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Sixth grade students show support for leading drug free lives by wearing red. From left, front row: Tiffany Lucho, Sahar Monawer, Monica Olivo and Sara Kim; middle row, Brandon Georgescu; and back row, Dejoun Johnson, teacher Marion Fegley and Jennifer Stoddard.



Funding Shortfall Could Stall Renovations

Officials say West Springfield High is one of many ailing facilities in its system.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

It's a good news/bad news thing for the West Springfield community. The good news is that Fairfax County Public Schools and elected officials agree that West Springfield High School needs to be renovated.

The bad news? They don't know how and when they are going to do it.

West Springfield is far from the only facility in need of a major upgrade and the school system doesn't have nearly enough money to address all of its building shortfalls.

"There is no ambiguity about the fact that West Springfield should be renovated. ... [But] West Springfield is not, unfortunately, unique," said Dean Tistadt, the school system's chief operating officer and the head of facilities.

TISTADT and several elected officials spoke to a crowd of about 100 people during a forum about West Springfield's facility Oct. 28. SOAR West Springfield, a new

organization advocating for the high school's renovation, sponsored the public meeting in West Springfield's cafeteria.

West Springfield opened on Rolling Road 42 years ago and the building has never received a major facelift.

The high school has also been left off the school system's queue for new construction projects despite facing major facility problems, including a sagging roof, antiquated electrical system, warped floors and music room so small that the school band can no longer use it for practice.

According to Tistadt, Herndon, Oakton, Langley and Fall Church high schools, facilities also built about 40 years ago, are in similar condition to West Springfield. Several elementary schools are also in as bad or worse shape.

"There is no ambiguity about the fact that West Springfield should be renovated."

— Dean Tistadt

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors allocates about \$155 million annually for school capital projects but it is not nearly enough to meet the school system's skyrocketing needs. Overall, the school system has about \$1.5 billion in unmet capital expenditures, said School Board president Dan Storck (Mount Vernon), who represents a small portion of the West Springfield High School community.

"We are falling farther and farther behind. ... The reality is we don't know when we are going to get to [needed high school renovations,]" said Tistadt.

AFTER A PUSH from School Board member Liz Bradsher (Springfield), Fairfax County Public Schools has decided to revise its current capital project queue and it appears almost certain that

West Springfield will be added to the priority list.

A consultant's report, released in early September, ranked West Springfield the 10th neediest facility out of 60 schools considered. Only one high school, Langley, was

higher on the list.

The Fairfax County School Board has asked the consultant to return with a slightly different analysis, one in which extremely overcrowded schools are not given an advantage in the battle for facilities funding. It is possible that the consultant's second list of recommendations, due in December, could benefit West Springfield, which is not among the most overcrowded schools in the system.

SCHOOL BOARD members are expected to rely heavily on the consultants' recommendations when voting on the new queue in January. But even those schools at the very top of the new priority list would have to wait a few years before breaking ground on construction.

Fairfax County residents have already voted on bonds for all new school building projects in the immediate future. Officials have also held harmless those projects that already receive funding for planning, like the renovation of Thomas Jefferson High School, and those communities are likely to see construction move forward first because they are farther along in the process.

It is likely the West Springfield High

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CRIME REPORT

Activities reported by the West Springfield District of the Fairfax County police department through Oct. 24.

5400 block of Port Royal Road.

License plate stolen from vehicle.

5000 block of Sideburn Road.

Wallet stolen from school.

BURGLARY/VEHICLE TAMPERING

9300 block of Crosspoint Drive.

Someone broke into Silverbrook Elementary School on Saturday, Oct. 18. School security notified police that around 1:52 a.m., the alarm had been activated. An investigation determined that someone gained entry into a few of the school buses parked outside as well as into the building. Nothing was missing but some items had been relocated to other areas. No suspect information is available at this time.

VEHICLE THEFTS

4400 block of Weyburn Drive. 1995 Honda Civic.

Activities reported by the Franconia District of the Fairfax County Police Department through Oct. 24.

ROBBERY

8100 block of Silverbrook Road.

Police are investigating whether robberies at two Fairfax hotels early Friday, Oct. 17 may have been committed by the same suspect(s). In both cases the front desk clerks were held up by a man fitting the same description, holding a steak knife, who demanded money. The first robbery occurred around 1 a.m. at the Comfort Inn, 8180 Silverbrook Road in Lorton. A 21-year-old Lorton man was ordered to produce all monies behind the desk. The victim complied, was not injured and the suspect fled. The second hotel, a Red Roof Inn, 6511 Backlick Road, Springfield was robbed about 20 minutes later. The victim, a 32-year-old Alexandria-area woman, ran out of the hotel and was not injured. The suspect is described as a black male in his mid-40's, with missing teeth, graying hair, around 6 feet tall and 250 pounds. He wore a black polo shirt with white stripes and black jeans.

STOLEN VEHICLE/ARREST

Edsall Road/Paula Road. On Saturday, Oct. 18 around 5:30 p.m.

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Charity Helps Sage

Charity hopes to raise enough money to help Sage Williams of Burke

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

Back when Burke resident Teresa Williams was in the Army, things were a little easier. At least then the military would pay for the multiple surgeries needed for her son,

Sage, like the botox injections to loosen the muscles in his legs, or the procedure that wrapped his esophagus around his stomach to keep him from vomiting back up nine out of every 10 meals.

In a phone interview, Williams, now a human language technology adviser with the Department of Defense, ticks off the monthly payments she's faced: \$400 for insurance, co-payments of \$500 every time Sage, 6, outgrows his leg braces and \$2,000 every time he needs a new wheelchair.

"The frustration I see in him when he wants to go run and play with everyone else and he can't do that," said Williams.

Diagnosed at birth with cerebral palsy, Sage's mobility is severely limited. He can crawl but can't walk. Incapable of verbal communication, his family is exploring ways to teach him sign language as his

hand movements improve. Right now, pointing and gesturing are how he gets his messages across.

"He's very strong-willed when he decides what he wants. Even though he can't talk, he lets it be known that this is what he wants," said Jeff Lapan, a family friend and coworker of Williams. "He will let you know that he's unhappy."

Williams said her son is a happy child who remains outgoing and positive despite his condition.

"Mostly, it's just people," said Williams when asked for one of Sage's hobbies. "We'll go out to eat and he's a big flirt. We'll go somewhere and he'll find the cutest girl in the room and start yelling at her until she pays attention to him."

"The frustration I see in him when he wants to go run and play with everyone else and he can't do that."

**Teresa Williams,
Sage's mother**

A PICTURE of a cartoon thermometer on the Web [www.cpkidsinc.org] for CP Kids is used to represent the money raised for Sage. The mercury level hovers near the bottom at \$3,883, far away from the stated goal of \$25,700 at the top. That's the amount of money the charity estimates is needed for stem cell transplantation surgery. The procedure, yet to gain approval from the FDA, is designed to release tension in Sage's muscles. In some cases, a person with a debilitating case of

cerebral palsy will gain enough movement and control to walk.

Ann Griffin, who started CP Kids in October 2007, has been Williams' friend since their days in the military a decade ago. She has known Sage all his life and started the charity to help children like him.

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PHOTO BY DEREK B. JOHNSON/THE CONNECTION

Sage Williams, middle, will be at the center of a week-long, fund-raising effort with the Kindercare on Oak Leather Drive in Burke and CP Kids, a non-profit charity dedicated to providing assistance to children with cerebral palsy. Kindercare director Martha Montanez, right, hugs Sage's brother, Rowan. Carol Shirley, left, teaches both of them.



Strings teacher Stephanie Trachtenberg dons a purple wig during the Spooky Strings concert. White Oaks strings students played Halloween-themed music for during a morning assembly.

Spooky Music

White Oaks strings students present annual Halloween-themed concert.



Two members of the White Oaks Elementary strings smile before their concert on Monday.

PHOTO BY VICKIE WUERFUL

Virginians on Global Warming: 'Very Serious'

The majority of Virginians believe that the earth is not only getting warmer but that global warming also constitutes a "very serious" problem, according to the first statewide poll on climate change.

The Miller Center for Public Affairs, part of the University of Virginia, conducted the groundbreaking survey of 660 Virginia residents in September and released its findings Oct. 21.

The poll found 75 percent of Virginians – compared to just 71 percent of Americans overall – think the average temperature on Earth has gotten warmer over the past four decades.

Residents from Northern Virginia, at 78 percent, accepted global warming at a slightly higher rate than the general Virginia population, according to the poll results.

Those commonwealth residents who identified as Democrats (88 percent), not white (81 percent) and not college graduates (80 percent) were more likely to believe in global warming, according to the poll. Republicans (24 percent), Males (16 percent) and the college educated (15 percent) were most likely to not believe in global warming, though in much smaller numbers overall than those who think climate change is taking place.

IN WHAT politicians called a major sea change in Virginia's public opinion, a strong majority of all Virginians view climate change as a problem and said the government should take action immediately to deal with the problem.

According to the poll, 60 percent of people polled said global warming was "serious problem" and another 28 percent earth's increasing temperatures were a "somewhat serious problem." Only four percent of the Virginians surveyed considered global warming "not a problem."

Even larger numbers, 72 percent of people who participated, thought the government should take immediate action to deal with climate change. Of those branches who government who should bear a "great deal of responsibility," people chose the federal government 50 percent of the time, state government 36 percent of the time and local government 29 percent of that time.

Politicians said the poll results marked a sea change from how residents felt about global warming as little as five years ago. Residents did not consider the issue a priority or did not believe the earth's temperature was actually rising, they said.

"It is a remarkable change. ...I have not seen as issue like that move from the back of the line to the front of the line ever before," said Gov. Tim Kaine (D), who had planned to focus on environmental and energy policy during his last year in office before the release of the poll.

"Al Gore's movie changed attitudes almost overnight," said Fairfax County chairman Gerry Connolly (D), who is also running for U.S. Congress in Virginia's 11th congressional district.

Connolly received a lot more praise from the general public when he unveiled Fairfax's "cool counties" initiative in 2007 than when he laid out an his first environmental agenda for Fairfax in 2004.

Many residents told the chairman last year that they were "so proud" Fairfax County, along with The Sierra Club, had pioneered "cool counties" – a program that lays out basic polices local governments can adopt to help curb global warming.

But five years ago when Connolly first became chairman, people were significantly less enthusiastic about environmental reform. Fairfax County did not even have an environmental agenda or goals before Connolly took office.

ACCORDING TO the poll, government policies which received the most support from Virginians surveyed included

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NEWS

Cemetery Dedicated

Officials gather to unveil once vandalized, now beautified cemetery.

BY LYNNE GARVEY-HODGE
HISTORY COMMISSIONER

On Sunday, Oct. 19, at 2 p.m., the Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation Association conducted its first cemetery dedication at the Marshall Cemetery in Burke.

The cemetery is home to the badly vandalized marker highlighted in an earlier Connection article this year. The clean-up day for the cemetery took place Aug. 23 and since then, association members and concerned citizens have been meeting to discuss how to begin a county-wide, Adopt-A-Cemetery program.

Support from the county has been most helpful, particularly from Susan Hellman of the Virginia Room at the Fairfax City Library and from Brian Conley of the county Archives department.

Over 25 descendants of John and Mary Marshall, who are buried in the cemetery, were present at the Oct. 19 ceremony, as was Boy Scout Troops 1344 and 698, who began the service with a color guard ceremony and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Del. David Marsden (D-41), Supervisors Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock) and Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) shared their comments on the work of this citizen-spawned group.

"The work at Marshall Cemetery is a truly great example of the results that can be achieved when community leaders take charge and bring the various communities — business, historical and neighborhoods — as a team to address a problem," Herrity said. "This can be a model for how we can address



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A portrait of John Marshall is placed on his marker, which is still marred by graffiti.

the other forgotten cemeteries throughout Fairfax County."

Glenn Curtis, a local descendant shared his memories of growing up in the home that John and Mary Marshall had built. He remembered the beautiful gardens where the memorial marker once stood.

Burke Nursery and Freedom Tree Service helped

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PHOTO BY VICKIE WUERFUL

Seeing Red

Sixth grade students, representing all White Oaks Elementary students, Rally with Red to show support for leading drug free lives on Monday, Oct. 27.



Smiling after the ceremony are, from left, History Commissioner Mary Lipsey, Supervisor Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock), History Commissioner Lynne Garvey-Hodge and Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield). The vandalism of the Marshall Cemetery inspired Lipsey and Garvey-Hodge to found the Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation Association.

Marshall Cemetery Rededicated Oct. 19

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clear ground that had been overgrown by trees and underbrush and had become a meeting place for local teenagers, complete with broken liquor bottles and food wrapper debris.

Curtis' son Howard read the tribute to Mary Marshall that is on one side of the monument, "A precious one from us is gone. A place is vacant in our home which never can be filled. God in his wisdom has recalled the boon his love has given, and though the body moulders here, the soul is safe in heaven."

John Marshall was Burke Station's first post master, serving from 1852-1854. The Marshalls bought an initial 50 acres in 1852 and later added extensively onto their holdings, eventually donating land to the Church of the Good Shepherd and the Ashford School. The Marshalls ran a general merchandise store in this early part of Burke and the Orange & Alexandria (O&A) Railroad brought shipments of produce and goods to this stop, for sale in their store.

Also used for the transport of goods and soldiers by the Federal troops during the Civil War, the O&A was frequently attacked by Confederate forces. The Marshalls would have seen significant Civil War activity in this area.

They were clearly respected and appreciated by other local citizens and the many descendants in attendance at the dedication ceremony were given an opportunity to better understand who their relatives were.

A portrait of John Marshall was hung on the fence surrounding the marker and numerous colorful chrysanthemums were donated by Burke Nursery to add color and to decorate the area for the occasion and the descendant children placed carnations on the graves.

A bag piper, Jan Varner, played "Amazing Grace" and FCCPA association co-founder Mary Lipsey shared information about the history of the area.

Lynne Garvey-Hodge, the association's other co-founder led the program and closed with a prayer, which included gratitude for the lives of the Marshalls and asking for a sense of re-direction for the young souls who had sought to mar the beautiful monument.

The FCCPA is working with many local citizens and a representative curator of Arlington Cemetery to seek a way to conduct a final cleaning of the marker. Anyone interested in being involved with the FCCPA, which is still in its early developmental stages, may contact Lipsey at Christopherlipsey@verizon.net or Garvey-Hodge at lghassoc@erols.com. They are working on identifying research projects that may be completed during the winter months, as well as finalizing the overall mission and by-laws for the organization.

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Getting To Know ...

Richard J. Frisch, Fairfax County Chamber's new chief operating officer.

On Oct. 14, Richard J. Frisch joined the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce as the organization's new chief operating officer. Frisch has 25 years of experience in the hotel management industry, serving most recently as the general manager of the Hilton McLean.

PROFILE

Enjoys a daily 2-mile walk, landscaping and he is an active book club member for the past five years.

Favorite local restaurants.

Meiwah Restaurant, J R's Stockyard Inn for BBQ.

Community concerns.

Labor and transportation.

Personal goals.

Continue to be a solid manager to achieve financial benchmarks. Grow revenue and continue to develop new business relationships.

What's the biggest challenge facing Fairfax County businesses right now?

What impact will the difficult global financial picture have on state and local government?

What role can the Chamber play in meeting that challenge?

Develop education programs to assist business leaders in managing through the volatile markets.



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Richard J. Frisch

Number of years in the community.

Seventeen years in the Greater Metropolitan Washington area. Last 10 years as general manager of Hilton McLean in Tysons Corner.

Family.

Frisch is a resident of Bethesda, Md., with his wife Alison, a meeting and events executive for Courtesy Associates, Washington, D.C.

Education.

Frisch has spent his last 25 years in hotel management with Hilton Hotels.

Your first job.

Air Traffic Controller, United States Air Force.

Activities/interest/hobbies.

— MICHAEL O'CONNELL

Church Recalls Beckwith

Memorial service honors founding pastor, civil rights advocate.

An Oct. 20 memorial service took place at the Little River United Church of Christ in Annandale for founding pastor and civil rights activist, the Rev. Hubert S. Beckwith. Beckwith died Oct. 12, at his residence in Greenspring Village, Springfield.

In January 1955, a small group of members from the Congregational denomination living in the Annandale area wanted to form a church in Northern Virginia where persons of all races could worship together. They called Beckwith, then serving as minister at Rocky Hill Congregational Church, Rocky Hill, Conn., to be their founding pastor. He accepted, and the group formed the Congregational Christian Church of Fairfax County, now Little River United Church of Christ, meeting in an Annandale school.

From its beginning, the Annandale church took an active part in the struggle against racial segregation. It ran into trouble with the Commonwealth of Virginia, which then disapproved of allowing mixed races to sit and worship together in a public building. Not yet having funds for its own church building, the group reluctantly attempted compliance by designating "seats of honor" at the front for its African-American members.

However, the group desired a church of its own,

where it would not be subject to the Commonwealth segregation laws. Many prospective sellers refused to sell property to them, when they learned of the mixed racial composition of the congregation. Finally, the group was able to purchase a wooded parcel of land, off Little River Turnpike, across from Northern Virginia Community College. Beckwith, known as "Beck," served as its pastor until his retirement in 1987, when he was named Pastor Emeritus.

The Annandale group called Beckwith as its pastor because of his prior position from 1945 and 1949 as assistant minister of the First Congregational Church in Washington, D.C. During this period, he was an advisor for the Congregational Citywide Pilgrim Fellowship—the only racially integrated denominational youth organization in the greater Washington area.

Beckwith was also an early civil rights leader in Fairfax County. In 1958, he was instrumental in founding the Fairfax County Council on Human Relations, the first such broad-based citizens' group in the state. Beckwith was its first president, as well as second president of the statewide Council and a member of its umbrella organization, the Southern Regional Council in Atlanta, Ga. For his commitment to religious leadership and to civil rights and human relations, he received in 2003 the James Floyd Jenkins Pillar of Faith Award at Howard University School of Divinity.

Beckwith's wife of almost 59 years, Elizabeth, predeceased him in May 2008. He is survived by two sons and four grandchildren.

OBITUARY

Michael C. Doughty Dies

Michael Doughty died with his family at his side on Tuesday, Oct. 14 in Fairfax Inova Hospital while awaiting a heart transplant. He was born in New York, N.Y. to Lloyd and Shirley Doughty, growing up in Glen Head, Long Island, N.Y. He attended North Shore High School and graduated from William & Mary with a B.A in history. After graduation he entered the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant.



FAMILY PHOTO

Michael C. Doughty

Doughty served his country for 28 years with

distinction and retired as a lieutenant colonel. He served in many duty stations during his Army tenure, including Germany, England, West Point, Alaska and the Pentagon.

OBITUARY

It was during his station in Germany he met his wife Susan and they were married on May 5, 1979 in Stuttgart, Germany. Doughty served in Central Command in Tampa, Fla. and was sent to the Middle East for the Desert Storm operation in 1991. In his logistical position, he was responsible for the positioning of U.S. armor assets that was at the core of this successful military campaign. During his service he also earned a master of business administration.

After his retirement he joined SAIC a military consulting company in McLean, until his death.

Doughty enjoyed traveling, golf, classical piano and especially his times on the beach at the Maryland shore. He was an avid reader, especially of history books and spent many hours in genealogy research. He is survived by his wife Susan of Burke; daughters Melissa of Baltimore, Md; Justine of New York, N.Y. and son Timothy who attends Virginia Tech. He also leaves a brother, Lloyd of Cumberland Foreside, Maine; two sisters, Elizabeth Noble of Tolland, Conn., and Elaine of Lynn, Mass. and many nieces and nephews.

VIEWPOINTS

What's your impression of current presidential campaign advertising?



"I think they're terrible. I hate every one of them. You'd think that presidential candidates would be above such things."

Linda Redonbo, Stanton, Va.



"Most of it is negative advertising by both of them. It really doesn't help me understand much about them."

Tip Kehoe, Burke

— MICHAEL O'CONNELL

NEWS

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creation of a renewable portfolio standard (55 percent); increase support for clean coal technology (51 percent); increase fuel efficiency standards for automobiles (49 percent); increase energy efficiency requirements for commercial and residents buildings (47 percent); and a tax credit for a hybrid vehicle purchase (47 percent).

Those policy options which faced the most opposition from the people surveyed included raising the gasoline tax (55 percent) and raising the fossil fuel tax (37 percent).

Kaine is already pursuing one option that falls in the middle in terms of public opinion. According to the poll, 30 percent of Virginians surveyed "strongly support" the use of nuclear power and 29 percent "somewhat support" nuclear power. Only 12 percent of those people polled strongly opposed nuclear power.

The governor is expanding the capacity of some nuclear power plants that already exist around the state.

"I think the French experience shows that we can do this safely," said Kaine, referring to a country that gets the majority of its energy from nuclear power plants.

Connolly favors looking at nuclear power and supported Kaine's effort to expand nuclear power where it already exists in Virginia. But he said nuclear is hardly the panacea to the United States energy problems.

It is extremely difficult to get a nuclear power plant insured and storing large amounts of nuclear waste is also poses a challenge. In the age of heightened awareness about terrorism, nuclear power plants also become more of a security concern than other types of energy alternatives, said Connolly.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

CRIME REPORT

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an officer was traveling westbound on Edsall Road and observed a vehicle speeding. In running the license plate, he received notice that the vehicle was reported stolen from a business in the District of Columbia. The officer activated his emergency equipment when the vehicle turned onto Paula Road. He conducted a felony traffic stop and arrested the driver. Delonta Antwan Nesbitt, 22, of Clinton, Md. was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with auto theft.

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ing, support the victims of this violent crime and prevent underage drinking," will hold a walk, "Walk Like MADD" this weekend in Lake Fairfax Park in Reston to raise awareness and funding.

The walk is Saturday, Nov. 1, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., open to children, teens, adults, families and pets. To register as a walker or as a "virtual walker," visit www.WalkLikeMadd.org and select "Fairfax, VA," e-mail karen.horowitz@madd.org or call 703-379-1135.

Walk Like MADD

Last week, a young Fairfax man was sentenced to three years in jail for involuntary manslaughter, in a drunk-driving accident that resulted in unspeakable tragedy for three families. Reporter Ken Moore tells the story in this week's Fairfax Connection: one family lost a beloved daughter after five brutal days clinging to life; one family has seen their active son reduced to 70 pounds and "un-

responsive" and living in a nursing home; the family of the defendant has also seen life as they knew it change. (Read the story, "Three Families Devastated by Drunk Driving," at www.ConnectionNewspapers.com)

In coming weeks, Moore will tell the stories of other local families touched by the tragedy of drunk driving.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving Northern Virginia, whose mission is "to stop drunk driv-

Burke Politically Diverse

To the Editor:

I just read the wonderful commentary by Del. David Marsden (D-41) ["Local 'Insiders' Are Improving America," Connection, Sept. 25-Oct. 1, 2008]. I will point out that I am a lifelong Democrat and I am gainfully employed in national politics on Capitol Hill. I moved to Burke 10 years ago and living in Burke was the first time in my life that I lived in an area that was not predominantly urban or Democratic. Most of my neighbors were connected to military, civil government, defense and intelligence jobs and my government representatives were predominantly Republican. At first, it was quite a culture shock to live in such a neighborhood.

During my day at work. I live the "Beltway mentality" fighting the good partisan fight in national politics. Every night and every weekend I enjoy the wonderful political diversity that is now Burke. While Washington is inherently a political town, and Burke is full of folks like myself who make a living in politics and government, Burke really doesn't feel like "Washington" to me. Like Del. Marsden, I too feel the sense of

community in Burke. This was evident to me as my family and I enjoyed the Burke Centre festival last weekend as family activities commingled with local vendors and friendly political advocacy. Although I may not always agree with the political views of all of my neighbors, I am extremely proud of their commitment and daily sacrifice and service to our country, Democrat and Republican alike. I enjoy my political debates with my neighbors Z—that are always lively but also respectful.

LETTERS

To me, Burke seems to transcend partisanship as our community embraces its collective responsibility to help protect and serve the American dream. I hope to be part of that commitment for years to come. Thank you Del. Marsden for reminding me why I love living in Burke.

Neil Reiff
Burke

Investing in Local Parks

To the Editor:

I am writing in support of the proposed bond to invest additional funds in Fairfax County parks.

Given the rapidly diminishing green space in the county, securing additional funding to obtain land for new parks and to renovate existing park facilities is critical to ensure that parks are available to current and future residents of Fairfax County. Park funds support community gardens, nature and exercise trails, historical sites, public recreation centers, camp grounds and athletic fields. These resources play a vital role in maintaining community and social networks, physical fitness and sportsmanship. Parks are a place where residents can gather to pursue shared interest like gardening and horticulture, nature, art, history and athletics. They are a place where families and children can gather to learn and play. Parks represent a critical link to Fairfax's agrarian past.

Steven Jones
Fairfax

Connolly Backer

To the Editor:

As a supporter of U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R-11), I offer my support for Gerry Connolly (D). At a time when we are faced with the consequences of a weakened reputation in the international community, we need to elect members of

Congress who have the knowledge and experience to lead us in the right direction. Gerry Connolly's experience as a public servant with the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee and wrote several published reports on U.S. foreign policy. Now is the time for pragmatic leadership and someone who can work in a bipartisan fashion.

How can we ever expect Congress and the Administration to end the war in Iraq if we continue to elect individuals who lack foreign policy experience? I support Gerry Connolly for Congress because I believe he will work to improve relations between the U.S. and the international community, a critical step in the process of improving our weakened economy and providing future stability and security. The next Congressman from the 11th District will have big shoes to fill and Gerry Connolly can fill those shoes.

Taiji Suzuki
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HEALTH & FITNESS

CP Kids, Kindercare Team Up

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"We're trying to keep our expectations in check about the result or the outcome of the transplant," said Griffin.

Williams said the ideal outcome would be to give her son Sage some mobility outside of his wheelchair, but that she would settle for less.

"In my opinion, it's a successful outcome if it's one less surgery he has to have. He's already had six," she said.

A first grade student at Bush Hill Elementary, Sage attends the Kindercare on Oak Leather Drive in Burke after school. He is a twin, and his brother Rowan will often accompany him to the daycare. Rowan does not have cerebral palsy, and so is not physically restricted like his brother.

"He gets real frustrated when he sees his brother walking around with his friends," said Williams.

BEGINNING NOV. 3, the Kindercare will host a week's worth of activities designed to raise money for Sage's surgery in a partnership with CP Kids. Events like a sponsored trike-a-thon, a coin collection and the selling of hand-made ornaments are planned. All money taken in will go toward Sage's

fund.

Martha Montanez, director of the Kindercare, suspected that single mother Williams was having difficulty finding the money to keep up with her son's medical bills. In September, she met with Williams and Griffin to organize the fundraiser that will take place from Nov. 3-7.

"Once I heard about how challenging it was going to be to raise this money on her own, I offered my services," said Montanez.

Describing Sage as a good student who rarely caused trouble, Montanez said he gets along with his peers, even if they don't fully comprehend his condition.

"I don't think that [his classmates] fully understand what's going on," she said.

Williams said that she hoped not only to help her son through the fundraiser but also to shine the spotlight on his disease and push for a greater investment from the medical community in its research.

"Mainly, we just want to create more awareness of cerebral palsy. We just feel like its not publicized enough, people don't know as much," said Williams, adding that it also serves as an outlet to promote stem cell research. "It would be great if more research could be done in the U.S."

HEALTH NOTES

Flu Clinic on Tuesday, Nov. 13, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost is \$30. Pre-registration required at flubusters.net/ClinicList.aspx or 866-782-3014. Hosted by the Terra Centre PTA, at Terra Centre Elementary School, 6000 Burke Centre Parkway.

The Clifton Presbyterian Church has a Caregiver Support Group that meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the church, 12748

Richards Lane, Clifton. This group is for caregivers of seniors with Alzheimer's, dementia, and other age-related problems. Call 703-830-9175 ext. 17.

Body & Soul Fitness classes are cardio and strength training sessions set to contemporary Christian music. Mondays and Fridays from 9-10:15 a.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 8304 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Until Nov. 23. For more call Suzann Albanese at 703-372-2332 or e-mail salbanese@cox.net.

Registration for weekday and weekend **Lamaze childbirth** classes in Springfield is available at www.lamaze-dc.com or by calling 703-549-2226.

Alzheimer's Family Day Center, located at 2812 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, hosts various classes. Reservations are required, and classes are open to people who are caring for a relative or friend with dementia. For more, call Greta at 703-204-4664.

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THURSDAY/OCT. 30

Braddigan. Acoustic/rock/reggae. 7:30 p.m. \$15. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Ken Ludwig's "Shakespeare in Hollywood," 8 p.m. at TheaterSpace on George Mason University's Fairfax campus. Tickets \$12, \$8 for students and seniors. 703-993-8888 or www.gmu.edu/cfa.

FRIDAY/OCT. 31

Ballet Flamenco José Porcel. 8 p.m. Tickets \$22-\$44. Children 12 and under half price. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or www.tickets.com. The Center for the Arts complex, on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123. www.gmu.edu/cfa.

Panic At The Disco and Dashboard Confessional, with Plain White T's and The Cab. 7 p.m. Tickets are \$29.95-\$39.95, at www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. The George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Call 703-993-3000 or visit www.patriotcenter.com or www.rockbandlivetour.com.

Chris Smither. 8 p.m. Vocals and blues at The Barns. Tickets \$22. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Halloween Party, 8 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Tickets \$12. Halloween Happy Hour

from 8-9 p.m., followed by costumed performances from DJ Nasa, Jon Braman, Flex Mathews, Future, and Mambo Sauce. The bands will vote on who in the audience has the best costume. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

21th Annual Mall-O-Ween at Fair Oaks Mall. Children are invited to dress in costume and trick-or-treat from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Fountain Court will be stocked with dry ice to add an eerie atmosphere. Costumed characters will greet children. Fair Oaks Mall, 11750 Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax. Free. 703-359-8302 or www.ShopFairOaksMall.com.

Ken Ludwig's "Shakespeare in Hollywood," 8 p.m. at TheaterSpace on George Mason University's Fairfax campus. Tickets \$12, \$8 for students and seniors. 703-993-8888 or www.gmu.edu/cfa.

Freaky Friday Fun, from 2-8 p.m. at the Audrey Moore RECenter, 8100 Braddock Road in Annandale. Games, prizes, costume contest, candy, face painting, maze, pool fun and more. \$5 per child. 703-321-7081 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks.

SATURDAY/NOV. 1

Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children's Third Annual Star Kid 8K Run/Walk, with separate Family Fun Run. Proceeds benefit the hospital's pediatric heart programs. Prizes, a visit from Ronald McDonald and children's activities. 8 a.m. at George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Adult registration \$20, children \$10. Register online at www.runwashington.com.

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department Smoke Alarm Initiative, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Firefighters

will canvas homes in neighborhoods throughout Fairfax County checking for working smoke alarms. Firefighters are taking a proactive approach to fire safety by raising awareness, and helping to ensure residents have working smoke alarms in their homes. Contact Lt. Willie Bailey or Renee Stilwell at 703-246-3801.

Christine Lavin. 7:30 p.m. Observations on love and relationships at The Barns. Tickets \$20. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Pro Boxing featuring Jimmy Lange. 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$30-\$500. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle. 703-993-3000 or www.patriotcenter.com.

4Paws Rescue Team Cat Adoptions. 12-4 p.m. Fairfax Petco at 10708 Lee Highway, Fairfax.

Ballet Flamenco José Porcel. 8 p.m. Tickets \$22-\$44. Children 12 and under half price. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or www.tickets.com. The Center for the Arts complex, on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123. www.gmu.edu/cfa.

Aldersgate Church Community Theater presents "Dearly Departed," at 8 p.m. in Wesley Hall, Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for students and seniors. 703-660-2611 or www.presaleticketing.com.

Ken Ludwig's "Shakespeare in Hollywood," 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at TheaterSpace on George Mason University's Fairfax campus. Tickets \$12, \$8 for students and seniors. 703-993-8888 or www.gmu.edu/cfa.



Panic At The Disco and Dashboard Confessional, with Plain White T's and The Cab, perform on Friday, Oct. 31 at the George Mason University Patriot Center.

SUNDAY/NOV. 2

Ten Shekel Shirt with Seabird. Rock. 7 p.m. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Pianist Jeffrey Siegel, 7 p.m. at the George Mason University Center for the Arts, at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123. Tickets \$19-\$38. Children 12 and under half price. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or www.tickets.com. www.gmu.edu/cfa.

Ken Ludwig's "Shakespeare in Hollywood," 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at TheaterSpace on George Mason University's Fairfax campus. Tickets

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MONDAY/NOV. 3

Calling All Guys. 7 p.m. Book discussion group for boys. Call for title. Age 6-12 with adult. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. 703-978-5600.

TUESDAY/NOV. 4

Elisa. 8 p.m. Italian pop at The Barns. Tickets \$20. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

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CALENDAR

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Teen Book Club: "The Partly Cloudy Patriot" by Sarah Vowell. 7 p.m. Age 12-18. Snacks provided. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. 703-249-1520.

Election Night Party, 7 p.m. at Jammin' Java Music Club and Café, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Free. Watch the returns on the big screen. Drink specials for everyone who can prove that they voted. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Fairfax High School Theatre Drama Camp, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax, for grades 1-8. \$40. 703-818-0926 or www.fxplayers.org.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 5

Battlefield Band. 8 p.m. Celtic folk at The Barns. Tickets \$22. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

THURSDAY/NOV. 6

James Cotton. 8 p.m. Grammy-winning blues at The Barns. Tickets \$25. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

David Mead and The Grey Race. Pop/acoustic. 8 p.m. \$10. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Turkey Tales. 10:30 a.m. Age 13-23 months with adult. Stories and activities about turkeys. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. 703-249-1520.

Friends of the Kings Park Library Book Sale. 1-8 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. 703-978-5600.

Learning About Essential Tremor: Diagnosis and Treatment Options Educational Seminar, with Drs. Ted Rothstein, neurologist and James Leiphart, neurosurgeon. Registration open at 6 p.m., seminar from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Inova HealthSource, Classroom 1, 2700 Prosperity Ave., Suite 100, Fairfax. 888-387-3667 or www.essentialtremor.org.

FRIDAY/NOV. 7

Jeremy Denk. 8 p.m. Piano at The Barns. Tickets \$35. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

An Evening with The Nighthawks. Rock/blues. 7 p.m. \$20. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Dare to Share's "Invincible Event" at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$49, at www.dare2share.org. George Mason Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. www.patriotcenter.com.

Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors," 8 p.m. at the George Mason University Center for the Arts, on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123. Tickets are \$17-\$34. Children 12 and under half price. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or www.tickets.com. Visit www.gmu.edu.cfa.

Friends of the Kings Park Library Book Sale. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. 703-978-5600.

Friends of the Pohick Library Used Book Sale. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-644-7333.

"Footloose," 7:30 p.m. at the W.T. Woodson Performing Arts Department, 9525 Main St., Fairfax.

703-503-4600 or wtwdrama.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 8

Veterans Day Community Fair, from 12-4 p.m. at Legion Post 177, 3939 Oak St., Fairfax. Sponsored by American Legion Post 177 and VFW Post 8469.

Friends of the Kings Park Library Book Sale. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. 703-978-5600.

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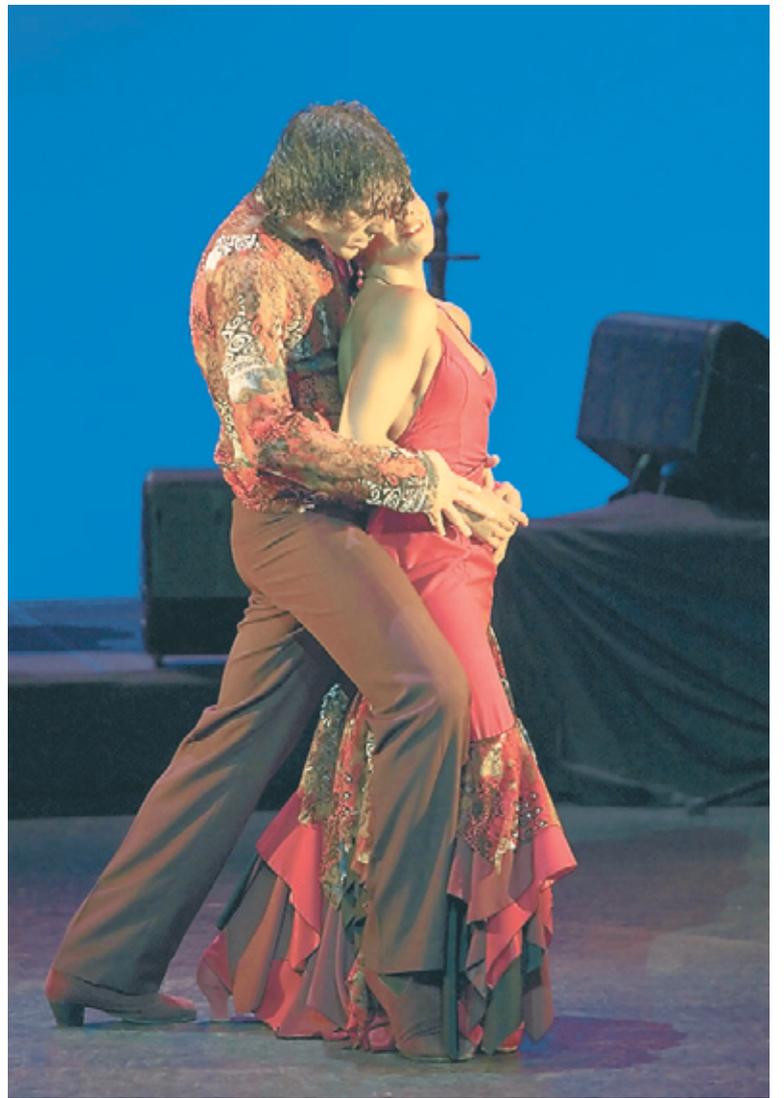
The Northern Virginia Brain Injury Association Fall Fest, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Burke Presbyterian Church, 5690 Oak Leather Drive, Burke. Free. This event is to reach out to survivors of traumatic brain injury (TBI) and their family and friends. Games, food, entertainment and more. Call 703-324-5545 to say how many people will be attending.

Melissa Manchester. 7:30 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$35. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Matt Wigler. Blues/jazz/boogie. 7 p.m. \$12. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Wicked Jezabel and Jamie Anderson and the Broad Street Band. All Girl Rock. 10 p.m. \$12. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Dare to Share's "Invincible Event" at 8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets \$49, available at www.dare2share.org. George Mason Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. www.patriotcenter.com.



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First for Robinson — Twice

With a pair of first-ever individual titles, Robinson runners steal spotlight at Concorde finals.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

Concorde District's championship meet on Oct. 22 offered an afternoon full of first-time occurrences.

For the first time during Robinson cross-country coach Jeremy Workman's 14-year tenure, senior Jared Berman won an individual district title. Also for the first time during Workman's tenure, senior Stephanie Bray won her first individual district title.

Although official statistics aren't kept on this one, for the first time during Workman's tenure a giant, fuzzy Ram mascot accompanied Robinson's runners at Burke Lake Park.

"We were ready," said Berman, who along with Bray grabbed his first-ever first-place finish Wednesday, Oct. 22. "We're extremely excited. This is something we've been waiting for."

While Berman and Bray won their respect
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PHOTO BY PATRICK TAITANO/THE CONNECTION

Robinson senior Jared Berman won the boys individual Concorde District cross-country title last Wednesday afternoon at Burke Lake Park, finishing with a time of 15 minutes 22 seconds.

WEEK IN SPORTS

Lee's Meseret Learns on the Fly

After Lee junior Natnael Meseret was passed by Annandale's Scott Plunkett at the end of the Oct. 23 Patriot District cross country final at Burke Lake Park, Meseret threw his hands toward his head, noticeably upset at the opportunity he'd let slip away.

With a cross-country career that's only in its eighth month, Meseret has been forced to learn some things the hard way. Meseret, who moved here from Ethiopia three years ago, has always loved to run but never decided to do it competitively until this season.

"I've learned to just train hard and believe," said Meseret, who finished second with a time of 15 minutes 31 seconds. "If you believe in your heart, you can do everything."

"We're going to talk things over," said Lee coach Barry Mensh. "Our goal is to get into the state meet, and then next year we'll really get serious about competing at the state level."

The Northern Region cross-country championships will be Thursday, Oct. 30, 3:15 p.m., at Burke Lake Park.

It's Old Hug for Lake Braddock

After his boys and girls cross country teams captured their 12th and 21st district titles, respectively, at the Patriot District cross country championships Oct. 23 at Burke Lake Park, Lake Braddock coach Mike Mangan smiled and posed for the obligatory coaches-only picture.

As soon as the last parent finished, Mangan's girls team swooped in for a celebratory hug.

"It's two of my knuckleheads," Mangan joked.

By holding off West Potomac, 41-48, the girls team won its fifth consecutive district crown.

"They've won a few times before, but every year is special," said Mangan, whose team was led by a first-place finish from senior Liana Epstein (17 minutes, 55 seconds). "It's really a big deal for them to win."

For the Lake Braddock boys team, top runner Alex Clark made his much-awaited return from an injury. Finishing third individually with a time of 15:37, Clark was cut on the thigh during the New Balance State Invitational on Sept. 26-27 in Rhode Island.

"It's hard to win 'em," Mangan said. "The Patriot District is always tough."

The Northern Region cross-country championships will be Thursday, Oct. 30, 3:15 p.m., at Burke Lake Park.

Leoule Degfae Surprises Himself

With his normal running partner, twin brother Tihut Degfae, unavailable for most of the season with a nagging hip flexor injury, Edison senior Leoule Degfae found an alternative plan.

Every Sunday, Leoule Degfae would run with Jared Berman of Robinson and Chris Foley of Chantilly, two of the Northern Region's top cross-country runners.

When Leoule Degfae heard that Berman finished the 2.98-mile course at Burke Lake Park on Wednesday, Oct. 22, in 15 minutes, 22 seconds to win the Concorde District individual title, Degfae had all the inspiration he needed during the National District cross-country championships one day later on the same course.

"I heard that [Berman] got a 15:22, so I was thinking I should get around that time and be in good position for [regionals], but

I just went all out," said Degfae, who surpassed his own personal-best mark by 14 seconds, finishing with a time of 15:13.

Historic Effort For Stallions

In Patriot District field hockey action Thursday night, Oct. 23, South County won its first-ever district crown with a 2-1 win at Annandale. The Stallions secured the district's top seed in next week's Northern Region tournament and will face McLean in the region quarterfinals on Thursday night.

After a scoreless first half, South County struck first in the second. Junior Megan Wears scored with 22 minutes, 43 seconds left, and senior Tierney Smith put South County ahead by two when she scored at 18:43.

"We played good possession hockey and that's what we strive to do," said Stallions coach Leah Conte, whose team improved to 16-3 this season. "They had a great passing game, and they finished

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Jubilee Christian Center "Trunk or Treat" Halloween alternative for families and children on Friday, Oct. 31, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. The event is free and features a hayride, laser tag, moon bounce and other games, prizes, food and candy. Youth activities for grades 7-12 inside the church. 703-383-1170 or www.jccag.org.

Springfield Christian Church Bazaar, on Saturday, Nov. 1, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at 5407 Backlick Road, Springfield. Bake sale, vendors, crafts, jewelry and more. Lunch will be available for purchase and a handmade quilt will be raffled. Proceeds go to support church missions. 703-354-4994.

Church Women United World Community Day "God's Wisdom Sets Us Free" service on Friday, Nov. 7 at 10 a.m. at St. John's United Methodist Church, 5312 Backlick Road, Springfield. Barbara Teats will speak on prison ministries. Postal Forever Stamps will be collected for prison ministries. Reception to follow. 703-425-5625.

Immanuel Christian School Fall Open House on Tuesday, Nov. 11 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at 6915 Braddock Road, Springfield. Tours, classroom observation and curriculum available. Fall 2009 kindergarten-eighth grade registration is now open. 703-941-1220 or www.icsva.org.

Grace Church Veterans Day Program, Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 9800 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Honoring our country's servicemen and women and highlighting how military chaplain ministries extend into the battlefield, hospital and more. Dinner at 6:15 p.m., program 7-8 p.m. 703 323-8033.

Divorce Recovery Workshop, a nine-week program on Wednesday evenings through Nov. 12, at 7:30 p.m. The program is free; book (used) is \$12. Messiah United Methodist Church, 6215 Rolling Road, Springfield. Contact Mary Stedman at 703-569-9862, ext. 213, or mstedman@messiahumc.org.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Christmas Bazaar is Saturday, Nov. 15, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Local crafters, a room just for children to shop in, a tea room, and a Grandma's Attic with "nearly new" gifts. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 6509 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-455-2500.

St. Mary of Sorrows Holiday Express Craft and Gift Sale will be Saturday, Nov. 15 from 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 16 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Parish Hall, 5222 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Sweet Shoppe, cafe and raffle table. Admission is free. All proceeds go to the parish. 703-250-3434.

Fairfax Presbyterian Church Thanksgiving Worship Service, Wednesday Nov. 26 at 7:30 p.m. 10723 Main St., Fairfax. 703-273-5300 or fpc@fairfaxpresby.com.

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries is looking for volunteers to provide food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Western Fairfax Ministries will provide information about a family in need, and the volunteer will deliver the basket(s) directly to the sponsored family. Contact Pam Ryan at 703-988-9656 or volunteer@wfcmv.org.

Church of the Nativity offers a free general bereavement support group open to all adults on the first and third Thursday of each month 7:30-9 p.m. The church is located at 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke. Call 703-455-2400, ext. 17.

The **Baha'i of Fairfax County Southwest** offers "Interfaith Devotions: World Peace and Unity" for the general public on Saturdays. These free devotional gatherings meet at the Pohick Regional Library, Room #1, located at 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke, 22015.

The Church of the Nativity in Burke offers a Grief Support Group for all who have suffered the death of a loved one and are in need of the comfort that sharing can bring. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month, in the school building, 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke, and are open to all adults at no charge. For more, call Carol Mack at 703 533-2951.

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Several students from the Thomas Jefferson School for Science and Technology have been named as 2009 National Merit scholarship semifinalists: **Ashley O. Afranie-Sakyi, Laura J. Barnes, Ranya H. Brooks, Courtney E. Brown, Blaire A. Claytor, Ainsley E. Faux, Ryan M. Johnson, Jama A. Mohamed and Paul H. Woods.**

Several Fairfax County Public Schools students have received certificates for superior writing in the 2008 Achievement Awards in Writing by the National Council of Teachers of English. Each participant submitted a sample of his or her best writing in any form or genre as well as an impromptu essay on a predetermined

subject. For 2008, 1,789 juniors submitted portfolios; of that group, 525 were selected for the Achievement Awards. The local winners are:

Sarah Applegate, Carolyn McCallister and Emma Pierson of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology.

Jake Serwin of West Springfield High School.

Katie Mayfield and Kirsten Salpini of Woodson High School.

The TJ Madrigals from Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology perform Renaissance madrigals, German motets and contemporary arrangements at a free concert Friday, Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. The student-run group won first place in the 2008 East Coast Summit of the Contemporary A Cappella Society. The concert is in the sanctuary at Central United Methodist Church, 4201 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington. tjmadrigals@gmail.com or eventcentralumc@aol.com.

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SPORTS

Robinson Runners

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tive races in different fashions, both runners represent a reason for optimism at Robinson, as Bray led her girls team to a first-place finish, holding off Herndon, 40-52.

WHEN BRAY MADE her first pass through the crowd, she trailed Herndon's Hiruni Wijayarathne by nearly 10 seconds. After Bray and Wijayarathne wound around the amphitheater and ran parallel with a set of train tracks, Bray faced the same challenge.

Wijayarathne, who finished third in last year's district meet and second in last year's region meet, doesn't relinquish leads easily. Bray, who finished 10th and 32nd in those races, respectively, wasn't used to taking them away from her.

Still, with the word "believe" scrawled on her hand in black magic marker, Bray believed enough to make a push at Wijayarathne with about 90 seconds left.

"I had no idea I was going to be back that far, and then I was running and I thought, 'I think I can do it. I think I can do it,'" said Bray, who eventually passed Wijayarathne to take first place with a time of 18:22.

Bray moved to Fairfax County from Nease High School in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. prior to her sophomore season and was able to fly under the radar for part of that year. But after running a sub-18-minute time on the same course at Burke Lake Park, word got out about Bray's abilities.

IN ADDITION to growing three inches prior to her junior season, Bray not only had to adjust physically, but she also had to

deal with the mental strain that comes with battling someone like Wijayarathne race in and race out.

"I think she worked the hardest on coming back this year and really getting the confidence back mentally," Workman said of Bray's up-and-down junior season. "When you talk about her and Jared, they've really put in some very impressive workouts, and I think that builds confidence that you know you can do that in a meet."

Like Bray, Berman benefited from that newfound confidence, holding off good friend and training partner Chris Foley of Chantilly to win the boys individual title with a time of 15:22.

— **Jeremy Workman**

"The whole week, we were concentrated only on the race," Berman said. "Every 10 seconds I was thinking about districts. I was visualizing the race in my head and everyone has to make a move. I thought about it every day."

So how does the emergence of Bray and Berman affect Robinson's program as a whole?

"We've had a good program for quite a while and it kind of re-emphasizes that with our team," Workman said. "Right now, our teams are going in the right direction at the right time. That's all, as a coach, you can ask for."

"You want your team to be as confident as it can be, running its best at the end of the season if you have hopes of doing anything special during the next couple of weeks."

Both Berman and Bray will take part in Thursday's Northern Region championships, which will be held on the same course. Start time is 3:15 p.m.

"Our teams are going in the right direction at the right time."

WEEK IN SPORTS

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in the circle when they needed to."

Though Annandale scored after its only penalty corner with 1:56 remaining, Conte's team held strong down the "stretch."

"We only gave up one corner the whole game, Conte said, "and defensively we were just awesome."

Under-the-Lights At Paul VI

On Oct. 20, Paul VI hosted its annual Under the Lights Special Olympics Soccer Tournament. Like in years past, the tournament was a great success thanks to the participating soccer teams and to all the Special Olympics and Paul VI volunteers. A total of eight teams participated in the tournament: Fantastics, Fairfax Blue, GMU Women, GMU Alumni,

United Blue, GMU Men, Hawks and PVI Panthers.

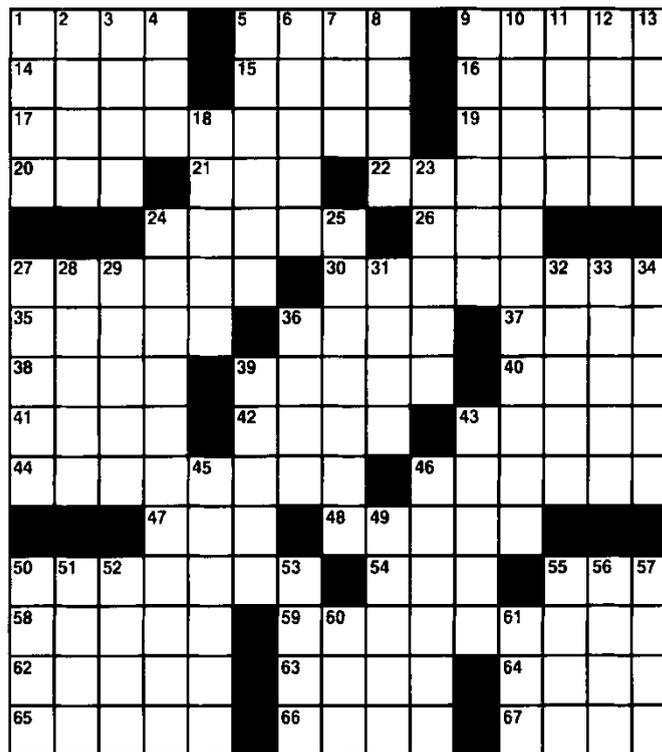
To kick off the tournament, Sara Capp, Rachel Hope, Rebecca McKenna and Matthew Tierney gave a rendition of the "National Anthem," while the rest of the Options students and also Panther players held a banner to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Options program.

Each participating team played two games in the fields that had been set up in the football field. The Panthers played the George Mason women's soccer first and won the game 2-1 thanks to goals by Sean Cross and Natalie Mills. The second-round game was a 9-0 blowout by the Panthers against the Fairfax Blue. The goal scorers were Tasha Adkins-Blanch (2), Brenna Cannon (1), Sean Cross (2), Matthew Tierney (2), and Kyle Young (2). Next, the PVI Panthers will be participating in the Special Olympics Fall Championships, on Nov. 1-2 in Virginia Beach.

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ACROSS

- 1 Big first for a baby
- 5 Fly high
- 9 Burns's "sweet" stream
- 14 Louisville's river
- 15 Years ago
- 16 Skiing locale
- 17 Inflexible
- 19 Game with straights and flushes
- 20 Be in the red
- 21 Best seller's number
- 22 Scholarship allowance
- 24 "Waiting for Lefty" playwright
- 26 Hans of Dadaism
- 27 Wyoming city
- 30 Crowd-pleasing basket
- 35 Throbs
- 36 Control knob
- 37 Writer — Stanley Gardner
- 38 Palindromic time
- 39 Long-winded
- 40 Detrained, e.g.
- 41 Apothecary's weight

DOWN

- 42 — vera
- 43 Had control of the wheel
- 44 Witness
- 46 Junior high student
- 47 French article
- 48 Not be frugal
- 50 Kismet
- 54 Capone and Capp
- 55 "Steady as — goes"
- 58 Where Pocatello is
- 59 Having 20/20 vision
- 62 Emergency signal
- 63 Writer James from Tennessee
- 64 Holdup
- 65 Coin toss call
- 66 German mister
- 67 Brazilian booter

- 27 Seabees' motto
- 28 Squirrel's prize
- 29 Sand bar
- 31 Water-skiing locale
- 32 Wrinkle-resistant fabric
- 33 Martini garnish
- 34 "— and the Wolf"
- 36 Broad valley
- 39 Frost's "The Road Not —"
- 43 Crowded
- 45 Gazpacho ingredients
- 46 Person who handles bills
- 49 "On call" device
- 50 Potluck choice
- 51 Newswoman Magnus
- 52 Gilbert of "Roseanne"
- 53 "Uh-huh"
- 55 "Auld Lang —"
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NEWS

High School Renovations

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School would not be renovated until approximately 2016, even if it was added to the renovation list.

A SHARP and unexpected enrollment increase could further exacerbate the school system's deficit in facilities and could push renovation projects, like West Springfield's, even farther back on its capital project priority list.

Fairfax County Public Schools currently has about 3,700 more students than it did at the beginning of last year. The population increase, which is the equivalent of West Springfield and South Lakes High School's enrollment combined, may force officials to divert funding from renovation to building additions and capacity expansion projects, said Tistadt.

"We are going to have to take a very hard look at capacity needs. ... Clearly, we are going to have to make some judgement calls," said Tistadt, who added that Annandale High School is currently over-enrolled by about 800 students.

The school system's population boom is not necessarily the result of more people and students moving into Fairfax. Rather, Fairfax is seeing fewer families leave the school system, said Tistadt.

The housing market and economic slump appears to have slowed the "outward migration" of families with children to bigger, more affordable homes outside of Fairfax County, he said.

SUPERVISOR Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield) said he would like to see his colleagues on the board significantly increase the school system's annual budget of \$155 million. Herrity, who joined the board in January, said the county had spent far too much of its capital money in recent years on unneeded projects, like new county office buildings.

"Our capital money needs to be in schools and transportation. We should be putting more money into schools," said Herrity.

Herrity said the county needs to be more aggressive about selling off surplus property and facilities it is not using. He said money made by selling off the extra buildings and land could be used to boost overall capital funding.

Both Herrity and Bradsher said the Springfield community should look for creative ways to attract money from the private sector for the project. A public-private partnership allowed South County Secondary School to built at a lower cost and well ahead of schedule, they said.

State Sen. George Barker (D-37) said he was also working with Del. William Howell, the Republican speaker of the House of Delegates, to try to get the Virginia government to chip in more money from school construction.

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COUNTY OF HORRY)
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Mary Roe,
Plaintiff,)
SUMMONS
vs)
John Doe,)
Defendant,)

In Re: Ryan Grant Spriet Morgan
(DOB: 9/22/03), and Emma Danyelle Spriet Morgan (DOB: 9/22/03), minors
under the age of fourteen (14) years.

TO: the Defendant above named:

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Case No. 2008-DR-26-2386

MARY ROE,
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John Doe,
Defendant.

TO: JOHN DOE, AN UNKNOWN FATHER:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED pursuant to the provisions of South Carolina Code, Ann., Section 20-7-1734 (1987), that the minor children, Ryan Grant Spriet Morgan and Emma Danyelle Spriet Morgan, reside with the Plaintiff who desires to adopt them. The Plaintiff has filed an adoption action in the above Family Court. The Plaintiff is herein referred to by a fictitious name. The natural mother of the minor children is Amy Danyelle Spriet, and the children were born on September 22, 2003 at Georgetown Memorial Hospital in Georgetown, South Carolina.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that within thirty (30) days of receiving Notice, you shall respond in writing by filing, with the Court in which the adoption is pending, notice and reasons to contest, intervene, or otherwise respond;

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Court must be informed of your current address and any changes in address during the adoption proceeding; and

Your failure to file a response within thirty (30) days of receiving Notice constitutes your consent to adoption of the children and forfeiture of all rights and obligations you may have with respect to the children.

When Notice of Intent to contest, intervene, or otherwise respond is filed with the Court within the required time period, you will be given an opportunity to appear and to be heard before the Final Hearing on the merits of the adoption. To file notice to contest, intervene, or otherwise respond in this action, you must notify the above-named Court and the Plaintiff's attorney, Anne E. Janes, Sherrill & Janes, PA, P.O. Drawer 14950, Surfside Beach, SC 29587 in writing of your intention to contest, intervene, or otherwise respond. The above-named Court must be informed of your current address or any change of your address during the adoption proceedings.

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