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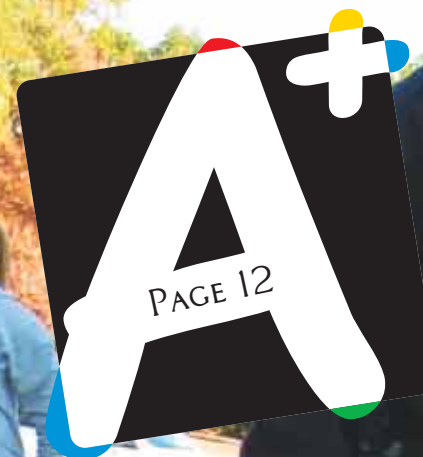
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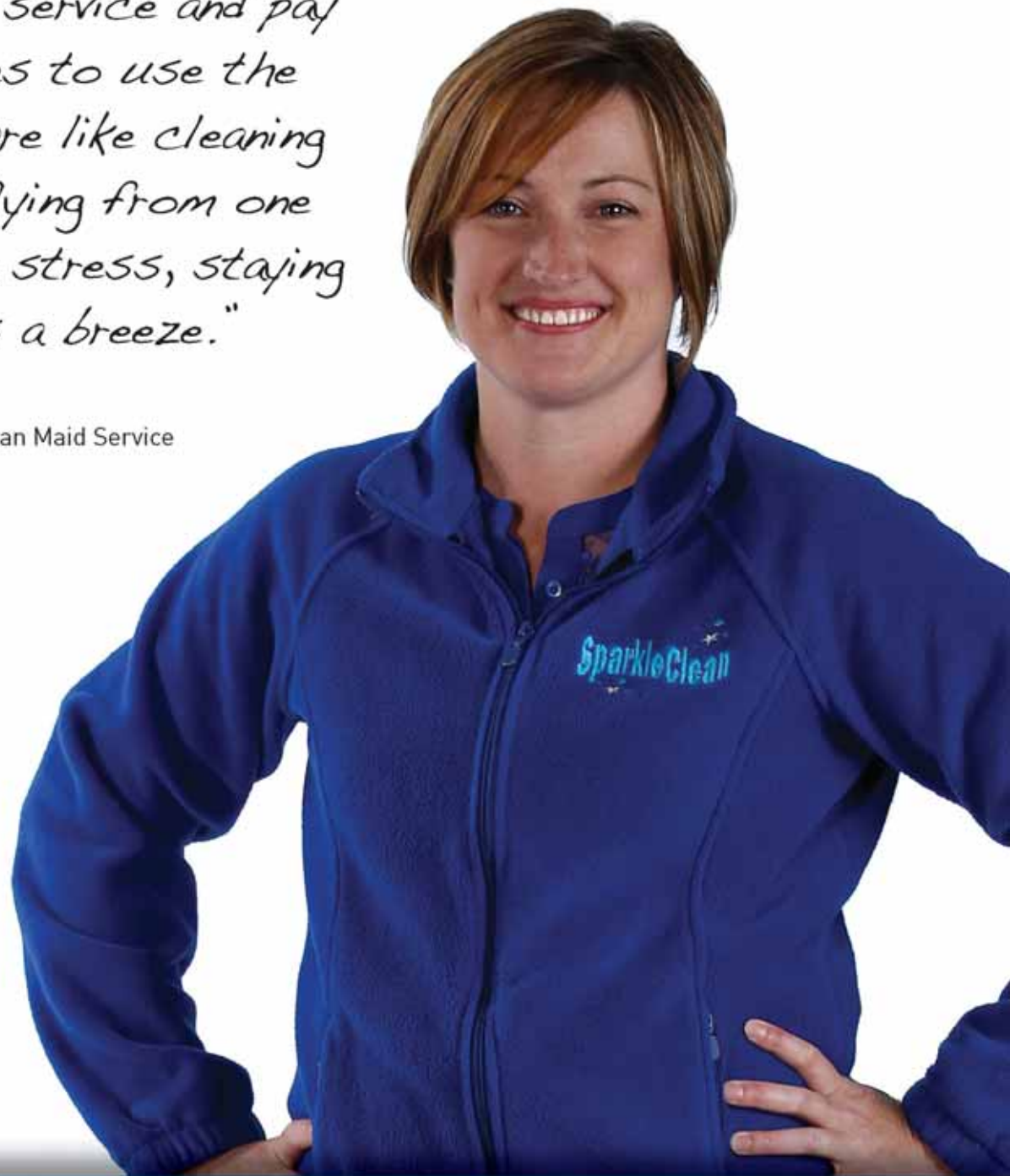
James Reno of Lorton with dogs Ralph and Beowulf. They participated in the ninth annual K-9 Krawl 5K Walk on Saturday, Oct. 17 at the Fairfax County Government Center. It was created to bring awareness to domestic violence and the link to animal cruelty.



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Civilian Oversight Board Proposed, Debated

Board of Supervisors accepts Final Report from Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission chairman Michael Hershman was clear about what his group was, and was not tasked to do.

"We as a commission believe we were not appointed to defend the police department, nor was it our role to simply disparage the department," Hershman said when presenting the final report and recommendations of the commission to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on Oct. 20.

The full 37-member commission met eight times between March 23 and Oct. 8. Five subcommittees met many times to more closely examine areas of mental health, use of force, independent oversight, communications and recruitment, diversity and vetting within the police department.

In that short time, Hershman said, they've done "what few other jurisdictions have been able to do: to take a police department that has the respect both within and without our county, and turn it into an ideal model in policing. They've had their problems — not as many as some other jurisdictions — but enough to warrant change."

THE FINAL REPORT of the commission includes 142 recommendations spanning the subject areas of the subcommittees, including calling for creating an independent auditor position, civilian review board and more robust crisis intervention training and management.

Board of Supervisors chairman Sharon Bulova announced the formation of the commission in the wake of a lawsuit against the county brought by the family of Springfield man John Geer, who was shot and killed by Fairfax County police officer Adam Torres in August 2013.

The county had released scant details of the incident to either Geer's family or the public, eliciting public demonstrations for justice and drawing the attention of U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley (R-Iowa), chair of the U.S. Senate judiciary committee, who wrote several letters to Fairfax County chief of Police Edwin Roessler and Commonwealth's Attorney Raymond Morrogh asking why there had been a delay in releasing information.

Each of the subcommittees was allowed to bring on non-commission civilians, bringing the total citizen involvement in the commission and subcommittees to 70 members.

Supervisor Penny Gross (D-Mason) said county staff was already beginning to look at implementing a number of the recom-



Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission chairman Michael Hershman presents the commission's final report to the Board of Supervisors on Oct. 20.



Members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors listen to Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission chairman Michael Hershman present the commission's final report including 142 recommendations for improving the police department.

mendations. She also questioned whether there was a budget timeline established for recommendations requiring additional funding.

County Executive Edward Long responded that county staff has been developing a "matrix" to identify all the costs from the recommendations, priorities and a phasing strategy to spread out additional funding over time.

The supervisors praised Hershman and the commission for the body of work they accomplished over the spring, summer and beginning of fall. However, the recommendation of a civilian oversight board drew several direct questions from supervisors.

Jeff McKay (D-Lee) asked why the commission recommended that no member of the review board be a current or former employee of Fairfax County, saying their employment "shouldn't disqualify them from service."

Hershman responded to McKay that the commission had discussed that concept at length and it was the feeling of the group that keeping the review board completely civilian would "ensure their independence

and objectivity."

Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) withheld his specific questions for the Oct. 27 Public Safety Committee meeting when the report is scheduled to be discussed in more detail, but said there were a few recommendations "that cause me concern."

Chair of the Public Safety Committee supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon), said the civilian review board would be "probably the most difficult issue for us to address." He added he would be looking to hear input as to experience of similar boards in other jurisdictions and the types of reviews and cases they handle.

Hyland also referred to Hershman's introduction where he said "many of our recommendations are interrelated and rely on one another to bring forward transformation," and gave the example of funding additional mobile crisis intervention units. "If that's not accepted, the effectiveness of increased Crisis Intervention Training by police officers may be lessened. If civilian oversight is not accepted, then the lack of confidence in our police department by many of the citizens who addressed our commission

is likely to continue."

"My reaction to that is when we look at the experience of our community, notwithstanding a few cases that have been difficult for us to handle, the reaction of the community that I represent, that all of us represent, the majority of people clearly support and have a very positive reaction to the Fairfax County Police Department and the job they do day in and day out."

"I would hope we can talk about the civilian review board as to why that is considered essential to establish confidence in our citizenry and FCPD," Hyland added.

Hershman responded, "We should understand policemen are going to make mistakes, no question about it, but we've got to make sure policies and procedures are in place to make sure mistakes are fewer and less."

Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) added to the discussion he hopes to "continue the strong bond between our citizens and police department."

"It's also clear some things have to change," he said.

Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) said she was "anxious" to attend the public safety committee meeting to discuss the report, especially after a "long term of not seeing them often enough," referring to meetings of the committee itself.

Hudgins also expressed a need for civilian involvement in reviewing the report. "We need to hear this report through the lens of our community."

"The Board of Supervisors and the Fairfax County Police Department recognize the importance of reviewing policies and determining new best practices as expectations from the community evolve with new technology and methods of communicating," Bulova said.

"FCPD actively participated on and worked with the commission every step of the way to help achieve the common goal of maintaining a safe community and ensuring a culture of public trust in Fairfax County."

Following the presentation, Hershman spoke to media and said though he was encouraged by the mostly positive response from the supervisors, "I would trade that praise for support for our recommendations."

In getting these recommendations to the board prior to Nov. 3, Hershman also said he hopes both incumbents and candidates for the next Board of Supervisors "come forward with their own views before the election."

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS will discuss the final report at the forthcoming meeting of the Public Safety Committee on Oct. 27 at 3 p.m. That meeting is scheduled to take place in rooms 9 and 10 of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway in Fairfax.

Videos and materials from the meetings of the ad hoc commission are available online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policecommission.

NEWS

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Remodeler's Charity Home Tour set for Nov. 7.

BY JOHN BYRD

Neighbors help each other. That's what communities have always been about.

In which case, it may be no surprise to learn that long-term Clifton resident Bob Gallagher is rallying his friends and peers to help Dixie Dawson, 54, whose family has lived in the town for several generations.

Dawson, who was born with Spina Bifida and relies on a wheelchair for mobility, needs funds to repair the badly deteriorated deck and wheelchair ramp on the front of her house. To help out, Gallagher, who is a principal at Sun Design Remodeling, has organized a charity tour of a newly remodeled home in Clifton's Balmoral section. While the tour is free, visitors will also have a chance to make donations to a fund that will help Dawson.

"The makeover is spectacular," Gallagher said. "We've found that homeowners really enjoy seeing

what their neighbors are doing. But this is also about helping a local person in need; that's the sense of community which Clifton has always exemplified.

DAWSON'S STORY will have special meaning for Clifton residents — particularly as the holidays approach.

The oldest of three children, Dawson has lived quietly in the 840-square-foot ranch on Popeshead Road almost her entire life. Her father, Edward, built the house in 1962 on a tree-lined half-acre lot when she was 6 months old. Since Spina Bifida is a birth defect, her father began retrofitting the house for wheelchair use when she was in elementary school. The first revision: constructing a ramp from the ground level to a front stoop.

In the late 1990s, an uncle added a two-part ramp and large front deck which Dawson can access directly from an exterior door linked to the master bedroom. One of her favorite pursuits is taking

in the sun on the deck and enjoying the view. She can also watch birds, changing leaves and passersby from the storm door window in the master bedroom suite. A particular satisfaction: the 18-foot Douglas fir that her father planted in the 1970s shortly after it had fulfilled its duties as a Christmas tree inside the house. To many Cliftonites, the tall tree is a landmark.

Since there have been no repairs to the deck in over a decade, many of the boards are loose or badly cracked and splintered. Among other things, Gallagher wants to execute the needed improvements.

Beyond this, the remodeler hopes to raise the funds to bring the home's electrical systems up to code, repair interior floor and wall damage, eliminate leaks from the roof and chimney, and add outdoor furniture equipped with a large umbrella. The last item that will enable Dawson to comfortably entertain visitors. Sun Design trade partners Cedar Electric and



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Home remodeler Bob Gallagher, who grew up near Clifton, has organized a benefit to help Dixie Dawson with repairs to her house including a deck, and wheelchair ramp. Dawson, who has Spina Bifida, has lived most of her life in the rambler off Popeshead Road her father built in the early 1960s. Gallagher is a principal at Sun Design Remodeling.

TW Perry are also participating in the fix-up effort.

Dawson currently lives by herself with the help of a home health aide. A younger sister, Gayle, who lives in Chantilly helps with the shopping and appointments. It was a childhood friend, Janaye Raper Lawson, who put out the word that the deck needed repair.

"I wasn't sure what I really need. But I was pretty sure I couldn't afford it," Dawson said.

That's when Lawson consulted with Christina Gallagher, Bob Gallagher's wife. Lawson knew about last year's charity tour which helped a local widow repave the

driveway to her home. Christina discussed the situation with Bob. Two day later, Bob Gallagher dropped by Dawson's home.

"I just thought there must be a way that a community as old and close-knit as ours can help one of its own," said Gallagher, who grew up in the area where his father practiced medicine. "My company has learned a lot from doing our own home tours, so this seems like a logical way to reach out to the community."

John Byrd (byrdmatx@gmail.com or www.HomeFrontsNews.com) has been writing about community interest topics for 30 years.

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The walk starts at Living Savior Lutheran Church, 5500 Ox Road, in Fairfax Station. The walk ends at Fairfax Presbyterian Church, Fairfax, with a water break mid-way. Shuttles will be available at both the starting and ending locations. Upon completion, participants will enjoy refreshments, awards, and live entertainment to celebrate the community spirit of a job well done.

The event, organized by area congregations of all faiths and Church World Service, encourages participation of the whole families. The event is free, but participants are encouraged to bring cash/check donations if they can, or raise money by inviting people to pledge to donate an amount to sponsor them. The event's motto is "Helping end hunger one step at a time."

Contact Ed Kringer at ekringer@aol.com or Janet Smith at burkeva.crop@cox.net.

Call for Nominations for Northern Virginia Leadership Awards

Leadership Fairfax announces the opening of nominations for the annual 2015 Northern Virginia Leadership Awards (NVLAs), recognizing impactful, visionary leaders in the Northern Virginia area. Accomplished leaders can be nominated via Leadership Fairfax's website at www.leadershipfairfax.org. Nominations are due by Oct. 27, 2015.

Leadership Fairfax headquarters are located at 8230 Old Courthouse Road Suite 350, Vienna.


Our Daily Bread, Combined Properties to Host Fall Food Drives

Fairfax-based non-profit Our Daily Bread is partnering with Combined Properties to host Fall Food Drives in Fairfax City on Saturdays, Nov. 7 through Dec. 12. The food drives will be held at 10382 Willard Way, Fairfax, in the Courthouse Plaza Shopping Center in Fairfax City, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. A different local non-profit will

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NEWS



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From left: Sam Cornbrooks of Springfield, 17, Chad Vann of Lorton, 16, and James Woods of Alexandria, 16.

Performing 'Songs for a New World'

Lorton-based, performing arts academy students showcases directorial talent at Workhouse Arts Center.

Metropolitan Youth Theatre students of the Metropolitan School of the Arts (MSA) of Alexandria and Lorton will present its student-directed and produced performance of Jason Robert Brown's "Songs for a New World" on Friday, Nov. 6 at 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 7 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 8 at 2 p.m. at the W-3 Theatre at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton. Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased online at www.metropolitanarts.org.

This production is completely student run and performed by Metropolitan School of the Arts high school students studying to have careers in theatre. Chad Vann of Alexandria is the director and Sam Cornbrooks of Springfield is the producer. James Woods of Northern Virginia is the music director.

Newcomer Jason Robert Brown,

composer-lyricist of "Parade," has had the whole theatre community talking about his blend of showmanship and contemporary sound for years, starting with this revue.

Brown transports his audience from the deck of a 1492 Spanish sailing ship to a ledge 57 stories above Fifth Avenue to meet a startling array of characters ranging from a young man who has determined that basketball is his ticket out of the ghetto to a woman whose dream of marrying rich nabs her the man of her dreams and a soulless marriage. These are the stories and characters of today, the songs for a new world.

"We continue to be awestruck by our student-run theatre productions," said Melissa Dobbs, founder and president of Metropolitan School of the Arts Alexandria and Lorton. "Each part of the show, from direction and production to performance is carefully crafted," said Dobbs.

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Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. The deadline for submissions is the Friday prior to publication. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

SATURDAY/OCT. 24

Minority Achievement Committee Meeting South County High School. 10 a.m. South County High School Library, 8501 Silverbrook Road, Lorton. This meeting will serve as a forum to provide you with

important information regarding the program and its goals and objectives. We will be available to answer any questions that you may have regarding some of our exciting events planned this school year.

TUESDAY/OCT. 27

Special Treasures Sale. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Good Shepherd Church, 9350 Braddock Road, Burke. Housewares, home goods, tools, furniture, small appliances,

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artwork, books and even Halloween costumes. Call with questions, 703-323-5400.

Moving on to Life in the Community.

6:30-9 p.m. Lake Braddock Secondary School, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Event for students with disabilities and their parents. All individuals requiring ongoing employment and community support services after graduation are encouraged to attend. Valuable information will be provided on vocational, residential, leisure, recreational, independent living and advocacy options. Free. Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MovingOnCommunity>.

Candidates Forum.

7 p.m. South County Middle School, 8700 Laurel Crest Drive, Lorton. Learn about and hear from the candidates for School Board and County Supervisor.

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DEADLINE SATURDAY/OCT.31

Poetry Contest Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Arts and Letters Committee is sponsoring a poetry contest for Fairfax County Public Middle School students. The poetry title is: Silhouette of a Woman: An Influential Female in My Life. The submissions will be reviewed for awards of \$125 for first place, \$75 for second place, and \$50 for third place. www.fcacdst.org. Poetry Contest deadline for submission is October 30th. Email entries and inquiries can be sent to: artsandletters@fcacdst.org. Mailed entries must be postmarked by October 30th and sent to: Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. P.O. Box 221224 Chantilly, VA 20153-1224.

AREA ROUNDUPS

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collect food and donations of funds or grocery store gift cards each Saturday. In addition to charities that provide assistance to local individuals and families in need, local schools that provide weekend backpacks of food to students in need will be collecting to assist children in their school. Combined Properties has donated a store space to host the food drives each week, and organizations will collect at that space and at the Safeway at Courthouse Plaza.

The organizations that will hold

food drives are:

- ❖ Nov. 7: Cunningham Park Elementary School Weekend Backpack Program
- ❖ Nov. 14: Marshall Road Elementary School Food4Thought Program
- ❖ Nov. 21: Our Daily Bread
- ❖ Nov. 28: Daniels Run Elementary Food4Thought Program
- ❖ Dec. 5: FACETS
- ❖ Dec. 12: Lorton Community Action Center

More information about the Fall Food Drives is available at www.ODBFairfax.org, or contact info@odbfairfax.org or 703-273-8829.



Tim Hugo opposes adding a \$17 toll on I-66 inside the Beltway.


Tim is opposed to the Governor's plan that will:

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EDITORIAL

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views closest to their own.

Virtually every state and local office is on the ballot. Find previous coverage and complete coverage on our website www.connectionnewspapers.com, click on Elections. Because many districts in Virginia resemble spiky amoebas, it is sometimes diffi-

cult to include every race that might impact a town or community in the print editions.

Please take the time to vote, it matters. In Virginia, key races that have affected policy have been decided by fractions of one percent. Your vote can make a difference.

We will not be endorsing in any race this year. I'm keeping this short to allow more room for letters to the editor.

— MARY KIMM

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Deeper Look at School Spending

To the Editor:

The editorial ("Closer Look at School Spending," The Connection, Oct. 14-20, 2015) cites a draft report from the Virginia Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) to say that Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) reduced spending by 6.5 percent between 2009 and 2014.

It turns out that 2009 was the end of the decade-long housing bubble, during which the real estate tax paid by the typical Fairfax County homeowner increased 100 percent, from \$2,400 to \$4,800.

Between the start of the housing bubble in 2000 and 2016, while FCPS enrollment increased 22 percent, FCPS spending increased 100 percent. Even after adjusting for inflation, FCPS spending increased 38 percent. FCPS staff increased 27 percent.

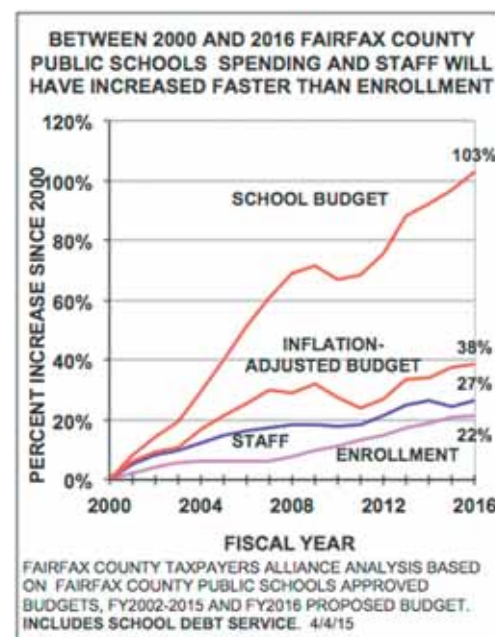
FCPS has claimed that since 2008 its budget was cut by \$500M and 2,000 positions. In fact, its budget increased by \$350M and 1,000 positions.

The JLARC report notes an increase in health insurance spending. It could have included pensions, too. Since 2000, FCPS and Fairfax

County spending for pensions and "Cadillac" health plans increased by \$700M. If that spending had increased at the same rate as enrollment and inflation, the increase would have been \$400M less.

The editorial notes the increasing number of FCPS students living in poverty. However FCPS has failed over the last 30 years to raise minority (Hispanic and African-American) achievement. Children in poverty are not getting educated, and a disproportionate number of them end up in jail. The problem is not the children or their families but the FCPS K-3 curriculum. The minority student achievement gap evident in 12th grade is evident in fourth grade. By fourth grade, children should have mastered reading and arithmetic. FCPS fails in both because it does not use phonics-based reading instruction and has inadequate drill in arithmetic. In addition it bores children with social studies. Virginia, U.S., and world history instruction should begin in Kindergarten instead of waiting until fourth grade. Younger children enjoy learning history.

Higher achievement resulting from better curricula would reduce disciplinary and spe-



cial education costs and save FCPS and the taxpayers tens and perhaps hundreds of millions of dollars.

Arthur Purves

Republican Candidate for Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

We Can Do Better

BY STATE SEN. DAVID MARSDEN (D-37)
DEL. DAVID BULOVA (D-37)

COMMENTARY

Having both been raised here in Northern Virginia, we have seen first-hand how the chronic congestion problems on I-66 have affected our economy and quality of life. Like most people in our area, this is personal. Traffic on I-66 has stolen countless hours that could have been spent with family or at work. That is why we were proud to support the bipartisan transportation package passed by the Virginia General Assembly in 2013 that is now generating billions for infrastructure improvements in our region. However, the way revenue is generated does matter, which is why we feel compelled to express our current opposition to the Virginia Department of Transportation's plan to toll I-66 inside the Beltway.

While legitimate concern has been raised with regard to the cost to commuters, there is a much deeper principal at stake. No one likes the idea of tolls. But like water and sewer ser-

vice, there should at least be a strong link between who pays and the services delivered. The idea of tolling I-66 inside the Beltway without a solid plan for creating new infrastructure that directly benefits the toll payers simply fails to meet this basic test. Likewise, we are concerned that this project violates the concept of first do-no-harm. A recent study by Fairfax County found that while those using parallel roads won't be affected in the direction of rush hour traffic, those who go the opposite direction will see significant increases in traffic. Even if this can be absorbed in the short-term, we have serious doubts about whether this is sustainable in the long-term. The days of one-way rush hour traffic are quickly going the way of the dinosaur as areas like Tysons, Herndon, Chantilly, Reston, and Centreville continue to develop. VDOT's actions mean that those who are using these local roads will see their commutes lengthened. This will include neighbor-

Opposition to I-66 tolls inside the Beltway.

hoods both inside and outside of the Beltway.

We applaud VDOT for coming up with some promising and creative solutions — including the active traffic management system recently implemented outside of the Beltway. But the current plan to toll I-66 inside the Beltway without increased capacity is the wrong way to go. It is a matter of principal.

Write

The Connection welcomes views on any public issue. The deadline for all material is noon Friday. Letters must be signed. Include home address and home and business numbers. Letters are routinely edited for libel, grammar, good taste and factual errors. Send to:

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LETTERS

Class Size Priority

To the Editor:

On Sept. 8, almost 185,500 students headed back to public schools in Fairfax County. For many children, there were fewer than 20 students in their class. For plenty of other children, there were over 25 and sometimes over 30.

Three years ago, concerned parents created Class Size Counts (CSC), researched state laws and school system policies, met with elected officials and Superintendent Garza, submitted Freedom of Information Act requests, interviewed national class size leaders, and wrote letters to the editor. Today, Class Size Counts has over 1,500 supporters.

This year, CSC asked School Board candidates to complete a questionnaire about their views on class size. Based on their re-

sponses, past statements and past votes (for incumbents), CSC compiled a voter's guide to the candidates. That approach placed a premium on each candidate's integrity. CSC also looked at how well each School Board candidate represented his or her constituents on this issue.

Visit http://classsizecounts.com/?page_id=129 to see how the candidates compare on the class size issue. Then vote for a School Board candidate who shares your priorities. Otherwise, you may end up with someone who will place your priorities at the bottom of his or her list after the election.

Kim Farrell

Mother of two FCPS students
Class Size Counts Public Relations
Director

SCHOOL NOTES

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Six students in Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) have been named **regional finalists in the 2015 Siemens Competition in Math, Science, and Technology**. The students, who attend South County High School and Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST), are part of a group of 97 regional finalists who will compete in one of six regional events in November.

Finalists include five TJHSST students — Daniel Chae, Kelly Cho, Harriet Khang, Christina Oh and Michael You — as well as Edward Oh, South County High School.

Brendan Richard O'Connor of Fairfax Station has accepted membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. NSCS is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies and is the nation's only interdisciplinary honors organization for first-year and second-year college students. Membership is by invitation only, based on grade point average and class standing. He is a sophomore at the College of William and Mary.



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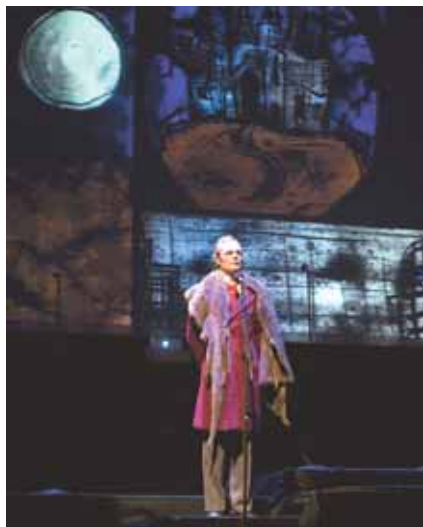
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**L. A. Theatre Works
production of
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Halloween Treat

'Dracula' from L.A. Theatre Works at Center for the Arts.

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

He's back. And just in time for Halloween. "He" is that noted, undead vampire who has inspired so many imitators; "Dracula." He and his cohorts are coming to town in the L.A. Theatre Works live theater production of that popular Goth cultural icon created by Bram Stoker a century ago.

"We were thrilled that L.A. Theater Works' tour of Bram Stoker's Dracula allowed for a visit to George Mason's Center for the Arts on Halloween, and especially on a Saturday night," said Tom Reynolds, Director of Artistic Programming, Marketing and Audience Services for the Center for the Arts.

To make it an evening full of fun for patrons George Mason University is going all out. "We are planning lots of fun promotions for those who attend the performance by this wonderful radio-style theater company," said Reynolds.

There will be special pre-performance happenings at the Mason Center for the Arts including Halloween-themed activities including a "Count" Dracula guessing game. "There will be a container of Dracula M&Ms and audience members can guess how many M&Ms are in the container. The closest guess wins a prize," indicated Reynolds. "There will also be a

photo booth, where we will have costume pieces for the audiences to dress up for silly photos."

The L.A. Theatre Works "live-in-performance," radio studio-like drama production of "Dracula" has been touring the country, Northern Virginia getting the gift of a Halloween night performance. The script was adapted from Stoker's original work into a faithful manner of "good vs evil" by Charles Morey. In Morey's adaptation, Count Dracula has quietly slipped into London along with some of his required native Transylvanian soil necessary for his survival. His fearsome powers have paralyzed the city. What is to be done to stop the Count?

With a troupe of actors with horror and suspense genre credits, the L.A. Theatre Works presentation of "Dracula" will set up a life-and-death clash the audience witnesses. The production will give patrons the opportunity to become a performance element becoming members of a radio show studio audience. They get the opportunity to not only "see" how the action takes place, but marvel at the sound effects being made along with other "behind the scenes" actions they will be privy to.

"Dracula" is helmed by Matt August who has received a D.C. area Helen Hayes nomination for theater work. What a way to spend Halloween night.

Where and When

L.A. Theatre Works presents "Dracula" at the George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Performance on Oct. 31 at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$22-\$44. Call 888-945-2468 or visit www.cfa.gmu.edu. Note: There will pre-performance Halloween festivities starting at 7 p.m. There will also be a pre-performance discussion 45 minutes before the performance.

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ONGOING

Paintings of the Potomac Valley Watercolorists. Through Nov. 7 at McQuire Woods Gallery, Bldg 16, The Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat.: 11 a.m.- 6 p.m.; Sunday: 12-5 p.m. The exhibition brings together some of the area's top painters in watercolor, acrylic and mixed media, presenting 100 original works including landscapes, florals, still life and abstracts.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 22-25

Washington International Horse Show. 7 a.m.-5 p.m. and 7-10:30 p.m. Verizon Center, 601 F St., NW, Washington, D.C. One of the oldest and most prestigious equestrian sporting events in the U.S. Held each year in October in the heart of the nation's capital, WIHS welcomes spectators to six days of world-class international show jumping and top national hunter and equitation competition plus community events, entertaining exhibitions, boutique shopping and ringside dining and hospitality.\$15-\$60. <http://www.wihs.org/tickets/>.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 22-25

Disney on Ice. 7 p.m. Eagle Bank Arena, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Celebrate the legacy of Disney in this ice skating spectacular as Mickey Mouse leads a parade of characters to sing along to your favorite Disney songs for the whole family to enjoy. www.ticketmaster.com.

FRIDAY/OCT. 23

TGIFairfax - Rock the Block. 6-9 p.m. Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. This family friendly free concert series features fantastic live bands, great food and a beer and wine garden - all held in the heart of Old Town Fairfax.

Open Mic Night. 7-9:30 p.m. Burke Presbyterian Church, 5690 Oak Leather Drive, Burke. Join us for an Open Mic Night benefitting wounded warriors. Come perform music, poetry, or tell stories, or simply enjoy the show! Refreshments will be served. bpctreehouse@aol.com.

SATURDAY/OCT. 24

Clifton Haunted Trail. 7-10 p.m. Chapel Road, Clifton. A terrifying annual event that winds through Clifton's 8 Acre Park. Visit cliftonhauntedtrail.com.

VolunteerFest. 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Various locations. VolunteerFest is the local celebration of National Make A Difference Day. This region-wide community service event is dedicated to mobilizing volunteer power to tackle projects at nonprofits in our own neighborhoods. Activities will take place throughout the day at various locations. If you are a first-time volunteer, this one-day extravaganza is a great way to get started. Students, service hours are available. All volunteer activities are free to the participants. Register as a volunteer at www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/volunteerfest.php.

Pete the Cat: Groovy Fun. 10:30 a.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Groovy fun with Pete the Cat books, games and singing. Age 3-6 with adult.

Fall Festival. 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Abiding Presence Lutheran Church,



The Bunnyman returns at Clifton's Haunted Trail on Oct. 24, a terrifying annual event that winds through Clifton's 8 Acre Park.

Halloween Calendar

Halloween events in the area

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 31-30

The Haunted Lab. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Children's Science Center Lab, Fair Oaks Mall, 11750 Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax. A fun, not scary, just spooky family event, to enjoy hands-on STEM activities while celebrating Halloween. Children's storytime at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. followed by a costume contest for children ages 2-6 and 7-12.

THROUGH SATURDAY/OCT. 31

Hillbilly Horror Halloween Haunt. 7-9:30 p.m. Creepy Nights on Calamo, 7104 Calamo St., Springfield. For teens, escape rabid rednecks, angry moonshiner ghosts and a giant spider-infested graveyard. For all ages, nightly family friendly spooky tunes light show. Free but bring food donations for ECHO food bank.

SATURDAY/OCT. 31

L.A. Theatre Works' "Dracula." 8 p.m. George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4400 University Dr, Fairfax. L.A. Theatre Works brings this chilling story to life with live readings and creepy sound effects made "the old fashioned way." 888-945-2468. cfa.gmu.edu.

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6304 Lee Chapel Road, Burke. Join us for fun for the whole family! There will be a haunted house, balloon artist, face painting, a moon bounce, pumpkin painting, food, and much more. More info at <https://www.facebook.com/AbidingPresence/>. 703-455-7500.

Homeless Walk Fundraiser. 10 a.m.-noon. Stevenson Place, 4113 Stevenson St., Fairfax. Join Pathway Homes in the fight to end homelessness in our community. Proceeds provide supportive housing services to homeless adults with serious mental illness in Northern Virginia. \$20-32. www.pathwayhomes.org/events.

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"Blue Like Me." 8 p.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Documentary about Indian-American artist Siona Benjamin's journey back to her roots in the Bene Israel community where she grew up. In the film, she speaks of how her work blurs the boundaries between different religions. Following the film, there will be a Q&A with Siona and Ryan Arey, the film's editor, and special guest Ori Soltes, theology, philosophy and art history professor at Georgetown University. \$10-\$20. <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2147528>

SUNDAY/OCT. 25

"Documented." Film. 6:30-9 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. In 2011, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Jose Antonio Vargas outed himself as an undocumented immigrant in the New York Times Magazine. "Documented" chronicles his journey to America from the Philippines as a child; his journey through America as an immigration reform activist/provocateur; and his journey inward as he reconnects with his mother, whom he hasn't seen in 20 years. More at www.immigrationfilmfest.org or www.IMFilmFest.eventbrite.com. \$6.

Washington Bach Consort Chamber Ensemble. 6 p.m. Church of the Good Shepherd, 9350 Braddock Rd, Burke. Tickets \$25/\$15 student, available at the door. The 4th season

of Concerts at Good Shepherd features the Washington Bach Consort, directed by J. Reilly Lewis in a chamber concert with vocal, instrumental, and organ works by J. S. Bach. The program includes arias, duets, motets, chorales, and the rarely performed Prelude and Fugue in E Minor, BWV 548, with Dr. Lewis at the organ. A festive reception will follow the performance. Tickets are available at the door. Contact Carleen Dixon-Webb, Minister of Music, Church of the Good Shepherd, 703-354-5093

MONDAY/OCT. 26

Music and Movin' with Miss Susan. 11 a.m. Fairfax City Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Join Miss Susan for singing and moving to music with your little ones.

Pohick Prose Society. 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. Teens discuss books. Please call for title. Age 13-18.

TUESDAY/OCT. 27

Tai Chi. 10 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Come experience the benefits of Tai Chi led by Dante Gilmer of Still Water Tai Chi Center. Wear comfortable clothes that allow movement. Adult.

Movie: Frankenstein. 7 p.m. Fairfax City Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Come watch the classic 1930s film based on Mary Shelley's classic novel: Frankenstein. There will be a brief discussion after the movie. Adults.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 28

How Do Plants Get Ready for Winter? 11 a.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Stories, songs and finger play. Age 3-5 with adult.

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Fairfax Baptist Temple, at the corner of Fairfax County Parkway and Burke Lake Roads, holds a bible study fellowship at 9 a.m. Sundays followed by a 10 a.m. worship service. Nursery care and children's church also provided. 6401 Missionary Lane, Fairfax Station, 703-323-8100 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.

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Getting In: The Private Schools Admissions Process

Navigating the application and increasing the chance of getting an acceptance letter.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
 THE CONNECTION

Although the school year just started, the application process for the 2016-2017 school year is underway at more than 80 local independent schools. From open houses, school tours and applicant interviews to transcripts, essays and teacher recommendations, the process can be arduous, say parents, especially with application fees that can soar higher than \$100 a piece.

Making sure a child's abilities and interests are in line with a school's offerings and requirements can narrow down the list.

"Parents need to be realistic about their child's strengths and weaknesses and learning style," said Mimi Mulligan, assistant head and director of admission and enrollment management, Norwood School in Potomac, Md. "Have an open and honest conversation with schools during the application process. Schools will tell you whether they can or cannot meet any special needs your child might have."

ADMISSIONS DIRECTORS say that practical considerations of all sorts should help parents whittle down their list of schools. "Do they want a big or small school? How far are they willing to travel each

day? Does the school offer academic support if their child needs it? Can they afford they tuition?" asks Mary Herridge, director of enrollment management, The Madeira School in McLean.

Getting to know a school's culture and paying attention to the school's mission can also help families choose a school. "School structure, single sex versus co-ed, dress code, religious affiliation, teaching pedagogy and parent involvement all influence school culture," said Mulligan. "Each school has a distinct and intentional mission statement. Sometimes that distinctiveness may be subtle so parents should also look at school mottos, belief or promise statements and portraits of a graduate, too."

An example, says Herridge, is a parent who values being deeply involved in helping a child with their homework. "As a school we value the student doing their own homework, managing their homework and coming to the teacher and self advocating if they need help," she said. "We encourage parental participation, but in high school we wouldn't expect a parent to sit and help with every single aspect of their homework. We can have that conversation early on and decide



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Independent schools such as St. Stephen's & St. Agnes in Alexandria require an extensive application process aimed at familiarizing the applicant and the school with one another.

that this is not a good fit.

"If they come to a school with a rigorous academic program, are [parents] going to be OK with their student being really challenged in class and having that reflected on their transcripts?" she continued.

"Nowadays, in school literature and marketing materials, all schools say they're good at certain things and offer certain things like small class sizes and low student teacher ratios, but nothing can replace going and sitting in a classroom and seeing how the teachers teach and how the students react with one another," said Herridge. "Talk to the math teacher. Have a conversation with the coach."

If a school boasts hands-on learning, are students engaged in experiments in a science class or are they sitting behind desks and looking at a chalkboard?

A tour, Herridge said, is crucial for students and parents. "When they see other students and meet the teacher they'll be able to say, 'Yes this is a good place for me,' or '... we can take this school off our list because it doesn't make sense for our family.'"

"Most tours will give you an 'aha' moment that clarifies why independent education is worth the investment," added Benita Cathey, director of admissions, Grace Episcopal School in Alexandria.

Patti Culbreth, head of school, Grace Episcopal School, said, "A look at the curriculum to include the 'specials' offered will give you an overview of the opportunities for your child."

Delve deeper than a tour organized by the school, however. "Talk to parents [of students] who already attend the school," Mulligan. "If you don't know anyone, ask the admissions office to provide a few families you can contact."

EVEN AFTER A FAMILY has whittled down their list of potential schools, the road to admission can still be long. Competition can be fierce, with many schools receiving 10 applications for every available slot. Most require not only an application, but test scores, essays, interviews and letters of recommendation, a process that can baffle many parents.

In preparation for the interview, admis-

sions officials suggest applicants think about their own interests and attitudes toward academics.

"It's a good idea for a student to reflect on what they love about school, what they like to do outside of the classroom and how they see themselves as part of the school community," said Jon Kunz, director of middle and upper school admission, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria. "We don't approach it as an interview. It's more of a one-on-one conversation. We want them to be themselves and to be comfortable."

Students should use specific and concrete examples to demonstrate passions and talents. "For example, if a student is passionate about science they might say, 'I started this project on my own and created this amazing invention.' That helps us see their passion," said Linda Stratton director of communications, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School.

"We're looking for students who are intellectually curious and excited about taking advantage of the opportunities here," Kunz added. "We're looking for students who demonstrate a strong sense of character who are respectful and ... who care about the world around them."

Admissions officials also want to evaluate whether applicants have the potential to meet the school's expectations, and scrutinize scores on tests such as the SSAT (Secondary School Admissions Test) and ISEE (Independent School Entrance Examination) and transcripts, looking for strong and consistent academic achievement.

In the face of such a confusing and competitive process, many parents have turned to educational consultants for advice and assistance.

"With the workload that school guidance counselors now have, there are a lot of families that are using independent consultants and that number has increased, and it has definitely increased over the last five or 10 years," said Sarah Brachman, manager of communications, Independent Educational Consultants Association.

In fact, Mark Sklarow, the association's chief executive officer, said 5-10 percent of families looking for an independent day school use an independent educational consultant, while 40 percent use one to find a boarding school.

Getting to know the child helps educational consultants identify schools that are a good match. "Does the student do better in a hands-on environment or sitting at desk and the teacher writes on a blackboard?" said Leigh Ann Cahill of Independent School Options, an educational consulting firm in Alexandria. "We have so many wonderful schools in the area. We come up with five to seven schools that are the best fit for the family."

AFTER HELPING families decide where to apply, education consultants sit down with families to review test scores, transcripts, teacher evaluations and other application requirements.



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Candidates for Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

Sharon Bulova (D)

Incumbent

Town of residence: Fairfax

Age: 67

Family: Married. Between my husband and I we have: four adult children and seven grandchildren.

Education: AAS Degree in Business Management from Northern VA Community College, attended business classes, UVA evening program, previously held Real Estate license

Offices held, dates:

Elected Braddock (then called Annandale) District Supervisor in 1987. In February 2009 elected Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. Re-elected in 2011.

Occupation and relevant experience: I am a full time Chairman. Prior to elected office I held positions in business.

Community involvement: I came to local government through my work as Civic Association president of Kings Park West. I have been a member of the Annandale Rotary, how serving as an honorary member. I am a founder of Faith Communities in Action and collaborated on two community history projects: A Look Back at Braddock and the Asian American History Project.

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Name three favorite endorsements: FEA (Fairfax Education Association), Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, Sierra Club

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

I love local government and feel strongly about community engagement. In my roles as Braddock Supervisor and now Chairman I have been committed to making sure our community is at the table with local government to participate in resolving issues and addressing our challenges. A major challenge right now is the sluggish recovery we are experiencing from the Great Recession. My goal is to strike the right balance between maintaining taxes that are affordable to our residents while investing what is needed to ensure a world class school system, safe streets and neighborhoods, compassionate human services, a clean environment and quality of life services like libraries and our fantastic park system.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

I have the experience, the commitment and the enthusiasm to serve as Fairfax County's chairman. I believe I have the collaborative skill set needed to lead our Board and our community on an even, positive course.

3. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system. A significant budget gap looms for the next budget cycle, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What are the top county priorities and how will you assure funding and manage the budget? What ideas do you have for increasing revenue? Name two areas/items you would cut or reduce.

Education continues to be my highest priority. It is however, not my only priority. It is critical that we continue to be the safest jurisdiction of our size in the U.S. and that we maintain the quality of life our residents value. Beginning in January our newly elected Board will engage in a multi-year Lines of Business process to examine all of our services in order to identify opportunities for efficiencies and savings. We have invited the School Board to participate with us in this process. I am hopeful that, working together, we will find new ways to economize on resources and improve on the delivery of services to families and students.

4. How many hours a week of outside employment do you anticipate while serving on the Board of Supervisors?

I am a full time Chairman. I work well over 40 hours per week plus countless hours of community and regional activities.



Glenda Gail 'for Rail' Parker (I)

Town of residence:

Alexandria, Fairfax County

Age: 68

Family: Three grown children, four Grand-children

Education: MBA with a certificate in Software Engineering Administration

Offices held, dates:

Elected to Vice- Chair, Independent Greens of Virginia (2007 to Present); elected to COG TPB CAC (2007-2010)

Occupation and relevant experience:

Governmental Budget Analyst, Businesswoman
Community involvement: Fairfax Federation Civic Association Committee, Public Safety Chair (approximately 2009-2010)

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Name three favorite endorsements: Independent Greens of Virginia



QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

The Independent Green Party Green New Deal will get us on the right track. The Green New Deal means double- digit job growth in Eco jobs for the economy. Solar jobs. Wind jobs. Geothermal jobs. Rail jobs. The Green New Deal means Bike share for Fairfax County. Bikes, like rail, increase the value of our homes, businesses, and communities. The Green New Deal will bring Electronic VRE signs for commuters. The Green New Deal means New Tracks, More Trains, More often to More Places. The Green New Deal is solar panels, and geothermal heating and cooling for every public building. Renewable energy makes money for taxpayers.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

My advocacy for Rail and renewable energy. Investments in Green Energy make money. The solar age is here and we want on-board! It is past time to bring the Green Revolution to Fairfax County.

3. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system. A significant budget gap looms for the next budget cycle, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What are the top county priorities and how will you assure funding and manage the budget? What ideas do you have for increasing revenue? Name two areas/items you would cut or reduce.

The infrastructure budget has too many subsidies to big oil, big asphalt, big auto, fossil fuels. Giving a half a trillion dollars in taxpayer subsidies annually worldwide to big oil is fiscal lunacy. Cut and reprioritize the infrastructure budget to invest in free solar energy and geothermal energy. Work harmoniously with the School Board to place money where it will do the most good, fund education costs and teacher salaries rather than administration costs. Build Rail: Rail will grow revenues by growing the economy. Rail increases the value of our homes, businesses and communities. Every \$1 invested in Rail returns \$20 to the community!

4. How many hours a week of outside employment do you anticipate while serving on the Board of Supervisors?

The new salary voted by the Board will allow me to devote full time to BOS duties.

Arthur Purves (R)

Town of residence: Vienna

Age: 66

Family: Married 42 years, two children, seven grandchildren

Education: BA, MS, MBA University of Pennsylvania

Offices held, dates: N/A

Occupation and relevant experience: Computer Programmer

Community involvement:

-President, Fairfax County Taxpayers Alliance since 1996
-Member, Fairfax County Meals Tax Task Force (2014)
-Member, Hunter Mill Citizen Budget Committee (2013)
-Treasurer, Fairfax Committee 100
-Member Fairfax Branch, NAACP
-Past member of three Fairfax County Public Schools advisory committees
-Scoutmaster

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Name three favorite endorsements: Del. Tim Hugo and Loudoun Supervisor Eugene Delgaudio



QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

Only 59% of Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) seniors are prepared for college, and the percent prepared varies from 75% for Langley High School to 20% for Lee and Mt. Vernon High Schools. In a quarter of a century FCPS has made no progress in closing the minority student achievement gap: only 35% of Hispanic and 20% of African-American FCPS seniors are prepared for college. Even if you don't go to college, being prepared for college makes you better qualified for a good job. The solution is better instruction in the basics; not more money. As county chairman I would hold the school board accountable for achievement when the school board makes its annual \$2B budget request.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

The incumbent chairman:

For 16 years has raised real estate taxes three times faster than household income, which is unaffordable, especially for seniors;

Does not hold the schools accountable for achievement;

Is indifferent to the disproportionate incarceration of Hispanics and African-Americans in the county jail;

Sat silent for 17 months while the police department refused to disclose the details of the shooting of an unarmed civilian by a police officer on August 29, 2013;

Neglected maintenance of the now unsafe and unreliable Metrorail system to build the Silver Line;

Since 2000 cut staffing of libraries and parks by 112 positions while adding 145 clerks to handle public assistance applications, for a total of 354 public assistance positions.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics job growth in Fairfax County was close to last of the 342 largest U.S. counties last year. I will grow jobs by cutting taxes; using the chairman's pulpit to advocate for higher achievement, including Hispanic and African-American achievement, through better curricula; being transparent; and making Metrorail repairs my highest transportation priority.

3. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system. A significant budget gap looms for the next budget cycle, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What are the top county priorities and how will you assure funding and manage the budget? What ideas do you have for increasing revenue? Name two areas/items you would cut or reduce.

For FY2017 the county and schools want to increase spending by \$240M while revenues are projected to increase only \$20M without a real estate tax hike. This predicament demonstrates the need for new leadership. Seventy percent of the spending increase is for raises (3.5% for county and 4% for school employees), Cadillac health plans, and pensions with retirement at 55. My opponent would raise real estate taxes 9%, pushing the typical homeowner's real estate tax from \$5,700 to \$6,200. She raised real estate taxes 8% last year. For 16 years the supervisors have been increasing taxes three times faster than household income. Since 2000, while school enrollment has increased 22%, the school budget increased 100%. County and school spending for health and pension benefits increased \$700M since 2000; that is \$400M more than needed to keep up with inflation, population, and enrollment. For 16 years the average annual raise for 30,000 county and school employees has been 4%. To pay for these raises and benefits, the supervisors have been increasing real estate taxes three times faster than household income. The revenue from the tax hikes was not enough to pay for the raises and benefits, so park and library staffing was cut and class sizes increased. And now teachers and police cannot afford the \$6,000 real estate taxes that were increased to pay for their own raises and benefits. To make Fairfax County affordable again, we need to cut taxes by reducing benefits and giving smaller raises, as is the case with private-sector employees.

4. How many hours a week of outside employment do you anticipate while serving on the Board of Supervisors?

I can retire and be a full-time chairman.

Candidates for Springfield District Supervisor

Corazon S. Foley (I)

Challenger for Springfield Supervisor
Town of residence: Burke
Age: 65
Family: Married 42 years to Michael Foley; 2 Children; 2 Grandchildren
Education: MBA in Finance from George Washington University
Offices held, dates: Founding Chairman, Burke/West Springfield Senior Center Without Walls (2009 – Present); Delegate, Fairfax County Senior Citizens' Council (2011-2015); Board Member, Fairfax County History Museum Subcommittees (2008-Present); Founding Chairman, Fairfax County Asian American History Project (2007-Present); Founding Coordinator, Edgewater Neighborhood Watch (2012-Present);
Occupation and relevant experience: Retired Economic and Intelligence Analyst, US Department of State.
Community involvement: Lady Fairfax and Community Champion Awards
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Name favorite endorsements: Independent Greens of Virginia

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

The part-time Springfield Supervisor has failed to do his job of providing constituent services to improve our quality of life. In particular, he has ignored numerous requests for a working group on solutions to redress the unfairness toward Springfield senior taxpayers and families; other districts have 17 permanent senior centers, Springfield District, none. Over the last eight years, I founded and developed the public-private partnership – the Burke/West Springfield Senior Center Without Walls (BWSSCWoW) – to provide needed health programs for Springfield seniors. This is important for our whole community because the longer a senior remains functional and healthy, the less the burden on the children, the grandchildren and our Springfield District. As Supervisor, I will implement cost-effective solutions to provide facilities for multigenerational health programs – building on my community service as founder of the Edgewater Neighborhood Watch and senior center without walls.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent and why should voters choose you?

I will serve as full-time Springfield Supervisor providing much-needed responsive leadership to ensure that our district receives its fair share of county resources, particularly for senior health programs. I am a fiscal conservative who believes in good government with honorable public service with the US State Department; an Independent candidate spending \$1,000 of my money. The part-time incumbent is beholden to political donors – raising over \$470,000 while spending \$300,000 by spring, also proving that he is a big spender of other people's money. Moreover, Board decisions will benefit with broader community representation since I will serve as the first Filipino/Asian American Springfield Supervisor.

3. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system. A significant budget gap looms for the next budget cycle, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What are the top county priorities and how will you assure funding and manage the budget? What ideas do you have for increasing revenue? Name two areas/items you would cut or reduce.

I will seek fair share of federal and state funding for education just as I am seeking fair share of county resources for Springfield District – and more partnerships with the business sector for cost-effective innovations. I will seek management reforms, including pensions, in the Lines of Business Review. I will cut unnecessary administrative costs in FCPS and Fairfax County, beginning with the office of the Springfield Supervisor whose spending was the highest among Supervisors in FY2015.

4. How many hours a week of outside employment do you anticipate while serving on the Board of Supervisors?

I will serve as the Full-Time Springfield Supervisor and will have no outside employment.



Pat Herrity (R)

Incumbent Springfield Supervisor
Town of residence: Clifton, VA
Age: 55
Family: wife Nancy, son Sean, daughter Valeria
Education: BS Accounting from Virginia Tech, West Springfield High School graduate
Offices held, dates: Springfield District Supervisor – 2008 to present
Occupation and relevant experience: Chief Financial Officer at a local government contractor. Active in the business, sports and civic communities. Received the President's Award and the Community Service Award from NUTC and the Chairman's Award from the Fairfax County Chamber.

Community involvement: Having spent his entire life here, Pat has a unique understanding of Northern Virginia and its needs. First as a business, sports and community leader and now as a Supervisor, Pat has actively led efforts to implement solutions to neighborhood problems.

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Name three favorite endorsements: NOVABIZPAC (Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce), Northern Virginia Association of Realtors, the Police Benevolent Association/Fraternal Order of Police.

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

From the kitchen table growing up, to my time as a business and community leader to my years as a Supervisor – identifying and implementing common sense transportation solutions has been one of my passions. It impacts our quality of life, the cost to do business here and our very health. Some of the ways I have been tackling it:

I was active in promoting telework, a Northern crossing of the Potomac and the 495 Express Lanes early in my business career. I led the effort to open the I-66 ramps at Monument Drive and Stringfellow Road during non-HOV hours and the use of the I-66 shoulder lanes anytime it is congested. I am actively supporting an Express Lanes solution that will provide congestion relief and transportation choices – carpool, bus, paid express trip or free trip in less congested lanes. I initiated the effort to reclassify the Fairfax County Parkway from a secondary road to a primary road to receive a higher priority when it comes to maintenance and construction funding. I believe we need to focus our transportation resources where they will best reduce the congestion that impacts our lives daily.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent and why should voters choose you?

I have served on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for 8 years and throughout that entire time I have done everything I can to assist constituents who have issues and am dedicated finding solutions to their problems.

3. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system. A significant budget gap looms for the next budget cycle, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What are the top county priorities and how will you assure funding and manage the budget? What ideas do you have for increasing revenue? Name two areas/items you would cut or reduce.

Our priorities should be schools, public safety, and a safety net for those that truly need it. In order to fund the quality services our residents expect we need to grow our commercial tax base and relieve the tax burden on our homeowners. We currently have an 18% commercial vacancy rate and we are losing high paying jobs. We need to leverage the region's assets and grow our economy and attract high paying jobs to the County. Our schools are the number one reason businesses locate here and we need to address their funding concerns. I have long been an advocate for year round budget committee meetings and joint budget committee meetings with the School Board. We need to tackle these issues head on and throughout the year, not just when it is time to review the budget. As for budget reductions, I have listed numerous ideas in the Herrity Reports (on my website) including outsourcing, focusing resources on those in need, implementing private sector practices and metrics (like reducing space requirements), and addressing our pension issues.

4. How many hours a week of outside employment do you anticipate while serving on the Board of Supervisors?

The hours I spend as a CFO varies depending on what is going on in my Supervisor's office. My CFO role has been invaluable to me as a Supervisor and keeps me firmly grounded in the realities our residents and businesses deal with every day.



How to Vote

Election Day is Nov. 3, and on that day, virtually every state and local office is on the ballot. In-person absentee voting is underway. Virginia Law allows voters to absentee vote if they could be "working and commuting for 11 or more hours between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day." You're allowed to count your worst possible commute in estimating how many hours you might be working and commuting on Election Day.

On Election Day, Nov. 3, polls are open from 6 a.m. - 7 p.m. To vote on Election Day, you must be registered at your current address. You can check your registration status online by going to www.sbe.virginia.gov.

Each voter in Fairfax County can make choices in one State Senate district, one House of Delegates district, Clerk of the Court, Commonwealth's Attorney, Sheriff, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Dis-

trict member of the Board of Supervisors, School Board At Large (vote for three) Soil and Water Conservation Board (vote for three), School Bond for \$310 million, Public Safety Bond for \$151 million.

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm>
 As of last summer, there are new requirements for voter identification that voters must bring with them to the polling place.

Virginia law requires all voters to provide an acceptable form of photo identification at the polls. Voters arriving to the polls without photo ID will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot and will have until noon on the Friday after the election to deliver a copy of identification to their locality's electoral board in order for their provisional ballot to be counted.

Virginia's photo ID requirements also apply to absentee voters who vote in-person in all elections.

Here are the "acceptable" forms of identification: Valid Virginia Driver's License or Identification Card; Valid Virginia DMV issued Veteran's ID card; Valid United States Passport; Other government-issued photo identification cards (must be issued by U.S. Government, the Commonwealth of Virginia, or a political subdivision of the Com-

monwealth; Valid college or university student photo identification card, must be from an institution of higher education located in Virginia; Employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business; Virginia Voter Photo ID Card obtained through any local general registrar's office. "Valid" is defined as a genuine document, bearing the photograph of the voter, and is not expired for more than 12 months.

Any registered voter may apply for a free Virginia Voter Photo Identification from any general registrar's office in the Commonwealth. Voters applying for the Virginia Voter Photo ID Card will have to complete the Virginia Voter Photo Identification Card Application, have their picture taken, and sign the digital signature pad.

For More Election Information: Fairfax County Board of Elections, 703-222-0776, <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm> 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Suite 232, Fairfax, 22035; FAX 703-324-2205; email voting@fairfaxcounty.gov

ELECTION '15

School Board Candidates At-Large

Omar Fateh

Town of residence: Annandale
Age: 25

Education: MPA from George Mason University

Occupation and relevant experience: Former Campaign Finance Analyst at FEC, Former Academic Advisor/Assistant Instructor at Northern Virginia Community College

Community involvement: Co-organize youth basketball league, Assist in developing tutoring programs at local mosques

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QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

The achievement gap. Our minority and economically disadvantaged students continually score 20-30 points below their peers on standardized tests. The dropout rate among economically disadvantaged students has nearly doubled in the last four years. First, standardized test scores should not be the main indicator of student progress or potential. Second, rather than having teachers teach to the tests, it is important for the School Board to give teachers the freedom to identify their students' strengths and interests. Finally, we must get parents involved, and to place responsibility on the students to succeed as well.

2. Why should voters choose you?

The qualities that separate me most from the other candidates for School Board include the perspective I bring as a member of some of the County's many underrepresented communities (including the Somali and Muslim communities), as a former Fairfax County Public Schools student, and also as a former advisor to countless area students at Northern Virginia Community College.

3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?

Many parents in Fairfax County must work multiple jobs, and are not able to provide the full support needed by their children, such as attending school meetings and checking their children's work. It is critical for us to get parents as involved as we can, in part by meeting them on their terms and as much as possible. I will ensure that I am easily accessible to the entire community. Having worked with my local mosque to develop a tutoring program for our County's youth, many people within our community are willing to donate their time and efforts to help both academically, and in developing them as professionals.

Increased funding is necessary to meet the needs of an ever-expanding student body.

4. How to address the achievement gap?

To begin addressing the issue in earnest, the School Board first needs compassionate representatives willing to understand and serve the needs of the full range of County students with new energy and ability.

5. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the school system with a budget gap looming, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What steps would you take to manage the gap? What are the top priorities and what could be cut?

Board members must also better engage their fellow elected officials to seek additional funding. The majority of the Board of Supervisors wants to fully fund our schools, but the dollars simply are not coming in from Richmond. We need to work with state representatives to bring back our tax dollars. We must work first and foremost to provide additional funding. We must get both Boards on the same page, and put education— in other words, our children— first in Fairfax County.



Jeanette Hough

Town of residence: Fairfax
Age: 36

Family: Husband, Charlie (Oakton graduate '97); Ryan (4th grade), Keri (2nd grade), Ethan (Kindergarten), Vader (rescue puppy)

Education: B.A. in Economics; University of Virginia, Masters in Physical Therapy; University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Occupation and relevant experience: Physical Therapist (Senior Therapist – mentor and leader role)

Community involvement: Volunteer in children's elementary school, local homeless shelter, church, and with meals and holiday gifts through Our Daily Bread, volunteer with kid's sports and activities, Manna Meal coordinator, PTA member

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Name three favorite endorsements: Class Size Counts, Former Congressman Tom Davis, Congresswoman Barbara Comstock

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

Responsibility to the community defines my call to serve. That responsibility comes with engaging the community members, being fiscally responsible and setting clear priorities. Authentic engagement includes holding office hours and citizen town halls throughout the year, not just showing up to ribbon cuttings and planned events. Our community deserves more transparency with FCPS' \$2.7 billion operating fund. I will prioritize reducing large class sizes, not with one-time fixes the way my opponents have, but with long-term planning. I will prioritize competitive teacher salaries. Our teachers' salaries have fallen behind compared to surrounding counties. Instead of making it a real priority, the Board raised their own salary by 60%.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponents, why should voters choose you?

My opponents either do not have children or have not had children in FCPS for a long time. As the mother of children in graduating classes of 2023, 2025, 2027, I bring a unique insight into our school system. I bring an Economics degree when we face a shortfall of over \$70 million for FY17 due to failing to enact budgeting best practices.

3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?

Part of the growing divide comes from parallel decisions made by the Board of Supervisors. It is imperative to have a new School Board that can build trust with the Board of Supervisors. With a better relationship, the two Boards can work together for our community and all of our children.

4. How to address the achievement gap?

Under current leadership, the achievement gap continues to be substantial. We cannot keep electing the same people and expect a different result. We need to provide a rigorous curriculum to all students and allocate resources for objective gains. We need to work with the community to provide wraparound services and empower parents to help their children at home.

5. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the school system with a budget gap looming, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What are the top priorities and what could be cut?

FCPS' projected shortfall is 2.5% of the operating budget. The current School Board took five years to hire an auditor general and has refused to do a line of business review. My top priority is to ensure clear metrics and objectivity so we base cuts on educational impact and effectiveness, not on bias and popularity. We also need to look at FCPS' contract procurement practices. I will bring leadership to the Board so we cut waste and inefficiency, not proven programs.



Manar Jean-Jacques

Town of residence: Fairfax
Age: 31

Family: My family is originally from Egypt and my wonderful husband, Thierry, is from Haiti. We have been married for 7 years and we have two children, Thomas is 2 and Mary is 8 months.

Education: I hold a B.A. in Sociology from George Mason University

Occupation and relevant experience: I work at the Refugee Processing Center as a contractor for the Department of State. Since starting there 8 years ago, I have been known as a solution-driven, out-of-the box thinker with creative solutions. In addition to my analytical skills, I bring a parent's perspective to the board. As a mom of two future FCPS students, my priority is ensuring the best education for children in FCPS.

Community involvement: I participate in local volunteer opportunities though my church, I spent time on the ground in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina assisting in disaster relief efforts and I spent time helping at an orphanage in my husband's hometown of Port-au-Prince, Haiti after the devastating earthquake in 2010.

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Name favorite endorsements: I have am officially endorsed by the GOP and Arab Community Radio.

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

As a first generation American, I cherish the importance of a government that listens to its people. I feel called to serve in my local government because the current school board is unresponsive to its constituents. I plan on involving the community in all board-related matters through regular town halls, PTA meetings, setting special time aside to meet with teachers and making myself readily available to the residents of Fairfax County via office hours, email and phone.

2. Why should voters choose you?

The incumbent at-large candidates either have children that have already graduated from FCPS or do not have children at all, the only way they take their decisions home with them is in their pockets. As a mom of two future FCPS students, my priority is ensuring the highest quality education for FCPS students so that our children have the best opportunities to thrive and be successful. I understand the frustration parents have with class size disparity, the need for more rigor in the classroom and the need for parents of this next generation to be respected and recognized as the primary educators of their children ... that is a perspective needed on the school board and it is one that the incumbents cannot offer.

3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?

It is important to keep rigor, class size disparity and staffing formulas at the heart of the conversation with the community. Working together, we can create solutions that address our county's challenges and needs. It is the responsibility of FCPS to educate all students in the county and shape them into productive members of the community.

4. How to address the achievement gap?

Coming from an immigrant family and working daily to bring refugees to the U.S., I understand what education means for those seeking a better future for themselves and their families in the U.S. I am very concerned that the needle hasn't moved on closing the minority achievement gap in years, despite \$65 million being poured into projects targeting the issue. The current board continually changes the name of these projects (Excel, PSI, Momentum, etc), making it nearly impossible to

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Ryan McElveen

INCUMBENT

Town of residence: McLean

Age: 29

Family: Married
Education: M.A. in International Affairs, Columbia University; B.A. in Anthropology and East Asian Studies, The University of Virginia

Offices held, dates: School Board Member, At-large, January 2012-Present

Occupation and relevant experience: Assistant Director, John L. Thornton China Center, The Brookings Institution

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Name three endorsements: Fairfax County Federation of Teachers, Fairfax Education Association, Fairfax County Democratic Committee

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

I will remain a voice for the voiceless who don't know how to best resolve their concerns with the school system. One of my first actions on the Board was to push for the creation of a system to allow community members to submit YouTube video testimonies to be shown at our meetings. We became the first public Board in the country to implement this kind of feedback mechanism. I will continue engaging with the community in a transparent manner and with an open mind while working to improve our communications.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

I have a track record of bringing significant and positive change to the school system in a short amount of time. I have focused on three major initiatives — improving school food (including the creation of a fresh food pilot kitchen and the system-wide study of our Food and Nutrition Services program), the internationalization working group (to help guide our work on implementing world languages and study-abroad opportunities), and the alumni networking action group (which has helped us map a path to create an FCPS alumni association). In my next term, I hope to see all of these efforts through to implementation.

3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?

FCPS is a tale of two counties, and this unquestionably has emerged as one of our biggest challenges. In Fairfax, more than half of our elementary schools sit above the socio-economic tipping point, proving that Fairfax has moved beyond localized poverty. To address this divide, the School Board must maintain its long-standing practice of targeting these communities with needs-based funding. Co-location of school and human services facilities, as has been piloted in Mount Vernon, is another way to tackle this community issue without spending significant additional county resources.

4. How to address the achievement gap?

Our Board has remained steadfast in our support of needy students and those who speak other languages at home by directing budget resources to these at-risk populations. We have made expanding early childhood opportunities one of our priorities, because we know that investments in the education of students at an early age pay dividends later in their educational careers (thus saving our system money). We must continue working with the county to creatively fund and house these programs.

5. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system with a significant budget gap looming, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What steps would you take to manage the gap and to

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School Board Candidates At-Large

Ilryong Moon

INCUMBENT
Town of residence: Fairfax
Age: 58
Family: Father of 2 FCPS graduates
Education: Harvard, B.A.; William and Mary Law School, J.D.



Offices held, dates: At-Large School Board Member, 07/1995-12/1995 & 2004-present; Braddock District School Board Member 1996-1999; At-Large Planning Commissioner 2000-2003.

Occupation and relevant experience: Attorney since 1984; Member, Board of Directors, American Youth Philharmonic Orchestras, 2000-2010; Member, Board of Directors, Montessori School of Northern Virginia, 1994-1995

Community involvement: Youth soccer coaching, Fairfax-Falls Church Regional Council of the United Way, Police Chief's Diversity Council.

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Name three favorite endorsements: My family, Fairfax County Federation of Teachers, and Democratic Party

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

We should prepare our students for global competition. They will not only lead our country in the future, but must be able to compete with the students from the other nations. I want Fairfax County to be the best place to live, work, and raise children. We need good teachers and must support them. We should challenge our students to do their best, meet their individual needs, and provide them with a broad curriculum, including in STEM and foreign language education.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponents; why should voters choose you?

Experience and unique perspectives. I have served on the school board for 16 years, including 3 years as chairman and 2 years as vice chairman, and also chaired budget, governance, personnel, and policy committees. Furthermore, I bring unique perspectives as an immigrant grown up in poverty, an English language learner, an attorney, and a small business owner.

3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?

All students should have resources per their needs. We should work more closely with the parents to help their children succeed. For the parents with language, cultural, or employment barriers, we should reach out to them more proactively. All students should have adequate access to digital devices and internet capability. We must also work with the County Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission on housing issues not to concentrate high poverty students on certain areas.

4. How to address the achievement gap?

Adequate resources, closer work with families, and high expectations for all students are needed. I support needs-based staffing. Resources should follow students' needs whether in opportunities, special education, or learning English as a second language. We need to equip, train, and educate parents to help their children succeed. Also, everyone should have high expectations for all students. We should expand early childhood education opportunities, working with the County, State, private sector, and community organizations.

5. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the school system with a significant budget gap looming, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What steps would you take to manage the gap and to fund the needs of the school system? What are the top priorities and what could be cut?

A community consensus on the school funding level should be built. I support the superintendent's work with the budget task force to gather commu-

Burnette G. Scarboro

Town of residence: Alexandria (Fairfax County)
Age: Over 21
Family: Luther, husband; Children – Syreeta, Seneca and Stefanie



Education: Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, NC; NOVA Community College; and George Mason University, Fairfax, VA.

Offices held, dates: No elected office held

Occupation and relevant experience: Fairfax County Public Schools – Family Engagement Representative; African Heritage Early Literacy Project Leader. Co-founder South County Youth Network a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Member, Lt. Governor's Commonwealth Council for Childhood Success

Community involvement: Northern VA District PTA Director; Member, VA State PTA Board; Member, Chairman Bulova's Ad Hoc Police Review Committee; Coordinator, West Potomac-Mount Vernon School-Community Coalition

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Name three favorite endorsements: Dr. Larry Bussey; The Faith Community; and Mattie Palmore, Community Activist

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

My desire to have equitable education for all students drives me to run, along with character education in all school pyramids.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

Voters should choose me because I am embedded in the school system as an employee; family oriented and believe that students and families should not be judged by their geographical location.

3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?

First, we need to address the increase in families placing their children in private schools or homeschooling; second, the economic divide is a direct correlation of the type of businesses in a community, i.e., fast food establishments vs. Fortune 500; and, third – work on changing the mindset of judging others by zip codes.

4. How will you address the achievement gap?

The achievement gap should not exist. The history of public education clearly shows that that public education was not designed for people of color. The achievement gap came on the scene when schools were integrated. I can only address the problem when all stakeholders understand why the problem exists.

5. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system with a significant budget gap looming, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What steps would you take to manage the gap and to fund the needs of the school system? What are the top priorities and what could be cut?

FCPS and the BOS must work together to develop strategies to bring more businesses into the area and reduce the reliance on real estate taxes. Teachers know where cuts can be made and that is the group that I would begin my inquiries.

6. What value does FCPS add for taxpayers who do not have children in the schools?

A school system with a stellar reputation is sought by businesses and former school graduates to return and give back to the community. Taxpayers want to see "more bang for their bucks." Elect me to the school board and you'll see the plan in action!

Theodore J. "Ted" Velkoff

INCUMBENT
Town of Residence: Chantilly
Age: 61
Family: Wife, Dr. Patricia Velkoff;



Daughters Catherine (South Lakes H.S. 2007), Elizabeth (Chantilly H.S. 2009)

Offices held, dates: At-Large member of the Fairfax County School Board, January 2012 to present. Have served as Vice Chairman of the Board, Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Budget Committee.

Occupation and relevant experience: Senior Software Architect at Integrity One Partners, Reston VA; previously with Lockheed Martin and IBM in Manassas, VA. M.A., Computer Science, Indiana University; M. Music, Conducting, Indiana University; B. Music, Composition, University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music.

Community involvement: PTSA President, Chantilly H.S.; PTA Treasurer, Chantilly H.S., Rocky Run M.S., Poplar Tree E.S.; Treasurer, Pleasant Valley Preschool, Girl Scout Troup 2829. Volunteer, stage manager and occasional human prop, Fairfax Ballet.

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Name three favorite endorsements: Supervisor John Foust, Senator Chap Petersen, Delegate Ken Plum.

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

Eliminate high stakes testing and replace with authentic assessments. We must restore the joy of teaching and learning that comes from projects, inquiry and communication. Recently inaugurated Portrait of a Graduate defines success not in terms of what students know, but what they can do with what they know.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponents and why should voters choose you?

I am proud of the work accomplished by the board of which I have been a member for the past four years. We hired a visionary and transformational leader in Dr. Karen Garza. We made much-needed changes to student discipline practices; solved the high school start time problem; and instituted full-day instruction in elementary schools on Mondays. My opponents have seldom, if ever, attended school board meetings or work sessions, and appear to have been motivated solely by disagreement with one action of the board last May. I have been an effective member of the school board by building relationships and brokering agreements on potentially contentious policy decisions.

3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?

We need to expand innovative programs in schools throughout the county, especially those in economically challenged communities. We must insist on rigorous instruction for all children in all schools, whether wealthy or poor, gifted or disadvantaged. I am deeply opposed to the punitive accountability measures imposed by the state and federal government, which are counterproductive. I am just as deeply committed to the principle that we in FCPS must do everything we can to meet the needs of all children.

4. How to address the achievement gap?

The most important thing we can do is to achieve universal pre-school in Fairfax County. Nobel Prize economist James Heckman has demonstrated that high quality pre-school yields a 7 to 1 return on investment in less remediation and discipline issues over the career of a student.

5. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the school system with a significant budget gap looming, both for FCPS

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Manar Jean-Jacques

evaluate the effectiveness of the programs. I would begin addressing the achievement gap by engaging teachers in the conversation and seeking their expertise.

5. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system with a significant budget gap looming, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What steps would you take to manage the gap and to fund the needs of the school system? What are the top priorities and what could be cut?

If elected, I would like to put a motion before the board to vote on giving back the 60% raise they voted themselves in the midst of this budget gap. I would also like to look at outsourcing FCPS jobs that do not directly impact the education of children inside the classroom. Outsourcing gives businesses in the community an opportunity to thrive and frees up money that we would have been paying into pensions to now be redirected back into the classroom.

Ryan McElveen

fund the needs of the school system? What are the top priorities and what could be cut?

FCPS cannot remain the system it is today at current levels of funding, and we won't realize that we've hit the breaking point until it's too late. It is well past time to diversify local revenue streams.

Beyond Fairfax, the School Board must take advocacy to the next level by coalition building with similar, like-minded districts and umbrella organizations throughout the state to push for a change to our state funding mechanisms. Additionally, both Boards need to continue exploring legal recourse to obtain the education funding guaranteed by the Virginia constitution.

Ilryong Moon

nity input. Both the School Board and the Board of Supervisors need to know where the community stands. We should also review our programs, practices, and operations to find savings. My priorities are to increase teacher salaries, lower class sizes, and challenge all students to do their best and prepare them for the postsecondary education and employment.

Ted Velkoff

and Fairfax County. What are the top priorities and what could be cut?

Because Virginia's antiquated form of government concentrates power in Richmond and marginalizes Fairfax County, the Board of Supervisors and School Board are pitted against each other by design. The Supervisors control school revenue; the School Board controls school spending. The County Executive proposes a revenue-based budget; the Superintendent proposes a needs-based budget.

The County Executive has told FCPS to "live within its means." In accordance with that budget guidance, the Superintendent will have to cut \$72M from the operating budget. The School Board has closed similar gaps by increasing class size and limiting employee compensation. This year I will not support a budget that is balanced on the backs of our employees.

Questionnaires have been edited for length. Full questionnaires are available at www.ConnectionNewspapers.com click on Elections.

Neither Peter Marchetti nor Robert Copeland, both candidates for Fairfax County School Board At Large, returned their questionnaires for publication.

Candidates for Mount Vernon Supervisor

Jane Gandee (R)

Family: Married to Greg Gandee for 35 years; a son, Charles, and daughter, Amy, and three grandchildren.

Occupation and relevant experience:

I am the principle owner of ServiceMaster Restore. I serve on the Northeast Regional Franchise Council, and throughout my career have served at the local, regional and national level in leadership positions. I was an administrator at The University of Charleston, Charleston, West Virginia, for over seven years. I hold a Six Sigma Certification.

Community Involvement: Chairman of the Alexandria Salvation Army; Member of the National Capital Area Command Board of the Salvation Army; Vice President of the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce; Board of Directors of the Chamber's Education Partnership, and the Legislative Committee. Fund Development Committee for Rising Hope Mission Church; Board Member, Northern Virginia Republican Business Forum.

Name three favorite endorsements:

My favorite endorsements are from the people of Mount Vernon who would like me to represent them as Supervisor. Jay and Sue McConville from Waynewood; Sabrina Campbell from Yacht Haven; Nikki Bono, Mount Vernon.

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

Fairfax County and businesses need to be allies in promoting economic development. I hear regular and distressing stories about business people who walk away from projects because of their frustrations with the inability to get their projects up and running. They quit altogether or go to a neighboring county and take the jobs and commercial real estate revenues with them. I will create a better business climate by streamlining planning and zoning processes. With my experience building a successful business in Fairfax County we can attract good businesses to our area and help them thrive.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent?

Leadership is different than experience gained from elected office. My leadership whether in business or with community organizations has always led to high achievement and positive results. My opponent has been elected to the School Board for the past 12 years but he has not been a leader. Our schools are worse off now than they were 12 years ago. I will always listen to the people of Mount Vernon.

3. What are the top county priorities and how will you assure funding and manage the budget? What ideas do you have for increasing revenue? Name two areas/items you would cut or reduce.

Let's be clear about the school budget. The Board of Supervisors transferred more funds to FCPS during the past budget cycle than any time in history. The difference between what was requested by the School Board and the final funding was about 2.4 percent of the total FCPS budget. In the current economic climate every part of the County budget had to adsorb some cuts. Top funding priorities have to be maintaining our excellent school system, funding public safety, and maintaining the libraries, parks, rec centers, and other public amenities that give us a good quality of life in Fairfax County.

I believe I owe it to the citizens of Fairfax County to look them in the eye and say your family's money is being spent prudently, efficiently and effectively before I vote for more money from their household income for the County budget.



Dan Storck (D)

Town of residence: Fort Hunt
Age: 62

Family: Wife of 39 years, Deb, and three adult children.

Education: Masters in Business Administration (MBA) specializing in Management and Finance from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio (1981); Bachelors of Science (BS) in Business Administration, Finance Major from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio (1975)

Offices held, dates: Fairfax County School Board Member, Mt. Vernon District, 2004 – present; Fairfax County School Board Chairman, 2007-2009

Occupation and relevant experience: Business Owner & Fairfax County School Board, Mt. Vernon District Member

Community involvement: For over 25 years, I've been a leader in the community in a variety of roles including as President of Good Shepherd Housing, a coach, WPHS PTA President, and more.

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Name three favorite endorsements: Proud to have the support of our fire fighters, our teachers and the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

People who know me know that I am very passionate about our schools, they are the cornerstone of a strong Mt. Vernon District. Job creation, public safety, development, and our future depend on long-term public investments for funding quality schools. I will fight every day to fully fund Mt. Vernon's schools, but also create new jobs, finish the revitalization of Route 1, empower our seniors to age in place, protect our environment and expand the Yellow Line to Hybla Valley and beyond.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent; why should voters choose you?

I believe my consistent leadership in a diverse set of roles within our community sets me apart.

When I was President of Good Shepherd Housing, I led the way in expanding access to affordable housing to our most vulnerable neighbors. As School Board Member, I built or funded 5 new and 18 Mount Vernon-related school additions/renovations, while my initiatives saved taxpayers millions of dollars, improved student health, and vastly increased the number of students' taking advanced courses and getting job-ready skills certifications to help them find good paying jobs.

3. What are the top county priorities and how will you assure funding and manage the budget? What ideas do you have for increasing revenue? Name two areas/items you would cut or reduce.

Our schools must remain a top priority to attract development, encourage economic growth and improve our quality of life. Our school funding is currently \$2-6,000 less per student than most area school systems and less than we spent a decade ago. Growing our businesses and diversifying our sources of revenue are critical. I'll fight to get greater than 21% of our tax dollars back from the state. We also must do more with what we have. I've done that by building a middle school years ahead of schedule and \$35 million under budget, while my "Smart Services, Smart Savings" initiative saved taxpayers over a million dollars.

4. How many hours a week of outside employment do you anticipate while serving on the Board of Supervisors? As Supervisor, I'll maintain that same level of commitment to our community while ending my daily business involvement so that I can be your full-time Supervisor.



School Board Candidates for Mount Vernon District

Karen Corbett Sanders

Town of residence: Mt. Vernon
Age: 54

Family: Husband Daniel, Daughters Sara (21) Annelieske (18)

Education: Boston University MSIM (1990) (distinguished Alumni 2011), University of Notre Dame BA (1982), Groveton HS (1979)

Offices held, dates: None

Occupation and relevant experience: As Verizon, Vice President (retired) served on Boards of Directors and Operating Committees of International Companies (\$2 billion/yr); As Booz, Allen & Hamilton, Senior Associate, provided strategic and program planning advice to Fortune 100 companies and government clients including the White House, DoD and national research labs.

Community involvement: PTA President, West Potomac HS, Belle View ES; see website for more

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Name three favorite endorsements: 1) The students (and parents) who's lives I've touched, 2) the Teachers' Organizations and 3) the Federal and local policymakers I will work with to ensure our schools receive the necessary resources.

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

Equity and excellence for Mount Vernon's schools; the zip code should not determine the quality of a child's education. I will focus on making each of Mt. Vernon's schools a neighborhood center of academic excellence.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

Experience in our schools, our community and business. As a Mount Vernon native, I have successfully advocated for Mt. Vernon's students within our schools, on county-wide advisory committees and task forces and with the business community.

3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?

Proposed budget cuts to needs based staffing for high poverty schools, summer school, athletics, the arts, and non special ed preschool programs could increase the economic divide, opportunity gaps and harm student and teacher retention efforts. I will fight to restore state and federal funding shortfalls, focus budget cuts on areas with limited student impact, eliminate/ consolidate duplicative County/School system programs.

4. How to address the achievement gap?

Explore innovative public/private partnership solutions to eliminate the waitlist for early childhood education. Expand early identification and intervention efforts for at-risk students, explore wrap-around services for those schools with the highest needs populations; and increase parent engagement.

5. What steps would you take to manage the budget gap and fund the needs of the schools? What are the top priorities; what could be cut?

Prioritize student success and teacher retention. Budget cuts should focus on minimizing impacts on these priorities and identifying synergies for cost savings in areas that are duplicative between the FCPS and the County. Diversify revenue base to include restoring state level funding and fees for buildings and grounds use and increasing business and community partnerships.



Anthony Stacy

Town of residence: Alexandria, VA

Age: 47

Family: Wife, Deanna; daughter, Summer (3rd grade); son, William (pre-school)

Education: Master of Public Administration, The Maxwell School of Syracuse University; Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration, Malone University

Occupation and relevant experience:

Consultant, Booz Allen Hamilton (current); Chief of Staff, Philanthropy, The Nature Conservancy; Program Director, Government Performance Project, The Maxwell School of Syracuse University; more online

Community involvement: Advisory Board, C&O Canal Trust; Co-founder, Greater Salem, Ohio Area Habitat for Humanity; Founder, Malone College Habitat for Humanity.

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Name three favorite endorsements: Class Size Counts; former U.S. Senate candidate Ed Gillespie; State Senator Dave Albo

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

Of the 17 schools accredited with warning during the 2014–15 academic year, 7 are in the Mount Vernon District. Families shouldn't feel compelled to take their children out of the public school or move to another part of the county because of the quality of our local public schools. My goal is for all of our children to have an education that at a minimum provides them with the skills to enter the workforce upon graduation or pursue higher education. My approach will be focusing on strengthening the curriculum for all students, greater accountability from administrators, greater autonomy for teachers, and working with parents on methods to support their children's education.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent; why should voters choose you?

My experience extends across the top levels of four sectors – private, public, higher education, and non-profit. As Project Director of the Government Performance Project, I graded state, city, and county governments (including Fairfax County) on how well they were managed. I led daily operations The Nature Conservancy's Philanthropy Department, responsible for finance and personnel. Finally, I have children in the public schools for the next 14 years, Class of 2025 and 2029.

3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?

Fairfax County School Board cannot allow current fiscal mismanagement to hinder academic quality. We need to focus our resources where they are needed the most.

4. How to address the achievement gap?

Honors and AP classes do an effective job in preparation for higher education and should be maintained, but we must strengthen the standard curriculum. Our children should receive an education that is tailored to their specific needs and enhance their ability to be prepared to function as productive adults. We can better partner with the business community.

5. What steps would you take to manage the gap and to fund the needs of the school system? What are the top priorities and what could be cut? It is critical that we perform a line item review of the 400-page FCPS budget. I will not balance the budget by eliminating athletics and the arts. I will not balance the budget on the backs of our students by increasing class sizes. The current school board has already taken this approach three times and has mismanaged the \$2.6 billion budget, causing a significant budget deficit.

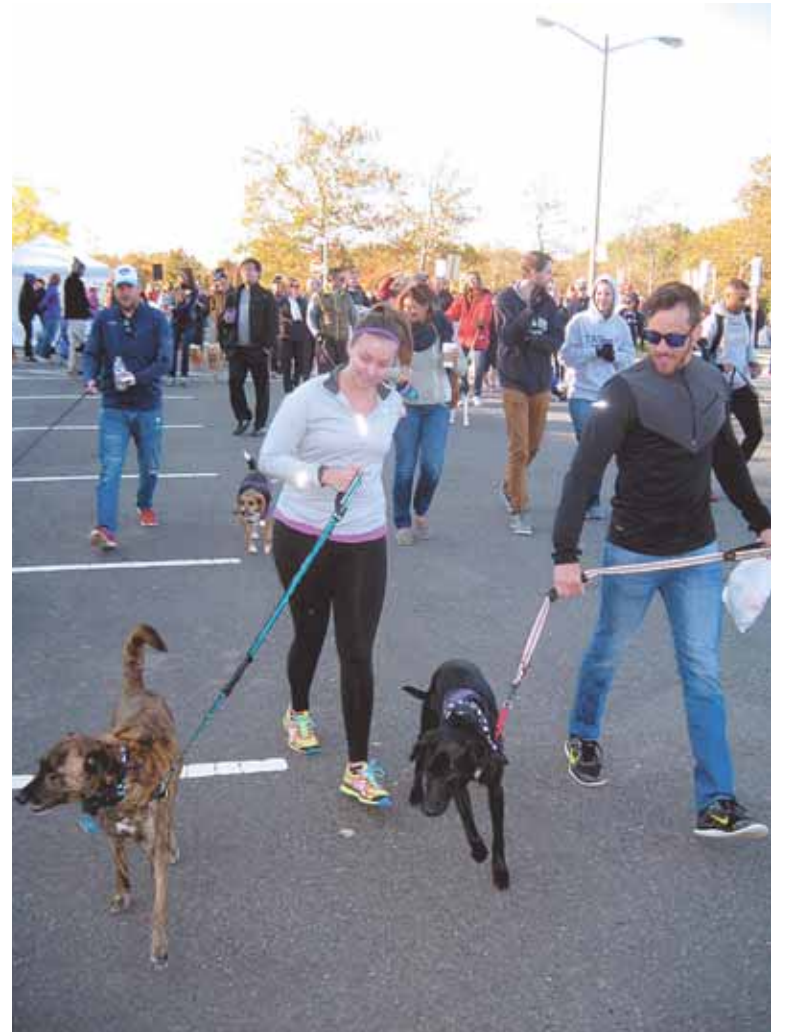




The beginning of the K-9 Krawl 5K Walk at the Fairfax County Government Center on Saturday, Oct. 17.



Hunter Smith of Fairfax with his dog, Bailey.



The ninth annual K-9 Krawl 5K Walk was held Saturday, Oct. 17 at the Fairfax County Government Center. It was created to bring awareness to domestic violence and the link to animal cruelty.

K-9 Krawl 5K Walk a Success

Some 315 people participated in the ninth annual K-9 Krawl 5K Walk on Saturday, Oct. 17 at the Fairfax County Government Center in Fairfax. The free walk was created to increase awareness of the link between domestic violence and animal cruelty. The event is held during October in observance of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and is sponsored by the Fairfax County Police Department Victim Services Section and the FCPD Domestic Violence Unit.

"The K-9 Krawl was created to bring awareness to domestic violence and the link to animal cruelty,"

said Kacey Kirkland, Victim Services Specialist and K-9 Krawl Creator. "A lot of people see their pets as their family."

Sully District Supervisor Michael Frey, who was on hand, said, "What is important is that our police department recognized that there are direct links between animals and spousal abuse. This is a good way to help spread the message."

Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, who was also on hand, said, "Bringing attention to domestic violence is so critical."

— STEVE HIBBARD



Sophie, Christine, and Vincent Sharp with their dog Rebel, from Fairfax.



Matt Dale with dog Sadie and Kristin Leonard with dog Isabelle, both from Herndon.



K-9 Krawl Co-Sponsors Kacey Kirkland and Jacqi Smith.

Lake Braddock Field Hockey Secures Regional Berth

Bruins beat Mount Vernon in Conference 7 tournament.

BY JORDAN SMALL
FOR THE CONNECTION

In their second matchup of the season, the Lake Braddock field hockey team beat Mount Vernon on Tuesday to advance to the second round of the Conference 7 tournament and secure a berth in the 6A North region tournament.

The No. 2 seed Bruins beat the No. 7 Majors 2-0 on two goals from junior midfielder Haley Hopkins.

Both teams went back and forth for most of the game before Hopkins tapped in a goal with

13:38 remaining in the game. Just over four minutes later, Hopkins scored again. Goalies senior Katherine Thompson and junior Ciara Weets combined for the shut-out.

"We got the win," Lake Braddock head coach Marie Bounds Bullock said. "It wasn't our best. We came out a little flat, but we picked it up and kept putting the ball in the net."

While the first half was very even, Lake Braddock took hold of the second half and picked up two goals. When given opportunities in the circle, the Bruins were able to put the ball away.

"Braddock finished in the circle," Mount Vernon head coach Jessica Edwards said. "We didn't finish our shots. They finished their shots and had more of a presence in the circle."

With the loss, Mount Vernon's season came to an end. The Ma-



PHOTO BY JORDAN SMALL

The Lake Braddock field hockey team defeated Mount Vernon 2-0 in the Conference 7 tournament quarterfinals on Tuesday.

jors finished with a 3-13 record and one conference victory.

"I thought our girls played really well overall," Edwards said.

"We had shots on goal and we had corners. Overall it was a pretty evenly matched game. Braddock was just able to put the ball away."

Lake Braddock (11-5-1) will host No. 3 Woodson (8-7-2) in the conference semifinals at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 22.

SPORTS BRIEFS

South County Remains Undefeated

The South County football team improved to 7-0 overall and 4-0 in Conference 7 with a 55-6 victory over Mount Vernon on Oct. 16 in Lorton.

The Stallions regained sole possession of the No. 1 spot in the VHSL's 6A North region power rankings, with a rating of 32.42857. Fellow unbeaten Lake Braddock is No. 2 with a rating of 31.85714.

South County quarterback DeAndre Clayton completed 16 of 26 passes for 197 yards and two touchdowns, and was intercepted twice.

The Stallions rushed for 283 yards as a team, with 12 different players getting at least one carry. South County will travel to face Annandale at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 23.

Woodson Advances in Conference 7 Tournament

The No. 3 seed Woodson field hockey team advanced to the Conference 7 tournament semifinals and secured a berth in the 6A North region tournament



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Lamont Atkins and the Lake Braddock football team will host West Springfield at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 23.

with a 4-1 victory over No. 6 South County on Tuesday.

Woodson will travel to face No. 2 Lake Braddock in the semifinals at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 22.

No. 1 T.C. Williams and No. 5 West Potomac also advanced.

Hayfield Improves to 4-0 in Conference 6

The Hayfield football team de-

feated Langley 39-21 at home on Oct. 16, remaining in a first-place tie atop the Conference 6 standings with Madison.

The Hawks improved to 5-2 overall, 4-0 in the conference and have won four games in a row after giving up 70 points in a loss to South County.

Hayfield is No. 10 in the latest VHSL 6A North region power rankings. The top 16 teams make the playoffs.

The Hawks will travel to face Yorktown at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct.

23.

Lake Braddock Football to Host West Springfield

The Lake Braddock football team will host West Springfield at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 23 in a matchup of Conference 7 title contenders.

Lake Braddock cruised to a 61-0 home victory over Woodson on

Oct. 16, improving its record to 7-0, including 4-0 in the conference.

The Bruins are one of two remaining undefeated teams in the 6A North region and are No. 2 in the latest VHSL football power rankings.

Their rating of 31.85714 is behind only fellow unbeaten and conference foe South County.

Lake Braddock running back Lamont Atkins carried 14 times for 126 yards and two touchdowns against Woodson. Ibrahim Mansaray ran for 97 yards and a touchdown, and quarterback Kyle Edwards scored a rushing touchdown.

Edwards completed 9 of 14 passes for 148 yards and two touchdowns.

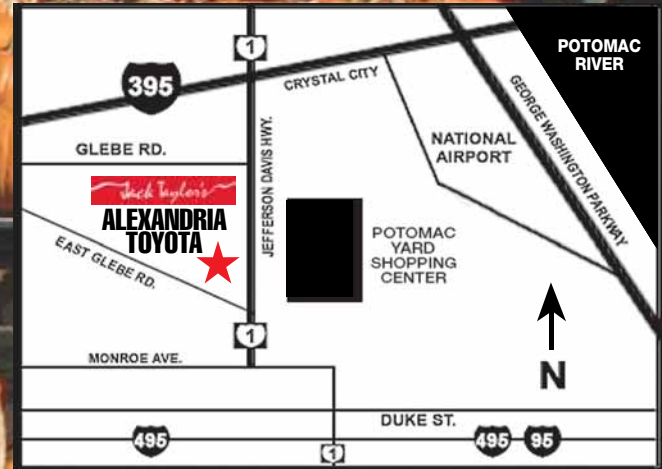
West Springfield improved to 5-2 overall and 3-1 in the conference with a 14-12 home win against T.C. Williams on Friday. The Spartans are No. 5 in the VHSL power rankings with a rating of 28.14286.

Running back Eric Vercellone carried 17 times for 100 yards against T.C. Williams. Quarterback Peter Muskett completed 12 of 20 passes for 146 yards and a touchdown, and also ran for a score.

Last season, West Springfield defeated Lake Braddock 16-14 during the regular season, but the Bruins won the playoff rematch 27-24.

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NOTICE OF AN ADVISORY HEARING ON A TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS PROCEEDINGS
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Fun Run to Benefit Ecumenical Community Helping Others

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and Kirkwood Presbyterian Church of the West Springfield area will host a five-kilometer run and one-kilometer walk to benefit the local organization Ecumenical Community Helping Others, or ECHO.

ECHO, located on Old Keene Mill Road in Springfield, primarily provides food and basic home goods to families in Burke and Springfield who are in crisis, but also offers clothing, school supplies and some financial assistance.

Rather than ask for a registration fee for the race, the two church organizers are encouraging participants to make cash or check donations on-site.

West Springfield resident and ECHO representative Mike Reidy said in a statement, "This fun run is a great opportunity for all ages to meet neighbors and serve our community together through supporting ECHO."

Registration prior to the race is scheduled for 7:45 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24 at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, located at 8336 Carleigh Parkway in West Springfield.

For more information, contact Stacey Crosson, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church minister of care and Outreach at Prince, at 703-451-5855 or via email at stacey.crosson@poplc.org.

— TIM PETERSON

SCHOOL NOTES

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

Six students in Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) have been named **regional finalists in the 2015 Siemens Competition in Math, Science, and Technology**. The students, who attend South County High School and Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST), are part of a group of 97 regional finalists who will compete in one of six regional events in November.

Finalists include five TJHSST students — Daniel Chae, Kelly Cho, Harriet Khang, Christina Oh and Michael You — as well as Edward Oh, South County High School.

Brendan Richard O'Connor of Fairfax Station has accepted membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. NSCS is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies and is the nation's only interdisciplinary honors organization for first-year and second-year college students. Membership is by invitation only, based on grade point average and class standing. He is a sophomore at the College of William and Mary.

William Douglas Krawczak of Springfield has been recognized by George Mason University on the school's dean's list for his academic achievement during the spring semester. William graduated from West Springfield High School and is double majoring in English and Economics at George Mason University. Recognition on the George Mason University dean's list is reserved for students who were registered for 12 or more semester hours and received a grade point average of 3.2 or higher with no grade below a C for the previous semester's work.

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