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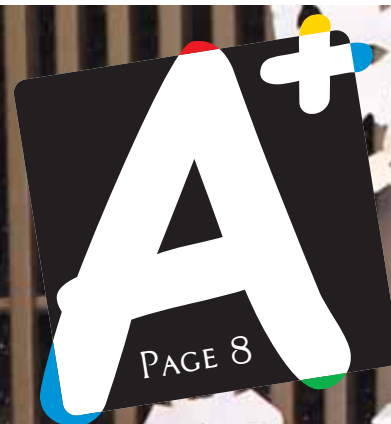
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Nancy St. Pierre and Donna Daughtery, both Burke residents and attendees of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, serve food at the FACETS Hypothermia Shelter on Jan. 8.



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Burke Author Launches Book

Deborah Gibson, a professional counselor who has lived in Burke for 25 years, presents her new book, "Meditations of the Heart," at its launch event on Jan. 11. At the event, Gibson announced that the Spanish version of the book will be published by May. Gibson is also working on two other books that she hopes will be published this year. The books are available on Amazon and Gibson's website, www.wordsofwisdom-va.com.

FAITH NOTES

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Annual Valentine's Day Banquet. The Family Ministry of the Greater Little Zion Baptist Church is sponsoring their annual Valentine's Day Banquet on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 6:30 to 11 p.m. All couples and singles are invited to fellowship to enjoy an evening of dining, music, dancing and featured entertainment. The theme for this night of extravaganza and celebration of Valentine's Day is "The Joy Of Love" (Song of Songs 4:10). Location: Waterford Receptions at Fair Oaks, 12025 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. Cost: \$55 per person. Contact Deacon Anthony Bazemore or Deaconess-Elect Terri Bazemore at 703-764-9111. Reservations and payments are due by Feb. 10.

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 or www.fbtministries.org.

The Guhyasamaja Buddhist Center, 10875 Main St., Fairfax City provides free classes to both newcomers and advanced practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism. The center emphasizes working with the mind and learning how to understand the workings of the mind, overcoming

inner causes of suffering, while cultivating causes of happiness. Under the direction of Lama Zopa Rinpoche, the center is a place of study, contemplation and meditation. Visit <http://www.guhyasamaja.org> for more information.

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 8:30 and 10 a.m. Services in Clifton are held on Sundays at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. 703-323-9500 or www.Lordoflifeva.org.

First Baptist Church of Springfield offers Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., followed by a 10:30 a.m. worship service at 7300 Gary St., Springfield. 703-451-1500 or www.fbcsp Springfield.org.

Clifton Presbyterian Church, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton, offers Sunday worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery care is provided. Christian education for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. 703-830-3175.

Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336 Carrleigh Parkway in Springfield, supports a Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) program on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Meetings are 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the church. All mothers and children are welcome. The program provides mothers an opportunity to get to know other mothers through discussions and craft activities. Register. 703-451-5320.

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Let Sun Shine on Virginia's Financial Disclosure Laws

State legislators turn attention to ethics in wake of McDonnell gift scandal.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

As members of the Virginia General Assembly convene for the first time since last February, legislators are stampeding to introduce ethics legislation in response to the gift scandal which engulfed then Gov. Robert F. McDonnell (R).

The revelations last spring about numerous undisclosed gifts and purported loans from businessman Jonnie Williams to McDonnell — including a \$6,500 Rolex watch engraved to the “71st Governor of Virginia” and \$35,000 in gifts and catering for his daughters’ weddings — shined a spotlight on Virginia’s porous financial disclosure laws.

McDonnell, who remains under federal investigation over his relationship with Williams, pointed to various loopholes in existing state law as reasons for not disclosing gifts, noting that state law requires only the disclosure of gifts directly to officeholders, and not their families.

Following the principle cited by Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis that “Sunlight is said to be the best of disinfectants,” state Sen. Chap Petersen (D-Fairfax) has introduced an ethics reform package which he says “makes the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) a centerpiece.”

PETERSEN’S BILLS would increase disclosure, limit contributions and gifts, prohibit the use of private law firms for state business, and create an ethics commission, ideally with subpoena power, to hold legislators accountable and increase transparency.

“The era of Rolexes, lake-house vacations, and \$150,000 loans must end,” Petersen said. “For far too long those of us who serve in Richmond have relied on super-sized political contributions to fund our campaigns. That is a part of our current flawed culture. Working Virginians don’t see campaign donations larger than their yearly incomes as ‘no strings attached.’ They see a transaction.”

Petersen’s package of ethical reform bills takes its place alongside several others announced last week, including a bipartisan reform package unveiled Tuesday, Jan. 7, by House Majority Leader M. Kirkland Cox (R-Colonial Heights) and House Minority Leader David J. Toscano (D-Charlottesville).

Under the Kirkland-Toscano bill, reforms include:

- ❖ A \$250 cap on tangible gifts to officials and their immediate family members



PHOTO BY VICTORIA ROSS/THE CONNECTION

Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34), sitting, confers with a colleague during last year’s General Assembly session. After the session ended in February, it was disclosed that federal and state authorities had launched an investigation regarding gifts given to then-Gov. Robert McDonnell (R) and his family. The investigation served to heighten public awareness of Virginia’s lax financial disclosure laws.

from lobbyists or people with business before the state.

- ❖ A ban on solicitation of those gifts.
- ❖ The requirement that family members’ finances and gifts be disclosed.
- ❖ The creation of an ethics commission that would serve as a resource, providing legislators guidance on issues that may pose a conflict of interest.

“What we have really tried to do here is take the best parts of our current system, which is fairly strict reporting accountability, and in targeted areas, we’ve really tried to beef that up and really get at some of the problems,” Cox said at a news conference in Richmond last week with Republican and Democratic leaders.

Petersen said his proposals differed significantly from the House bill.

“I’m not overly impressed by the ‘bipartisan compromise’ announced in the House this week. My package has teeth. My intention is to change the culture, not just close the loopholes,” Petersen said in an interview on Wednesday, Jan. 8.

“The other issue that’s part of my proposal is making FOIA the centerpiece,” Petersen said. “I think my FOIA bill is critical for bringing more transparency to this process. That’s a huge difference, because without that it’s really hard to know what’s going

on and it’s for people and the media to investigate.”

Petersen said he wants his ethics commission to have subpoena power, which would give the group the authority to compel lawmakers to testify and produce evidence, or face a penalty for failure to comply.

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, more than 40 states have similar ethics commissions, most with subpoena power.

Petersen said he has long been bothered by the lack of financial transparency in Virginia, and the ensuing erosion of the public’s trust.

WHEN REPORTS ABOUT THE ROLEX surfaced last July, Petersen sent a letter to the governor asking him to “come clean on this matter” by explaining the gifts, denying the reports, or resigning from office. He became the first Virginia lawmaker to suggest McDonnell’s resignation in the wake of the deepening controversy over the lavish gifts.

“For too long, we’ve said ‘hey, we’re honorable gentleman, we can police ourselves,’ Unfortunately, there have been too many recent incidents to contradict that,” Petersen said.

“That’s why I’ve introduced four bills that

What Petersen’s Ethics Package Would Do

- ❖ **SB212:** FOIA for General Assembly members and staff - SB212 removes the General Assembly’s exception from the Virginia FOIA act. This bill repeals the 2013 General Assembly FOIA exemption act (HB1639), patroned by Del. Tag Greason (R-Potomac Falls).
- ❖ **SB218:** Limits on Campaign Contributions and Gifts - SB218 Limits General Assembly members and Executives in the Commonwealth to a total of \$2,000 in gifts per year. All gifts over \$50 will continue to be itemized and reported. “Super-sized” campaign donations will be limited to \$20,000 per individual donor per candidate.
- ❖ **SB220:** Prohibiting the Use of Private Law Firms for State Business - SB220 requires the office of the Attorney General to contract local city or county attorneys, rather than private counsel, when it experiences a conflict of interest. This bill will remove the incentive for private law firms to exploit the current law and over-bill the state on a public matter. This bill was brought about due to the ongoing attorney’s fees charged by two firms employed by Attorney Gen. Ken Cuccinelli’s office to defend Gov. Bob McDonnell, reportedly more than \$780,000.
- ❖ **SB219:** Establishment of the Virginia Ethics Commission - SB219 requires that all loans, gifts, and statements of economic interests disclosures shall be filed with the Virginia Ethics Commission. Currently these disclosures are filed to the clerks of each house. The Virginia Ethics Commission will be a body independent of both houses, comprised of both former legislators and distinguished independent citizens whom have never held office. The commission will be able to make recommendations for disciplinary proceedings against legislators found in violation of disclosure laws to their respective house, where members will vote on any disciplinary action.

For more information on these bills, go to:

<http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?141+sum+SB212>
SB220 (Petersen)
<http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?141+sum+SB220>
HB1639: (Greason, 2013)
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will increase the public’s right to know, limit campaign contributions to \$20K per candidate from a single donor, end the soaking of taxpayers by white-shoe law firms, and start a truly independent and distinguished ethics commission that includes everyday citizens to hold legislators accountable.”

But Del. Dave Albo (R-42) said he wasn’t overly impressed with Petersen’s bills, and he supports the bipartisan compromise.

“The bipartisan House proposal includes an ethics commission, so I don’t know why Senator Peterson thinks that his ethics commission is better,” Albo said Friday, adding that it’s unrealistic for state lawmakers to impose certain campaign contribution limits.

“If a bill could be crafted that would equally limit [all campaign contributions], then I would support it. But it has to be a level playing field,” Albo said.

“It takes a long time to start earning back the trust that you have lost, and as Virginians, and as public officials, we need to start now,” Petersen said.

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Keeping Homeless Out of the Cold

FACETS hypothermia prevention shelters continue for winter 2014.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE CONNECTION

Temperatures in Fairfax County have reached record lows over the past week and FACETS is continuing to run its hypothermia prevention shelters this winter.

The shelters are hosted at churches throughout the area, and are intended to prevent hypothermia-related deaths, said Single Services Team Leader Abby Dunner.

FACETS worked with other organizations to ensure that nobody was left in the cold during the bone-chilling weather last week.

"Since the program started, in Fairfax County we have not had any hypothermia related deaths, so it is obviously a very effective program," Dunner said.

FACETS runs one of four hypothermia shelters in Fairfax County, and is the only organization that lacks its own shelter. The organization partners with local churches to host those in need. The FACETS shelter opens at 5:30 p.m. and guests must exit by 7 a.m.

"We are using completely donated space, so we are not able to stay during the day, but we try to make other arrangements, and they may go to drop in centers and things like that so they can stay out of the cold during the day," Dunner said.

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH in Burke hosted one of the hypothermia shelters the week of Jan. 6, when the "Polar Vortex" came to Fairfax County.

Churches hosting a hypothermia shelter are required to provide shelter and food, but most go above and beyond, Dunner said.

"They provide entertainment, they provide services like gift cards, they upload smart trip cards so guests can get around, and they provide entertainment like choirs or bands. They really go out of their way to make this an enjoyable experience for guests," Dunner said.

Jewell Gould, a volunteer at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Burke, said that welcoming guests in extreme temperatures is a top priority.



Robinson High School juniors Giselle Clark and Austin Southern volunteer at a FACETS Hypothermia Shelter at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on Jan. 8 in Burke. Clark is in charge of packing lunches for shelter guests to eat during the day.



Jewell Gould and Abby Dunner, left, stand in the room where clients from the FACETS Hypothermia Shelter will spend the night at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Burke. Gould is a volunteer who attends church at St. Andrew's and Dunner is the single services team leader for FACETS.



FACETS Hypothermia Shelter at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Burke can hold up to 35 people. The shelter opens at 5:30 p.m. and closes at 7 a.m.

"Hospitality and welcoming strangers is our core mission," Gould said.

Church volunteer Claire Palmer of Springfield said her whole family often comes to volunteer.

"I think God requires it of us to help others, especially those who are less fortunate," Palmer said.

Robinson High School Junior Giselle Clark is in charge of pack-

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SATURDAY/JAN. 18

Dog adoption event. 12- 3 p.m.
PETCO, Greenbriar Towncenter,
13053 Lee Jackson Mem. Hwy.,
Fairfax. 703-817-9444 hart90.org

Teen Advisory Board Meeting. 3 p.m.
Burke Centre Library, 5935
Freds Oak Road, Burke. TAB meets
once a week to help shape the
library's young adult collection,
programming and outreach projects.

SUNDAY/JAN. 19

Our Children: Fostering, Mentoring and Adoption in Virginia. 3-5 p.m. Clifton Community Hall, 12641 Chapel Rd., Clifton. Coordinator of Fairfax Families4Kids will talk about their work at the local and state level working and advocating for the welfare of children and specifically with fostering, mentoring and adoption.

We will hear how we can become involved and make a difference in the lives of children.

SUNDAY/JAN. 19, 26 - FEB. 9, 16, 23

"Religions & Cultures of the Middle East", six-class series taught by Johnnie Hicks of George Mason University, formerly of the Tehran American School in Iran. 3-4:30 p.m. Grace Presbyterian Church, 7434 Bath St., Springfield. 703-451-2900.

TUESDAY/JAN. 21

Music Together. 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Enjoy singing, movement and instrument play with music teacher Miss Shannon. Ages 8 months-4 years with an adult.

Pohick Evening Book Discussion Group. 7 p.m. Pohick Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 22

Animal Crackers. 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Develop your child's early literacy skills with stories, songs and activities about animals! Age 3-5 with adult.

Pohick English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. Pohick Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Practice English with others and improve your skills. Adults.

THURSDAY/JAN. 23

English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Practice English with others and improve your skills. Adults.

MONDAY/JAN. 27

Pohick Prose Society. 7 p.m. Pohick Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Help with using eReaders, tablets, computers and mobile devices to access library eBooks. Adults.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 29

Pohick English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. Pohick Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Practice English with others and improve your skills. Adults.

MONDAY/FEB. 3

Area Wide Prayer Meeting. 7:30 p.m. 10000 Coffer Woods, Burke. All local Burke churches are welcome and invited to join us as we pray for our community, schools and leaders. Hosted by Knollwood Community Church.

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OPINION

From Late Night Comedy to Your Bedroom

Why the General Assembly matters more in Virginia than most states.

The Virginia General Assembly began its annual session last week on Jan. 8.

The actions of the Virginia General Assembly matter more to localities than it would in many other states. In Virginia, localities have only the power specifically granted by the General Assembly, the Dillon rule.

So, for example, Montgomery County and Prince Georges County in Maryland recently voted to increase the minimum wage in those localities. They didn't need permission from Maryland General Assembly to do so. Arlington and Alexandria might be inclined to follow suit (the District government also voted to increase the minimum wage) but do not have that power.

The General Assembly limits how localities can raise revenue, what kinds of traffic regulations they can implement, whether they can control where guns are allowed, whether school districts can begin classes before Labor Day, and much more.

Fairfax, Arlington and Alexandria sent their members of the Northern Virginia delegation of state senators, all Democrats, and delegates, overwhelmingly Democrats (13-5), to Richmond, where the House of Delegates is overwhelmingly Republican and control of the Senate is still up in the air pending special elections.

Del. Ken Plum (D-36) filed HB536 which

would "increase the minimum wage from its current federally mandated level of \$7.25 per hour to \$8.25 per hour effective July 1, 2014, and to \$9.25 per hour effective July 1, 2015, unless a higher minimum wage is required by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act." It isn't likely to see the light of day.

EDITORIAL

Anyone can watch the Virginia House of Delegates or Senate on streaming video when either is in session, and the Virginia General Assembly proved last year that it can be worthy of national attention for entertainment. It is in fact well worth tuning in once or twice or more. Visit <http://viriniageneralassembly.gov/> and click on "members and session," and see the "quick links" section for video links.

Legislators will consider literally thousands of bills between now and March 8.

Some quite random examples of proposed legislation from local delegates and senators:

- ❖ Del. Dave Albo (R-42): Driving while intoxicated; refusal of blood or breath tests. This bill would allow a person who has been arrested for driving while intoxicated and who has refused to submit to a blood or breath test be given another opportunity to consent to testing after the arresting officer has advised the person of the consequences of his refusal.

- ❖ Del. David Bulova (D-37): One bill would allow the employment of lights for the observation of deer (spotlighting) for certain activities authorized by the Department of Game and

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Inland Fisheries. Another would provide that property used in connection with certain crimes associated with human trafficking is subject to forfeiture to the Commonwealth.

- ❖ Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) has proposed the repeal of last year's hybrid tax, plus a bill that would place a cap on the compensation that may be paid to a special counsel appointed to handle certain legal matters where it would be improper or uneconomical for the Attorney General, or the Attorney General is unable, to handle such matters. That cap would be the same as allowed for a court appointed attorney, a very small amount.

- ❖ Del. Mark Sickles (D-43) proposes to create the Virginia Health Benefit Exchange, which will be established and operated by a new division within the State Corporation Commission.

- ❖ Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37) would make it a Class 1 misdemeanor for the owner of a website to both post an arrest photo and solicit, request, or accept money for removing the photograph.

- ❖ Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) proposes to require drivers and passengers to wait for a reasonable opportunity to open vehicle doors on the side adjacent to moving traffic, an effort to prevent the "dooring" of bicyclists.

Education, Transportation, Mental Health

BY DAVID BULOVA
SPECIAL TO THE CONNECTION



Del. Bulova unveils his legislative priorities.

Greetings from Richmond! The 2014 General Assembly is now in full swing. In addition to considering nearly 2,000 bills, we will adopt Virginia's biennial budget, which must be balanced as required by Virginia's constitution. Thanks to everyone who has contacted me about issues throughout the year. This session I have introduced 13 bills and several budget amendments. Below is a summary of issues and initiatives I will be working on during the 2014 session.

- ❖ Transportation – Last year's transportation funding package passed with strong bi-partisan support and is already generating significant revenue to fix local and regional transportation bottlenecks such as the I-66 corridor. Several legislators, however, are looking to repeal the package. Protecting this landmark accomplishment is a top priority.

- ❖ Standards of Learning – There

has been mounting concern that Virginia's Standards of Learning have resulted in "teaching to the test" at the expense of critical thinking skills. I am thrilled that I have been appointed to the new Educational Reform Subcommittee of the House Education Committee, which will consider how to reform the SOLs.

- ❖ Education Funding – It is not your imagination! The difference in the cost of living between Northern Virginia and the least expensive part of the state is a whopping 66 percent. To make up for this difference, our region has traditionally been given additional cost-to-compete funding for education. Unfortunately, the Governor's introduced budget proposes to eliminate this funding for school support personnel, which would result in a loss of \$20.7 million for our region. Restoring this funding is a priority for the Northern Virginia delegation.

- ❖ Bridge to Kindergarten – Quality early childhood education is a key predictor of future educational success. This year I have introduced a budget amendment to provide classroom readiness skills to disadvantaged children who have not had a preschool experience. This initiative is based on a successful pilot program at Daniel's Run Elementary.

- ❖ Ethics Reform – Several events this past year placed a harsh spotlight on Virginia's relatively lax ethics and transparency laws. We got started on the right track when the Democratic and Republican caucuses announced the framework for a bipartisan ethics reform package. However, I am pushing for more to be done and have introduced House Bill 271 to increase transparency by requiring that gifts be reported on a more frequent basis. Currently, gifts are only reported once a year after the elections.

- ❖ Health Care – There is broad

bi-partisan support to make changes to our mental-health system in the wake of the stabbing of Senator Creigh Deeds and the suicide of his son. We will also consider whether to expand Medicaid.

- ❖ Human Trafficking – For the past several years I've been pleased to be part of a bipartisan coalition to fight human trafficking in Virginia by increasing penalties and giving law enforcement the tools they need to prosecute traffickers. This year I have introduced House Bill 767 that allows police to seize the assets of a trafficker, similar to what is already allowed for drug runners.

I invite you to share your thoughts by filling out my 2014 Constituent Survey. Also, mark your calendars for my annual Town Hall with Senator Chap Petersen on Feb. 1, from 9-10:30 a.m., at Fairfax City Hall. More information on both can be found at www.davidbulova.com.

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News

Shelters Continue for Winter 2014

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ing lunches for guests this year. Clark, who previously lived in Hawaii, where she recognized the need for low-income housing, personalizes each guest's bag to add some cheer to their day.

"I think it is important to help the homeless and serve the community," Clark said.

Guests sleep on thick mats on the floor, and are given two blankets each.

"It's not frivolous, it's not pretty," Dunner said. "It's one of those things that is the bare bones of what we are able to provide."

According to Dunner, capacity is an issue and Fairfax County has gotten involved in determining the appropriate number of people that can safely sleep in the churches.

Because FACETS has strong relationships with other services in the community, they are able to make accommodations for everyone in need of shelter.

"The whole purpose of the program is to make sure that people have a safe and warm place to sleep, and that nobody is on the streets when it's this cold. What that means is that regardless of capacity, we will find a place for them to go," Dunner said.

Although Dunner said that FACETS recognizes the importance of these shelters and they will always be needed, the organization is focusing on creating housing opportunities for low-income people in Fairfax County.

"As the program moves forward, we're really committed now to getting people into housing," Dunner said. "We're really committed to making sure that while sheltering people, we're also working towards finding more permanent solutions to end their homelessness."

FACETS is currently working on a Triumph II Housing program, designated for chronically homeless individuals.

"Chronic homelessness implies a certain length of time so actual definition is a year or more straight being homeless or four times in the last three years," Dunner said. "They have to have a disabling condition, so the length of time and the disabling condition implies chronic homelessness."

Dunner, however, said that more thought needs to be put into housing for all low-income individuals.

"The problem with Fairfax County is that we are such an expensive county. Our money doesn't go as far as it would go in less expensive areas," Dunner said.

According to Dunner, more low-income housing opportunities, such as the proposed residential studio units, would help FACETS clients in Fairfax County.

"These are affordable units that are safe for our folks to live, to be stable and to be productive members of society," Dunner said. "Housing right now is such a shortage that we're in a desperate situation."

Dunner finds the backlash the residential studio units proposal is receiving to be surprising.

"I think if other people took the time to really learn who would be occupying these units, they would have a different view-point about it," Dunner said. "Housing is the most important thing and yet it's the most difficult thing to connect people to."

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Creating Books with Children

Experts say helping little readers become authors can deepen a love of reading.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

K.J., 8, and his sister Kalina, 3, love reading books, particularly books they’ve written themselves or with their mother. In fact, K.J. is an avid reader of both homemade and traditionally published books, and his sister is following in his footsteps.

“When they were younger, I took pictures and copied them on a home printer,” said their mother, Holly Karapetkova, an associate professor of literature at Marymount University in Arlington. “Once they were older, they illustrated the books or chose the item they wanted to include like for a specific letter in an alphabet book.”

Karapetkova and other researchers said that creating books like this with children is not only easy and

inexpensive, it’s one of the best ways to help them develop a love of books and reading, which Karapetkova said is one of the greatest gifts a parent can give a child.

“Reading is one of the fundamental ways that we interact with the world and particularly with knowledge,” she said. “As a college professor, I find that my students who can read well can also think well and write well. They are thinkers on a much deeper level. Research has shown that reading makes you more contemplative, builds patience, concentration, and you have to use your imagination.”

MAKING YOUR OWN BOOKS stretches the imagination. M. Susan Burns, Ph.D., a member of the early childhood education and human development and family sciences faculty at George Mason University says there are a few

things that parents should keep in mind when making books with their children, however.

“Parents need to make it a positive experience,” she said. “Children need to have books available [on topics] that are of true interest to them. When a book is being made with parents, it may not be engaging if the book is only of interest to the parent.

“Sometimes it gets sickening to have your kid tell you another princess story or another train story, but it is really important though to go with the child’s interest,” she continued. “You can take a little bit of a twist on the story by maybe adding a map that shows the places where the train might go.”

Children may also want to turn to real-life for their books. “Children love to create stories based on their own experiences, and begin to develop a love of art and literature at an early age,” said Sharon Fishel, ArtReach director for the McLean Project for the Arts in McLean. “Parents can foster the link between drawing, writing and reading by having their child draw pictures of



PHOTO COURTESY OF HOLLY KARAPETKOVA

K.J., 8, and his sister Kalina, 3, make books with their mother, Holly Karapetkova, a professor of literature at Marymount University in Arlington. Experts say making books with children can help them develop a love of reading.

their daily routine or special events, such as field trips, family outings or unplanned adventures.”

When creating a homemade book, the text doesn’t have to be original either. “You can take a familiar song and adapt the lyrics,” said Karapetkova. “For example, a book about a daily routine can say ‘This is the way we brush our teeth, brush our teeth, brush our teeth early in the morning.’”

The techniques for young children are a little different. “You want a little one to engage with a

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— Holly Karapetkova, Ph.D., Marymount University

you’re doing a book from your beach trip, your child may want to put some sand in the book, but it is important to have a child initiate it.”

“I like the thicker paper stock and sometimes it makes it easier to hold onto,” she added. “The other thing is to get the clear laminating paper and putting a plastic sheet over it.”

Even “folded paper, bound with a pencil becomes a writer’s journal,” said Karapetkova. “You can also take plastic zip-lock bags, punch holes in the bags, fill them and they become bath time books because they are waterproof.”

Fishel suggests sticking with the basics: “Composition book, crayons, colored pencils. Go to a crafts store [and get] bags of origami papers or printed pattern papers,” she said, noting that “each part of it can be come a lesson plan. Get a patterned piece of paper and explore with your child what makes that a pattern. Don’t assume that your child knows.”

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS at St. Andrew’s Episcopal School in Potomac create their own books as part of the elementary school curriculum. Jordan Love, head of the Lower School, said that parents can “create a writing center at home by provid-

ing a child with an area dedicated to their work and ideas. All children need is blank paper, coloring crayons or markers, and a quiet place to work, preferably at a table that is their size. Elementary-age children should be provided paper that has a blank section at the top and lines on the bottom.

“For preschool age children,” Love said, “parents can ask their child to dictate or describe in order the illustrations. Parents should describe what they are writing while the child watches them transcribe their ideas to the paper. This reinforces that language can be printed.”

Experts add that it’s important to emphasize that mistakes, corrections and changes are OK. “I usually say don’t let them erase what they write or draw 150 times. It is not about perfection,” said Fishel.

Burns agrees. “In books for pleasure you don’t want to make big corrections,” she said. “It’s the relationship with parents that will make it positive.”

Love suggests that parents display their children’s books. “Writing and reading go hand in hand, and through supporting the writing process, parents are enhancing their child’s ability to be a more effective and efficient reader. Writing together helps to expand a child’s vocabulary, encourage creativity, activate prior knowledge, and build self-esteem.”

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Garza Proposes \$2.5 Billion Budget for FY 2015

Proposed Fairfax County public schools budget would cut 731 positions, increase class size.

By JANELLE GERMANOS
THE CONNECTION

At the Jan. 9 School Board Meeting, Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Karen Garza released the proposed budget of \$2.5 billion for FY 2015.

The budget proposal requires an additional \$98.1 million, or 5.7 percent increase compared to FY 2014, from Fairfax County, which the school system says is due to uncontrollable factors such as enrollment growth, retirement rate increases and the structural deficit. The FY 2015 proposed budget is an increase of \$59.4 million from last year’s approved budget.

“We had some significant cost drivers that affected our budget moving forward,” Garza said at the school board meeting.

According to Garza, enroll-

FCPS Superintendent Karen Garza speaks at her Listening Tour on Dec. 7 at Cooper Middle School in McLean. Garza has proposed a \$2.5 billion budget for FY 2015.



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ductions and savings of \$96.5 million, which includes the elimination of 731 positions.

The reductions include the elimination of 82 positions from central support, 180.5 positions from school support, which includes assistant principals, technology specialists, school clerical employees, custodians, and the elimination of the administrative intern program. The elimination of 468.7 classroom positions is also included in the proposed budget and will be done by increasing class size and cutting down on needs-based staffing, instructional assistants, and the career and transition program.

“Some of that we believe can be mitigated by annual growth and annual attrition, but it is significant. It is a significant number of positions,” Garza said.

The proposed budget also includes an addition of \$4.2 million in fees for Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate tests.

According to Garza, the Board of Supervisors has spent a great deal of time meeting with the school board regarding the budget.

“I’m very hopeful and optimistic, having met with them numerous

times, as we all have, that there will be a shared solution and that they will partner with us as we move forward to protect our great schools,” Garza said.

Garza said at the meeting that the school board has taken a shared approach in the FY 2015 proposed budget.

“As we look to FY 2015, our approach has been a shared approach. As I mentioned earlier, we had a projected significant shortfall. As we visited with the Board of Supervisors, we felt like after having visited with them and really surveying the lay of the land, we knew that we were going to have to look forward to solving this through a shared approach, recognizing that we’re going to need their help in helping protect our schools moving forward, but at the same time, that we’re going to have to make some difficult decisions as a system, very painful ones,” Garza said.

Garza said at the school board meeting that she knows the school system is asking a lot of the Board of Supervisors. The budget is dependent on the

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Annie Get Your Gun. 7:30 p.m. Lake Braddock Secondary School, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke. This entertaining musical tells the fictionalized story of the life of Annie Oakley (1860-1926), a sharpshooter who starred in Buffalo Bill's Wild West, and her romance with sharpshooter Frank Butler. Tickets



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Some members of The Fairfax Academy cast rehearsing the musical "Cats." Performances begin Jan. 17 at Fairfax High School.

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FRIDAY/JAN. 24

Messages of Hope. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. A Chris Lavelle Film, will be shown. A film event that will touch your soul, this documentary is based on Suzanne's true story of transformation that has captivated audiences. Participants can ask questions about the afterlife, hear the rest of the story, and get books signed following the discussion. Cost: \$10.

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SATURDAY/JAN. 25

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"Heart Gifts" New Evidence of Our Interconnectedness. 1:30-4:30 p.m. Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Suzanne Giesemann, former Aide to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and now acclaimed spiritual author, will tell the gripping story of a very special soul called "Wolf", who in his short time on earth, walked two worlds at once – the physical and non-physical. His story reveals the interconnectedness of the two worlds and the messages he left behind are amazing gifts to us on how to bring peace, balance and greater love into life. Cost: \$35.00 for this afternoon session.

Annie Get Your Gun. 2 and 8 p.m. Lake Braddock Secondary School, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke. This entertaining musical tells the fictionalized story of the life of Annie Oakley (1860-1926), a sharpshooter who starred in Buffalo Bill's Wild West, and her romance with sharpshooter Frank Butler. Tickets \$10. <http://lakebraddockchorus.squarespace.com> for information and online ticket sales.

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News

Schools Budget Requires Tough Choices

FROM PAGE 8

Board of Supervisors increasing the county transfer by \$98.1 million.

The FY 2015 projected beginning balance, used to prepare the budget, was \$48.5 million.

The school board's revenue assumptions include \$375.9 million in state aid, \$171.7 million of state sales tax, \$42.0 million in federal aid, and \$66.6 million in tuition payments from City of Fairfax and other revenue.

The projected FY 2015 student enrollment is 187,994 students.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS expressed both thanks to Superintendent Garza for increasing transparency and beginning the budget discussion earlier than previous years, as well as concerns for some aspects of the budget.

"I have serious concerns with the budget that has been presented because I personally believe that

there is some long term impacts in here that we need to ameliorate," said Dan Storck, the Mount Vernon District School Board member.

Other concerns included class size increase and the elimination of certain positions.

"These are some brave cuts. These are going to be some difficult situations we are going to have Monday going forward," Springfield School Board member Elizabeth Schultz said.

Mason District School Board member Sandy Evans said at the meeting she agrees the step increase for employees is fundamental. "As far as the request for the 5.7 percent transfer, I think that this is modest. It's reasonable. Considering our huge growth and our huge critical, fundamental needs, I think that our request here is quite reasonable," Evans said.

Braddock District School Board member Megan McLaughlin ex-

pressed concern with the 5.7 percent increase in the county transfer at the meeting, based off what the Board of Supervisors has approved in the past.

"This school system has not seen a 6 percent or more increase since 2006. This 5.7 percent increase gives me great pause," McLaughlin said. Some school board members, however, think the request is reasonable, including Vice Chairman and Lee District School Board member Tamara Derenak Kaufax.

"It cannot simply be stated that education is a top priority, when it has not been adequately funded for several years now. Our system has not. Lip service cannot educate a child. Our uncontrollable increases cannot be ignored. Our enrollment growth, our changing demographics, our rising insurance and retirement rates. These are uncontrollable expenses. Again, don't ignore them," Derenak Kaufax said.

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Sharpshooting Berglund Leads Spartans in Blowout Victory

Senior guard scores 30 points, makes 13 of 14 attempts.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

West Springfield guard Amy Berglund grabbed an offensive rebound during the fourth quarter of Tuesday's game at West Potomac and attempted a putback just a few feet from the basket. The shot rimmed out, leading to a groan from the Spartan crowd.

Berglund, on the other hand, smiled.

"[O]f course I missed that one," she said.

Berglund wasn't happy that she missed a gimmie. But on a night when the Spartan senior was otherwise unstoppable, No. 25 understood the irony in her lone misfire.

Berglund connected on 13 of 14 field-goal attempts and scored a career-high 30 points as the West Springfield girls' basketball team remained undefeated with an 80-37 victory over West Potomac on Jan. 14.

Berglund, a 5-foot-9 guard, made her first 13 field-goal attempts, eight of which were mid-range jumpers or perimeter shots. She went 2-for-2 from the free-throw line and made both of her 3-point attempts. Berglund's final attempt after a night of sharpshooting resulted in her missing one of her easier opportunities and receiving a reaction from the crowd.

Berglund, who surpassed 1,000 career points this season, said getting off to a hot start gave her confidence.

"It's huge," she said. "If you make your first couple, you feel like you can make any shot."

West Springfield head coach Bill Gibson said Berglund added the 3-point shot to her arsenal after scoring nearly 400 points as a junior and shooting 52 percent from the floor.

"She has good shot selection," Gibson said, "and she's a good shooter."

Berglund scored 10 points in the first quarter, including a transition bucket with 2:34 remaining that gave West Springfield a 20-0 lead. The Spartans led 23-2 at the end of the period and 42-8 at the end of the first half.

West Springfield twice led by 40 points in the third quarter. Berglund's three-point play with 3:53 left in the period capped an 8-0 run and gave the Spartans a 52-12 advantage. Less than a minute later, Berglund knocked down a jumper to give West Springfield a 54-14 lead.

"She's amazing," West Potomac head coach Kenny Farmer said. "... She can flat-out shoot the ball."

The loss dropped West Potomac's record to 8-5.

Sophomore forward Maura D'Anna scored 11 points for West Springfield and sophomore guard Jasmine Taylor finished with seven. Sophomore guard Shelby Haynes, junior forward Emily Reba and junior guard Sadie Shroeder each had six.

Tuesday's win improved West Springfield's record to 13-0. Gibson said the maturation of sophomores D'Anna, Haynes and Taylor, who played varsity ball as freshmen, has led to improvement for the Spartans. Last season, West Springfield lost in the Patriot District tournament semifinals, ending its streak of three consecutive district titles. The Spartans finished



West Springfield senior Amy Berglund scored a career-high 30 points against West Potomac on Jan. 14.

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West Springfield sophomore Maura D'Anna scored 11 points against West Potomac on Jan. 14.

with a 21-5 record, ending their year with a two-point loss to Centerville in the regional quarterfinals.

West Springfield reached the state tournament in 2010, 2011 and 2012.

"Our team goal has always been to go to states," Berglund said, "but we've got to take it one step at a time."

West Springfield will host Woodson at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 17.



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South County's Darby Glackin tied for fifth on floor with a score of 8.65 during a Jan. 9 meet at Oakton High School.

South County Gymnastics Places Third at Oakton Meet

The South County gymnastics team took third place at a six-team meet on Jan. 9 at Oakton High School.

South County posted a score of 118.225. Oakton won the event with a total of 129.625 and Chantilly finished runner-up (128.375). Langley finished fourth (114.65), Hayfield was fifth (102.575) and West Springfield finished sixth (97.55).

Oakton's Natalie Weaver won the all-around with a score of 34.625. West Springfield's Allison Leibrandt finished seventh with a total of 32.375, and South County's Darby Glackin finished eighth (32.250).

Langley's Natalie Volpicelli won vault with a score of 8.85.

Leibrandt tied for fifth (8.475) and Glackin tied for seventh (8.4).

Weaver won bars with a score of 8.575. Leibrandt placed fifth (7.825), Glackin finished seventh (7.7) and South County's Samantha Leung placed eighth (7.575).

Weaver won beam with a score of 8.7 and South County's Collea Burgess placed second with a score of 8.65. Leibrandt placed seventh (7.8) and Glackin finished eighth (7.5).

Chantilly's Elise Mazzone won floor with a 9.4 and Burgess finished runner-up with a score of 9.125. Glackin tied for fifth with a score of 8.65 and Leibrandt tied for eighth (8.275).



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Oakton sophomore Natalie Weaver won the all-around competition during a home meet on Jan. 9.

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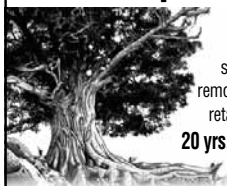
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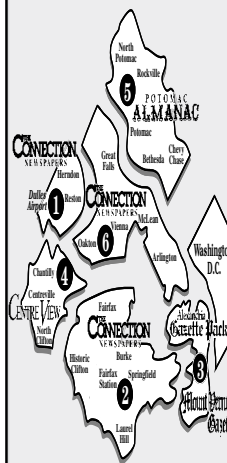
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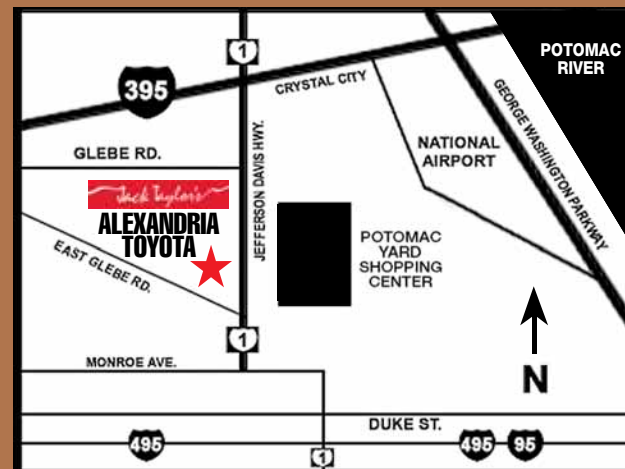
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