The General Services Administration warehouse site, which Fairfax County is proposing for the relocation of the new FBI headquarters, is located in Springfield, near four million square feet of office space and bordering the Franconia-Springfield Metro Station.

“In short, the GSA Warehouse property is a natural solution to satisfy the December 2011 Senate resolution and meets the organizational goals of the FBI as stated in a recent congressional hearing.”

—Governor Bob McDonnell

An aerial view of the GSA warehouse property in Springfield. The site is 14 miles from the J. Edgar Hoover Building in Washington and sits on 57 acres.

Governor Endorses Springfield for FBI Headquarters

In letter to FBI director, McDonnell says Fairfax County site will advance “national security mission.”

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell publicly endorsed the Springfield warehouse site for the new FBI building headquarters, supporting Fairfax County in its bid for the new headquarters. The move is expected to bring at least 12,000 jobs and a \$1.2 billion complex to Northern Virginia.

In an April 30 letter to FBI Director Robert Mueller and Dan Tangherlini, the acting administrator of the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), McDonnell said the federally-owned warehouse 57-acre site is the best choice for a number of reasons.

THE GSA ALREADY OWNS the Springfield warehouse property, which will save the government more than \$44 million per year in lease payments and make the transaction “both clean and easy,” McDonnell wrote in the four-page letter. The site also satisfies the FBI’s stringent post 9/11 security guidelines.

“In short, the GSA Warehouse

property is a natural solution to satisfy the December 2011 Senate resolution and meets the organizational goals of the FBI as stated in a recent congressional hearing,” McDonnell wrote.

McDonnell invited Mueller and Tangherlini to accept his personal invitation to visit the site “at your convenience to discuss its unique attributes with community leaders and state officials.”

McDonnell outlined many of those attributes in the letter, including the intelligence community’s “considerable footprint in the commonwealth.” He also noted the Springfield location would allow collaboration with Fairfax County’s nine federally-funded research and development centers and 10 laboratory consortium partners.

“We are confident collaborations with these and other partners will result in the development of new technologies for law enforcement and intelligence gathering, thus greatly advancing the FBI’s national security mission,” McDonnell wrote.

McDonnell also took the opportunity to tout the General Assembly’s historic bi-partisan



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The FBI is currently headquartered in the J. Edgar Hoover building.

transportation bill this session, a bill, McDonnell wrote, “that will provide for billions more in new funding for Northern Virginia alone in the next five years.”

“The governor’s support is consistent with the unanimous endorsement of the site by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors,” Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) said Friday. “I thank Gov. McDonnell for recognizing all the reasons why this should be an easy decision for the federal government, and for further highlighting the reasons why Springfield makes the most sense for the FBI.”

Fairfax County board members have been lobbying FBI and GSA officials for more than a year.

IN JANUARY 2012, Fairfax County joined Prince George’s County and the district in placing its marker on the table in the high-stakes competition soon after the Senate passed a resolution authorizing the GSA and FBI to seek new headquarters in December 2011. The new headquarters would consolidate more than 21 separate locations and relocate the FBI from the J. Edgar Hoover Building at 935 Pennsylvania Avenue, built in

1975 and in deteriorating condition.

McKay said the benefits to the federal government of relocating to Springfield “would be substantial.”

“The FBI needs 2 million square feet of office space, located within two miles of a Metro station and within 2.5 miles of the beltway according to the GAO. Redeveloping existing sites in DC would be extremely expensive, especially given the post-9/11 security features that are now required. ... It is adjacent to the Franconia/Springfield Metro Station, VRE, AMTRAK, bus service, and every highway except Route 66.” He pointed out that airport access will soon be served by two Metro stations once Rail to Dulles is complete.

Fairfax County would also benefit.

“In addition to the high paying jobs that would come to the area, redevelopment of this site could spur construction of other office projects nearby and expand our commercial tax base,” he said. “You just can’t pick a better spot than Springfield,” McKay said.

According to Fairfax County officials, the GSA has received 35 responses to its request for information by its March 4 deadline, and is continuing to study those requests. The GSA is expected to begin accepting formal requests for proposals this summer.

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'Saturday Night in the Suburbs'

Lake Braddock seniors discuss sex, drugs and social media.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

What really happens in the suburbs on Saturday nights? At an open forum at Lake Braddock Secondary School on Wednesday, May 1, community parents had the opportunity to have their fears and concerns over this question confirmed, assuaged, and in some cases, postponed.

Special guests for the night were five high school seniors who had volunteered to discuss a range of topics—including illegal alcohol and marijuana use, depression and social media use—and field cross-examination from concerned parents.

The event followed another of its kind that took place at West Springfield High School on April 24. Titled "Saturday Night in the Suburbs," the concept was developed by the Unified Prevention Coalition of Fairfax County (unifiedpreventioncoalition.org) and sponsored by the respective PTSAs.

THOUGH THE ETHNICALLY DIVERSE five-member panel comprised all seniors (three female, two male), the vast majority of the 70-odd parent audience admitted to having one or more middle school students at home. Grade representation quickly dropped as the level of attendees increased; only one or two parents of high school seniors were present. Their peers, apparently, have all been there, done that.

At first, it would appear those with seventh and eighth-graders were acting prematurely. What could they gain from attending a question-and-answer-style event focused on teasing out the present-day high school culture of sex, drug use and electronic social interaction?

According to the results of the most recent Fairfax County Youth Survey, their fact- and truth-seeking involvement was right on time.

During her introduction, Executive Director of the Fairfax County Unified Prevention Coalition Diane Eckert shared that from 45,000 eighth, 10th and 12th grade students surveyed, 6.6 percent of eighth graders responded that they regularly drink alcohol and had done so within the last 30 days. And 2 percent of that group admitted to binge drinking (for males, having 5 or more drinks in a two-hour period, 4 or more for females).

"You should be here," Eckert addressed the audience. "Now is the time to hear from these young people and think about how you want to handle these issues with your young people."

The forum's timing was appropriate for several reasons. In addition to being the onset of prom and graduation season, May has also been dubbed "Parents Who Host



PHOTO BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

Unified Prevention Coalition of Fairfax County Executive Director Diane Eckert moderated an open forum discussion of high school transgressive social culture at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

VIEWPOINTS

WHAT WERE SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CONCEPTS DISCUSSED TONIGHT?



Judy Dioquino, Lake Braddock PTSA president and Burke resident

"I was impressed that it seemed as though [drug] use was down. In the past, parents, we've seen supplying them and taking the keys. It's also tough to get seniors to talk. A lot won't come forward. And parents don't have a grasp that kids are aware of more parties. Now there are specifically more parties between high schools. Parents are just way behind."



Diane Eckert, executive director of UPC of Fairfax County and Vienna resident

"The large number of middle school parents who are here tonight. It's wonderful. And we have to pat ourselves on the back: while 36 percent of seniors surveyed are drinking regularly, 10 years ago it was up in 50 percent for 12th graders. As parents, these are things your school, your resources here, are readily available to help you with. You have really good people."

— TIM PETERSON

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PARENTS PROVIDING ALCOHOL TO MINORS fell under the category of "access." According to the survey, 16 percent of 10th graders and 36.5 percent of seniors reported they had had a drink in the last month and were drinking regularly. The panel confirmed the understanding that parents' liquor cabinets (both allowed and stolen) and older siblings or friends are the primary access points.

However, the five seniors also provided

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Panel on 'Saturday Night'

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commentary that was unexpectedly tame. When questioned about peer pressure to drink to fit in, binge drinking, driving drunk and the use of marijuana and other drugs at high school parties, most of the panel members genuinely downplayed their prevalence.

"We're seeing the youth are being really influenced by how ambivalent the whole country is about the legalization of marijuana," said Eckert.

In some cases, students' responses were so positive and reassuring that the audience questioned their authenticity as a cross-section of the student body. "We need some bad kids on the panel," one parent commented during the discussion.

Indeed, another two seniors were meant to be on the panel but couldn't make it. And given the volunteer nature of their face-to-face presence at an event that was open to any adult in the community, it's understandable not all students would desire to come forward.

THOUGH PARENTS RAPIDLY FIRED QUESTIONS about sexual abuse at parties, if it's acceptable to call ahead to see if the party-thrasher's parents would be present, and why students would drink or smoke in general, the room grew decidedly quiet when Eckert raised the topic of social media.

In addition to the inherent dangers of young adults risking their own privacy and safety through online picture and profile information-sharing platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, school and law enforcement officials have learned that social media is helping parties, particularly inter-high school, grow exponentially in size and popularity.

The panel confirmed this concept, citing the action jargon "Hype it or don't hype it" that qualifies a party as one that should be spread through social networks or not. The lack of audience feedback underlined a fundamental need for parents to make greater attempts at communicating with their children, both through new media and old-fashioned face-to-face time.

As one panelist summed: "You need to find a balance with your kid. You can be friendly, but if they mess up, they know the hammer's going to get dropped."



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During the event, the restaurant donated a percentage of its sales to Team BT. "BethAnn is precious to us, and she personally inspired me to run," said Chick-Fil-A Chantilly's marketing director, Rebekah Knable. "She's such a special person, we were happy to do this for her and Team BT."



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(From left) are cancer survivor Vanessa Spiller, Rebekah Knable, BethAnn Telford and Chantilly Chick-Fil-A hostess Karla Bolanos.



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PEOPLE

Young Artist Competition Winner Plays With City of Fairfax Band

Andrea Hsu is a soloist in the "Spotlight on the Pops" concert.

Andrea Hsu has a deep love of music and enjoys sharing that love with others. "Playing for others gives me a rush because I love knowing that the music you help bring to life could really have an effect on someone," she says.

A senior at Chantilly High School, Hsu will have a completely new performance experience when she joins the City of Fairfax Band on stage at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 11, at WT Woodson High School as this year's Young Artist Competition winner. Since its creation in 1996, the City of Fairfax Band Association's Young Artist Competition (YAC) has encouraged the development of stand-out high school musicians from Northern Virginia who plan to pursue musical careers.

City Band Conductor Robert Pouliot explains that the competition gives high school students the opportunity to prepare a solo and perform in a live open-to-the-public audition and the winner gets the real-world experience of preparing and performing that solo with a full ensemble accompaniment. He says, "It is truly encouraging to see so many talented young people performing on our stage. These young people are the future of the City of Fairfax Band."

Hsu will be performing Concerto in D Major for Flute by W.A. Mozart with the City Band at the "Spotlight Pops" Concert.

"I know I'm going to learn a lot from this experience," she says. "The City of Fairfax Band is full of the best players in the area and to get to make music with them is exciting."

Hsu is a member of the Northern Virginia Youth Winds, an ensemble of the City of Fairfax Band Association. At Chantilly HS, Hsu serves as principal flautist of the Symphonic Winds, plays in the jazz ensemble, serves on the band council, and has won chairs in District and All-State ensembles. Hsu will be attending Boston University Tanglewood Institute this summer for flute and plans to study music education in college this fall.

At the concert the City Band will also celebrate the history of the YAC when they welcome back Paul



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Andrea Hsu, a senior at Chantilly High School, will play as a soloist in the Saturday, May 11, "Spotlight on the Pops" concert with the City of Fairfax Band.

Fadoul, the very first YAC winner, who will perform "Golden Age of the Xylophone" by Floyd Werle. Fadoul is now an active freelance performer in the greater Washington, D.C. area.

Pouliot says, "Most of our past winners have gone on to very rewarding careers in solo and orchestral performance and teaching and are now themselves involved in encouraging and mentoring a new generation of young people. It is very exciting that this year's winner will be performing on the same program along with our very first YAC winner from 17 years ago."

Other pieces on the program include Selections from "Les Miserables," Jerry Brubaker's new "Harry Potter Symphonic Suite," "Blue Shades" by Frank Ticheli, Mikhail Glinka's overture to "Russlan and Ludmilla," and Bacchanale from "Samson and Delilah" by Camille Saint-Saëns.

Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$11 for seniors. Students under 18 years old receive free admission. To purchase tickets and for more information, please visit www.fairfaxband.org.

Area Students Win Virginia History Day Awards

Students from three Fairfax County public schools earned awards at the 2013 Virginia History Day competition, held in Williamsburg.

First place award winners were:

❖ Alanna Peterson and Emily Williams of Lake Braddock Secondary School for "When China Lost the Seas," Senior Group Documentary.

❖ Meghan Holub and Lauren Catington of West Springfield High School for "The Great Fire of London 1666," Senior Group Exhibit.

❖ Charlotte Heffelmire of McLean High School for "Chamberlain Saved the World from Hitler and Nazi Domination," Senior Individual Performance.

Also winning awards at the state level were:

❖ Grayce Angle of West Springfield High School for "The Change from the Classical to the Romantic Periods," second place in Senior Individual

Performance.

❖ Gabriella Milef of West Springfield High School for "Edward Jenner: The Slayer of the Speckled Monster," third place in Senior Individual Web Site.

❖ Amy Vanden Berghe, Briana Bittner and Brett Bowker of West Springfield High School for "Nikola Tesla," third place in Senior Group Documentary.

Peterson and Williams won the Senior Division Naval History Award, sponsored by the National Capitol Commandery of the Naval Order of the United States for an outstanding student project that documents and analyzes an aspect of naval history.

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OPINION

Some Limits, More Disclosure

Virginia does not benefit from elected officials being awash in cash donations and gifts.

It seems prescient now. Virginia's "corruption risk report card" in March 2012 ranked the state 47 out of 50, with an overall grade of "F." That's "F" for failing, mostly because Virginia is one of four states that place no limits on political contributions at all.

Virginia got a failing grade for vulnerability to corruption. Corruption in the commonwealth is probably not any more rampant than voter fraud, as we said last year. But in terms of practices that could undermine trust, Virginia has vast room for improvement.

It turns out that unlimited contributions and gifts with some reporting loopholes is not good for government, not good for the public, especially not good for elected officials as recent news about state elected officials and gifts well demonstrate. It could be better for businesses to have some limits as well.

The National Conference of State Legislatures www.ncsl.org summarizes how states handle contributions: "States commonly place limits on contributions to candidates from various sources, and also on contributions to political action committees and political parties. Just four states — Missouri, Oregon, Utah and Virginia — place no limits on contributions at all. Another seven states — Alabama, Indiana, Iowa, Mississippi, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, and Texas — have minimal contribution limits. These states limit or prohibit contributions by corporations and unions to candidates, but leave contributions from all other sources unlimited. In the remaining 39 states, contributions to candidates from individuals, political

parties, PACs, corporations and unions are typically limited or, in the case of corporations and unions, prohibited outright."

In Maryland, individuals can give \$4,000 to any one candidate and \$10,000 total in a four-year election cycle. You don't have corporations and CEOs giving \$100,000 and more in an election cycle.

From 2009-2013, Dominion has made \$2,838,506 in political contributions to candidates and committees, 58 percent of it to Republicans, 39 percent to Democrats, according to the Virginia Public Access Project www.vpap.org.

In 2012, Pepco donated \$2,000 to Friends of Martin O'Malley, Maryland's governor, \$10,000 to the state Democratic committee and \$5,000 to the state Republican committee.

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In 2013, Dominion Resources' total contributions currently reported are \$450,000.

In 2010, Pepco donated \$4,000 each to Friends of O'Malley and Friends of Anthony Brown, his running mate. In 2008, Pepco donated \$10,000 to state Democratic committee and \$10,000 to the state Republican committee. (Pepco contributions are according to the Maryland Campaign Finance Reporting System.)

Dominion donated \$52,500 to McDonnell's campaign and another \$50,000 to his inaugural committee. Dominion also gave \$80,000 to the campaign of state Sen. Dick Saslaw (D), \$26,500 to Ken Plum (D) for delegate, \$25,000 to Mark Sickles (D) for delegate, \$18,500 to

EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Power of Tourism

BY BARRY BIGGAR

From May 4 through 12, we celebrate National Travel and Tourism Week—a time when we applaud the impact our multi-faceted industry has on our community, the commonwealth and the nation.

Travel and tourism is easily one of America's largest industries. In fact, it is the country's number one service export industry. In 2012 alone, it contributed \$2 trillion to the U.S. economy, supported 14.6 million American jobs, and delivered \$129 billion in tax revenues.

In fact, without travel and tourism's contribution to the tax base, each household would have been taxed an additional \$1,060 to maintain the same level of services that they enjoyed. That's something everyone likes to

hear—especially in the midst of cutbacks and furloughs.

Travel's impact is significant and growing. It can drive our nation's economic recovery and resurgence as a great nation by creating and supporting American jobs. The travel industry contributes substantially to those businesses that depend on tourism, across the country and right here in our community.

Consider the impact that leisure and business travelers have on Fairfax County's hotels, restaurants, retailers, museums and countless other businesses. Visitors from around the world travel to Fairfax County, directly supporting over 30,000 local jobs with earnings of more than \$571 million. Last year alone, Fairfax County hotels sold more than 4.7 million hotel rooms, and tourism spending in the county generated an additional \$175.2 million in state and local taxes.

Given this level of economic importance, travel needs to be

easy and accessible. Metro's extension through Tysons Corner out toward Dulles International Airport, the Route 495

Express Lanes, and the increased development along the Route 1 corridor, among other capital development initiatives, are opening up the county to greater opportunities and easier access—not only for residents but indeed visitors.

On a national front, it is critical that our airports continue to maintain the highest degree of security for all travelers, but it is also vital to ensure that all visitors experience the friendliest of welcomes. Fairfax County hosts travelers from across the nation and around the globe each year. These visitors spend, on average, more than \$2.6 billion in our area. Great effort is underway to ensure a more effective and efficient visa processing system in key markets that are vital to the growth of this industry, notably China and Brazil. The U.S. Travel Association is working dili-

Toddy Puller (D) for Senate, \$17,000 to Mark Herring (D) for Senate, \$14,157 to Tim Hugo (R) for delegate, \$12,000 to Tom Rust (R) for delegate and \$11,000 to Janet Howell (D) for Senate, just to cover some of the larger, local contributions.

Does it matter? Given the history of power outages, it's unlikely anyone would want to trade service from Dominion for service from Pepco.

Gifts are another question. In Virginia, even if an official does violate the very limited rules on gifts, the code states that "Violations of this subdivision shall not be subject to criminal law penalties."

Call us naive, but we would have bet that neither Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli nor Gov. Bob McDonnell would be susceptible to taking gifts under dubious circumstances, yet both are in the news for having failed to report gifts totaling tens of thousands of dollars. McDonnell says disclosure of gifts to his immediate family members are not required. Cuccinelli says he forgot about some gifts he received.

The State Integrity Investigation is "designed to expose practices that undermine trust in state capitols — and spotlight the states that are doing things right." See <http://www.stateintegrity.org/virginia>

Virginia's access to information on campaign finance is overshadowed by "lax oversight rules, weak consumer representation protections, dwindling capitol press corps and coziness between political and economic elites. ... Meanwhile, the few ethics and disclosure requirements that do exist tend to be flawed, limited or fraught with exemptions and qualifications," according to the report.

— MARY KIMM,

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gently with our elected officials on reducing air travel inconvenience at security checkpoints and creating a smarter visa policy to allow one of our strongest economic industries help America get back on track. If successful, these initiatives will not only be significant on a national scale, but will make a huge impact right here in our backyard.

So this week as we celebrate our colleagues and neighbors who are a vital part of this industry, I urge all of us to use National Travel and Tourism Week as an occasion to encourage our local leaders and elected officials to ensure that the travel and tourism industry continues to thrive, and to reflect on the profound impact travel has on all of us—from personal memories that will last a lifetime to the global economic benefits that affect our world today and into the future.

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Mother's Day Gift Ideas

Suggestions for honoring mom on her special day.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Mother's Day is less than a week away. For some, choosing the perfect gift for mom can be a nerve-racking exercise. If you're still looking for the perfect present, local style gurus offer suggestions that they say will please even the most discerning of women.

For stylish mothers, Allison Priebe Brooks of Queen Bee Designs in Alexandria recommends the sentimentality of matching parent-child jewelry: "It is fun to match or coordinate fashions with your child, especially on Mother's Day," she said. "You can do that with dresses or bold prints, but you can also do it with your jewelry. Little girls love to dress up and match their mothers, and jewelry is one thing that just about always fits and it can be passed down from generation to generation."

A spa day at home will give exhausted moms a chance to unwind, says Courtney Thomas of The Picket Fence in Burke. "Treat Mom to a spa day at home [with] a new line bath line from The Charleston Soap Chef [which includes] lotion, hand and body wash, body butter and sugar scrub. We've been encouraging customers to put a few pieces together and pamper Mom without having to go to a spa."

Hand creams by Pre de Provence, rich in shea butter and available in crisp scents like lavender and verbena, are luxurious choices, said Angela Phelps, of Le Village Marche in Arlington. "Every woman can use a good hand crème in her purse," she said.

Ann O'Shields, of The Nest Egg in Fairfax, said, "Perfumes, lotions and candles from lines including Lollia, Tocca and Niven Morgan are a luxurious treat for moms."

For those thinking ahead to summer, O'Shields suggests a brightly hued tote bag. "Scout bags are the perfect accessory for summer at the beach, baseball games and every day." She also suggests colorful handbags, wallets and tech accessories.

MOMS WITH SOPHISTICATED palates might enjoy sipping from a hand-painted wine glass. SEE GIFT IDEAS, PAGE 11



PHOTO COURTESY OF QUEEN BEE DESIGNS

Allison Priebe Brooks, of Queen Bee Designs in Alexandria, recommends color-coordinated, mother-daughter jewelry and clothing on Mother's Day.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE PICKET FENCE

Courtney Thomas, of The Picket Fence in Burke, suggests presenting mom with an array of bath and body treats to create a spa experience at home.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE NEST EGG

Ann O'Shields, of The Nest Egg in Fairfax, says jewelry like bangles and charm bracelets are great for Mother's Day.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE PICKET FENCE

Courtney Thomas, of The Picket Fence in Burke, recommends buying "The Gathering of Friends" cookbooks for mothers with a penchant for cooking and entertaining.



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Moms with sophisticated palates might enjoy sipping from a hand-painted wine glass.

"For moms who enjoy relaxing with a glass of wine, hand-painted wine glasses are a great gift."

— Courtney Thomas of The Picket Fence in Burke

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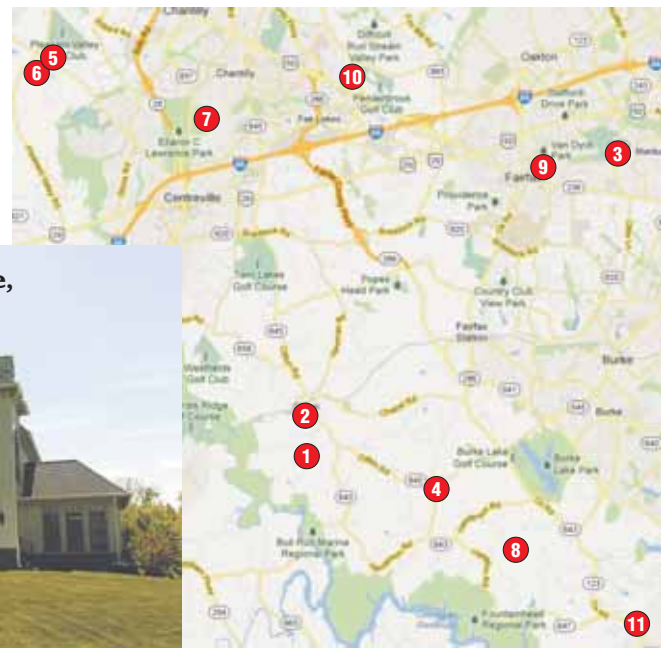


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Gift Ideas

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glass. "For moms who enjoy relaxing with a glass of wine, hand-painted wine glasses are a great gift," said Thomas. "They are all hand-painted by a local artist and are available in a variety of colors and designs."

For moms who love jewelry, O'Shields suggests putting a ring on it — or even a bracelet. "Jewelry ranging from bangles and charm bracelets ... are great for Mother's Day." For a personal touch, she adds, "Engraved monogrammed charms and necklaces with children's initials are a special way to give Mom jewelry that reminds her of family. Precious Metal Prints include a kit for making a fingerprint mold that is then mailed to the artisan to transfer to a charm."

Epicureans with a penchant for entertaining would relish a cookbook line called "The Gathering of Friends," says Thomas. "It ... comes in five volumes, complete with table-setting ideas, shopping lists and beautiful photography. They are more than your typical

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cookbook."

Another idea for mothers who enjoy all things culinary: kitchen accessories. "If mom still has dishtowels from 40 years ago, why not swap them out for some new ones?" said Phelps of Le Village Marche. "I love ... vibrantly colored French towels from Jean Vier. Coming from the Basque region and made of 100 percent cotton jacquard, these oversized tea towels [32 inches by 23 inches] are beautifully and delicately woven. They can be machine-washed and dry wonderfully with no need for ironing."

For moms who enjoy photographing their offspring,

O'Shields recommends the book "Photographing Your Children: A Handbook of Style and Instruction" by Jen Altman.

And for displaying those photographs, Thomas said, "We [have] ... frames ... that all have a sentimental words and saying and are a step beyond the traditional frame. They also have 'memory magnets' with a clip to attach a picture ... great for hanging pictures, notes and favorite art."


O'Shields said, "Picture frames make a wonderful gift and they are even more special when you take the time to have a picture printed and include it in the frame when you give the gift."



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Absentee Voting Starts Now for Democratic Primaries

Primaries held for lieutenant governor and attorney general.

The State Board of Elections reported Monday, May 6, that absentee voting began for the June 11, 2013 primary and all localities met the required 45-day deadline for mailing absentee ballots to voters.

The primary on June 11, 2013 will be a statewide Democratic party primary for lieutenant governor and attorney general. The Republican Party will be nominating its candidates for statewide office in a convention to be held on May 17-18, 2013.

There are also numerous primary elections for the House of Delegates and local offices. In some parts of the state, voters will have to choose whether to participate in the primary for the Democratic Party or the Republican Party. Voters in Virginia are free to choose which primary to participate in, but they cannot participate in both.

For more information on candidates, visit the SBE website at www.sbe.virginia.gov. Click on "What's on my ballot" on the home page.

Current Election Information

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Absentee Voting Overview

❖ Absentee voting allows qualified voters to participate in upcoming elections even though they may not be able to go to the polls on Election Day.

❖ There are two ways to vote absentee, either by mail or in person.

The deadline to submit an application to vote by absentee is Tuesday, June 4, 2013 by 5 p.m. Applications may be received by mail, fax or as a scanned email attachment. The voter's local registrar must receive the application by the deadline.

The deadline for applying and casting an absentee ballot in-person at the local registrar's office is Saturday, June 8, 2013 by close of business.

—VICTORIA ROSS

WEEK IN FAIRFAX

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Recycle During Electric Sunday

Residents may recycle old TVs, computers, peripheral electronic devices—such as keyboards, speakers, printers and scanners, as well as household hazardous wastes—including fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, for free, during Fairfax County's "Electric Sunday" events. The next one is slated for Sunday, May 19, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road in Fairfax. For more information, call 703-324-5052.

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Fairfax Baptist Temple, at the corner of Fairfax County Parkway and Burke Lake Roads, holds a Bible Study Fellowship at 9 a.m. Sundays followed by a 10 a.m. worship service. Nursery care and Children's Church also provided. 6401 Missionary Lane, Fairfax Station, 703-323-8100, fbministries.org.

Lord of Life Lutheran offers services at two locations, in Fairfax at 5114 Twinbrook Road and in Clifton at 13421 Twin Lakes Drive. Services in Fairfax are held on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:15, 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. Services in Clifton are held on Sundays at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. 703-323-9500 or www.Lordoflifeva.org.

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Community Yard Sale
Williamsburg Manor and the Manors at Mount Vernon near Stratford Elementary just off Collingwood and Riverside are having a Community Yard Sale at many of the 100 houses in the two neighborhoods on Saturday 11 May 2013 from 8am-1pm. Everything from furniture, toys, clothes, yard equipment, computers, beds, tools, small appliances and much more. Come prepared to buy! Contact Boots Barnes at boots.barnes1@verizon.net with questions.

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Notice of Public Hearing
Resolution Authorizing Acquisition of Easements Necessary for Public Purposes by Eminent Domain or Other Means
May 23, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

The Fairfax County Water Authority will hold a public hearing pursuant to Va. Code Ann. § 15.2-1903 on **at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2013**, to receive public comments on a proposed Resolution authorizing the acquisition of easements necessary for the improvement and expansion of Fairfax Water's water system infrastructure adjacent to sections of the Richmond Highway (U.S. Route 1) in Fairfax County. The improvement and expansion is required to provide adequate capacity to serve existing and future customers. The necessary easements are to be located across several parcels of land adjacent to U.S. Route 1, more particularly described as Fairfax County Tax Map Parcels 083-3-01-0037, 083-3-01-0038, 083-3-01-0040, 083-3-01-0041, 083-3-08-B, 093-1-01-0019, 093-1-01-0025, 093-1-16-0013, 092-2-18-06-0001A, and 093-1-18A-0001. Following the public hearing, the Water Authority Board may vote on or after June 6, 2013, to adopt the proposed Resolution.

The proposed Resolution and other related information can be viewed at Fairfax Water's Website at <http://www.fairfaxwater.org>.

The public hearing will be held in Fairfax Water's offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, VA. Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed resolution should call Eva Catlin at (703) 289-6017. Interested parties also may submit written comments to PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org or mail written comments to:

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All written comments must be received by close of business on Wednesday, May 22, 2013 to be included in the record of the public hearing.

NEWS

Through the Looking Glass

Northern Virginia Players presents "Alice in Wonderland, Jr."

Beginning May 17, the Northern Virginia Players will perform Disney's "Alice in Wonderland, Jr."

Join Alice's madcap adventures in Wonderland as she chases the White Rabbit, races the Dodo Bird, gets tied up with the Tweedles, raps with a bubble-blowing Caterpillar, and beats the Queen of Hearts at her own game.

The fast-paced musical features updated dialogue and new arrangements of such classic Disney songs as "I'm Late," "The Un-birthday Song" and "Zip-A-Dee-Dee-Da."

Northern Virginia Players has been entertaining audiences of all ages since their start. Shows are co-directed by theater veterans Kate Wittig and Ann Eul, and the cast is from throughout Northern Virginia. NVP is known for its exceptional talent, costumes and staging, which supports professional quality theatre at the community level.

Northern Virginia Players will dedicate these performances in loving memory of Bobby Collar. Collar, a friend and fellow actor, died unexpectedly Feb. 14, 2013. Part of ticket proceeds will be donated to the



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From left, Victoria Conner (Queen of Hearts), 16, from Woodbridge, Spencer Post (Mad Hatter), 13, from Fairfax Station, and Hannah MacGregor (Alice), 14, from Fort Belvoir.

Bobby Collar Memorial Fund.

Show Dates & Times:

❖ May 17, 18, 31 and June 1 at 7:30 p.m.

❖ May 18 and June 1 at 1:30 p.m.

❖ Performances held at Burke Community Church, 9900 Old Keene Mill Road.

❖ For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit NVPlayers.com. For photos from previous shows and updates, visit their Facebook page at "Northern Virginia Players." For questions, please call 703-866-3546.

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SPORTS

Woodson Girls' Lax Returns to Patriot Championship Game

Dunn, Lightfoot lead Cavaliers past Annandale in district semifinals.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Laura Dunn was the first of the Cavaliers to introduce herself to Patrick Mahler, who this year became the Woodson girls' lacrosse program's third head coach in as many seasons.

From that moment, Mahler said, Dunn has been the team's "consummate leader."

"She's like the rock," said Mahler, a former Annandale boys' assistant who graduated from Woodson in 2000. "We have four captains, but they all kind of defer toward her. She's just a natural leader — kind of an alpha dog kind of thing."

Dunn has been on the varsity since her freshman year, experiencing three consecutive Patriot District titles. Now a senior captain, Dunn led the way as the Cavaliers earned a trip back to a familiar championship stage.

Dunn scored a game-high six goals and top-seed Woodson defeated No. 4 Annandale 18-8 on Tuesday night in the semifinal round of the Patriot District tournament at Lee High School. The Cavaliers secured a berth in the district championship game, where they will face No. 2 Lake Braddock at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, May 10 at Lee.

Dunn scored four goals in the first half as



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Woodson junior Alex Lightfoot tallied five goals during an 18-8 victory against Annandale on Tuesday night.

Woodson built a 9-5 halftime advantage. Her final goal gave the Cavaliers a 16-5 lead with 16:22 remaining in the second half.

"It's like all the pressure is on me now being a captain and a senior," Dunn said, "but it's good. It's a good feeling."

Dunn was not alone as two other Cavaliers scored at least four goals. Junior at-

tack Alex Lightfoot tallied five goals and three assists and senior midfielder DeeDee Montgomery finished with four goals.

Woodson jumped out to a 5-1 lead, thanks to two goals from Dunn and one goal and two assists from Lightfoot. Annandale responded with three straight goals, cutting the Woodson lead to 5-4 with 7:36 remain-

ing in the first half. Lightfoot and Dunn each scored again before a goal by Annandale's Janan Gokturk cut the Cavalier advantage to 7-5 with 3:43 left in the half.

It was all Woodson from that point as the Cavaliers embarked on an 11-0 run, holding Annandale scoreless for a stretch of more than 16 minutes.

Lightfoot scored three of Woodson's first six goals of the second half.

"[Dunn and Lightfoot] are our offense," Mahler said. "We like to run and gun, but when we settle, dodging is essentially our meat and potatoes and those are two elite dodgers and goal-scorers. When they are rocking and rolling, then we rock and roll. ... They do our heavy lifting on the offensive end."

Kelly Stegner, Jasmine Kim and Claire Swanson each scored one goal for Woodson.

Freshman midfielder Ashley Britton led Annandale with four goals.

Woodson improved its record to 11-2 and extended its winning streak to 11 games. The Cavaliers lost to Langley and Madison by a combined three goals to open the season and haven't lost since. Annandale fell to 10-6 and will play again in the opening round of the Northern Region tournament.

Woodson moved from the Liberty District to the Patriot District in 2010 and proceeded to win the Patriot championship each of its first three seasons. The Cavaliers will face Lake Braddock in the district final for the second straight year.

Lake Braddock Girls' Lax Advances to Patriot District Final

Bruins beat West Springfield in OT in semifinals.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

With 10 minutes remaining in the first half of a district semifinal matchup with West Springfield, Lake Braddock junior Kristen Gaudian's stick failed to pass a referee's inspection and was removed from the game. Later, another Bruin was ruled to have an illegal stick, wiping out a go-ahead goal in overtime.

With a trip to the district championship game on the line, the Lake Braddock girls' lacrosse team forced a turnover and Gaudian scored the go-ahead goal with 54 seconds remaining in the OT. Afterward, West Springfield requested a stick check on Gaudian.

This time, she passed.

Gaudian's goal — her sixth of the game — in the second overtime period lifted No. 2 Lake Braddock to an 11-10 victory over No. 3 West Springfield on Tuesday night at Lee High School. The Bruins will face top-seed and three-time defending Patriot District champion Woodson on

Friday in a rematch of last season's district final, which the Cavaliers won 14-11.

"It feels great," Gaudian said of the victory. "I'm so proud of everybody. We worked our butts off."

Despite earlier stick problems, Gaudian said she wasn't worried when West Springfield asked for a stick check late in overtime.

"I was confident that my stick was not illegal," she said. "I had my coach check it, tie it very tight. That just meant that they were trying everything they could to win and I just knew that we were better than that and we had legal sticks."

Gaudian scored four of her six goals in the second half or overtime. Head coach Victor Chen said Gaudian has matured during her three varsity seasons.

"She just now understands the game completely," Chen said. "She knows not to get flustered and get rattled. It's really not how you start it's how you finish and she really showed that. She's grown 10-fold."

Gaudian's fifth goal of the night gave Lake Braddock a 10-7 lead with 15:11 remaining in the second half. West Springfield

scored the final three goals of regulation, including Kara Kachejian's game-tying goal with 28 seconds remaining, to force overtime.

Lake Braddock was a player down for the first 90 seconds of overtime due to a yellow card issued with 30 seconds remaining in regulation. Despite being a player down, the Bruins appeared to take the lead when Grace Youn scored 59 seconds into the first overtime period, but the goal was disallowed after a referee ruled Youn's stick was illegal.

In the second three-minute overtime period, West Springfield controlled the draw and possessed the ball for a lengthy period of time before Lake Braddock forced a turnover and scored the game-winner.

Now the Bruins are headed back to the district championship game. Last season, Lake Braddock went undefeated in the district during the regular season, only to lose to Woodson in the tournament final. Chen said the team had a different approach in 2013.

"We had a plan not to worry about what happened in the regular season," said Chen,

whose Bruins finished 6-1 in the district, losing to Woodson. "Last year, we ran the table in the regular season and then we lost when it mattered most. So this year was, it doesn't matter what we do [in the regular season] and our plan came together. ... It was a well-earned victory for us but, wow, it took a lot out."

Youn scored two goals for Lake Braddock. Kyra Hayden, Alexis Torres and Jade Samec each scored one.

Senior goalkeeper Alyssa Harrison finished with 18 saves for the Bruins.

"I think it's bittersweet because I feel for a lot of the seniors on the other team," Harrison said. "I've been in that position before ... and I know exactly how they feel, but I get one more crack at the district championship."

Lindsey Mares led West Springfield with three goals. Kachejian and Sadie Schroeder each had two goals, and Marissa Lim, Devan Warden and Jocelyn Siveroni each had one.

"I told them to hold their heads high," West Springfield head coach Brian Puhlick said. "They fought to the very end. They never gave up, they never quit and I couldn't ask for a team with more heart."



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