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Democrats Win Closely Watched Races in McLean, Great Falls and Herndon

By Ken Moore THE CONNECTION

istory promised Del. Kathleen Murphy (D-34) that her reelection bid to Virginia's House of Delegates would be close; no matter how much money Republicans pumped into Craig Parisot's campaign in the final days.

Last Tuesday, Nov. 3, Murphy defeated Parisot (R) by a final count of 10,820 votes to 10,632, less than one percent of voters in the 34th District.

"We all knew it would be close," said Parisot.

The morning after the election, Parisot sent a legal team to observe a canvas held in Fairfax and Loudoun counties, which are represented by the 34th district, to ensure the election's authenticity.

"After determining that results were marked correctly, the tapes were valid and provisional ballots were taken into consideration, I found no reason to contest the outcome," he said. "Simply put, it was just a close race."

Murphy has described her emotions taking the oath of office in Richmond, thinking about her past predecessors, historical predecessors who have served Virginia.

After last Tuesday's victory she said, "It is an honor to represent the 34th district in the General Assembly and I am so grateful to my constituents for entrusting me with a second term," said Murphy. "I will continue to work with both Democrats and Republicans to strengthen our economy, keep our schools world-class, and protect our communities and children from the spread of gun violence."

This election was a rematch of the special election triggered last November 2014 when Barbara Comstock (R) was elected to U.S. Congress.

Murphy received 51.23 percent of the vote, and defeated Parisot who received 48.63 percent of the vote.

The 34th District has a history of close

In 2013, Murphy lost to Barbara Comstock 50.64 percent to 49.21 percent. Murphy received 14,540 votes to Comstock's 14,962.

In 2012, Barack Obama and Mitt Romney literally tied in the district, each receiving 18,688 votes, according to Virginia Public Access Project.

"I have no regrets and would only change one thing if I could — the outcome," said

OTHER ELECTIONS last Tuesday were not as close, but were closely watched.

Long-time Herndon resident Jennifer Boysko (D) will succeed Tom Rust (R) as



Del. Jennifer Boysko (D) defeated Danny Vargas (R) in the open seat created by the retirement of Del. Tom Rust (R-86).

"There's a lot to do, but education kept coming up as a real priority."

-Jennifer Boysko (D-86)



Del. Kathleen Murphy (D-34) won reelection by less than one percent of the vote in a rematch with Craig

"It is an honor to represent the 34th district in the General Assembly and I am so grateful to my constituents for entrusting me with a second term."

—Del. Kathleen Murphy (D-34)



John Foust (D) won reelection over Republican Jennifer Chronis.

"I'm proud of the fact that after eight years people know me pretty well and know how I conduct myself as supervisor. I'm honored that they give me another opportunity."

> -Supervisor John Foust (D-**Dranesville**)

Updated, unofficial results:

District 34 House of Delegates Results

Kathleen J. Murphy (D)*	10,820	50.40%	\$689,469 spent
Craig A. Parisot (R)	10,632	49.52%	\$748,827 spent

District 86 House of Delegates Results

Jennifer B. Boysko (D)	. 8,283	. 54.46%	\$478,985 spent
Raul "Danny" Vargas (R)	. 6,390	. 42.01%	\$654,725 spent
Paul R. Brubaker (I)	526	3.46%	\$9,100 spent

Dranesville District Supervisor Results

John W. Foust (D)*	15,017	54.25%	\$339,788 spent
Jennifer C. Chronis (R)	12,625	45.61%	\$350,160 spent

86th District delegate, who announced his retirement last spring.

Boysko won the 86th District with 54.46 percent of the votes over Danny Vargas, who received 42.01 percent of the vote.

Election night, Boysko was greeted by thunderous applause as she joined her Assembly colleagues on stage at the Democratic victory party.

'It's already been an incredible learning experience," said Boysko, in an interview Tuesday night after election result announcements had been made.

"I've talked to literally thousands of people in my district, listening to what they need, what are their concerns," she said.

"There's a lot to do, but education kept coming up as a real priority."

Vargas, Boysko's opponent received large, late infusions of campaign money from Republicans, and had a total of \$705,323, which he spent mostly on mailers and TV commercials attacking Boysko and inaccurately claiming she supports tolling of I-66.

"Even though we came up short tonight I want to thank all of our supporters and volunteers that have made this effort possible," said Vargas in an election night statement. "I wish Delegate-elect Boysko well in serving our District."

Boysko served as Supervisor John Foust's legislative aide, and worked on many Herndon issues.

"She's an amazingly hard worker, she's smart, she cares about people and doing great things, and she's in public service for all the right reason," said Foust.

FOUST was reelected to the Board of Supervisors for his third term, beating Jennifer Chronis, (R).

Foust has served on the Board the last eight years.

"I'm proud of the fact that after eight years people know me pretty well and know how I conduct myself as supervisor. I'm honored that they give me another opportunity," he said.

Chronis ran for the first time.

"Thank you all for everything you have done for me and my team. Whether through your financial contributions, your volunteer hours, your encouragement and feedback, or your votes, every last one of you helped us in some way. For that, I am eternally grateful," said Chronis.

Senator Barbara Favola was reelected for her second term, defeating challenger George Forakis.

"Dranesville has an amazingly talented team of public servants. We work well together, we will get a lot of good things done," said Foust.



Ever since she was a little girl, Kathy from Falls Church has loved taking long car rides with her dad, especially when he came home from serving in Korea and Vietnam. Now that she is older, Kathy is the one driving her dad around and she still takes him on a weekly adventure. She loves that no matter where they go, she says she can always count on the Express Lanes to get to her dad's house in 30 minutes. Kathy knows that she'll never be stuck in traffic — instead, she'll get to spend her precious time with her dad.

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Kathy's story was one of our winning entries in our "Express Lanes Love Story" promotion.

The delivery to Share, Inc. of a new truck for their services to the McLean community. Funding for this truck was in part provided by the McLean Community Foundation. Pictured are Winnie Pizzano, Janet Tysee and Joann Berkson of the MCF Board of Trustees and Vic Kimm, president of Share, Inc.



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McLean Community Foundation Announces Grants Awarded

The McLean Community Foundation (MCF) has announced the following grants awarded recently to the organizations who benefit the citizens of McLean:

- ❖ \$20,000 Haycock PTA for a Playground;
- ❖ \$3,500 Josh Anderson Foundation for Suicide Prevention program in schools;
- ❖ \$4,600 1st Stage for renovation of costume storage, repair and maintenance;

❖ \$3,000 — McLean Community Players for services for hearing-impaired audience members and;

❖ \$1000 — to Winterfest Parade.

The McLean Community Foundation (MCF) is a nonprofit formed by the McLean Citizen's Association to meet the philanthropic needs of a growing McLean community. The focus is entirely on McLean community and was established solely as a charitable foundation to benefit the residents of the McLean Planning District of Fairfax County.

New Dominion Women's Club Hosts 'Whiskey Tasting'

The New Dominion Women's Club is hosting the "Second Annual Whiskey Tasting" fundraiser on Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. to support local charity organizations. The event will be held at a beautiful new home in the river Oaks neighborhood, which was graciously provided by Capital City Builders. For more information visit www.ndwc.org.

At this private tasting, participants will savor unique spirits carefully selected by local whiskey connoisseur Joe Nelson. Hors d'oeuvres will be served to compliment the tasting, and wine will be available, as well as other beverages.

All proceeds from the event will be donated to local charity organizations. The most recent beneficiaries included SHARE, Claude Moore Farm, Safe Community Coalition, and McLean Project for the Arts. Alina LeMay, NDWC president, will be announcing new 2015-2016 beneficiaries at the event.

New Dominion Women's Club is a civic organization established in 1968 to help local charities and promote fellowship among women. NDWC is actively involved with coordinating the Children's Art Walk for the McLean Project for the Arts Fall Art Festival. Other volunteer opportunities include helping with Reading is Fundamental, Adopta-Highway, and SHARE's backpacks for school program. The club hosts several fundraisers including "Arts' Night Out" in the Spring. In 2013, NDWC was awarded "Best Volunteer Organization" by the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce.

McLean Crime Reports

Incidents from Nov. 1-6

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Many gun store supporters wore hunter-orange stickers that said, "Guns save lives."



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Aiming for Solution

McLean Citizens Association stays neutral on gun-store debate; seeks solution for all parties.

> By Ken Moore The Connection

he past 10 months, on average, six people have sat in the audience of McLean Citizen Association meetings at the McLean Community Center. At MCA's October meeting meeting, more weapons attended the meeting than the number of people in the audience at the community center.

This past Wednesday night, Nov. 4, more than 80 people attended the monthly MCA meeting, which took place at McLean High School, a venue where firearms are not permitted.

Many wore hunter-orange stickers that said, "Guns Save Lives."

Others had signs and stickers that said, "Notice, no firearms allowed on premises."

"This is a very difficult situation, and

we're trying to figure out what we can all do together to solve it. And we think, if people can be flexible and patient, we'll get there," said MCA President Jeff Bartlett.

THE GUN STORE, NOVA Firearms, is in the cross hairs of the current debate.

During election season, numerous elected officials suggested a school's backyard is an inappropriate, at best, location for a gun store.

The gun store had moved its premises to a more visible location, a store adjacent to Franklin Sherman Elementary School.

The morning of the opening, Saturday, Sept. 26, dozens of concerned parents, neighbors, and children protested the store's openings with signs on Chain Bridge Road. Elected officials joined the event.

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Gun Debate Continues in McLean

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Last month, supporters of the gun store attended the McLean Citizens Association meeting, some openly carrying firearms.

Because localities in Virginia have only the power that is expressly given to them by the General Assembly, McLean Community Center cannot prohibit people from carrying weapons. But firearms are not allowed in schools.

"One guy had a rifle. Four people, I think, had obvious sidearms," said Bartlett.

"There are people that were intimidated by that so that stifles debate and discussion which is what we are about," said Bartlett.

MCA CHANGED LOCATIONS of its November meeting, alerting press and public, to McLean High School, since weapons are forbidden on county school campuses.

"We just needed a chill pill. Last time was way too wild for our likes," said Bartlett. "This way, it allowed us to step back a little bit. That way nobody makes any mistakes, nobody gets their nose out of joint, and what we do, we just kind of do our job."

The Board always meets the first Wednesday of every month.

"Remember, we're an all-volunteer Board. So if we have volunteers who are intimidated or being stifled, well, they aren't going to volunteer."

McLean Citizens Association wants to take a different approach to finding a solution for all parties involved.

Board member Rob Jackson pointed out that there were no violations of law or zoning when the gun store opened on Chain Bridge Road bordering Franklin Sherman Elementary School.

"To our knowledge we are the only entity that has talked with all sides of the issue," said Rob Jackson.

MCA CREATED an ad hoc committee to address the issue. "Let's put the election vitriol behind us," said Jackson. "Trust us."

In the short-term, he said, school and elected officials, gun store owners and landlord have discussed landscaping that can shield visibility from the school to the store as a short-term solution before a long-term solution can be made.

"There were some people who thought the election may have polarized positions," said Bartlett. "Well, okay, the election is over. So we believe there is some common ground here."

"I think we all understand the longer that this goes on the more entrenched this is going to get. So we're trying to prod people forward," he said.

"And if there is no resolution, or we can't find something, I'm afraid it might get nasty. We don't want that to happen at all," he said.





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Churchill Road sixth-graders created an assembly line to make sandwiches for Martha's Table, in Washington, D.C. Pictured from left are Sam Williams, Angelina Gozzi, Katherine Senich and Naomi Redd.

Making Sandwiches for Martha's Table

Churchill Road Elementary School continued its long-standing community service tradition by making sandwiches for Martha's Table, a nonprofit organization in Washington, D.C. that serves sandwiches to those in need. On Wednesday, Oct. 28, a group of Churchill Road fourth, fifth and sixth graders, along with family members, made 2,148 sandwiches for this organization. The sandwiches were warmly received by the volunteers at Martha's Table when delivered by the PTA Community Service Committee co-chair Robin Hoeymans and Sarah Walter, and went right on to the vans headed out to feed the homeless in downtown Washington, D.C.



Churchill Road sixth-graders Selina Al-Shihabi, Naomi Redd, Katherine Senich, Angelina Gozzi, Caroline Senich and Noelle Rupli enjoy making sandwiches for Martha's Table.



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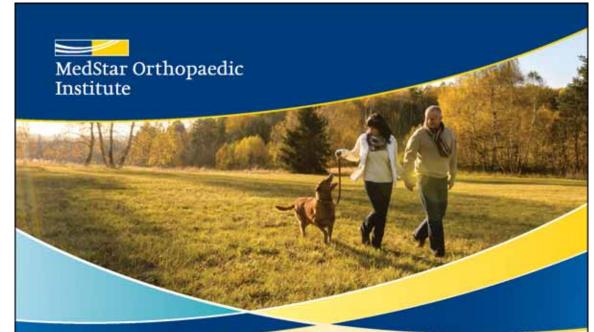
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OPINION

Veterans Day in Virginia

Fairfax County and other localities embrace effort to end veteran homelessness this year, while veterans contribute much to the economy.

EDITORIAL

irginia is home to about 690,000 veterans, more than 60 percent of them from the Gulf Wars. There are more than 12,000 veteran-owned businesses in Fairfax County alone, and more than a third of those businesses are categorized by the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority as professional science and technology.

In 2014, according the the Census Bureau, the median income of veterans in Virginia was more than \$50,000, while for non-veterans, the median in-

come was \$29,909. Only 5.5 percent of veterans in Virginia live in poverty while that number is 11.4 percent for non-veterans in 2014.

Clearly the location of the Pentagon in Arlington, and being adjacent to the nation's capital would mean more veterans, and higher attaining veterans would settle here. Veterans contribute significantly here in Northern Virginia.

At the same time, some veterans experience significant challenges; consider that half of all veterans under 35 experience a period of unemployment in the 15 months after leaving service.

At the last Point in Time Count of people who are literally homeless in January 2015, there were 46 homeless veterans in Fairfax County, 12 in Alexandria and 19 in Arlington (with 408

literally homeless veterans in the District of Columbia). Forty-five percent of these homeless veterans were employed.

Coordinated efforts from local, state and federal levels have reduced the number of veterans experiencing homelessness in the region. Between 2011 and 2015, the region counted 138 fewer homeless veterans (19 percent reduction), using access to additional dedicated housing resources, such as HUD-VASH vouchers.

Now there is a nationwide effort, called the Mayor's Challenge, to end homelessness for veterans this year. Arlington, Alexandria and Fairfax have all signed onto this challenge.

Elsewhere in this paper, we report on Fairfax County's coordinated efforts to end homelessness for veterans by the end of next month. This effort will likely be judged successful by the fact that, even though more veterans will experience housing crises, the systems will be in place to get any newly homeless veterans back into housing quickly.

A task force has been meeting every other week in Fairfax County, identifying veterans by name and coordinating efforts to get them the services they need to get them into housing. Sometimes that is help with a security deposit and a few months rent. In other cases, chronically homeless veterans need significant support to to successfully move into permanent housing. But this year, every effort is being made to meet those needs.

"We celebrated a lot this year," said Vincent Jenkins, director of the Embry Rucker Shelter in Reston. "Each time we met, there were another four to five veterans who were housed."

- Mary Kimm

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Childish Debate

To the Editor:

Even at 11 years old, I read the news. I watch the presidential debates, as well as certain news programs. Even at 11, I am worried for my future. That is why I write. My wish in writing this letter is to show how steep the hill I fear our country is going down. It doesn't have to be that way.

I believe that I am a fairly polite person. I apologize in advance if I am insulting any person's beliefs, or who people think is honest and trustworthy for the role of president. But, with no sugarcoating, the presidential debate of Wednesday, Oct. 28 was purely childish. It was more like my sixth grade classroom than what I thought a presidential debate would be like. In fact, if we spoke like that in school, speaking over each other, having no respect for others, not to mention the attacking of questions instead of answering them, we would be in great trouble. Do we want the next leader of the United States of America to be rude, impolite and interrupting? We do need a leader that demands action, but also acts with kindness of each candidate. However, in and compassion. If these are our keeping with Tip O'Neill's adage future leaders, my peers and I, the children, the future, could be left nection would have done well to in a large mess, maybe even too large to fix.

matters like this. I asked my Dad how a child can speak up about this since kids cannot vote. He said to try a letter to the editor of a newspaper, so that is what I'm doing. I am eternally grateful for our current country, and even good places have problems, but if this is our future, this country's future is looking dark. Although I can't vote, I can stand. I stand for a real leader. A real president.

Shailey Pratt

Fairfax Station White Oaks Elementary School - Sixth Grade

False Claims on Firearms Store

To the Editor:

Your coverage of the debate remarks made by candidates running for the 31st District Senate seat and the 34th District House of Delegates seat at the forum held at the McLean Community Center on Oct. 18 was well-written and informative for those unable to attend. Your biographies of, and interviews with, each candidate gave readers a better understanding of the background and views that "all politics is local" the Conextend coverage to the debate between candidates Jennifer Chronis Often children are forgotten in and John Foust running for the Board of Supervisors seat for the Dranesville District.

Regarding the issue of NOVA Firearms locating within close proximity to the Franklin Sherman Elementary School, Ms. Chronis acknowledged that she fully understood - and agreed with - the concerns of McLean parents' regarding the location of the firearms store and clearly stated that her first priority was ensuring the safety of our children. She went on to correctly state that under current Virginia law NOVA Firearms is not prohibited for renting space directly adjacent to the school; she stated further, that the reasonable thing to do, pending the General Assembly changing Virginia law, is to work together with both sides to find a solution that addressed the parents' concerns. During the debate it was also noted that the Board of Supervisors could opt to tighten the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance to prohibit such businesses from locating close to our schools; to date, incumbent John Foust has not proposed a motion to that effect.

In her remarks Ms. Chronis emphasized the need for parents and local leaders to reach practical and effective solutions as opposed to politicians continuing to inflame neighbors regarding any issue for political gain. Her concern was somewhat prophetic given the recent political mailer from the Foust campaign which falsely alleges that Ms. Chronis supports having a gun store just 75 feet away from Franklin Sherman Elementary School. At the bottom reads "Source: October 19th debate comments." Without regard to the fact that the debate was held on the 18th, Ms. Chronis spoke on various gun issues for more than two minutes - yet no direct quote is attributed to her to support the false claims made by the Foust campaign.

John Foust and I have known each other for more than 25 years. We worked together as Scout Masters of Pack 1134 for four years; over a period of eight years my wife, Lynn, was the Den Leader for each of his two sons. John graciously offered our son Gregory an internship in his office in the summer of 2010. The false accusations against Jennifer Chronis made by the Foust campaign staff do not reflect the integrity of the man we have known over those many years.

> **Scott Hall** McLean

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HomeLifeStyle

Getting Guest-Ready

Local designers offer solutions for easy, pre-holiday updates.

By Marilyn Campbell THE CONNECTION

etting ready for the holidays means more than simply hanging decorations and ordering a turkey with trimmings. For many, the holidays usher in an abundance of house guests. While there might not be time to complete a remodeling project or build an addition, local designers offer suggestions for minor tweaks that can breathe new life into a living space so that it is guestready when the holidays arrive.

Starting with a home's exterior, outdoor lighting that highlights the walkway and facade of the house is a simple update, according to Kai Tong, director of architecture at Hopkins and Porter. "Low voltage lighting can also accentuate the steps leading to the front door, as well as [line voltage] lighting illuminating ... [plants] and trees.'

fact, he said dimmer switches create ambiance. "Low voltage lighting, including cablemounted lighting, can bring new brilliance

paint the entire home at once to make a nator. great impression for your guests," said Marty Cornish, CEO of EasyPaint. "Think about rooms you'll be using the most and then devise a plan.'

Rooms where most of the holiday decor will be displayed as well as the dining room where meals will be served are good starting points, said Cornish.

"Consider selecting a wall in perhaps a guest room and painting it an exquisite accent color," adds Tong. "The same goes with public spaces such as the kitchen."

Painting a home's main entry door or trim is another simple way to welcome guests in style. "The front door makes an Tong also recommends upgrading a immediate first impression," said Tracy home's interior lighting fixtures, such as Morris, color consultant and principal of

Tracy Morris Design.

Morris suggests using Benjamin Moore's Soot for the front door, "The rich color is festive and fun and makes the perfect backsconces and dining room chandeliers. In drop for holiday decor, as well as provides a lasting first impression."

Replacing the front door or updating the hardware on an existing door, updating lighting fixtures at the door or on a porch A coat of paint can also brighten a home enhances a home's curb appeal, says Ken in time for the holidays. "You don't need to Hurdle, Hopkins and Porter project coordi-

The kitchen, powder room and guest bathroom are usually hubs of hospitality during the holidays, and a polished appearance can be accomplished with a few mi-

In a guest bathroom, simple fixes include new vanity or sink hardware, new medicine cabinets and vanity lighting. "Check and see if accessories such as towel bars [and] paper holders could also use an easy recharge," said Tong.

Kohler's Moxi shower head holds a wireless speaker, "so you can enjoy your music while showering," said Nancy Knickerbocker, designer, Nicely Done Kitchens and Baths in Springfield.

In the kitchen, minor touches can yield a

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A kitchen is often a hub of activity during the holidays. Small touches like new cabinet hardware can add polish to the space.

major impact. "Kitchen 'lite' projects are a redesigning on a small budget and have Hurdle. great existing cabinets in your kitchen," said Stephanie Brick, designer at Nicely.

This can include new hardware on kitchen great way to spruce up your space if you're cabinets and new faucets, according to

These projects include upgrading counter tops with quartz or granite and look of your kitchen."

"You don't need to paint the entire home at once to make a great impression for your guests. Think about rooms you"ll be using the most and then devise a plan."

- Marty Cornish, CEO of **EasyPaint**

adding a coordinating tile back splash or other kitchen accents like crown molding to the ceiling or chair rail molding. "These seemingly small details, when put together in a design package," said Brick, "can have a great impact on the overall

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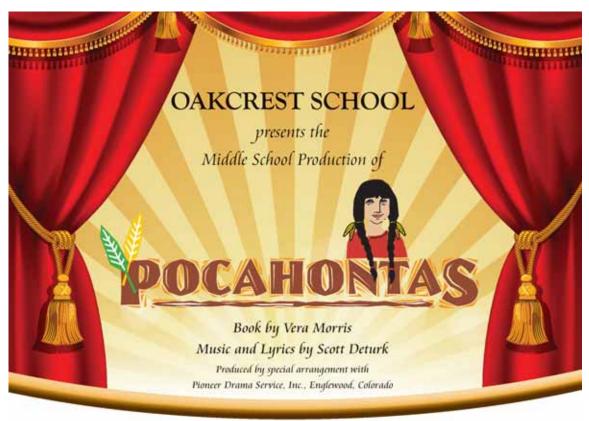
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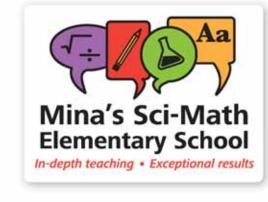
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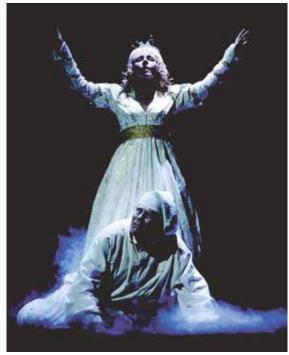
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"A Christmas Carol" with a kid-friendly twist comes to The Alden in McLean for a two-show performance on Saturday, Dec. 12. Costumed dancers from BalletNova Center

Costumed dancers from BalletNova Center for Dance read the Nutcracker to children at Barnes and Noble Tysons Corner on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 10:30 a.m.

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Veterans Day Ceremony. 11 a.m. Great Falls Freedom Memorial, behind the Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike.

THURSDAY/NOV. 12

Debby Boone. 8 p.m. The Barns, Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. As a

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THURSDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 12-14

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SATURDAY/NOV. 14

Nutcracker Storytime. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Barnes and Noble Tysons Corner, 7851 Tysons Corner Center, McLean. Costumed dancers from BalletNova Center for Dance read the Nutcracker to children followed by a mini-performance, crafts, and the chance to meet the dancers. Free.

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FRIDAY/NOV. 20

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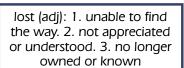
menu featuring spit roasted turkey and all the traditional Thanksgiving dishes. \$45.95 per person, \$19.95 for children 12 and under. Portion of the day's proceeds will be donated to Food for Others. 703-442-9110. www.wildfirerestaurant.com/mclean.

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Fairfax County To End Veteran

By Mary Kimm The Connection

ameel Mubaarik of Reston is a 63-year-old Army veteran and mechanical engineer, a former Reston homeowner. He served in the Army in Europe during the Cold War, and among many positions since, worked for Bechtel on the Silver Line and for NASA at the Goddard Space Center.

But a layoff, divorce and a short-sale on his home left Mubaarik homeless, for a time living in a hotel.

Then last May he had a stroke.

"I never thought I would be homeless, but you never know," he said.

Vincent Jenkins, director of the Embry Rucker Shelter in Reston calls Mubaarik "the Historian," for his recall of Northern Virginia events, and professorial narrative.

Mubaarik is ready to move out of the homeless shelter and into housing, and as part of a national effort to end veteran homelessness, he'll be looking at possible apartments next week.

In December 2014, Fairfax County joined the Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness, a nationwide effort with a tight deadline — the end of this year. In Fairfax County, it's an effort that will in all likelihood be successful.

"At the end of the calendar year, will we have functionally ended veteran homelessness in Fairfax County?" said Tom Barnett, program manager with the Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness. While some veterans here will still experience housing crisis, there will be systems in place designed to get them into housing quickly.

Functionally ending veteran homelessness, according to the Mayors

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veterans who were housed."

- Vincent Jenkins, director,

Embry Rucker Shelter, Reston

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Challenge, means that every community has a sustainable, systematic response in place that ensures homelessness is prevented whenever possible, or is otherwise a rare, brief, and non-recurring experience. That's the mantra for ending

and preventing homeless for all: Homelessness should be rare, brief and non-recurring.

Veterans made up 46 of the 1,204 people who were homeless on Jan. 28, 2015 in the 2015 Point-in-Time Count of People Experiencing Homelessness. A dozen to 15 veterans become homeless every month, but because of ongoing collaboration, most are "rapidly rehoused." While 96 veterans came

Details

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In February 2013, volunteers looking to interview chronically homeless people found encampments like this scattered around the area, usually near major shopping areas, but sometimes in isolated fields. Not all encampments had tents for people to sleep, often found were old couches and sleeping bags, or temporary shelter made of cardboard, plastic and scrap pieces of wood.

into hypothermia shelters last winter season, at the end of October, Barnet reported that there were 17 homeless veterans in the county, and that all 17 were in the process of being housed.

"We owe something to veterans. to the people who have made that sacrifice for us," said Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, who signed onto the Mayors Challenge. She notes that the sacrifice veterans make is measures in time, and in uncertainty.

"When you look at the issue of veterans, the sacrifice is spending time away from the

community and from their families," she said. "With that time away comes the potential for coming back changed; that could be physical and harmed, and some of the harm might not be physical. Psycho-

logical changes might not be visible. We can't turn our backs on people who have been affected that way."

Of the 46 veterans identified in the Point in Time count in January, 15 were chronically homeless. Housing people who have been chronically homeless is not a quick transition; it requires supportive housing and ongoing services. Someone is identified as chronically homeless if they have been continuously homeless for a year or more and have experienced three or more episodes of homelessness in the last four years, a sequence of events that often comes with untreated illnesses, mental health is-

sues and/or substance abuse.

A task force consisting of representatives from nonprofits like FACETS, New Hope Housing, Northern Virginia Family Service and Corner-

stones, plus the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Community Service Board, the health department and other partners has been meeting every other week since the county joined the challenge. At the meetings, the partners discuss the individual veterans they are seeking to house by name, and focus attention and resources on overcoming challenges.

"At the task force meetings, we celebrated a lot this year," said Vincent Jenkins of Cornerstones, director of the Embry Rucker Shelter in Reston. "Each time we met, there were another four to five veterans who were housed. ... Fairfax plays really well together. We are really trying to make a major dent in homelessness, and we are doing that."

The "tremendously impactful" tool of choice is the VASH voucher, said Barnett. The Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program combines rental assistance for homeless veterans with case management and clinical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Once a veteran has been approved for a housing voucher and gets into housing, Veterans Affairs deploys a team to help with transition from the shelter to housing, one of the benefits of the nationwide challenge.

The effort to end homelessness for veterans comes with a different level of community support, too.

"In the community, there is so much en-

ergy and interest to end homelessness for veterans who have served our country," said Dean Kline, director of the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness. Partners and community groups are engaged "because of their passion for helping veterans who have served our country."

NOT ALL VETERANS who are experiencing homelessness are ready to accept housing, but ongoing outreach by local nonprofits ensures continuing progress. Sometimes it takes years simply to identify that someone is a veteran if that individual is resistant to sharing information.

One man now in line for housing hovered for eight years at the Eleanor Kennedy Shelter on Richmond Highway by Fort Belvoir. While he would seem pleasant, when anyone tried to engage him or ask questions, he became verbally aggressive and expressed anti-government sentiments, said Tonya Golden, director of Programs for Single Adults at New Hope Housing. He was part of the overflow shelter program, operated in a trailer outside the main building, coming for food and shelter.

"He was resistant to service," Golden said.

"In my heart, I feel like

was living at the Kennedy Shelter

— Richard Davis, single dad,

by Fort Belvoir

I have a lot to give."

"We never knew he was a veteran."

But with ongoing efforts, the man, now "up in age," developed a rapport with one outreach person, and agreed to sign up for housing. As they filled out the information

needed, he made reference to his service. New Hope Housing submitted his name to Veterans Affairs, discovering that he served 14 years including in Vietnam, was honorably discharged and entitled to benefits.

Now he's qualified for a VASH voucher, is working with housing case managers and will move into an apartment with supportive services soon.

Most veterans who arrive at a shelter do not have the critical documentation they need.

New Hope Housing opened Veterans House, a home with case management services for four veterans, where the veteran doesn't have to sign a lease.

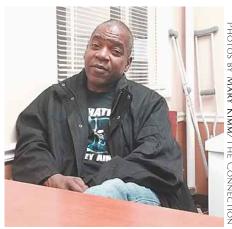
"We take veterans who have challenges leasing up, so it's in our name," Golden said. "These are the clients that we work with, they are ready to move forward. ... There's no judgment."

Clients who have criminal records or other issues that might prevent them from being approved for a lease still need housing.

Golden is a military spouse, her husband is career army, a lieutenant colonel. They lived for a time on Fort Belvoir. "We've been doing this for a long time," she said. "It's personal for me that our soldiers are connected to the services they are entitled to."

THE DAILY ROUTINE for Richard Davis, a veteran and a single dad: Davis sleeps at

Homelessness



Richard Davis, a single dad and veteran who has been chronically homeless, moved into a threebedroom home with his children last week with supports from New Hope Housing.

the Eleanor Kennedy Shelter for the Homeless on Richmond Highway by Fort Belvoir, while his two young children sleep at a nearby friend's house. In the morning, Davis gets his children ready for the day, drives his son, 4, to a program that addresses the son's intellectual disabilities and then Davis cares for his daughter, 2, who has health issues. He picks his son up in the afternoon, and later, after he gets his children dinner and puts them to bed, he heads back to the shelter to sleep.

At least that was the routine until last Thursday, when New Hope Housing was able to place him in permanent supportive housing with three bedrooms for him and his two children.

Davis served in the Navy. Then he served 25 years in prison, and was released in 2008.

"With a 25-year gap, no one is going to give you the kind of job you need to take care of yourself," Davis said. He worked three jobs at one time, but still didn't earn enough to support his family. And now the full time care of his children presents other challenges.

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— Barbara Schultheiss, FACETS

need more support."

Davis trained as a paralegal in prison. "I have five habeas corpus briefs under my belt," he said. But when he applied for jobs at law firms when he was released, his prison record kept him from employment.

Davis speaks in a

deep voice that reflects the sense that he wasn't for the FACETS program I'd be dead." expected more of himself. He describes himplishment since being released in 2008. He's it just got old," he said. educated and well-spoken, It's clear that his children bring him joy, and that now getting this part right means the world to him.

you're younger. You have goals. And you're not really achieving them. I'm dealing with my mortality now," he said. "I have 10-11 more years. I'm living for my children. It's my responsibility to turn out good human beings. ... I want them to be able to go to Dad and to know they will answer to Dad. They are the love of my life."

"In my heart, I feel like I have a lot to give," Davis said.

NOT ALL VETERANS in need of housing are men.

One woman veteran who had served in the Army for three years, emerged struggling with mental illness. She stopped taking her medication, and got into trouble with law. She was receiving services from Northern Virginia Family Services, and was one of the homeless veterans discussed by name at the task force meetings, said Barbara Schultheiss, program director of Services for Single Adults at FACETS in Fairfax.

"So many people just need help with a security deposit and a few months rent," Schultheiss said. "But some need more support."

FACETS operates permanent supportive housing, and when a vacancy opened up there, Schultheiss coordinated her move into a new apartment.

"She's very independent, and she loves her apartment," Schultheiss said. But she also talks about Vladimir Putin as her husband, and dances around her living room with his photo. In her new home, she'll get case management services to help keep her in housing.

There is evidence of long-term success,

One Navy veteran lived 17 years in the woods, and has now lived in FACETS hous-

> ing for seven years with support after serving in the Navy with awards.

"He comes with his own slew of medical problems," said Schultheiss, who was his case manager in 2008, and helped track down his service record.

He told her, "If it

Schultheiss asked him why he left the self as "disheartened" by his lack of accom- Navy. "Being on a ship with a bunch of guys,

> But after that, he couldn't get a job that would pay the bills.

"You know you have aspirations when **VETERANS WHO HAVE** recently been in service have been in an environment where they have had one important job, protecting the country, and their basic needs like

Each homeless veteran has a story, and a path to housing.



housing, food, schedule and health, have been cared for in a very structured way, said Barnett. "They find themselves on the street without any of that. They've had a job to focus on, but now they have to worry about how to take

ter for the Homeless on

Richmond Highway.

care of themselves," he said, and their frustration in the new circumstances can be extreme.

Veterans can also be among the most vulnerable of people experiencing homelessness, chronically homeless and living in the woods.

"Their basic training has prepared them to be out there, to withstand some things that most people cannot," said Vincent Jenkins of Cornerstones of challenges of even getting some veterans who have lived outdoor for a long time into the shelter. "It's not always a good fit for them here in the

Reaching out to the most vulnerable homeless is helped in part by work done in 2013 when nonprofit volunteers, county employees and others went out into the woods and other areas, creating an inventory and conducting interviews. Fairfax County participated in the national 100,000 Homes campaign, ranking chronically homeless people on the vulnerability index that indicates who is a greatest risk of death. Of more 462 people surveyed, 10 percent were veterans.

Veterans who have lived outside for an extended period are also more likely to be resistant to services.

At the Embry Rucker Shelter, staff uses the "BOLO" protocol as part of their outreach efforts. That's "be on the lookout." They know which veterans they need to reach, and when one of them comes in the door for a bagged lunch or anything else, outreach staff is alerted so someone can come to interact.

While Vietnam-era vets who are homeless are more likely to be among those that are extra resistant to coming indoors, their advancing age sometimes makes them more willing. Homeless veterans of any of the Gulf Wars are more likely to be dealing with PTSD, but also are more likely to be able to jump right back into

housing after a crisis with some financial help, said several homeless advocates.

"Their symptoms are related to the trauma they experienced in war," said Greg White, chief operating officer Cornerstones. "Their coping mechanisms include alcohol, sub-

stance abuse.

The overflow services trailer

on the grounds of the

Kennedy Shelter. "One guy who had been living out in the woods told me about the adjustment he had to make to living in a house," White said. Sometimes people who have moved into housing still come back to the shelter, or even the woods, to visit. "Those social connections mean a lot to them."

Outreach during the very cold months when chronically homeless are more likely to come to the shelters, and also the Health Care for the Homeless programs offer opportunities for outreach that can eventually lead to enough trust for veterans to give information that will help get them into housing.

While some veterans are chronically homeless, living with physical disabilities or mental health issues that can be barriers to moving into new homes, it's a shortage of affordable housing that is still the biggest barrier to ending homelessness, for veterans and others. Many veterans are severely rent burdened, said White and others. Even when they can find a job, it's rare they can find employment that will pay enough to cover their needs.

Democrats Win Local Elections

But General Assembly stays in the red column.

By Andrea Worker The Connection

e didn't win the war tonight, but we did come out ahead in some of the important local battles, and that's a good start." That was Roger Kline's take on the results of the elections for Virginia's General Assembly, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, and School Board members. Kline was one of hundreds that gathered at The Waterford at Fair Oaks for the Fairfax Democratic Committee's Election Watch Party on Tuesday night.

Although the doors to the Watch Party opened at 7 p.m. just as the polls were closing, things did not really get underway until closer to 9 p.m. when the faithful and those they supported began to arrive in earnest.

Monitors in the corners of the room were constantly surrounded by attendees checking the latest results.

"It's enough to give you an ulcer," said Aida Lee, referring to the see-sawing numbers that were coming in early on for Del. Kathleen Murphy (D-34) whose district includes part of Loudoun County, and Great Falls, McLean, Wolftrap and Langley in Fairfax County. When 100 percent of the votes were finally reported, Murphy was leading her opponent Craig Parisot, whom she had previously defeated for the seat in a special election.

THE 'WAR" that was not won on Tuesday



A pair of re-elected and newlyelected Democrats gets a wild welcome from the gathering at the Democratic election watch party. From left, Sheriff Stacey Kincaid and Del. Jennifer Boysko (D-86). Boysko's election brings a Democrat to the district for the first time in many years.

was the Democrats' fight to gain control of the Virginia Senate. Prior to the election Republicans held the majority, 21-19. Because of the tie-breaking powers of democratic Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam, the Democrats only needed one more seat to gain

Democratic candidates prevailed in several hotly contested races, but at the end of the day the total numbers remained unchanged. With an overwhelmingly Republican House and a continued GOP "tilt" in the Senate, Gov. Terry McAuliffe and his

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Photos by **Andrea Worker**/The Connection



Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) can relax and share a smile with other attendees of the Election Watch Party — she won re-election to her seat with more than 94 percent of the vote and her only competition came from undeclared write-ins.

Fairfax Republicans Celebrate the Victorious

And honor those who were defeated.

By Tim Peterson
The Connection

upervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) said he much preferred this night to the one when he was elected to his first term. A close race with his opponent meant waiting around until late into the evening. This year, Cook defeated Democrat Janet Oleszek by a more handy margin of about six percent of the vote.

"Local government is about being the level closest to the people," Cook said, as the first speaker at the Fairfax County Republican Committee election results viewing party. "It's about getting things done, the right way." The party was held Nov. 3 at the Fairview Marriott hotel in Falls Church.

Cook attributed his victory to having a full term to "do a lot of work," including work with Chairman Sharon Bulova and Sheriff Stacey Kincaid on a "Diversion First" program to help prevent people with mental illness from ending up in the Adult Detention Center without prior mental health evaluation, work raising awareness and developing resources for victims of domestic violence, and working with community leaders.

"People have shown appreciation for that, and I'm very thankful," Cook said.

Incumbent Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) recorded a more lopsided victory in his race against Independent Green candidate Corazon Foley. He spoke about continuing to push "the message of transparency from our government" and working with the School Board during his next

Arthur Purves was unsuccessful in challenging incumbent Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova. At the podium, he described himself as "marching to a different drummer."

Jennifer Chronis came closer to knocking off her incumbent opponent John Foust for Dranesville District Supervisor, however still trailed by about eight points at the end of the night.

"I'm not going away," Chronis said she told Foust when she called to congratulate him on the victory. "I'm proud of the race we ran and the issues we discussed."

The surprise of the night was Fairfax resident and Republican Jeanette Hough finishing ahead of incumbent Ted Velkoff for the third at-large seat on the Fairfax County School Board.

Craig Parisot was shown to have finished about a point behind Democrat Kathleen Murphy for the 34th District House of Delegates seat, but a representative from the Republican committee reminded members of the audience there would be a final tally taking place first thing in the morning.



Incumbent Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) defeated Democrat challenger Janet Oleszek with over 51 percent of the vote.

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TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION



Incumbent Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) won re-election handily over Independent Green challenger Corazon Foley, who ran a minimalist campaign based on establishing a dedicated center for senior citizens in the Springfield district.



Incumbent Del. Tim Hugo (R-40) defeated Democrat challenger Jerry Foltz with over 63 percent of the votes.

Democrats Win Local Elections

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party face uphill battles at every turn in their attempts to press forward their priorities, including gun safety regulations and the expansion of Medicaid in the Commonwealth.

Senate Minority Leader Richard Saslaw (D-35), who defeated his Independent Green Party opponent Terry W. Modglin 73.45 percent to 25 percent, addressed the crowd when he introduced the winning senators and delegates who were present at the Watch, telling them to not lose hope

VICTORY BY Jennifer Boysko in the 86th district was one of the "important local battles" that attendee Kline cheered. Boysko replaces retiring Republican Del. Tom Rust, defeating Danny Vargas (R). Boysko was greeted by thunderous applause as she joined her Assembly colleagues on stage. "It's already been an incredible learning experience," said Boysko, in an interview after the formal election result announcements had been made. "I've talked to literally thousands of people in my district, listening to what they need, what are their concerns," she added. "There's a lot to do, but education kept coming up as a real priority." Boysko said she is looking forward to the challenge ahead and hoped to become a part of a "civility caucus." "I think a lot more can be accomplished when we treat each other with dignity and respect."

Vargas, Boysko's opponent received large, late infusions of campaign money from Republicans, and had a total of \$705,323, which he spent mostly on mailers and TV commercials that were unflattering and critical of Boysko.

Democrats also took the upper hand in the results for the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. By re-electing all eight incumbents, including Chairman Sharon Bulova, and adding the Democratic candidates for the vacant seats in the Mount Vernon and

Photos by Andrea Worker/The Connection



Del. Ken Plum (D-36) and his wife Jane join the party. The incumbent ran unopposed. On stage for the official results announcements, Plum was serenaded by the crowd with the 'Happy Birthday' song in honor of his birth anniversary on Nov. 2. "What a great gift," he declared. "Could only be better if we win it all!"

Sully districts, the voters gave the board one more Democratic member than they had originally. When the new board takes office in January, incumbents Pat Herrity of the Springfield District and John C. Cook from the Braddock District will be the only Republican members of the governing body of Virginia's largest jurisdiction. The Sully District seat, formerly held by Supervisor Michael Frey (R), was won by School Board member Kathy Smith (D) over Republican John Guevara. Another School Board member, Dan Storck, took the Mount Vernon Supervisor contest over Jane Gandee (R). replacing the retiring Gerry Hyland (D).

Democratic Fairfax County School Board election winners were also on hand at the event and took to the stage when introduced by Board of Supervisors Chairman Bulova. Ryan McElveen and Ilryong Moon retained their At-Large positions, while Ted Velkoff lost his seat to Republican-backed Jeanette Hough of Fairfax. Pat Hynes remains as the School Board member in the Hunter Mill District. Jane Strauss retains the position she has held for two decades for her Dranesville constituency. In the Sully District contest for School Board, Republican Tom Wilson was ahead of Karen Keys-Gamarra by about 200 votes.

POLITICAL NEWCOMER Dalia Palchik, the Providence District School Board member winner over incumbent Patty Reed, received the evening's most enthusiastic reception. When asked if it was possible that she knew every single person in the room in order to receive such a welcome, Palchik laughingly replied, "Could be." The young teacher said she "made a pilgrimage in the streets of Providence District" likening her journey to her experience on the famous pilgrimage route from France to the cathedral in Santiago de Compostela, Spain. Humbled by the response from the crowd, Palchik says she truly loves people and tries to show it when she meets them. "Less test-



Freshly re-elected Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova introduces Dalia Palchik as the next Providence **District School Board member. Bulova and others referred to** Palchik as a rising star in the **Democratic Party.**

ing and more teaching" are battles cries for little bit of sleep." Palchik, who said she was ready to represent a diverse community "after I get just a

Candidate

A full list of all of the races and the results throughout Virginia are available at www.results.elections.virginia.gov.

Votes

Percentage

Fairfax County Election Results

46.07%

Unofficial results as of Wednesday morning, Nov. 4, 2015.

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Candidate Fairfax County	Votes	Percentage	
Commonwealt	h's Attorno	ey	
Raymond F. Morrogh* (D) Unopposed	141,601	96.78%	
Fairfax County Sheriff			
Stacey Ann	01101111		
Kincaid (D)*	107,610	57.96%	
Bryan A. "B. A."			
Wolfe (R)	77,609	41.80%	
Fairfax County John T. Frey (R)*		he Court 48.01%	

Soil and Water Conservation Director Northern Virginia District

Bettina Mary Lawton83,111

Marisa R. Wissar (I) 10,252

Top three take office George W. Lamb IV* 94,260 30.71% Gerald O. "Jerry" Peters* 93,140 30.35% Scott John Cameron 90,714 29.55% Stephen L. Pushor 26,640 8.68%

Fairfax County Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

Sharon S.	-	
Bulova (D)*	111,124	59.84%
Arthur G. Purves (R)	63,209	34.04%
Glenda Gail Parker (I)	10,890	5.86%

Fairfax County Public School Bond \$310 million for new sites, new buildings or

additions, renovations and improvements to existing buildings, and furnishings and equipment, for the Fairfax County public school

Yes	138,296	74.27%
No	47,911	25.73%

Fairfax County Public Safety Facilities Bond

\$151 million for construction, reconstruction, enlargement, renovation and equipment of civil and criminal justice facilities, police training facilities and stations, fire and rescue training facilities and stations

es es	136,176	73.20%
lo	49,850	26.80%

Board of Supervisors, District Members

Braddock District	
John C. Cook (R)* 12,082	51.60%
Janet S. Oleszek (D) 10,675	45.59%
Carey C. Campbell (I) 610	2.61%

Dranesville District John W. Foust (D)* 14,807 53.92% Jennifer C. Chronis (R)12,615

Hunter Mill District Catherine M. 17,235 Hudgins (D)* 94.33% Unopposed

Lee District		
Jeffrey C.		
McKay (D)*	12,792	96.89%
Unopposed		

Mason District

Penelope A.		
"Penny" Gross (D)*	9,196	57.229
Mollie A. Loeffler (I)	6,785	42.229

Mount Vernon Di Daniel G.	strict	
"Dan" Storck (D)* Jane R. Gandee (R)	11,714 8,841	56.85% 42.91%
Providence Distri Linda Q. Smyth (D)* Unopposed	13,134	95.46%
Springfield Distri Patrick S. "Pat" Herrity (R)* Corazon S. Foley (I)	18,204	80.56% 18.70%
Sully District Kathy L. Smith (D) John P. Guevara (R)		51.76% 47.98%
Fairfax County So Top Three Take Offi		t Large
Ilryong Moon* Ryan L. McElveen* Jeanette M. Hough Theodore J.	83,983 83,051	17.13% 16.94% 16.32%
"Ted" Velkoff* Robert E.	74,803	15.26%
"Bob" Copeland Manar A.	74,509	15.20%
Jean-Jacques	57,102	11.65%
Peter M. Marchetti	12,903	2.63%
Omar M. Fateh	11,822	2.41%
Burnette G. Scarboro	10,617	2.17%

School Board District Candidates

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Megan O.		
McLaughlin*	14,147	75.38%
Katherine A.		
Pettigrew	4,205	22.41%

Dranesville District School Board Jane K. "Janie" Strauss* 14.075

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Peter Kurzenhauser	11,781	45.44%
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Pat M. Hynes* 12,951 61.30% Mark S. Wilkinson 8.116 38.41%

Lee District School Board Tamara J 11,759 96.34% Derenak Kaufax* Unopposed

Mason District School Board Sandra S. Evans* 96.60% 11,975 Unopposed

School Board Open Seat				
Karen L.				
Corbett Sanders	11,915	61.81%		
W Anthony Stacy	7 319	37 97%		

Mount Vernon District

Providence District School Board				
Dalia A. Palchik	9,293	58.22%		
Patricia S.				
"Patty" Reed*	6.594	41.31%		

Springfield District School	Board
Elizabeth L. Schultz*18,933	97.60%
Unonposed	

Sully District Sch	100l Board (Open Seat
Thomas A. Wilson	10,242	50.38%
Karen A.		
Keys-Gamarra	10,041	49.39%

SPORTS

Madison Football Wins Conference 6 Championship

Warhawks to host Chantilly in 6A North playoffs.

By Jon Roetman The Connection

he Madison football team entered the 2015 season expecting to win the Conference 6 championship. The Warhawks secured an outright title on Nov. 6, beating Hayfield 53-20 in Vienna.

Now that Madison has taken care of its regular-season business, the Warhawks look to maintain success in the playoffs.

Madison (9-1) will host Chantilly (5-5) at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 13 in the opening round of the 6A North region playoffs. After dropping their season opener against Oakton, the Warhawks have won nine straight games and earned the No. 4 seed in the region. Madison will face No. 13 Chantilly, which ended the regular season with a three-game losing streak.

"I'm real proud," Madison head coach Lenny Schultz said about winning the conference title. "We said we were going to win a conference title, we put that in their head and we expected to win one. ... But we don't' want to stop there. ... I don't think any of us want to stop winning. This time of year you're one and done. I think we have



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

The Madison football team allowed 67 points in seven Conference 6 games this season.

what it takes to continue success [in the postseason]."

Madison last week scored a season-best 53 points in a win over Hayfield. Quarterback Jason Gastrock completed 13 of 27 passes for 276 yards and four touchdowns against the Hawks. He also ran for a score.

Running back Wiley Counts threw a 25yard touchdown pass, as well.

Landan Thomas, Nick Conforti, Jordan

Ebersole, John DeScisciolo and Counts each caught a touchdown pass.

For the season, Gastrock, a first-team allconference selection, has passed for 1,726 yards and 17 touchdowns, with four interceptions. Ebersole, a first-team all-conference selection, has 34 receptions for 660 vards and six touchdowns. DeScisciolo has 20 catches for 386 yards and five scores.

Counts, a first-teamer, is the Warhawks'

"I don't think any of us want to stop winning. This time of year you're one and done. I think we have what it takes to continue success [in the postseason]."

> -Madison head coach **Lenny Schultz**

leading rusher with 583 yards and 11 touchdowns on 100 carries.

Madison allowed just 67 points in seven conference games. Senior linebacker Paul Gerdon earned conference Defensive Player of the Year honors. Defensive linemen Rex Boody and Brad Porter, linebackers Jimmy Goldsmith and defensive back Sam Kidd earned first-team all-conference hon-

"I don't think we've had our perfect game yet," Schultz said. "We've had some great games on defense [and] a few really good games on offense ... but we need to put it all together."

The winner of Friday's Madison/ Chantilly game will face the winner of No. 5 Robinson and No. 12 Centreville.

Members of the Langley football team celebrate winning the **Rotary Cup** with a 27-7 victory over rival McLean on Nov. 6.



during the Saxons' final home game of the

Wins Rotary Cup The Langley football team ended the season with a 27-7 road victory over rival McLean on Nov. 6, winning the Ro-Championship

After dropping seven of their first eight games, Langley closed the season with back-to-back victories, including a 48-23 win over Yorktown on Oct. 30

Langley Football

Beats McLean,

tary Cup.

Madison Volleyball Wins Conference

The Madison volleyball team swept topseed Langley on Nov. 5 to repeat as Conference 6 champions.

The Warhawks entered the tournament



The Langley football team closed the season with back-to-back victories, including a 27-7 win over rival McLean on Nov. 6.

as the No. 3 seed and lost just one set in

Madison won its 6A North region tournament opener against T.C. Williams, 3-0, on Monday. The Warhawks faced Osbourn Park on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline. The winner will face either West Springfield or Patriot in the region semifinals on Thursday, Nov. 12.

Langley swept South County in the region tournament on Monday. The Saxons faced Oakton on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline.

Oakton Football to Face South Lakes

The Oakton football team received the No. 11 seed in the 6A North region playoffs and will travel to face No. 6 South Lakes at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 13.

Oakton finished the regular season with a 5-5 record, including a 35-0 victory against Herndon in its regular-season finale on Nov. 6.

The winner of Oakton/South Lakes will face the winner of Westfield/Washington-Lee.

Meet Bestselling Author David Baldacci

David Baldacci will be at the Barnes and Noble in Tysons Corner, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center, McLean, for the release of his newest book "The Guilty" on Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. This will be his first signing for the book. He will discuss and and sign copies.

Baldacci has published 30 novels for adults that have become national and international bestsellers. Several have been adapted for film and television. They have been translated into more than 45 languages and sold in more than 80 countries.

Baldacci is a lifelong Virginian. He received his bachelor's degree



from Virginia Commonwealth University and his law degree from University of Virginia School of Law, after which he practiced law in Washington, D.C.

Contact Marta Steenstra Davis, Community Business Development manager at 703-506-6756 for additional information on this and other Barnes and Noble Tysons events. The event is free and open to the public.

Area Coaches to be Honored for Work **Empowering Girls**

One strong woman builds many strong girls.

oreen Peters will receive the Crystal Coach Award on Saturday, Nov. 21 in a pre-race ceremony that kicks off the Girls on the Run 5K, presented Innovation Health Woodbridge.

Peters is one of the organization's longest-serving volunteers, having mentored more than 300 girls over 20 seasons as a Girls on the Run coach — first at Floris Elementary School in Herndon, and this season at Lutie Lewis Coates Elementary in Herndon.

Other Crystal Coach award recipients include: Aliceson Johnson Wirth of Kent Gardens ES in McLean, Carla Maughlin of Lemon Road ES in Falls Church, Carla Prokop of Rolling Valley ES in West Springfield, Rena Rose of Centre Ridge ES in Centreville, Gwendolynn Gall of Navy ES in Fairfax, and Cori Lonnett of Westbriar ES in Vienna. Together, the women have coached a combined 94 seasons and have mentored more than 1,400 girls.

Crystal Coaches are a group of thirteen Northern Virginia women who are committed to making a difference in the lives of girls. Each woman has served as a volunteer coach for 10 or more seasons with Girls on the Run — an after-school



Doreen Peters, of Great Falls, will receive the Crystal Coach Award from Girls on the Run.

that equips girls with lifelong skills that will help them develop into strong, healthy, confident young women. The 10-week season culminates in a celebratory 5k run with more than 5,000 girls, parents, teachers and community members completing a 3.1mile

Peters said that "Seeing girls conquer their personal anxieties/ fears (often associated with speaking up in the group or doing the 5K) and seeing their confidence grow," inspired her. And the Girls on the Run program gives girls the "confidence to go out and do good things that may be outside their current comfort zone."

For more information about Girls on the Run visit http:// gotrnova.org/.

A Homeowner Dilemma:

Move or Improve?



What do you do when your family outgrows your house, or when the quirks of the place you once found charm ing aren't so charming anymore?

is it smarter to move or improve? The answer is, it depends. And this is a question only you will be able to answer. Here are a few things to think about when considering your options.

- · How well are homes selling in your area? Is it a buyers or seller's market? · What improvements will you need to do to sell your home and what will
- the costs associated with this be? · Are the homes you would be interested in moving to within your price range? is there ample inventory available?
- · As a general rule, improving costs less than trading up. But it depends on what kind of improvements you're doing
- Consider the resale value of your remodeling projects for when you do go to sell whether now or in the future. Of course, don't discount the enjoyment you will get from you
- Beyond financial considerations think about the neighborhood and where you want to be. Consider the school district, the amount of traffic on your street, the size and layout of your yard, your commute time, and access to businesses you frequent. All of these play a huge factor in your quality of life.

If you love where you are, improving makes sense. But if a different location would be an improvement in its own right, then trading up could be the way to go.



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ship with his two daughters, Honora and Eliza. John is survived by his daughters Eliza Talbott and Honora Talbott; his sister Patricia and husband James; niece Jennifer and

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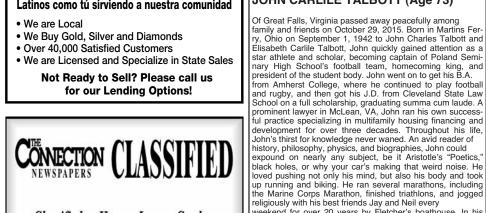
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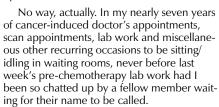


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The circumstances were not particularly unique; it's not as if there was a two-forone/half-price special that day. It was just another day - not in paradise, at the lab, of which I've had my share. It was crowded this day and because of seat non-availability, I was forced to sit up close and personal between two other patients. We weren't exactly touching one another, but there was some proximity that had the room been less occupied, there likely would have been fewer eyes making contact.

Before I had even completed my halfturn, "bassackwards" descent into my single chair, the self-described grandmother and church-goer to my standing right/sitting left said to me - quite unsolicited I might add, with zero provocation from yours truly: "Look outside!" After landing in my chair, I craned my neck back around to "look," anticipating an incident/accident of some kind. Instead, I saw blue skies and a bright shiny sun, and said as much to my new temporary neighbor and then asked if I was missing something. She said "No." And then elaborated on how it was a beautiful day and how such days make her so happy and yada, yada, yada; yada, yada, yada. (It didn't stop there, if you catch my prose.)

Apparently noticing my rather cool (not hip) demeanor in not responding to her observation/opinion, she started on the man immediately sitting to her left. He was from Ethiopia. Oh. The pastor at her church was from Ethiopia and the congregation used to be old but now thanks to him..., and on and on and on; fortunately not directed at me, but obviously within earshot. Soon however, his name was called and his seat remained unoccupied long enough for grandma to return her conversation back to me and begin to recount the information about the man with whom she had just been conversing: Ethiopian, a pastor, his young wife, their young children, the congregation; and on and on and on. Again, my lack of enthusiasm was likely evident in my barely audible responses to her comments and before too long, the vacated seat to her left was taken by a mother and her nine-month-old baby girl. Sure enough, the conversation soon left me and went over to the mother and her "beautiful baby." Within a few short minutes (in time), my neighbor's name was called (mercifully) and off she went into the lab. As she pulled open the door, she turned back to me, waived and smiled. I smiled back and said: "Break a leg." To which she responded something like: "Oh. You never want to...," but I had lost my focus and she was practically through the door into the lab and no more was there time and place to listen. Thankfully, the exchange, such as it was, was over (and she had just started asking about my job, too; what next? What was I in for?) I don't want to sound like Humphrey Bogart from Casablanca here, but: Of all the hospital waiting areas, of all the HMO waiting rooms, of all the labs, of all the clinics, she had to walk into mine. Don't let this play out again, Sam; it was an intrusion of sorts. Wellintended, I presume, and perhaps a little nervous energy at play; but as Kenny Rogers would say/sing: "You got to know when to fold 'em, know when to hold 'em."

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THURSDAY/NOV. 12

Tech Thursday - Technology to Support Executive Functioning. 10 a.m.-noon. Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring. Many students struggle with planning, organizing and managing tasks, which impacts their academic achievement. This workshop will focus on strategies and technology tools that can help support students with executive function deficits. Presented by the Office of Special Education Instruction, Assistive Technology Services. Free. Register at http://www.fcps.edu/dss/osp/prc/index.shtml.

FRIDAY/NOV. 13

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SATURDAY/NOV. 14

Future Quest 2015. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. George Mason University, Johnson Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Future Quest features more than 70 workshops and everyone will learn from the amazing keynote speaker - Justin Graves. Attend the Resource Fair with over 40 organizations focused on helping students achieve a successful life after high school. You will also get to spend an entire day on the George Mason University campus in Fairfax. Free. Register at http:// www.fcps.edu/dss/osp/prc/.index.shtml.

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WEDNESDAY/NOV. 18

Introduction to Special Education. 10 a.m.noon. Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring. This workshop is appropriate for parents with children in the referral or eligibility phase of the Special Education process; parents who want to know more about how the Special Education process works; and parents with children new to Special Education. Free. Register at http:// www.fcps.edu/dss/osp/prc/.index.shtml.

MONDAY/NOV. 23

Ayr Hill Garden Club Meeting. 12:45 p.m. Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna. "Growing Orchids" will be the subject of guest lecturer, Mark Patterson, a member of the American Orchid Society. In his lecture and demonstration, Mr. Patterson will speak on the care, maintenance and repotting of orchids with special emphasis on orchids as wonderful gifts. Guests welcome. https:// ayrhillgardenclub.shutterfly.com/.



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