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## Long Lines Revisited

**Bulova calls for bi-partisan group to address the issue, improve election process.**

By Victoria Ross  
The Connection

**W**hile voter turnout in Fairfax County on Election Day was at an all-time high—80.5 percent of registered voters cast their ballots, compared to 78.7 percent in 2008—some voters faced long lines and endured hours of waiting on a chilly day to cast their ballots.

Lines and wait-times varied throughout the County's 237 precincts. Voters at Vienna's Flint Hill Elementary School reported ample parking and virtually no lines. At other locations however, lines snaked around elementary school parking lots and through buildings, and it was not unusual for voters to have an hour-long wait.

Long wait times and other voting-day issues concerned Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-at-large), who called for the creation of a bi-partisan commission to explore any inefficiency and analyze ways to streamline the process.

"While altogether the day went well, I think it would be beneficial to examine what lessons we can learn from the 2012 Election," Bulova said on Wednesday, adding that she waited only 20 minutes at Villa precinct Tuesday morning to vote.

"I plan to present this issue to the Board of Supervisors at our next meeting and suggest the formation of a bi-partisan commission to identify ways to reduce lines, decrease wait times and streamline our election process," she said. The next Board of Supervisors meeting takes place on Tuesday, Nov. 20.

She said the commission will review and make recommendations regarding Fairfax County's election process. "The commission will be asked to concentrate on ways to improve the County's efficiency on Election Day, with a specific focus on addressing wait times, long lines, and other voting issues," Bulova said.

**ELECTIONS OFFICIALS** said a shortage of poll volunteers coupled with complicated ballot questions, bond issues and confusion over County-wide redistricting meant some voters took much longer to finish their ballots.

At the Bailey's Crossroads precinct, where it had been reported that some voters waited for more than three hours, Cameron Quinn, the County's chief election official, said further investigation last week showed the last voter at the Skyline precinct voted at 9:30 p.m., according to the time stamp on the voting equipment. Polls closed at 7 p.m., so any voters arriving at 7 p.m. waited more than two hours before casting their ballots.

Some voters complained the County did not pro-



**Voters line up in front of the Great Falls Library Tuesday, Nov. 6 to cast their votes.**

Photo by Alex McVeigh/The Connection

vide enough high-tech touchscreen voting equipment, preferred by 80 percent of voters over paper or optically-scanned ballots. According to election officials, there were between two and five touchscreens in every precinct this year, depending on the number of voters assigned to each precinct. Additionally, each precinct had one or two optical scan machines, and paper ballots for a projected 80 percent voter turnout.

"Rovers, who are in the field on Election Day to assist precinct officials with problems, also carry several spare machines in case of breakdowns. A number of these were rushed to precincts to prevent lines from building up too much when machines were down," Quinn said.

**ONE OF THE KEY REASONS** for some of the long waits was the lack of precinct volunteers, Quinn said.

"This is a longstanding issue that has become more acute across the entire country over the past decade, particularly in large urban and suburban areas," Quinn said. "Despite the County executive's extraordinary request to all County employees to sign up, using County administrative leave, to work for Election Day, there were relatively few additional officers resulting from that request."

"Given the extraordinary voter turnout, things went fairly smoothly on Election Day," Quinn said. "There were some precincts that had issues and problems, but no more than any presidential election, and smoother than anticipated, given the challenges as a result of Hurricane Sandy and the recent redistricting." While long lines created headaches for some Fairfax County voters, it was much worse in other parts of the state. In Prince William County, some voters faced five-hour waits before casting their ballots.

"Asking anyone to wait several hours is unacceptable," Virginia Democratic Party Chairman Brian Moran said in a statement Wednesday. "Why did it go so poorly this year and why were these long lines experienced? We're going to be a battleground state, so ultimately we don't want this to happen again. Let's take the proper steps. Let's fix it."



Photo by Bonnie Hobbs/The Connection

## Scouting for Food

**The annual, Boy Scout "Scouting for Food" Drive was Saturday, Nov. 10. Locally, Scouts collected food donated by residents, sorted it and brought it to WFCM (Western Fairfax Christian Ministries) for its food pantry. Helping sort food are (from left) Lanier Middle School seventh-grader Matt Rodriguez, Eagle View Elementary sixth-grader Nathaniel Stone, WFCM's Julie Thompson, and Chantilly High sophomore Tony Wang.**

## Holiday Service Projects

**Join Democratic Women of Clifton to benefit local nonprofits.**

**H**oliday service projects will be the focus of the next general meeting of the Democratic Women of Clifton on Sunday, Nov. 18 at 3 p.m. The location is the Clifton Community Hall, 12641 Chapel Rd., Clifton, VA 20124. Following a short meeting, at about 4 p.m. the DWC will reconvene at a local restaurant in Clifton for a holiday celebration. Again this year, the DWC will participate in holiday projects with two local organizations.

### ❖ Toy and Coat Drive

For the second year, the DWC is coordinating with Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department (FCFRD) to collect toys for 3,000 needy children throughout Northern Virginia.

In addition to toys, the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department will accept monetary donations to purchase coats for area children. Last year, the department distributed nearly 3,000 new coats to more than 50 schools, shelters and nonprofits throughout Fairfax and Alexandria. The organization observes that "giving these kids a new coat builds such great self-esteem" that it helps them do better in school. If you wish to con-

tribute to the toy drive, bring new, unwrapped toys to the Nov. 18 meeting of the DWC. Gift cards from Target or Old Navy are also welcomed for older children, who enjoy selecting their own gifts at these stores. If you can't make the meeting but want to donate, please contact us to arrange a drop off; gift cards may be mailed to Democratic Women of Clifton, P.O. Box 143, Clifton, VA 20124.

Donations to the coat drive may also be mailed to the DWC, with checks made payable to Firefighters and Friends to the Rescue. The toy and coat distribution event with the FCFRD will be held on Dec. 18, so we would like to receive your donations to both projects by Dec. 10.

### ❖ Gift Cards to Benefit Our Daily Bread

Also, the DWC is sponsoring a collection of grocery store gift cards to benefit Our Daily Bread, a Fairfax County nonprofit organization that provides food and assistance to Northern Virginia families experiencing financial hardship. Your gift card donation will be distributed to the families in January. Please bring gift cards of any denomination from any local grocery store or checks payable to Our Daily Bread to the DWC meeting on Nov. 18 or mail them at the address above. We will accept these until Dec. 31. Email [cliftonwomens@aol.com](mailto:cliftonwomens@aol.com) with questions.



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## News

# A Hilarious Show

W. T. Woodson HS presents  
"Bye, Bye, Birdie."

By Kevin Buckley  
Stone Bridge High School

**A** pop superstar, multitudes of screaming girls and headaches from parents and boy-friends across town—no, this isn't a Justin Bieber concert. It's the premise of W.T. Woodson High School's hilarious production of "Bye, Bye, Birdie!"

First performed in 1960, "Bye, Bye, Birdie" was written as a satire on American society in the 1950s, and its obsession with pop icons. After years of trying

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to find the perfect plot, the show finally came together, eventually winning the Tony Award for Best Musical. "Bye, Bye, Birdie" tells the story of Albert Peterson (played by Josh Reiter), an agent and lyricist for music sensation Conrad Birdie (Gilbert Louis Braun III). When Conrad receives a draft notice, Albert finds his career on the verge of collapse, until his secretary and girlfriend Rose Alvarez (Paula Lavallo) comes up with the plan to give one lucky fan, later determined to be 15-year-old Kim MacAfee (Ali Romig) from Sweet Apple, Ohio, the chance to kiss Birdie on the Ed Sullivan Show before he leaves for war. This ends up causing more distress than planned for everyone involved with the stunt, leading to romance, breakups, hilarious comedy and lending itself to a successful night for Woodson.

As Rose Alvarez, Paula Lavallo graced the stage with strong comedy and an enchanting voice. From start to finish, Lavallo fully embodied the role of Rose, projecting confidence and radiance every time she stepped on stage. Her vocal talents were undeniable, especially in difficult songs such as "Spanish Rose" and "An English Teacher." Opposite her was Josh Reiter, who, as Albert Peterson, worked well with Lavallo to give off the essence of love and heartbreak, and taking the audience with them every step of the way through their wonderful story.

Perhaps the most exhilarating of performances came from Faith Johnson, who, as Mrs. Mae Peterson, brought down the house with her hilarious lines and incredible mannerisms. Never losing her touch, Johnson kept all eyes on her every time she adorned the stage, as the audience waited for what she would say next. Her "motherly" antics and old lady style only increased the mastery of her performance, leaving everyone truly thankful to have had the opportunity to witness her unforgettable talents.

### School Notes

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**Jeff Blevins** of Burke has been named to the President's list at James Madison University for both the fall and spring semesters of his sophomore year. Jeff is a junior majoring in public administration with an Asian minor. He is a 2010 graduate of Lake Braddock Secondary School.

**Robyn Gianiny** of Burke was on the dean's list fall 2011 and the President's List Spring 2012 at West Virginia University. She graduated from Lake Braddock Secondary School in 2011.

She will be attending George Mason University this fall.

**Christian Kosko** of Burke has been named to the dean's list at Radford University. He is a sophomore majoring in Criminal Justice and is a 2011 graduate of Lake Braddock Secondary.

**Michael McVay** of Burke has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at the University of Northwestern Ohio in the College of Applied Technologies. He is a 2009 graduate of Lake Braddock Secondary School.

**Nathanon Ketrarn** of Burke is among the Marymount University undergraduate students who have been

selected as national outstanding campus leaders and are included in the 2012 edition of Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Ketrarn is majoring in Biology.

**Monica Zinn** of Burke has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at the Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, Ga.

**Kelsey Zinck** of Burke has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at the College of New Jersey of Ewing, N.J.

**Jonathan Austin Kilbourn** of Burke has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at Clemson University of Clemson, S.C. Kilbourn is majoring in history.

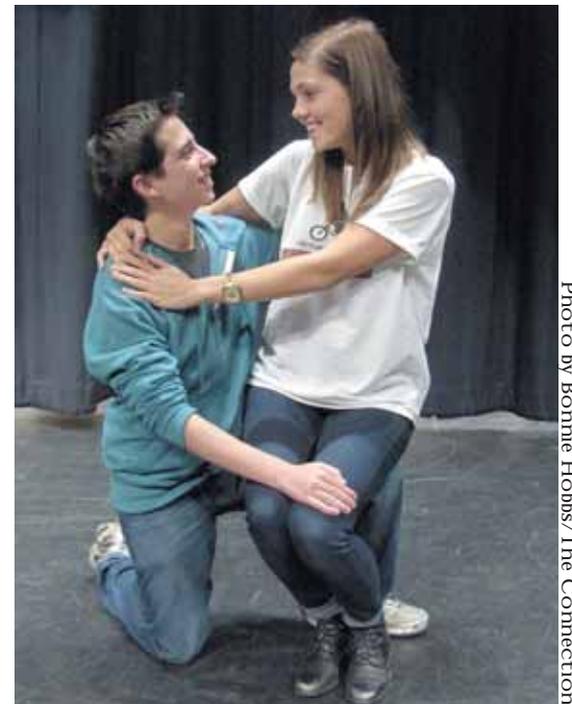


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**Josh Reiter and Paula Lavallo share a tender moment as Albert and Rosie in the Woodson High presentation of 'Bye Bye Birdie.'**

An unusually strong ensemble was also present throughout the entirety of the night. With nearly 60 cast members, the ensemble could have proved troublesome, but instead was empowering. All involved kept the energy flow high throughout most of the play, always making clever choices and demanding attention whenever they strolled into the scene.

Behind the scenes, the lighting, headed by Killian Rodgers and Laura Muse, was perfect, always adding to the show and embracing the mood and style of each scene to create the perfect display of technical talent. The set was also utilized well, painted in 1950s-style colors and always being used by the large cast whenever possible to make the stage seem bigger than it really was, never making it seem crowded, a problem common with large casts.

Overall, Woodson's production of "Bye, Bye, Birdie" was hilarious through and through. Despite a few instances of pitch problems and a lack of energy from some, the cast came together to produce a fantastic night of comedy. The lights and the set only added to the show, giving the audience something wonderful to look at from start to finish. Woodson High School deserved the standing ovation they received at the end, and they truly deserve commendation for their incredible rendition of a classic show.

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# Building Tomorrow's Cyber Defenders

Local students participate in cybersecurity camp.

By Bonnie Hobbs

The Connection

With Internet espionage on the rise, the need to keep information stored on computers safe and secure is critically important. And before the start of the school year, some students from Fairfax schools learned how to do that at Cybersecurity Camp at The Chantilly Academy.

Northrop Grumman Information Systems partnered with the academy to hold the program. The company sent instructors to Chantilly to develop the camp curriculum, teach the classes and run the challenges.

"Northrop Grumman is the largest cybersecurity provider to the federal government," said corporate spokeswoman Marynoele Benson. "This camp was about network defense, so kids could understand how their computers can be infiltrated and how to protect against it. This is all about building tomorrow's cyber defenders, and that's why we teach cyber ethics, so they act ethically on the Internet."

**AND SOMEDAY**, said Benson, "They can use this knowledge to go out and get a great job with industry, the Department of Defense or the federal government. This area is so rife with these kinds of positions that this is what we want to groom students for—to secure America and its networks. This is a small step in a bigger effort."

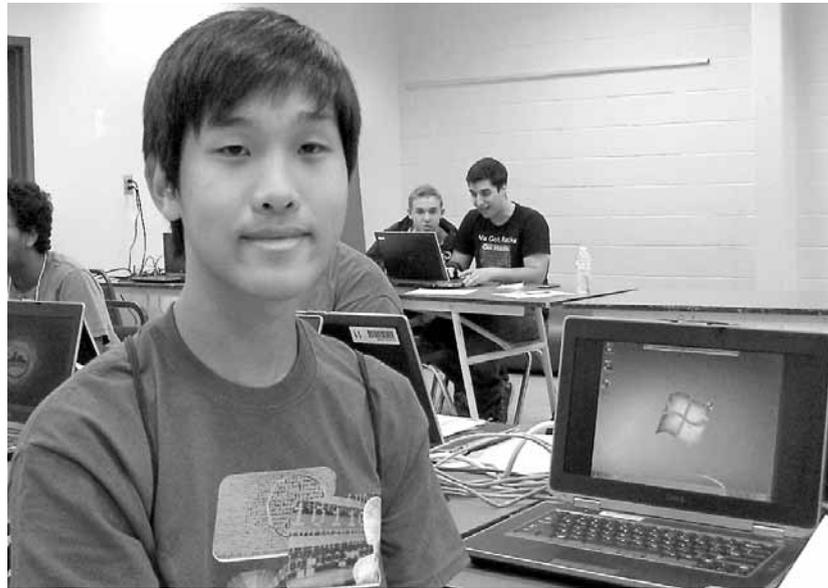
According to a study released by the Center for Strategic and International Studies, America not only has "a shortage of the highly technically skilled people required to operate and support systems already deployed, but also an even more desperate shortage of people who can design secure systems, write safe computer code and create the ever more sophisticated tools needed to prevent, detect, mitigate and reconstitute from damage due to system failures and malicious acts."

So Benson said it's crucial to teach this knowledge now because it's predicted that the U.S. will eventually need between 10,000 and 30,000 cyber defenders to adequately protect and defend its systems.

During the weeklong camp, students learned how to keep their networks safe from intruders, recognize an intrusion, discover where they need patches and detect vulnerabilities and malware in their systems, as well as basic cybersecurity fundamentals.

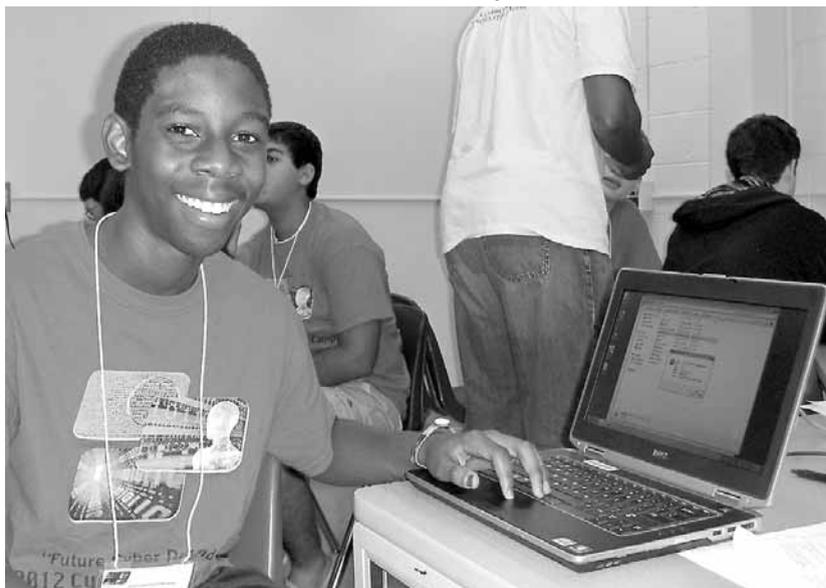
Some 70 students from 20 different high schools throughout Fairfax County participated; and at week's end, two teams competed in a cybersecurity grand challenge. They also received information about cybersecurity internships and careers.

Fairfax High senior Jessica Miers was among them. "I was between two different college majors; I enjoyed both chemistry and computers," she explained. "So I took this camp to



**Calvin Park of Fairfax High learned how to keep his computer safe.**

**Paul VI High senior Kelvin Simmons at his computer during class.**



Photos by Bonnie Hobbs/The Connection

help me decide. I discovered I really like this and, when I go to GMU, I'll change my major from chemistry to computers."

What's interesting, she said, is that "we learned about vulnerabilities in our networks, password cracking and how to fix these things. They taught us how to be secure online and on a computer and how to defend against cyber attacks."

Miers said it's important to have this knowledge because "this is where our world is turning to. Everything is online and on a network, and it's so easy for terrorists to get in and attack the U.S. from their bedroom." During the camp, she also liked working on the cybersecurity challenge, looking at a virtual computer and figuring out how to stem its vulnerabilities.

Calvin Park, a Fairfax High junior, attended the camp because "cybersecurity is something I'm interested in and there are a lot of jobs available for it. You hear about things like Stuxnet—a nuclear power plant that was hacked into after people [there] took their work home—and you want to be able to protect others from that kind of situation happening."

**AT THE CAMP**, he learned "there are different types of viruses, and also key logging—where people track what you're doing online. I found one of these viruses in a computer

during the competition. There are also 'Trojan Horses' which make your computer vulnerable to other viruses. Now, I'm going to learn more about cybersecurity and maybe go into it in my senior year."

Also there was Paul VI High senior Kelvin Simmons. "I started computer programming during my junior year," he said. "And I came to the camp because I was curious about whether I wanted to pursue the field of computer science [in college]."

He learned what hackers do, plus the basic steps of computer safety and protection. As a result, said Simmons, "I can anticipate outside attacks that would be coming into my computer on my network. And I've learned about the internal structure of a computer because there are deeper meanings, the further you go."

Since he'll be heading to college next year, "I thought it was important to be confident about what I'm going to do—either cybersecurity or computer programming," explained Simmons. "I always wanted to see what was available in computer careers; and you can always branch off, once you're competent in your field."

He enjoyed the Cybersecurity Camp because "we got information on how to secure computer networks and protect them from outside attacks. It was also a good social experience because we got to meet other people interested in the same field."

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**Dog Adoptions.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. PetSmart, 12971 Fair Lakes Center, Fairfax. Every Friday. Sponsored by Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation. [www.lostdogrescue.org](http://www.lostdogrescue.org).  
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### SATURDAY/NOV. 17

**Open Season Workshop.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at W.T. Woodson High School, 9525 Main Street, Fairfax. For federal employees/retirees, FEHBP experts will present and answer questions on plan coverage and benefits before open season ends, Dec. 10. 703-256-3071 or [www.opm.gov/insure/openseason/](http://www.opm.gov/insure/openseason/).  
**Dog and Cat Adoptions.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. PetSmart Seven Corners, 12971 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax. Every Saturday. Sponsored by Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation. [www.lostdogrescue.org](http://www.lostdogrescue.org).  
**Homeless Animals Rescue Team Dog Adoptions.** 12-3 p.m. Petco, 13053 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. Every Saturday. 703-817-9444 or [www.hart90.org](http://www.hart90.org).

### THURSDAY/NOV. 29

**Facing Life's Losses.** 7-9 p.m., at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, Room A, 10360 North St., Fairfax. A class offered through COAA's Healing Center on how to deal with the many faces of loss—whether of a home, job, friendship, marriage or loved one; the class is designed from a Christian perspective but is open to people of all faiths. 703-966-5606 or [healingcenter.international.sharepoint.com](http://healingcenter.international.sharepoint.com).

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### SATURDAY/DEC. 8

**Fairfax County Women in the NAACP (WIN) Holiday Celebration Brunch.** 10 a.m.-noon, at Burke Center Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. RSVP by Dec 1. 703-40-2137 or [fairfaxvawin@aol.com](mailto:fairfaxvawin@aol.com).  
**Dog Adoptions.** 1-4 p.m. PetSmart, 12971 Fair Lakes Center, Fairfax. Every Saturday. Sponsored by Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation. [www.lostdogrescue.org](http://www.lostdogrescue.org).

# Opinion

# Shop Locally, Give Locally

Small business Saturday isn't enough; don't wait until then, and don't stop after that.

An effort to support locally owned businesses has resulted in the recognition of Small Business Saturday, the Saturday after Thanksgiving. This year that is Nov. 24. Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, is a day of national zeal for shopping. Presumably the next day shoppers can focus on local shopping.

It sounds like an obligation, and it is. But there is a joy to shopping in local stores at the holidays, to walking along a sidewalk with the streets decked out for the holidays, to being greeted by someone likely to be the owner of the store, to finding gifts that are not mass-produced.

We all benefit when local stores thrive, when local business districts beckon.

Locally owned retail shops, services, restaurants depend on vibrant local communities to thrive. Most small, locally owned businesses invest in community, helping to transform our towns and communities with a sense of place.

Supporting small businesses, locally owned businesses, has to be more than a one-day affair.

The economy continues to improve slowly without inspiring. But still, local families will shop and exchange gifts during the next month, spending tens of millions of dollars in a variety of places.

One way to be sure holiday shopping comes with some holiday spirit is to do a portion of your shopping in some of the area's locally owned stores. There is special holiday ambience available by shopping in the heart of a town that is decked out for the season. Small retail shops are part of defining any community. Their livelihood depends on the livability and quality of the neighborhoods around them.

A small business owner pays attention to every detail in his or her business in a way that no chain can.

Frequently, it is the small retail person who is active in fundraising for local charities, for fire and rescue service, for local schools and in organizing holiday events.

Local retail stores, mom-and-pop stores, face tough challenges right now. Competition from big box stores and online sellers makes the holiday shopping season all the more impor-

tant to locally-owned retailers.

Everyone will do some of their shopping at the mall. Everyone will do some shopping online. But local shoppers should be sure to save some shopping time and dollars for local stores. Spend some time shopping in your own community, and also plan an excursion to a nearby town to check out the local businesses and holiday spirit there.

— Mary Kimm,

mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com

*Poverty and homelessness are sometimes hard to see in Northern Virginia, but there is no shortage of families in need locally, especially at the holidays. Here are some of the local organizations ready to help, and in need of your help. Financial contributions are always preferred.*

## Where to Give Locally

In no particular order:

- ❖ Our Daily Bread — has been serving needy families in Fairfax County for 25 years. The Holiday Program helps those in need with food for the holidays and gifts for their children, making last year's holiday season brighter for approximately 3,000 families. For more information on their holiday programs, including how to sponsor a family, go to [www.odbfairfax.com/holiday](http://www.odbfairfax.com/holiday)
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- ❖ Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO), 703-569-9160. Open to receive donations at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Provides food and financial assistance to those in short-term emergencies, and provides clothing and household goods to low income families, helping more than 5,000 people last year. [www.echo-inc.org](http://www.echo-inc.org)
- ❖ Lorton Community Action Center operates the Act II Thrift Shop at 9506 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Sales from the shop generate funds for LCAC and clients also shop there. Now collecting gift cards and food baskets for Thanksgiving, gifts and food baskets for Christmas, and warm coats. 703-339-8611 [www.lortonaction.org](http://www.lortonaction.org)
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- ❖ National Capital Food Bank, 6833 Hill Park Drive, Lorton, serving all of Northern Virginia, 703-541-3063. [www.capitalareafoodbank.org](http://www.capitalareafoodbank.org)
- ❖ Western Fairfax Christian Ministries — food pantry at 13981 Metrotech Drive in Chantilly (near Backyard Grill and Bar). For more information or to sponsor a family, call 703-988-9656, ext. 105. To mail gift cards or send donations by check, add a note saying "food basket program" and send them to: WFCM, P.O. Box 220802, Chantilly, VA 20153. 703-988-9656.
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## Community

# Join CROP Hunger Walk Nov. 18

## Burke area walk celebrates 20 years.

By Janet Smith  
Burke CROP Hunger Walk  
Coordinator

When disasters such as Hurricane Sandy occur, the natural human response is to reach out to help others in need, typically through monetary donations. For 20 years, residents in Burke and surrounding communities have walked in the annual Burke Area CROP Hunger Walk to raise funds for both hunger and disaster relief, to help people whose names

they would never know, even as they helped feed people who might be hungry in their own neighborhood.

Starting in 1993, this annual community event now celebrates raising over one quarter million dollars and making a real difference in the lives of global and local neighbors who are victims of poverty, disaster, or war.

What are you doing Sunday, Nov. 18? Would you like to visit with friends, make new friends, enjoy the outdoors, get a little exercise, and help change the world? Join with friends and neighbors in your community to walk a few miles in the 20th annual Burke

Area CROP Hunger Walk to help people in need in your community, in the U.S., and around the world.

Organized locally, an estimated 400 people will participate in the 6K (3.6-mile) walk with the goal of raising \$30,000, surpassing last year's total of over \$24,000. The event begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18, at Living Savior Lutheran Church, 5500 Ox Road, in Fairfax Station.

The coordinator of this year's walk, I have been involved for most of its existence and walked for 16 years. Concerned people walk each year because they know they can change the life of at least one person. And the more people

who walk or sponsor walkers, the bigger the difference we make. About \$15 million is expected to be raised this year from CROP Hunger Walks in communities across the country.

CROP Hunger Walk is the oldest nationally-based walk for hunger in the U.S. It began in 1969 as an outgrowth of Church World Service (CWS), which was founded by 17 denominations working together in 1946 to fight hunger following World War II. CROP (Christian Rural Overseas Program), began in 1947 as rural grain canvasses to send seed, grain and livestock to war-torn Europe

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# News

## Walking Against Hunger

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and Asia, but was gradually replaced by the very successful CROP Hunger Walks for fundraising.

Funds raised by CROP Hunger Walkers nationwide reach millions of neighbors around the world who have to walk to live—as well as millions served by local food pantries, food banks, and meal sites here in the U.S.

Twenty-five percent of the money raised in the Burke Walk stays in the Burke, Springfield, Fairfax, Fairfax Station and Clifton area to support the important anti-hunger and emergency assistance provided by Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO) and Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM).

All walkers must register. There is no registration fee, however, walkers are encouraged to set a personal fundraising goal and to sponsor themselves. CROP Hunger Walk participants typically raise money by collecting pledges from sponsors. Registration/sponsor envelopes can be obtained from participating groups, or by contacting Janet Smith (703-455-9025 or [BurkeVA.CROP@cox.net](mailto:BurkeVA.CROP@cox.net)). Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. at Living Savior Lutheran Church, Fairfax Station. The walk ends at Fairfax Presbyterian Church, Fairfax. Shuttle buses will be available.

For more walk details, visit [www.burkecropwalk.org](http://www.burkecropwalk.org).

Participating groups include the following Burke congregations: Abiding Presence Lutheran Church; Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church; Burke Presbyterian Church; and St. Stephen's United Methodist Church. The participating Springfield groups are Congregation Adat Reyim; Community Covenant Church; Grace Presbyterian Church; Westwood Baptist Church; Sydenstricker United Methodist Church; and Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO). Participating groups from Fairfax Station include Living Savior Lutheran Church; St. Peter's in the Woods Episcopal Church; and Temple B'nai Shalom. Also walking are the following groups from Fairfax: Fairfax Presbyterian Church; Lord of Life Lutheran Church; and One God Ministry; and from Clifton, Clifton Presbyterian Church.

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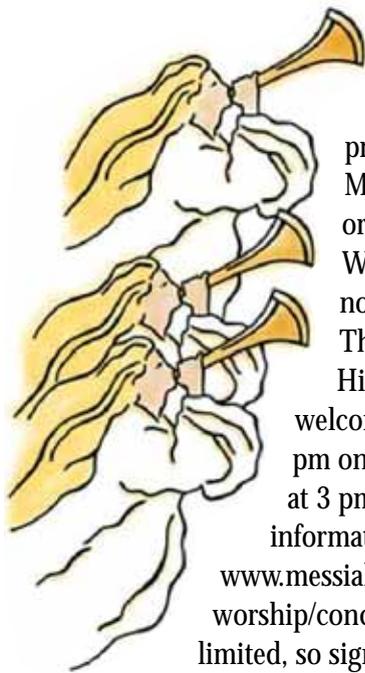
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### Holiday Shopping Trend

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—Victoria Ross

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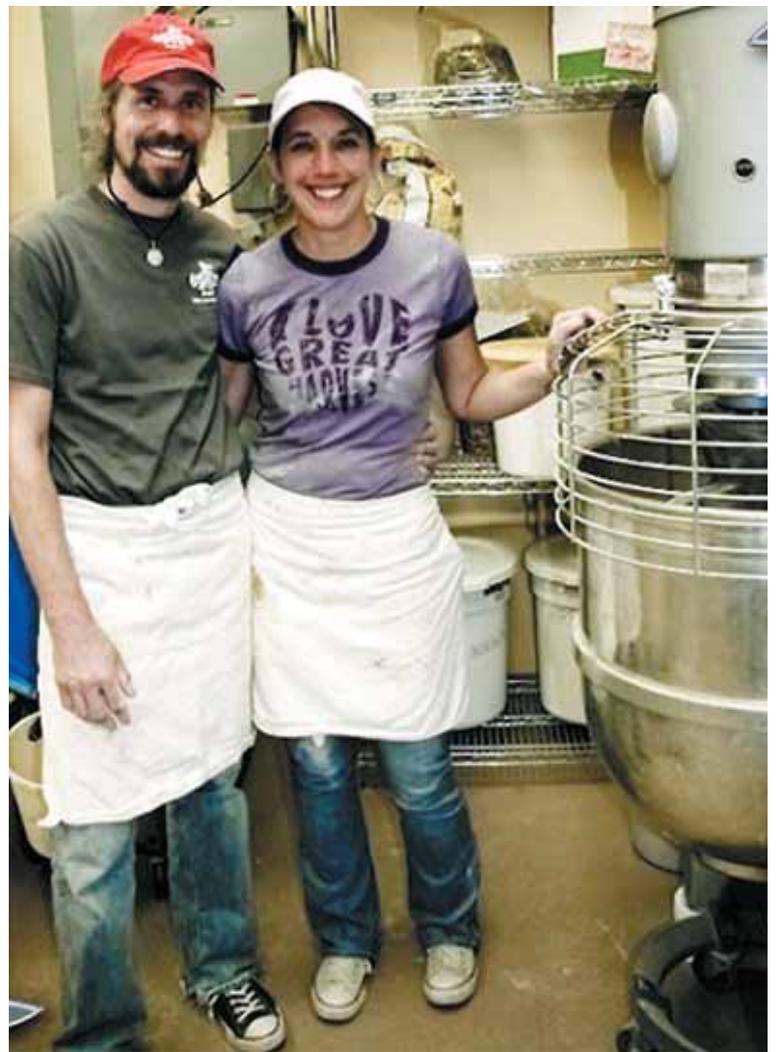


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## Judy Ryan of Fairfax—Urban Attitude in a Suburban Setting

Known for excellent customer service and unique selections, the owners search all over New York, and attend all the markets, to bring you the latest fashion and gifts for the home. Judy Ryan's specialists will help you plan your wardrobe, put together an outfit for a special occasion, add an instant update or accessory, or outfit you completely. Their eclectic collection offers the perfect hostess gift, seasonal decorations, and great accessories—even a Baby to Toddler section featuring Zutano and Kidorable. From candles to children's, shirts to shoes and jewelry to jackets and jeans, Judy Ryan has it. On Saturday, Dec. 1, the store will open at 8 a.m. for its annual holiday breakfast, featuring champagne and savings.

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## The Picket Fence—A Gift for Everyone

The Picket Fence is a family-run boutique that turned four in September. Owner Billie Thomas and her staff select a variety of rare and unique home accessories and gifts for every occasion, and every age, including babies. Services include gift-wrapping. "We love shopping for the holidays," said owner

Billie Thomas. "Right now, we have four trees up, so it's a festive atmosphere." "The past four years have flown by," Thomas said. "We've learned a lot, made some great new friends and had so much fun bringing unique gifts and home decor items to Burke."

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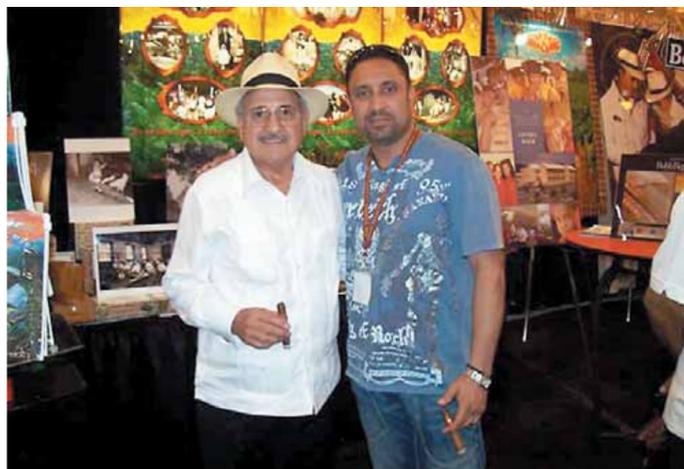


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**Burke Cigar Shop owner Shami Walia (right) with cigar legend Carlos Fuente at the annual New Orleans cigar convention.**

Photo contributed

# A Sanctuary for Cigar-Lovers

Solving “world problems” at Burke Cigar Shop.

By Victoria Ross  
The Connection

**T**ucked away in an unassuming Burke suburban shopping center is a place cigar smokers can call home.

On a recent Monday evening, the Burke Cigar Shop is packed with customers and regulars who come to relax, puff away on their cigars and enjoy the camaraderie of friends.

“We like to call it adult day care,” joked Rafael Gutierrez, who, like many of the men in the shop, is retired military.

Instead of merely being a place in which to purchase a cigar, the Burke Cigar Shop is a place for them to be consumed as well.

With four leather club chairs, humididor lockers, a flat-screen

that’s playing The Last of the Mohicans, the Daniel Day Lewis film before he became Lincoln, the shop is part lounge, part store and part sanctuary. Inside this haven, smokers are free to enjoy their cigars in peace.

As smokers know too well, cigar-friendly restaurants and bars are pretty much a thing of the past. But most states that have banned smoking still allow smoking inside cigar shops. And savvy cigar store owners, like Shami Walia, have created a comfortable lounge inside where everyone is welcome, except the smoking police.

“I started smoking cigars as a casual hobby,” said Walia, who emigrated from India in 1982 when he was 18 years old, and has owned the shop for five years. “The previous owner was a good friend of mine. I like to think we have a very nice social atmosphere. There’s a lot of camaraderie among our customers.”

Walia said about 90 percent of his customers are men, about 75 percent military or retired military, and women do come in to smoke.

But cigar smoking, he emphasized, is not designed for or marketed to teens. “Honestly, the price of a cigar, anywhere from \$5 to \$30, is just too expensive for them. We don’t have that issue here.”

What Walia does have is a group of regulars who like to smoke cigars and talk politics, sports and religion.

“This is a very unique place. You want customers to relax and enjoy themselves,” Walia said.

On Monday evening, a group of regulars—Tim Jeter, Rafael Gutierrez, Min Wopak and Pete Streff—sit at one of the granite-topped tables, waving smoldering cigars in their hands.

“You can hear all different points of view, and walk away learning something. We have heated discussions, but everyone is pretty respectful,” Wopak said.

“We like to joke around . . . this is not a place for the thin-skinned,” said Tim Jeter, a retired Fairfax County firefighter.

“This is place where everybody knows your name, or nickname, where we solve the world’s prob-

lem,” Jeter said, adding that politicians should stop by the cigar shop. “If they just came here, we could tell them how to fix the economy. This is a place full of problem-solvers.”

Thick-skinned problem-solvers who, whether they admit it or not, clearly have a soft side.

One of the first things they tell a visitor is the story of Hurricane Sandy and the tree. When Hurricane Sandy uprooted a 70-foot tree that fell on one of their homes a few weeks ago, 13 men, armed with chainsaws, were there the next day to cut it down.

“Everybody showed up with a chainsaw,” said Pete Streff, a former military officer. “We cut it down, and the tree didn’t damage his house.”

The men pass around photos of the tree-cutting adventure. Min Wopak shows a photo of Jeter with the dismembered tree.

“Look at this picture. See how clean his gloves are? What does that tell you,” Wopak says, smiling. “Yeah, he didn’t do any work.”

Jeter rolls his eyes. “You have to have a sense of humor here,” Streff said, “and a love of cigars.”



**Burke Cigar Shop owner Shami Walia.**



**A Monday night group of regulars (from left) Rafael Gutierrez, Tim Jeter, Min Wopak and Pete Streff.**

# Gift Guide

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## Five Star Jewelers – A Shining Star

Five Star Jewelers, a family-owned business in Burke since 1987, specializes in certified diamonds, as well as offering a wide range of jewelry collections, including several bridal lines, color stones and pearls set in gold or platinum. Owner Toby Fitzkee, a master goldsmith, works in all metals, including heat-sensitive items using laser welding. They also provide first-rate customer service, including custom design; special orders; jewelry repair of any type; and complimentary gift wrapping with an individual gift box.

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**Andrew Steele of Reston—aka “the gorilla”—and Joe Penano of Fairfax Station—aka “the bunny”—helped lead the parade of cyclists down Old Keene Mill Road in Springfield during The Bike Lane’s Relocation Ride last year.**

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## The Bike Lane – Something for Every Cyclist’s Holiday Wish List

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Anne Mader and husband, Todd, both avid cyclists who grew up in the area, opened the shop in Burke after getting married in 2001. The couple welcomed their first child, Cameron, ten months later, and he spent his first two years learning to crawl and crawl in the bike store. “Our customers feel connected to our shop and our family. It was difficult to leave our original location, there is so much history in this little shop. Our family has grown here along with the business,” Mader said.

After establishing a second shop in Reston Town Center four years ago, the couple said they decided to focus on ways to better serve their expanding customer base. In the past decade, Mader said she has seen bike popularity explode, as more people are using their bikes for a variety of reasons—grocery shopping, commuter transportation, serious weekend warriors.

There are also types of bikes on the market, and more accessories for every type of rider.

“Everyone wants their bike to be personal to them, and we’re seeing more people who like playful color schemes. It’s our job to match the person and the bike,” she said. “When a person comes into our shop, they want to feel like they did the first time they rode a bike a child; they want to feel that joy and excitement. We feel like we’re bringing them full circle, and that’s the fun for us,” Mader said.

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Last year, the owners were nominated for Outstanding Corporate Citizen for donating one ton of bread in 11 months. “We sell our bread fresh every day.” What doesn’t sell on the third day, Connelly said, they donate to local nonprofits where the bread and other bakery items stay fresh for up to a week. They donate regularly to the Lorton Community Action Center and the National Capital Area Food bank. The holidays are an especially busy time, as Great Harvest prepares loaves both sweet and savory, gingerbread lattes, apple scrapple and other holiday treats.

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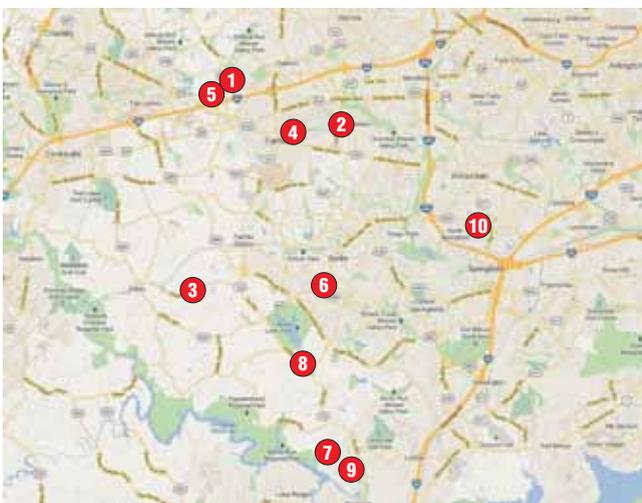
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# Home LifeStyle

## Giving Thanks in Style

Area tastemakers offer ideas and inspiration for Thanksgiving table settings.

By Marilyn Campbell  
The Connection

There's more to an elegant Thanksgiving table than a perfectly roasted turkey and fluffy mashed potatoes. Local design experts say that with a little planning and a few natural elements, it is possible to set a Thanksgiving table that is as tantalizing as the food it holds.

Ann O'Shields of The Nest Egg in Fairfax, suggests simplicity and seasonality. "Less is usually more when it comes to tablescapes, and this time of year with all the beautiful colors outside, I think the best thing is to pull those into the color palate that you're going to use. Focus on the bright orange, the red, the yellow, with some green. It is always nice to be simple with the color of the service pieces, like a white or cream color. That way it shows off your decorations a little bit more."

Light up the table. "Candles are great," said O'Shields. "If you're going to go with pillars, I like to do more than just one set. It's nice if you can kind of repeat them all the way down the table and do them in a little cluster. If you don't have candleholders,



Photo courtesy of The Nest Egg

**Ann O'Shields, of The Nest Egg in Fairfax, suggests incorporating pumpkins and candles into a Thanksgiving tablescape.**

you can hollow out the inside of a small pumpkin and use that as your holder. That would look great going all the way down the center of a table."

Sharon Kleinman of Transition by Sharon Kleinman advises bringing the outside indoors. "I like to take to autumn leaves and scatter them down the table," she said. "A friend and I baked a cornucopia and shellacked it and filled it with vegetables. I also like to tie napkins with different things like raffia or a ribbon and add a flower to it."

Another designer who incorporates foliage is Sallie See Table, Page 15

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## FRIDAY/NOV. 16

**Friday Night Film Series.** 7-9 p.m., at Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10215 Lakehaven Court, Burke. Filmmaker Katrina Browne joins with spectators for a showing of her film *Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North*; the audience is welcome to bring dinner and friends. 703-503-4579 or [www.accotinkuuc.org](http://www.accotinkuuc.org).

## SATURDAY/NOV. 17

**Community Awareness Day.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Little River Glen Senior Center, 4001 Barker Court, Fairfax. Meet neighbors, enjoy entertainment and refreshments, donate non-perishables to Our Daily Bread, walk the cake walk, win prizes and check your blood pressure. 703-503-8703 ext. 711.

**Northern Virginia Mineral Club's 21st Annual Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at the HUB in the Student Union Building II, George Mason University, Fairfax. There will be gems, minerals, fossils,

meteorites and crystals for sale. Admission is \$5 for adults; \$3 for senior citizens (65+) and teens (13-17); and free for children (12 and under), Scouts in uniform and GMU students with ID. [rockclctr@aol.com](mailto:rockclctr@aol.com), [www.novaminalclub.org](http://www.novaminalclub.org), or 703-281-3767.

**November/December Fairfax Art League Show.** 6-9 p.m., at the Fairfax Stacy C. Sherwood Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Come celebrate the season of art at the art show and an opening reception wine and cheese party. 703-385-1695. [www.fairfaxva.gov/commcenter](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/commcenter) or [www.fairfaxartleague.net](http://www.fairfaxartleague.net).

**Reception: Celebrating the Season of Art.** 6-9 p.m., at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. A new holiday art exhibition runs through early January, 2013, and features contemporary artwork from 19 artists; meet the artists at the reception. [www.FairfaxVA.Gov/CommCenter/CommCenter.asp](http://www.FairfaxVA.Gov/CommCenter/CommCenter.asp).

**Country-Western Dance!** 7:30 p.m. Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke. Lessons and open-dancing will be available along with snacks and drinks. Come two step, waltz, line dance, swing, cha cha, and more. NVCWDA members, \$10; non-members, \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult, \$5. [www.nvcwda.org](http://www.nvcwda.org).

**EDGEWORKS Dance Theater.** 7:30 p.m., at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. The JCCNV hosts the all-male contemporary dance company of predominately African-American men, aiming to break down stereotypes through dance. \$27; \$22,



Danu plays the GMU Center for the Arts stage with a Christmas special on Saturday, Dec. 1.

## Christmas in Ireland: An Nollaig in Éirinn

On Saturday, Dec. 1, the spirited international traditional Celtic band Danu performs their Christmas special, "Christmas in Ireland: An Nollaig in Éirinn" at 8 p.m., at George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$23-46. 888-945-2468 or [cfa.gmu.edu](http://cfa.gmu.edu).

JCCNV members and seniors; \$18, students and groups of 10-plus. 703-537-3000 or [www.jccnvarts.org](http://www.jccnvarts.org).

**Fairfax Symphony Orchestra: Masterworks II.** 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Conductor Ken Woods and violinist Benjamin Beilman perform Beethoven's Overture to Coriolan, Op. 62, Symphony No. 2 and Violin Concerto. \$25-\$55. 703-563-1990 or [www.fairfaxsymphony.org](http://www.fairfaxsymphony.org).

**Fairfax Symphony: Beethoven.** 8 p.m., at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Pre-concert discussion, free to ticketed patrons, followed by

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Dancers from the EDGEWORKS company.

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## MONDAY/NOV. 19

**Children's Music Performance Series.** 10:30 a.m. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. First and third Mondays of each month. Free admission. 703-352-2787 or www.fairfaxarts.org.

**Hootenanny: A Folk Music Party.** 7:30 p.m., at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Bring your guitar, spoons, mandolins and harmonicas to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Woody Guthrie's birth and his rich musical legacy with members of the cast of WOODY SEZ: The Words, Music & Spirit of WOODY GUTHRIE. \$10, suggested donation; \$5 for those with instruments (proceeds benefit the local chapter of the Huntington Disease Society of America). 703-537-3000 or www.jccnvarts.org.

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## SATURDAY/DEC. 1

**2012 Festival of Lights and Carols.** 11 a.m.-7 p.m., 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. From lunch with Santa at Old Town Hall to holiday music, hot cider, s'mores, the Pender United Methodist Church Bell Ringers, caroling and bell ringing with the Jubil-Aires at Kitty Pozer Garden to the lighting of the Christmas tree, choral and band performances, and candlelit tours of Ratcliffe-Allison House at 7 p.m., the day is full of cheer. www.fairfaxva.gov.

**Christmas in Ireland: An Nollaig in Éirinn.** 8 p.m., at George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A family friendly performance focusing on the Irish Christmas tradition of music and song with Celtic instruments. \$23-46. 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

## SUNDAY/DEC. 2

**Sacred Carol Sing.** 7-8 p.m., at Historic Chapel of Truro Anglican Church, 10520 Main Street, Fairfax. Jazz singer Juanita Williams and saxophonist Matt Rogers will provide special music, with reception to follow. 703-273-1300 or www.truroanglican.com.

# Table Setting Ideas

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Kjos, of Grey Hunt Interiors in South Riding. "One thing you do is gather fresh leaves and press them in wax paper so that they are preserved and flat," she said. "When you are setting the Thanksgiving table, put the platter down — without the turkey — and place the leaves around it to make a decorative border. You can also do that around the dinner plates. It's easy to do and it's free, but it's very festive and looks almost like a placemat."

"I love mixing pinecones, really tall grasses and three round, boldly colored flowers with large heads like chrysanthemums," said McLean resident Jean Freeman, a professor of interior design at Marymount University in Arlington. "I use three or five different items that have different texture, colors and heights. The grasses are tall, the flowers medium height and the pines cones are low. Sometimes I will scatter yellow rose petals on the table." When it comes to pumpkins, Potomac-based designer Susan Matus suggests thinking beyond traditional varieties. "There are so many interesting types of pumpkins, not just the traditional orange jack-o-lantern," she said. I've seen peanut pumpkins, fairytale pumpkins, sweet meat pumpkins . . . they range in color from orange, to green to white and yellow and aren't always perfect. We see that people like the idea of decorating with something that they can actually use when finished. The idea of creating a centerpiece around some of these interesting pumpkins and squashes, means that after the holiday, they can be baked, whether into pies or side dishes. "

Matus adds the fall home décor is taking a cue from the runway. "Colors that seem popular are like those that hit fashion this year, ox blood red, or that deep wine color are great centerpiece options, especially since red is one of the colors that stimulates our palates," she said.

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Incorporate elements that can be found in the kitchen. "Adding pieces of fresh herbs to a tablescape — in a fragrance that goes well with food — can add a nice scent," said O'Shields. "You can use rosemary, bay leaves or cinnamon cloves, which look sort of branchy and evergreen."

Noreen Lucey, of Write for You, in Washington, offers traditional ideas: "Menu cards, place cards are absolutely seen at Thanksgiving [as are] decorative napkins or pewter napkin rings with a turkey."

"Another thing that is really popular is crackers, which are often used at Christmas time," she said. "It is like an old party popper, but it has a fall motif and you put it on each person's plate and the idea is that brings you good luck and good fortune for the year. You hold one side and you cross your hands and you hold the other side of the person's next to you and one-two-three and everybody pulls at the crackers and out pops like a party hat and a little fortune. It is a neat family tradition."

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**OBITUARY**  
**LOPEZ PARRA, C.M.F., REV. SEVERINO**  
Rev. Severino 'Sevy' Lopez, C.M.F. died on Tuesday, November 6, 2012. Father Lopez was born on September 9, 1918, in Lone Pine, CA. The son of the late Severino and Isabel (nee Parra) Lopez. Surviving brothers are Peter (Isabel) Lopez and Benjamin (Ofelia) Lopez and one sister Carmen (William) Aquino along with many nieces and nephews. The late brothers are Robert and Joseph Lopez and a late sister Charlotte Castro.  
In 1926 he moved with his family to South Chicago, where he became a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, made his first Communion there and served as an altar boy in his early years.  
He entered the Claretian seminary in California as a high school student; made his religious profession as a Claretian Missionary on July 16, 1937. He was ordained a priest on May 28, 1944.  
After ordination, his ministry work began and took him to Trenton, NJ, San Gabriel and Los Angeles, CA and San Antonio, TX, before returning to his home parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe as Pastor from 1952-1957 and again from 1964-1972. In between these assignments he did mission preaching in Mexico, which he loved.  
Father Lopez served on the Claretian's Provincial Council of the Eastern Province from 1968-1972 and then as Treasurer from 1971-1974. He returned to parish ministry in 1977 at St. Mary of the Sorrows Parish in Fairfax, VA also serving as Campus Minister at George Mason University. In 1984, he did missionary work in Isabel, Guatemala. In 1985 Father Lopez returned to Chicago as Pastor of St. Paul's Parish in Chicago, IL before going to Stone Mountain, GA, where he was Associate Pastor of Corpus Christi Parish for 16 years.  
In his very active retirement years he enjoyed travelling, preaching missions and helping out in parishes. In his long and varied career as a Claretian priest, Fr. Lopez always followed a steadfast principle: "In my personal life, I have great trust in a loving and forgiving God, and in my relationship with others, I try to recognize and respect the dignity of every human being. The most satisfying part of my ministry was teaching the social doctrine of the Church to the benefit of those in need and the poor." He has left us a testimony of living that principle in his autobiography entitled 'El Pocho'.  
Visitation was held Friday, November 9 from 2-9pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church 3200 E. 91st Street, Chicago, IL 60617 with a prayer service at 8pm. On Saturday, November 10 viewing took place from 8:30-10am until time of Mass of the Resurrection at 10:00am. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery - Hillside, IL. Memorials can be made to Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish c/o The Claretian Missionaries at 205 W. Monroe St., Chicago, IL  
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## Fairfax Water

### NOTICE OF WATER RATE Public Hearing

At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 13, 2012, Fairfax Water will conduct a public hearing on its proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges. The hearing will be held in Fairfax Water's offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, VA.

The proposed changes, to be effective April 1, 2013, include the following:

1. An increase in the Availability Charge from \$3,700 to \$3,850<sup>1</sup>.
2. An increase in the Local Facilities Charge from \$9,000 to \$9,500.
3. An increase in the Service Connection Charge from \$1,000 to \$1,050<sup>1</sup>.
4. An increase in the Account Charge from \$33 to \$35.
5. An increase in the Quarterly Billing Service Charge from \$8.35 to \$9.20<sup>1</sup>.
6. An increase in the base Commodity Charge from \$2.16 to \$2.29 per 1,000 gallons of water.
7. An increase in the Peak Use Charge from \$3.20 to \$3.45 per 1,000 gallons of water.
8. An increase in the Turn Off / Turn On Charge from \$46 to \$50.
9. An increase in the Fees for Use of Fairfax Water Fire Hydrants to include the increase in the Commodity Charge and Peak Use Charge.
10. An increase in the Installation of Sewer Use Meter Charge from \$41 to \$44.
11. An increase in the Returned Payment Charge from \$16 to \$17.

A copy of the proposed changes can be viewed on our Web site at <http://www.fairfaxwater.org/rates/index.htm>. Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed changes should call Ms. Eva Catlin at 703-289-6017. Interested parties also may submit written comments to [PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org](mailto:PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org) or mail written comments to:

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All written comments must be received by close of business on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 to be included in the record of the public hearing.

<sup>1</sup>Charges reflect fees associated with a standard 5/8" residential meter. Changes in charges for larger residential and commercial meters are reflected in the Proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges.

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## OBITUARY



### Lt. Col. Richard Calvin Barclay, USAF (Retired)

Lt. Col. Richard Calvin Barclay, USAF (Retired), a veteran US Air Force pilot and reconnaissance technology expert, passed away October 23, 2012, in Falls Church, VA. He was 60.

At the time of his passing, Col. Barclay was Senior Systems Engineer for TASC, Inc., a leading national security and public safety government contractor in Chantilly, VA.

A native of Cleveland, OH, Col. Barclay received a BS in Aeronautical Engineering from the US Air Force Academy in 1974 and later received Masters of Science degrees from the AF Institute of Technology in 1983 and Colorado Technical University in 2004.

During his career in the Air Force, he was a C-130 pilot. His first assignment was as a "Typhoon Chaser" in Guam having successfully flown into nineteen typhoons. He also served as Chief of the TENCAP Division at the Air Force Space Command, Chief Systems Engineer in the USAF Big Safari Program and Chief in the Military Support Division for the SAF Space Systems. He worked in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Col. Barclay's interest and service in the nation's space program was born in the 1960s when US astronauts first flew into space. Among the astronauts who inspired him to pursue a career in the Air Force was John Glenn.

In addition to his service in both the military and private sectors, Col. Barclay was a devoted family man. One of his greatest joys in life was being "Papa" to his beloved granddaughter, Laura. He was also a lifelong fan of the Cleveland Indians and Cleveland Browns.

After retiring from the Air Force in 1995, Col. Barclay joined TASC, Inc., and was instrumental in coordinating interagency efforts to implement the first DoD Space Science and Technology Strategy in partnership with the Intelligence Community and NASA.

He later was Vice President of Engineering at Global Analytics from 1999 to 2006, when he returned to TASC, where he was handpicked to support the newly transformed systems engineering directorate. He served as technical lead for the development and production of mission architecture views and descriptions. Most recently, he helped establish a successful enterprise architecture decision process for a major TASC customer. For this work, he received a Director's Team Award.

Col. Barclay is survived by his wife of 35 years, the former Barbara Adams; two children and their spouses, Mrs. Tammy (Daniel) Buckalew of Culpeper, VA; the Rev. Matthew (Kristin) Barclay of Monroe, North Carolina; a granddaughter, Laura Buckalew; sister, Lori of Mentor, Ohio; her two children David and Erin Milde, and her fiancé Hewie Fredebaugh III; mother-in-law, Irene Bodolay; and aunts, uncles and cousins, from across the United States. His parents, Paul R. and Ada Mae (Hamilton) Barclay and sister, Nancy Barclay, preceded him in death.

A viewing for Col. Barclay will take place Saturday, Nov. 17, from 3 to 5 pm, followed by a service at 5 pm at Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home, 9902 Braddock Road, Fairfax VA 22032 with Pastor Ted W. Wright of Matthews, North Carolina officiating.

Burial, with full military honors, will be January 30, 2013, 1pm in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

Remembrances in his honor may be sent to the Wounded Warrior Project at [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org).

## Fairfax Water

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2013 BUDGET

Fairfax County Water Authority (Fairfax Water) is proposing a \$143.4 million budget for calendar year 2013<sup>1</sup>.

On Thursday, December 13, 2012, Fairfax Water will conduct a public hearing on its proposed 2013 Budget in its offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax. The public hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m.

A copy of the proposed budget can be viewed on our Web site at <http://www.fairfaxwater.org/>. Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed budget should call Ms. Eva Catlin at 703-289-6017.

Revenues are expected to be \$143.4 million in 2013. Water sales are expected to provide \$124.6 million. Approximately \$18.8 million is expected from connection charges, investment income and other sources.

The major areas of operation and maintenance expense are:

Category	-- \$1,000s --	
	2012	2013
Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$46,473	\$48,367
Power and Utilities	11,345	11,686
Chemicals	6,694	7,968
Fuel	916	960
Postage	547	460
Insurance	1,300	1,107
Supplies and Materials	3,976	4,233
Contractual Services	8,749	8,657
Professional Services	1,656	1,902
Other	2,005	2,285
Sub-Total	83,661	87,625
Transfer to Improvement Fund	(9,559)	(9,613)
<b>Total</b>	<b>74,102</b>	<b>78,012</b>

Net revenues are expected to be appropriated as follows:

Debt Payment	\$39,374,000
Improvement Fund	\$11,000,000
General Fund	\$14,068,000

<sup>1</sup> Fairfax Water's Board will continue to monitor economic factors and review revenues and expenditures at mid-year to determine if additional action is needed.



**Lake Braddock senior Sophie Chase wins her second consecutive AAA state cross country championship on Nov. 10 at Great Meadow.**



**Lake Braddock junior Katie Roche earned all-state with a sixth-place finish at the VHSL state cross country meet on Nov. 10 at Great Meadow.**



**Lake Braddock senior Nick Tuck finished AAA state runner-up at the VHSL state cross country meet on Nov. 10 at Great Meadow.**

Photos by Craig Sterbutzel/The Connection

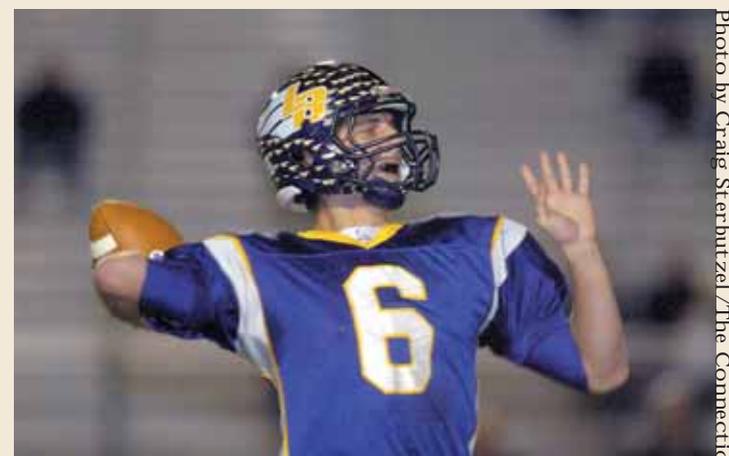


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**Quarterback Caleb Henderson and the Lake Braddock football team ended their season with a loss to Oakton in the region quarterfinals on Nov. 9.**

## Lake Braddock Girls Capture State XC Title

**Girls' Chase wins second individual title, boys' Tuck places second.**

By Jon Roetman  
The Connection

**A**fter finishing third as a freshman and runner-up by less than one second as a sophomore, Lake Braddock's Sophie Chase finally captured a state cross country championship as a junior in 2011.

But while Chase was finally No. 1, something was missing. The Lake Braddock girls' team won the state title in 2009 and finished fifth in 2010. But in 2011, the Bruins failed to qualify for states, leaving Chase and then-sophomore Hannah Christen to compete as individuals.

One year later, Chase, now a senior, was back on the podium at Great Meadow, having captured her second consecutive state title. This time, however, she got to share championship joy with her teammates.

Chase's individual title helped Lake Braddock win its second AAA team championship in four years during the VHSL state meet on Nov. 10. The Bruins finished with a score of 47, well ahead of runner-up Oakton (101) and third-place Midlothian (101), who were separated by a sixth-runner tiebreaker.

"It's unbelievable that a year ago at this place, I was here without a team — me and Hannah were here alone," Chase said. "To have come so far in a year just shows the will power [of this team]."

Chase finished with a time of 17:24, 21 seconds ahead of runner-up Caroline Alcorta of West Springfield. The top 15 individuals receive all-state honors.

"The goal really today wasn't to win as an individual," Chase said, "it was to win as a team and we accomplished that goal — a goal that we've been looking forward to since July 1."

Christen finished third for Lake Braddock with a time of 17:54, giving her back-to-back all-state performances (12th in 2011). Katie Roche (18:17) was sixth, Katy Kunc (18:55) was 18th and Misha Suresh (19:26) was 38th.

"They were great," Lake Braddock Head Coach Michael Mangan said about the girls' team. "They

had a lot of pressure on them. As coaches, we're trying to just keep them loose and happy and stay out of the way and not over-coach and let them do their job — and boy did they do their job."

Roche struggled as a sophomore last season before discovering she suffered from iron deficiency. With her iron level back where it should be, Roche's junior year took off after she gained confidence with a strong workout prior to the Patriot District championships on Oct. 25 and continued with an all-state performance on Saturday.

"I didn't realize it at the time, so I just thought I [stunk]," Roche said. "Then I got it checked out and I started taking iron and I feel a lot better during my races. . . . I'm glad I could serve my team better. I felt like I wasn't helping them as much last year and so now I feel a lot better about helping my teammates."

In the AAA boys' race, Lake Braddock senior Nick Tuck finished state runner-up with a time of 15:29. It was Tuck's second straight all-state performance, including a sixth-place time of 15:45 last year.

Chantilly senior Sean McGorty won the state title with a course-record time of 14:47. Tuck said he planned to go after McGorty, but decided to leave enough energy to ensure a second-place finish.

"My plan was go out and try to go for the win," Tuck said. "If I die, I die. I'm going to still be proud of myself no matter how I did because at least I went for it, and I think I'm pretty proud of myself today. . . . I still tried to catch Sean as much as I could, but I also wanted to save enough energy just in case I didn't have enough gas for the end."

Mangan spoke highly of Tuck's effort. "[Tuck] went out to hang out close to Sean McGorty, figured it would pull him away from the other guys," Mangan said. "That's all well and good and easy to do the first mile, but then you pay the second and third mile and he just would not give in. . . . It would have been suicide to go out after Sean [for an extended period of time]. It really would have been. That's where you get into the land of you might not finish."

Tuck's effort helped the Lake Braddock boys' team finish fourth with a total of 125. Chantilly won the team title with 57, followed by Midlothian (72) and Battlefield (128).

Alex Corbett, Forrest Isenhour, Kevin Monogue and Ben Fogg were also point-scoring harriers for Lake Braddock.

## Bruins End Season

**Lake Braddock football loses in region quarterfinals.**

By Jon Roetman  
The Connection

**T**he Lake Braddock football team finished the regular season with an 8-2 record and went undefeated against Patriot District opponents en route to its fourth consecutive district title.

The Bruins entered the playoffs as the No. 2 seed on a seven-game winning streak, but it was their troubles against the Concorde District that led to an early exit.

No. 7 Oakton defeated Lake Braddock, 20-13, in the regional quarterfinals on Nov. 9 at Lake Braddock Secondary School. The loss dropped the Bruins' record to 1-3 against Concorde teams this season, including losses to Centreville and Westfield.

Oakton led, 14-13, when quarterback Kyle Downer scored on a three-yard sneak with 2:25 remaining in the fourth quarter, extending the lead to seven. Lake Braddock drove to the Oakton 45-yard line during its ensuing possession, but four straight incomplete passes gave the ball back to the Cougars, who ran out the clock. Downer carried 17 times for 152 yards and three touchdowns, including a 70-yard run on the Cougars' second play from scrimmage.

## South County Advances to Regional Semifinals

The No. 6 South County football team defeated No. 3 Madison, 19-14, on Nov. 9 in the Division 5 Northern Region quarterfinals at Madison High School. The victory advanced the Stallions to the semifinals, where they will travel to face No. 2 Yorktown at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 16. South County defeated Yorktown in last year's region final, 37-13.

Meanwhile, Lake Braddock managed a season-low 13 points.

"They made plays when they had to and we didn't," Lake Braddock Head Coach Jim Poythress said. "We made some plays, but we didn't put them all together enough to score. I didn't think they would hold us to 13 points. I thought we sputtered offensively."

Quarterback Caleb Henderson completed 17 of 31 passes for 180 yards and a touchdown. Sophomore receiver AJ Alexander caught nine passes for 69 yards and a touchdown. Running back Aaron Hollins had a touchdown on the ground.

Henderson, a Division I recruit, Alexander and linebacker Dwight Lomax are a few of the key players Lake Braddock will return next season.

"We're hoping it will catapult us to better things next year," Poythress said of the Bruins' success in 2012. "But at the end of the day, it's a long time until next August. There's a lot of work to be done. If they're willing to do the work, they could be very good next year — they should be good next year, but how good remains to be seen. . . . I think at the end of the day we have to look back and say we had a good year. We were 8-2 and we won the district."

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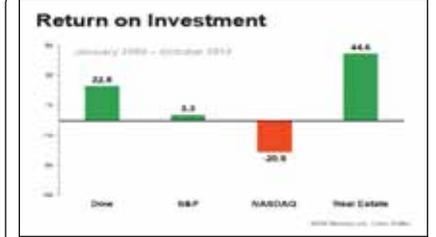
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