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Zeus, portrayed by Great Falls 11-year-old Daniel Rees, center, in white, is backed by the rest of the Olympian gods as he records a song for the soundtrack of Starshine Theater's upcoming performance of "The Odyssey."

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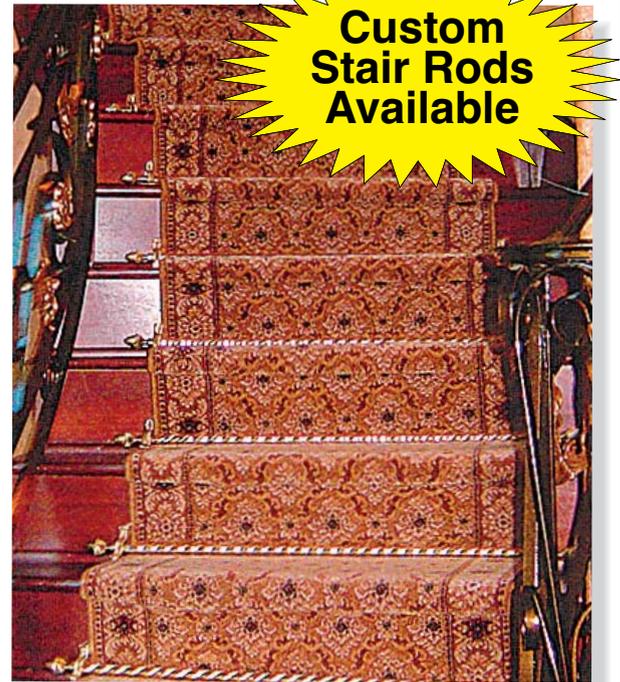
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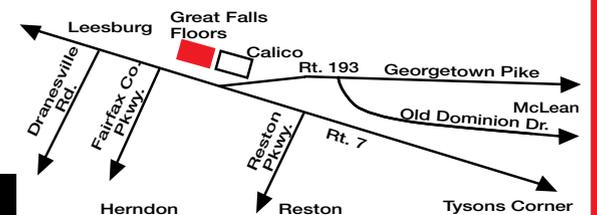
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Behind the cheese counter, Allison Fordham slices Gruyere cheese in preparation for the store opening.



The sushi chefs were already busy behind the Harris Teeter sushi bar Monday afternoon.

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Grocery Store in Tysons

Harris Teeter celebrates grand opening.

Until Tuesday evening, shoppers could buy just about anything in Tysons Corner except for groceries. That changed with yesterday's grand opening of the Harris Teeter on the ground floor of the Lofts at Park Crest condominium development off Westpark Drive.

"We've heard there hasn't been a grocery store in this location for a long time," Har-

ris Teeter director of communications Jennifer Thompson said when asked how the grocery chain selected the site. She noted that the condos overhead should provide abundant business.

At 65,000 square feet, the store is on the large end for the Harris Teeter chain, and it is set up to satisfy more than just grocery needs.

An extra-large indoor seating area, along with outdoor seating, provide a place for diners who stop in for the hot bar, sub shop, pizza and pasta counter, sushi bar, antipasto bar and salad bar. There is also an in-house Starbucks.

With a total of about 40,000 items, the store boasts almost 600 produce items —

90 of which are organic, more than 300 cheeses and about 1,850 varieties of wine. Some of the wines are organic, too.

An in-store wine steward can help customers match wines to foods, the butcher will cut meats to order and seafood personnel can suggest recipes and cooking methods for fish purchases. The seafood counter also carries whole fish and live lobsters.

The floral department is full service and deli dishes are prepared by in-house chefs, as are the pastries, cakes and breads in the bakery.

Having celebrated its grand opening, the store will not close. It is open 24 hours a day.

— MIKE DICICCO

Grading Adjustments Studied

More than 800 residents show support for grading changes at school board meeting.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Emily Goodnight's acceptance into Utah State University this December was bittersweet.

The school is Goodnight's top choice but the Marshall High School senior was frustrated the university did not grant her admission into its business school.

Goodnight's standardized test scores were more than adequate but Utah State requires at least a 3.5 grade point average (GPA) for admission to its business program. The Vienna resident, an International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma candidate, has a 3.3 GPA.

ACCORDING TO GOODNIGHT, Fairfax County's grading policies are partly responsible for her rejection. If she attended school in Arlington, Goodnight would probably have earned a high enough grade point average (GPA) to be automatically accepted into the business program, she said.

Instead of the more widely used 10-point grading scale, Fairfax County Public Schools operates on a six-point grading scale, requiring students to earn a 93 percent, instead of 90 percent, to acquire an A in a class.

The Fairfax school system also only awards a half-point weight on the GPA scale for Advanced Placement and IB courses

while many other comparable school systems, like Arlington and Montgomery County, award a full point.

And Fairfax County gives no additional weight to honors courses. Again, many school systems allot a half or full-point bump in the GPA scale for an honors class.

"... On a 10-point scale with a one-point weight for my IB classes, I have more than the 3.5 required for admission to business school," said Goodnight.

THE STUDENT'S father, Chuck, added that Fairfax County's grading scale could cost his family \$48,000 if Utah State decides not to reconfigure his daughter's GPA for a merit-based scholarship.

The university automatically awards the money for students with 3.4 GPA, a standard Goodnight would meet if her grades

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Lisa Luks, the director of sales and marketing for the McLean Hilton.

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Area Hotels Prepare for Inauguration Weekend

Although they are not offering three-day packages for inauguration weekend guests, hotels in the Tysons Corner area are preparing for what is expected to be a record-breaking weekend. President-elect Barack Obama's inauguration ceremony will have attendees from states and countries near and far. Hotels like the Crowne Plaza at Tysons Corner were booked to capacity on Election Day, Nov. 4. The Crowne Plaza's guest service manager Soo Kim said, "We are bringing in extra staff, preparing to-go lunches for guests and providing rides from an outsourced shuttle company for what we expect to be the busiest week in years."

Similarly the Hilton McLean is nearly booked and anticipating "an unbelievable turnout." Lisa Luks, the director of sales and marketing for the hotel is also dealing with the Presidential Youth Convention that will be held at the Hilton, in a week's time. "More than half of our hotel is booked for the students attending the conference," said Luks.

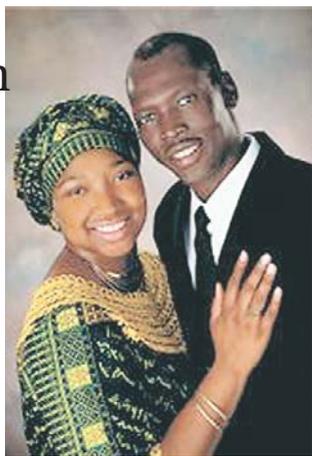
— DANIELLE LANDAU

Maker Discusses Lost Boys of Sudan

Great Falls Ecumenical Council invites the community to a Christian Unity Program Sunday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m., at Great Falls United Methodist Church. Special guest speaker, Angelo Maker, is among the 3,000 orphans called the Lost Boys of Sudan. He and his family were victims of the civil war in Southern Sudan in 1983 that claimed the lives of his mother and two brothers when his village was attacked. Maker was alone and only 7 years old.

In 1999 the United States began to bring these Lost Boys to America so they would have a chance to educate themselves and return to build a better future for their people. Maker was among those who made it to the States in 2001. He now resides in Newport News with his wife, Stephanie, and daughter. He works and attends ODU studying International Relations while remaining active in efforts to create a better future for Sudan.

Great Falls United Methodist Church is located at 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, Virginia 22066. For more information call 703-759-3705. The church Web site is www.greatfallsumc.org.



Angelo Maker with his wife, Stephanie.

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Meet the Candidates Night

The Providence District Council is holding an informal event Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 7:15 p.m. for Supervisors Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock) and Pat Herryty (R-Springfield) to speak to residents about the challenges that lay ahead for Fairfax County and their priorities for addressing them. Each will be given time to discuss their vision for the county followed by questions from the audience. All are welcome to attend and participate.

The meeting will be held at the Dunn Loring Administrative Center Great Hall, located at the N.W. corner of Gallows & Idylwood Roads. Enter through door # 1, proceed upstairs and turn right. The meeting room is at the end of the hall.

The Candidates will debate Friday, Jan. 30 at 7:30 p.m. at Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Visit www.fairfaxcaps.org/html/debate.shtml.

Exhibit Highlights Foster Care

Photo portraits of Fairfax County children in foster care are on display this month at The Tavern at Great Falls, 9835 Georgetown Pike. The purpose of the exhibit is to increase awareness about the more than 400 children currently in foster care in Fairfax County and the continuing need for mentors and foster and adoptive parents for local children.

All the children photographed participate in "Fairfax Families4Kids," an initiative of the county's Department of Family Services to involve the public in the quest for adoptive homes, mentors and support for children in foster care.

Joan Brady, a local professional photographer and Great Falls resident, has spent several years volunteering with Fairfax County's foster care and adoption program and chronicling, through her photographs, the experience and growth of the children.

The photo exhibit was on display last month at the Fairfax Corner shopping center and earlier at The Conscious Bean coffee shop in Great Falls.

"We deeply appreciate the generosity of local businesses and volunteers like Joan Brady who are helping spread the word that wonderful children in our community need our support," Claudia McDowell, program manager for foster care and adoption with Fairfax County's Department of Family Services, said.

To learn more about local children who need adoptive families and other ways to help children in foster care, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs> or call the Fairfax County Department of Family Services, Foster Care and Adoption program, at 703-324-7639; TTY 703-222-9452.

NEWS



PHOTOS BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION

From left, Ella Clark, Kristina Mitchell, Nick Berray, Kayla Speros, Josh Copito, Aydin Johnson, Daniel Rees, Max Rees, Catalina Smith, Panya Vij, Katie Rees, Jessica York, Christian Schmidt and Danielle D'Arcee sing in a full-cast performance of one of the many original songs in Starshine Theater's upcoming production of "The Odyssey."

Odyssey to End at Grange

Starshine Theater workshop will culminate with performance of "The Odyssey" Jan. 31.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

Lily Stroup said she enjoyed not only performing in Starshine Theater's rehearsals for its upcoming production of "The Odyssey," but also liked learning the story line. "It's just a really neat story and you don't hear it a lot because it's just in the back of the library," the 13-year-old said.

"It's a good way to catch up on Greek history," Nick Berray, 11, agreed.

Patricia Budwig director of the Great Falls-based performance workshop, said this was part of the idea. "I try to give kids a feel for some of the more sophisticated literature so they can understand it," she said.

While some past performances have centered on fairy tales and dragons, others have delved into Shakespeare and the life of Leonardo da Vinci. Often, she and her husband, Jerry, have put together after-school shows incorporating students' curriculum, which is how they first came to create their version of "The Odyssey" eight years ago.

LIKE ALL of their shows, she said, the music and choreography for the upcoming performance are original, and the script is tailored to the group of children who registered for the workshop. "That's what I like to do, write a great part for each kid," Budwig said, add-



Ashley Johnson, 13, of Great Falls, sings a solo for the soundtrack of this year's Starshine production of "The Odyssey."

ing that she didn't want any student consigned to the background. Those who want to sing or dance are offered the opportunity. "I just try to showcase everybody's strong points," she said.

Last Saturday, she and her husband were busily coaching and recording the students singing, and each child will get a copy of the show's soundtrack, as sung by the students, on compact disc. The recording, like rehearsals, was taking place above the Old Brogue in the School of Theatrical Dance, which has served as Starshine's home base for the last 10 years.

Like many of Starshine's produc-

tions, "The Odyssey," which will be performed at the Great Falls Grange Saturday, Jan. 31, includes students of ages 7 to 18. It is the 60th show the Budwigs have staged in 16 years.

Katie Rees, 13, has been participating in Starshine workshops since fourth grade. "It's fun. It really teaches you a lot of things about singing and dance," she said.

"The performances go really well because we do everything so professionally," said Panya Vij, 14.

Rees' 11-year-old brother, Daniel, said he liked seeing his friends at the workshop.

"It's just fun, and you get to skip your homework," said Maxwell Rees, 10.

BUDWIG said the children were also enjoying playing the story's many monsters and other supernatural creatures. "The kid who's doing the Cyclops is hilarious," she said, noting that the monster's one eye will be represented by a scuba mask.

And Rachel Lawhead, 12, said she was having fun with her less bizarre character, household nurse Eurycleia. "I like my character, mostly because she's really nice and I get to keep some secrets," she said. "And I wash somebody's feet."

In February, Starshine will begin rehearsing "The Life of Shakespeare," and this summer's drama camp will center on "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn."

School Board Leans Toward Grading Adjustments

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are calculated on a 10-point grading scale with the heavier weights for advanced coursework.

"I am considering moving to Montgomery County if they don't do something. Staying in Fairfax County

advocacy group, FAIRGRADE.

Over the past several months, FAIRGRADE has called for the school system to adopt a 10-point grading scale and adding points for honors, IB and AP classes to more adequately reflect the policies of other school districts. Parents and students argued that Fairfax County graduates have been missing out on scholarship opportunities, admission to honors programs and overall college acceptance because their GPAs were artificially deflated when compared to students from other areas.

During a work session Jan. 12, the school board indicated it would mostly likely vote to increase weighting for Advanced Placement (AP) and IB courses from a half-point to a full-point on the GPA scale at its next meeting Jan. 22. The change would apply retroactively to students already enrolled in AP/IB courses this year.

"In hindsight, there is a price

that may have been overlooked ... Our kids may not be on a level playing field in terms of merit scholarships and honor programs," said Superintendent Jack Dale, who recommended the change.

THE SCHOOL BOARD also seemed to be in favor of increasing weights for honors courses.

Dale said the school system would have to review which classes the extra weight would apply to and probably could not make the change until the start of the next school year. Some classes should probably carry the extra weight but are not explicitly considered "honors" courses currently, according to the superintendent.

"In addition to honors, we have 'pre-IB' and 'pre-AP' courses. ... We have some courses at [Thomas Jefferson School for Science and Technology] that don't fall under any of those categories but that should probably carry the weight," said Dale, who was in favor of adding the honors weight.

BUT the Superintendent and a

few school board members pushed back on converting from a six-point to a 10-point grading scale.

Dale said there was no conclusive evidence that the six-point grading scale hurt Fairfax County students during the college and university admissions process.

Most school board members appeared to be leaning toward changing the grading scale anyway, particularly after more than 800 members of FAIRGRADE showed up to the Jan. 8 school board meeting to advocate for the change. Dale also did not articulate clear reasons for keeping the six-point scale and so several school board members said they felt as if there was "no harm" in changing it.

Board members will review various permutations of the 10-point scale, like those that do and do not include letter grades with pluses and minuses, and indicated that they would probably adopt a new scale for the start of next school year.

SOME SCHOOL BOARD

members had been concerned about the school board adopting extra weighting for advanced courses like AP, IB and honors without changing the grading scale as Dale had suggested.

They said they were concerned such a move would only help high-achieving students without providing relief to those on the lower end of the grade spectrum.

"If we were only to change the weighting system and not the grading scale, the bell curve would further widen. We would be separating higher achieving students from lower achieving students even more," said student school board member Arvin Ahmadi, a Thomas Jefferson junior.

Other members mentioned that there was also some evidence that a 10-point grading scale improves drop out rates among African American and Latino students when compared to a six-point grading scale.

Some were also concerned, due to public outcry over the issue, the parents had lost confidence in the county's six-point grading scale.

"Our kids may not be on a level playing field in terms of merit scholarships and honor programs."

— Superintendent Jack Dale

costs me money," said Chuck Goodnight, who has son entering high school next year.

SCHOOL BOARD members are leaning toward adopting new policies that reflect national trends in grading scales and weights following a year of intense lobbying from the citizen

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OPINION

It's Not Grade Inflation

Fairfax and Loudoun should change to 10-point grading, add weight for advanced classes; over 90 percent is an A.

Fairfax County Public Schools, along with Loudoun County schools, have been grading students in a way that puts them at a disadvantage for scholarships, college admissions and college credit compared to other similar school systems.

Right now there is a proposal on the table in Fairfax that would remedy many of these concerns, and the school board should take this opportunity to do so.

Fairfax has been grading students on a six point scale, meaning that a student scoring more than 90 points out of 100 could get a B instead of an A; it takes a 94 for an A, and a 64 to pass.

While most comparable school systems offer extra points for Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and some honors classes, Fairfax has not been doing so.

Will changing the grading scale mean that more students from Fairfax County will head to Harvard? Not at all; many top colleges make their own adjustments to applicants' grade point averages, but not all. While it's easy for some to dismiss this push on helicopter parents who would do anything to further the success of their gifted children, there are some important issues at stake.

There is no question that a lower grade point average as reported by an applicant's school can result in fewer opportunities for merit scholarships. Given the cost of college tuition and the economic challenges facing all families right now, putting Fairfax students at a disadvantage for scholarship money is unfair and unwise.

And at the margins, how the schools calculate and report a grade point average could affect which colleges accept a given applicant,

and these small differences can have a dramatic affect on a student's college experience.

Giving extra weight for the extra rigor and work of AP and IB classes is also critical for our students.

Fairfax County also should ensure that its graduates arrive at college with the most college credit possible for their college level studies in high school. Students taking IB exams should also take the most similar AP exam. In many cases, no additional preparation is required. While IB courses are just as rigorous as AP classes and should result in college credit for the students who have successfully completed them based on test scores, many colleges do not yet recognize IB test scores for credit.

But a student who scores well on the IB test will likely score just as well on the most similar AP test, and almost every college will give credit for high AP scores.

Again this is not a nicety for parents to brag about or students to put on their resumé. Arriving as a freshman in college with college credit gives students a leg up on more advanced coursework, and can in some cases reduce the cost of college by a semester or more.

EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Agenda Behind 'Density Control'

To the Editor:

Last month, reporter Mike DiCicco's article on water and sewer service to Great Falls ["Safe from Sewer and Water," Great Falls Connection, Dec. 17-23, 2008] indicated that the citizens of the village were "safe from water and sewer." The implication was, should residents be brought into the 21st century by eliminating toilets that didn't flush into the back yard and drinking water that didn't turn red or brown regularly, the consequence would be unwanted density.

For years, controlling "density" has been a code word for keeping out residents who could not afford sprawling acreage. That is to say, ruffraff that we would prefer not to have as neighbors. Someone needs to inform the Great Falls Citizens Association that drinking water and raw sewage do not use the same pipes. It is possible to bring much needed water to residents of Great Falls without adding parallel sewer pipes.

A house fire that normally could be extinguished with water from a hydrant now depends on a water tanker that may or may not have the capacity to keep damage to a minimum. In the winter, ponds and streams may be frozen

over, eliminating that source of water as well.

Supervisor John Foust said adding water service "was a risk [Great Falls residents] are not willing to take." But the risk of wells running permanently dry, or the danger of an out-of-control fire due to lack of water ought to be on everyone's mind as well. In addition, a well doesn't have to run completely dry before it becomes a major inconvenience — and there are many wells in the area that are eking out their last years of existence.

When the Planning Commission meets in a week or so, I hope its members will recognize the hidden agenda of those who oppose extending the public water network.

David Prendeville
McLean

Looking for Mary

To the Editor:

I volunteered to make telephone calls on election day to get people to the polls to vote for Barack Obama.

I was sent a list by the Obama organization. The first person on my list was a delightful lady I ended up talking to for over half an hour. We struck up an instant friendship and arranged for her to

come visit me after the election at Vinson Hall, a retirement community in McLean.

Some days ago, I returned to my apartment to find that she had left me a taped message to let me know that she would like to visit me. She introduced herself as Mary and a name thereafter that sounded like "Wye." But she left no telephone number.

Perhaps she thought that as I called her the first time, I would have her number. Unfortunately, as the next person I had called had been so unpleasant, I didn't call anyone else, nor did I even keep the list.

What makes me even more distressed about all this is that not only did Mary want to come see me, but it turned out that she had purchased two of my books (I'm a writer of children's books) for her grandchildren for Christmas and wanted to bring the books for me to autograph them.

I have looked up every possible permutation of the name "Wye" in the telephone directory. I called several numbers found on the Internet and finally reached someone connected to the Obama campaign, but was told all lists had been destroyed. In short, I have done everything but call President-elect Obama himself to find "Mary."

I have hoped that she might call again, but she never has.

My only hope now is that Mary

herself, or a friend she might have talked to, will read about this and know how hard I have tried to find her, will call again, and this time, please leave a telephone number.

Barbara Brooks Wallace
McLean

Don't Change Grading System

To the Editor:

I believe that Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) should not implement a 10-point grading scale for the students. I am personally an eighth-grade student myself and believe that a 10-point grading scale would diminish the expectations of the students. I believe that colleges look at an application from a Fairfax County student and they know that we have some of the best students in the country. I know this because FCPS sends a profile of our current grading system with every transcript. If they see that a person has a B-plus from Fairfax, they know that it would normally mean an A from another school district. All the 10-point grading scale would do, would be to diminish the effort of our students who work hard to get "A's."

Mitchell Greenwood
Vienna

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Trailblazers Look to Expand Reach

Group to push forward onto county property.

The Great Falls Trailblazers hope to expand their work on trail construction and maintenance beyond park trails and onto county and even private property in the near future.

Members of the Trailblazers and the Great Falls Citizens Association met with representatives from the County Attorney's Office and the Department of Public Works last Tuesday, Jan. 8, to discuss the possibility of the trail group clearing and maintaining trails on county property. They were told that there did not appear to be any prohibi-

tion against such work.

"Liability's the big issue," Trailblazers president Eleanor Weck said. She said the county was working to bring the group under the same coverage that would apply to a contractor, in which case each volunteer would have to register with the county. The county was especially interested because it lacks funds for trail maintenance, particularly with the current budget shortfall, Weck said.

Volunteers will not be allowed to use machinery and will contract out any tree-cutting work.

The Trailblazers are coming up with proposals for three trail maintenance projects and one trail construction project. All four will be along Georgetown Pike or Walker Road, but the exact locations are yet to be determined. "We haven't

come close to picking a place yet because we have to do all that research on where we have easements," Weck said.

She said the group was also looking at ways to construct trails on private property, where the owner might be willing to have a walkway, but does not want to give up an easement. For example, one suggestion for such a trail is to shut it down for one day per year to remind users that it is open only by the landowner's consent, Weck said.

Also, she said, the Trailblazers were working to update the supervisor's office's list of walkways that need spot improvements, such as small connections between paths, and they will continue to maintain the Lake Winderemere trail.

— MIKE DICICCO

Studios Accepts New Members

Great Falls art group continues to grow.

Great Falls Studios, a consortium of Great Falls artists, is accepting memberships for 2009.

The group was founded in 2003 to support local artists and has grown rapidly since. Its members include many established artists with regional reputations, as well as art teachers, part-time artists who work full time at other occupations, and individuals who classify themselves as beginning artists.

The group is composed of men

and women of all ages, and of many nationalities, whose interests range from portraiture to abstract work, photography to sculpture. Membership is limited to artists who live or work in Great Falls.

"We currently have 78 painters, potters, sculptors, photographers, jewelry makers, quilters and other artists members," potter Laura SEE ART GROUP, PAGE 9



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THE COUNTY LINE

Candidates Look at Raising Tax Rate

Bulova, Herrity take different approaches on other budget issues.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Both major political party candidates for Fairfax County chairman agree the Board of Supervisors will have to at least consider raising homeowners real estate tax rate to address the locality's looming budget crisis next year.

"When we adopt a budget, there will be a reconciliation to close the projected shortfall and it will include a discussion of a tax rate adjustment," said Braddock District Supervisor Sharon Bulova, the Democratic nominee for the position.

The Republican nominee, Springfield District Supervisor Patrick Herrity, said it is likely the county will have to raise the tax rate. But Herrity also committed to lowering the actual amount of taxes most residents pay, a promise Bulova did not make.

This year, real estate assessments will have dropped significantly for many households, enough that the county could raise the real estate tax rate but not the actual amount of taxes paid by citizens, according to Herrity.

"Due to the extent of the shortfall, it is likely the tax rate (but not the actual taxes paid by homeowners) will need to be increased this year," he said on his Web site.

THE TWO major political party candidates will face Independent Green Party candidate Carey Campbell and Fairfax business owner Christopher DeCarlo in a special election for county chairman Feb. 3.

The previous chairman, U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), vacated the position earlier this month to join the U.S. Congress.

Fairfax County government's leadership has to close the \$650 million funding gap in Fairfax's \$3.3 billion budget for fiscal year 2010, which starts July 1. The financial hole is larger than the combined budgets of the police, fire and rescue, sheriff, library, parks and recreation and health departments.

"This is the most serious downturn I have experienced since I have been on the board," said Bulova, who was first elected in 1987.

The circumstances surrounding the county chairman's special election are similar to 14 years ago when, in 1995, the sitting county chairman, Tom Davis (R), left the Fairfax board to join the U.S. Congress, triggering a February special election to replace him.

Just like the Democrats in 2008, the Republican Party had made significant gains at the national and local level in 1995 and appeared to have the advantage in chairman's race. Fairfax County's budget and economic situation, like today, was also tough and residents had just endured a round of cuts to county services.

"I cut everything except [information

PATRICK HERRITY (R)

Age: 48
Current Home: Clifton/Centreville
Hometown/Grew Up In: Springfield, Va.
Education: Virginia Tech., B.S. in Accounting (1982)
Family: Wife Nancy and two high school children
Professional experience: chief financial officer at Arrowhead Global Solutions, government contractor (2005- present)
Political experience: Springfield District Supervisor (2008-present)
Civic experience: former executive committee of Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, former board member of Northern Virginia Technology Council, youth athletics coach



CAREY CAMPBELL (I)

Age: 52
Current Home: North Springfield
Hometown: North Springfield
Education: University of Maryland, B.A. (European Division) University of Freiburg, Germany University of Kentucky – business and accounting
Professional experience: Accountant
Political Experience: State Chairman, Independent Greens of Virginia; National Chairman, Draft Michael Bloomberg
Civic Experience: North Springfield Civic Association Board Member, North Springfield PTA member, past vice president of the Fairfax County Federation of Civic Associations



technology] and economic development," said Davis, about the 1994-1995 county budget.

With a voter turn out of 17.8 percent, the Democrat, Providence District Supervisor Kate Hanley, beat the Republican, Springfield District Supervisor Elaine McConnell, to become county chairman that year.

Davis said this year's special election for chairman could be a referendum on the supervisors' approach to the budget, especially since Bulova has been intimately involved with the county finances as the board's budget committee chair for more than a decade.

"When it comes to the budget, voters will get a say very early on because of the election," he said.

The two major political party candidates, Bulova and Herrity, agreed that the integrity of Fairfax County Public Schools, which normally receives more than half of Fairfax's annual budget, should be a top priority.

BULOVA said human services would also be another budget priority if she were to become county chairman.

Fairfax has seen a greater demand and need for human services programs, especially since the region started to face a financial downturn. With the faltering economy, it is likely people will need even more from those programs than they have



SHARON BULOVA (D)

Age: 60
Current Home: The Cloisters of Fairfax
Hometown/Grew Up In: Pikesville, Md.
Education: University of Virginia (classes via Fort Belvoir extension campus), Northern Virginia Community College, business management (1977)
Family: husband Lou DeFalaise, two adult children, three grandchildren
Professional experience: book keeper, sales and office manager
Political experience: Braddock District Supervisor (1987-present), former aide to Annandale District Supervisor Audrey Moore (1984-1987)
Civic experience: founding member of Virginia Railway Express Operations Board (1989 – present), Governors Commission on Rail Enhancement for the 21st Century (2004 – present)

CHRISTOPHER DECARLO (I)

Age: 50
Current Home: Fairfax
Hometown: Greenwich, Ct.
Education: Georgia Institute of Technology, coursework toward electrical engineering degree; George Mason University coursework toward business administration degree; North Virginia Community College
Family: wife Kathleen and five children, ages 2 years old to 10 years old
Professional Experience: president of DeCarlo Enterprises Inc., which sells propane gas to over 1,000 customers in Fairfax County.



in the past, said Bulova. "The increase in demand and spending in these areas has nothing to do with inflation," she said.

In terms of cuts, Bulova said she hopes to take actions similar to the 1990s when there was a major downturn in revenue and board members eliminated services like satellite tax offices and small "storefront" library kiosks, she said.

Without seeing county executive Tony Griffin's budget proposal, the supervisor could not point to specific cuts she would support at this time.

"It's still a little bit early. We need to give the county executive his opportunity to put something on the table first," she said.

Bulova is pleased with the way county officials and the board addressed the county budget crisis so far. Fairfax started hosting community meetings about the budget in the early fall and has engaged residents earlier than the county usually does, she said.

The supervisors recently implemented more programs focused on preventing home foreclosure and purchased 10 foreclosed properties, with the intention of fixing the

houses up and selling them.

The foreclosure crisis has a direct impact on the county budget since Fairfax County acquires the bulk of its revenue through residential real estate taxes and those collections are linked to home value and assessment.

HERRITY, who is one of just two Republicans on the Board of Supervisors, is more critical of the way Fairfax has handled its budget crisis.

The county should have been more willing to make cuts in its current budget cycle as soon as next year's financial picture began to look so dire. Instead, Bulova and other supervisors opted to wait until the situation got worse, he said.

Herrity has called for more budget transparency. He proposed a county "blue ribbon" budget commission, where a group of citizens would provide advice on how to adjust Fairfax's budget. Herrity also wants to put details of county expenses online for residents to peruse, he said.

When it comes to budget cuts, Herrity has proposed scaling back Fairfax County's affordable housing program – which has received over \$20 million annually in recent years. He wants to limit the scope of Fairfax County's housing program to focus only on people "really in need," such as those with mental disabilities or development challenges that would make it difficult for them to take care of themselves.

The county currently offers housing to some people near or below the county's median household income. The Springfield supervisor also voted against the board's decision to purchase foreclosed homes.

"We are competing with the private sector. ... We need to focus on the people that truly need help," said Herrity.

Over the long term, Herrity hopes to help the county budget by increasing Fairfax's commercial tax base. Commercial property owners tend to contribute more money in real estate taxes than they use in county services, he said. Currently, only 17 percent of Fairfax's tax base is commercial. Herrity would like to increase that number to 25 percent, he said.

In addition to education, Herrity said he is most concerned about cuts to the public safety budget.

AS FOR the two independent candidates, Campbell said keeping Fairfax County Public Schools "strong" would be his number one priority. He would also focus on

trying to build one lane of light rail on the Capital Beltway.

DeCarlo, who announced his candidacy Jan. 10, said the county's main problems were "outrageous taxes" and over-regulation. He also said elected officials had ceded control of the government to special interest groups.

"We need to focus on the people that truly need help."

— Pat Herrity

"This is the most serious downturn I have experienced since I have been on the board."

— Sharon Bulova, elected in 1987



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Linda Waitkus, the owner of Great Dogs of Great Falls, brings her own dog to work a few times a week.

Pet Store Attracts Animal Lovers

Great Dogs of Great Falls is open for business.

BY DANIELLE LANDAU
THE CONNECTION

For Linda Waitkus, the opening of Great Dogs of Great Falls LLC, located at 9859 Georgetown Pike, was a dream come true. It allows her to combine her two “great loves,” caring for animals and exceptional customer service.

“After the opening in November I have let the store’s name spread by word of mouth and business is growing thanks to so many of my

happy customers,” Waitkus said. A Pittsburgh native, Waitkus has 30 years of retail experience. Most recently she was the general manager of the Tysons Corner Bloomingdale’s, but she prefers her new store where she can bring her dog into work a few times a week. Soleil, Waitkus’ 8-year-old female golden retriever, was a show dog and a major reason for her pet-store endeavor. Waitkus acquired much of her knowledge about dogs while showing Soleil in competitions and learned from other experienced owners.

Waitkus, an active Great Falls citizen, purchased a space in the Great Falls Center. She embraced and moved forward with the old pet store’s staff. Waitkus said, “My store has a new look and offers a wider selection of nutritious pet foods. It is important for me to

carry local brands such as Versus and Annamaet as well as a large assortment of foods that I know are healthy for animals.”

The store specializes in nutrition, commodities and grooming.

“The main purpose of the store is to make available healthy, affordable and animal-specific food for pets at every age. I really feel that the store’s motto says it all: Great Dogs of Great Falls ... caring for our neighborhood dogs inside and out!” the owner said. Offering a range of food brands and types for dogs and cats, the store is a fun visit and Waitkus encourages customers to bring in their pets. Accordingly she also grooms dogs, and treats are available for both animals and humans. To make an appointment or speak to owner Linda Waitkus, call the store at 703-759-3601.

Art Group Seeks New Members

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Nichols, the group’s president, said. “We provide them with professional opportunities and also offer creative support services. Most members also serve the Great Falls community, take part in social activities with each other, and interact with like-minded individuals to help nurture artistic and marketing skills as part of a professional mutual-support system.”

Among other events, Great Falls Studios sponsors a tour of home art studios each October, promotes art education, oversees annual art festivals in April and December, and works with local businesses and nonprofits to display and sell

local art. Its Web site, www.GreatFallsStudios.com, helps promote the artistic endeavors of its members and provides them ways to reach new audiences via the Internet.

The group also functions as a community service organization working with other local groups. One charity that it supports and helps to fund is the Great Falls Foundation for the Arts, a nonprofit group that promotes the arts in Great Falls. The foundation, which Great Falls Studios started, has established an art school in Great Falls, runs a loft facility where local artists can rent studio space and is raising funds to es-

tablish an arts center in the Village. The foundation operates independently of Great Falls Studios and has its own board of directors, but the two groups work closely to help make Great Falls a “more artful” place.

To find out more about Great Falls Studios and to get a packet of free materials describing the many benefits of joining, annual dues are \$50, come to the annual meeting at Great Falls Community Library, Feb. 5, at 7 p.m., e-mail Laura Nichols at Laura@pigpenpottery.com, or write her at Great Falls Studios, 438 River Bend Road, Great Falls, VA 22066.

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A Claude Moore Colonial Farm employee works in 18th century attire.



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Join a book discussion group at the Great Falls Library.



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Thelma's may have closed, but the Bouchebel family, including Jad and Najib, began serving homemade ice cream and sorbet at Le Grand Appetit European Deli in Great Falls Shopping Center last year.



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Have an exotic meal at the Serbian Crown.

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Watch Artists in Action

Artists' Atelier
 1144 Walker Road
 The Great Falls Studios Artists' Atelier is a working studio and fine art gallery for 14 artists. It is open to the public on Sundays during the summer from 4-8 p.m. This coincides with the Great Falls Village Centre Summer Concert on the Green series, and refreshments are served. Visitors are welcome to come and talk with the artists, or just watch them paint. The studio is always open by appointment. To make an appointment, call Jill Banks at 703-448-3886. Visit www.greatfallsfoundationforarts.org/Artists_Atelier.html.

Find Your Inner Picasso

Artists' Atelier
 1144 Walker Road
 The Artists Atelier hosts classes in a variety of media, from painting to computer art to sculpture, as well as art history. These classes are available for children, teens, adults and senior citizens. To sign up for classes and for more information, visit www.greatfallsstudios.com/instruction.asp.

The Fun Never Stops

Tour the Art Studios

Great Falls Studios Tour
 Each fall, the artists of Great Falls Studios host a two-day tour, during which they invite the public to drop in, admire the art, watch the work, ask questions and maybe make a purchase. While a number of artists station themselves in shared space, such as the gallery over the RE/MAX Gateway Office, many others invite the tourists into their home studios. Artists include painters, potters, jewelers, sculptors, digital artists, photographers and more. Visit www.greatfallsfoundationforarts.org.

Visit the Gallery

McLean Project for the Arts
 McLean Community Center
 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean
 703-790-1953
 The McLean Project for the Arts, housed in the McLean Community Center, generally has three exhibitions running at once in a variety of media. From Jan. 15 to Feb. 21 will be "Cellular Perspectives," featuring paintings that reference the biological by Betsy Stewart and Patrick Craig; "Comfort Zones," a series of painted interior roomscapes by Michele Montalbano; and "Spaces of Places," multimedia, postindustrial landscapes by Tom Wagner. Each spring, the galleries host a youth art show. Visit www.mpaart.org.

Learn from the Masters

McLean Project for the Arts
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 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean
 703-790-1953
 Year-round, the McLean Project for the Arts offers classes and activities for adults, children and families, including week-long summer camps for kids and parent-child workshops. Adult classes in-

clude a variety of courses in drawing, charcoal, pastels, painting and mixed-media. Visit www.mpaart.org.

Celebrate Art!

MPA Artfest
McLean Central Park
 703-790-1953
 This year's MPA ArtFest will be Sunday, Oct. 4. The 2008 ArtFest brought mini-galleries of the work of 40 juried artists — many of them local — to McLean Central Park, along with a walk of children's art, a tent for children to make art, a seniors exhibit, art talks, food and a series of musical performers. Visit www.mpaart.org.

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The Serbian Crown serves Russian and French cuisine with a side of piano bar sing-alongs on Fridays, ballroom dancing on Saturdays and the musical stylings of Balalaika on Sundays. The diverse menu consists of antelope, lion and boar alongside the traditional beef and chicken. A cafe-style menu is available Tuesday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to closing. Although it has an extensive menu (with specialties such as Kulebiaka-Russian style salmon served with lobster sauce), the Serbian Crown prides itself in its vodka collection. Serbian Crown is renowned for its wide variety of over 22 vodkas from all over the world. Visit www.serbiancrown.com.

Grab Breakfast with the Family

McLean Family Restaurant
 1321 Chain Bridge Road, McLean
 703-356-9883

This decades-old diner is casual, kid-friendly and one of McLean's longest-operating restaurants. Much of the food is Greek-inspired and the place serves breakfast until mid-afternoon. McLean Family Restaurant is open Monday

through Saturday from 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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Le Grand Appetit
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Thelma's may have closed down, but Le Grand Appetit was quick to make sure Great Falls had an option for homemade ice cream. Last year, the European deli began serving 10 varieties of homemade ice cream and two flavors of sorbet. The frozen desserts are purchased from Great Falls Ice Cream, located in Great Falls' counterpart, Great Falls, Md. Visit www.legrandappetit.com to learn more.

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WEDNESDAY/JAN. 14

Great Falls Historical Society, 7 p.m. at the Great Falls Library, Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 703-757-8560. Karen Washburn speaking on "Towlston Grange." GFHS.org or 703-759-9188.

Al de Meola, guitar virtuoso. 8 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$35. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Kitten and Cat Adoption

Extravaganza, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. All of the cats and kittens are fully socialized, vaccinated and de-wormed. All of the kittens and cats can be selected on the adoption site, and many may be able to be taken home the same day. Chris C. Haslam, Commonwealth Cat Rescue, Inc. 703-568-3600.

THURSDAY/JAN. 15

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

The Arts for Understanding Tour featuring Nero and Scott Lewis. Pop/rock. 7 p.m. \$20. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Operation Support Our Troops, 5-8 p.m. at the Silver Diner on International Drive. A Marshall High School DECA sponsored fundraiser



The Riders in the Sky bring 'Comedy & Western' music to the Alden Theatre on Saturday, Jan. 17.

for the USO, to raise money for American troops in Iraq, Korea and Afghanistan. Raffles will be held and donations appreciated.

FRIDAY/JAN. 16

Baritone Keith Phares, mezzo-soprano Patricia Risley, and pianist Kim Pensinger Witman. 8 p.m. Opera artists at The Barns. Tickets \$35. Wolf Trap Foundation

for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Hotspur, Goodnight Anthem, Time Tells All and The Baby Grand.

Rock. 5:30 p.m. \$10. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

American Legion Charity Citrus Fruit Sale: honeybells, seedless grapefruit, navel oranges and sunburst tangerines. American Legion Post 270, 1355 Balls Hill Road,

McLean. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Proceeds support local youth and veteran needs. 703-356-8259.

Col. Evin Planto, 11-11:45 a.m. at George C. Marshall High School in the auditorium. Col. Planto will speak about his experiences as a member of the Army Reserves stationed in Baghdad, Iraq in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. Sponsored by Marshall High School DECA Project.

SATURDAY/JAN. 17

Riders in the Sky, 'Comedy & Western' music. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Tickets are \$30, \$25 for McLean tax district residents, at the Alden Theatre box office, at 703-573-SEAT or www.ticketmaster.com. 703-790-0123 or www.mcleancenter.org/alden.

Dangerous Summer, The Downtown Fiction, Select Start, School Boy Humor and Sing Me Insomnia. 4:30 p.m. \$10 advance, \$12 at the door. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

American Legion Charity Citrus Fruit Sale: honeybells, seedless grapefruit, navel oranges and sunburst tangerines. American Legion Post 270, 1355 Balls Hill Road, McLean. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Proceeds support local youth and veteran needs. 703-356-8259.

Carlene Carter, contemporary country. 7:30 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$25. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

"A Farewell Show" with The Sketches, Alfonso Velez and Mike Errico. Pop/rock. 9:30 p.m. \$15. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or

www.jamminjava.com.

Why Don't My Kids Listen to Me? 11 a.m. at the Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Gain cooperation without repeating, reminding or yelling, taught by a Certified Parent Educator. Free admission. Pre-registration required. 301-929-8824 or www.PEPparent.org.

Virginia Hunter Horse Show Series, 8 a.m. at Frying Pan Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Fairfax. Watch local residents compete. Spectators admitted free. 703-437-9101.

Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association's Country Dance, 7:30-11 p.m. at Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. \$12 per person. 703-860-4941 or www.nvcwda.org.

SUNDAY/JAN. 18

Jon Carroll, Zoe Mulford, Joe Uehlein & The U-Liners, Karen Collins, Ruthie & the Wranglers, Laura Baron, Seth Kibel, Carey Creed and Jesse Palidofsky. 7 p.m. \$10 advance, \$12 at the door. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Acoustic Jam, 1-4 p.m. at the Frying Pan Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Fairfax. Free drop-in music session. 703-437-9101.

Play 18th and 19th Century Games, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Play games for \$2 and make a historic toy for \$2. House tours \$6 adults, \$4 seniors and children. 703-437-1794.

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10 a.m. Katie's Coffee House at 760 Walker Road in the Great Falls Village Centre. 703-759-2759 or www.mrskip.com.

Soprano Danielle Talamantes, cellist Igor Zubkovsky, clarinetist Jean-Francois Bescond and pianist Diane Winter Pyles performing Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Grieg, Arensky, Bernstein and more, 7 p.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park Street, Vienna. Reception to follow. Free. 703-255-2576.

Sixth Annual McLean Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration, 3-5 p.m. in the Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Guest speaker Rev. Todd Brown, live entertainment by saxophonist J. Plunky Branch and musicians Tom Teasley and Charles Williams. A reception will follow. \$5 adults, \$3 children. 703-790-0123 or www.mcleancenter.org/alden.

The Oberlin College Conservatory of Music Tzigane Clarinet Trio with works by Beethoven and Brahms plus Balkan dances by Taj Evi. Free program and refreshments. 7:30 pm. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax 2709 Hunter Mill Road Oakton. 703-893-9072.

MONDAY/JAN. 19

Open Mic Night with Ron Goad. 7-10 p.m. \$2. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

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WEDNESDAY/JAN. 21

Book Discussion Group, 7:30 p.m. Call for title. Adults. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 703-757-8560

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THURSDAY/JAN. 22

Celtic Crossroads. 8 p.m. Traditional bluegrass, gypsy, and jazz at The Barns. Tickets \$25. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Tiny Tot Tales, 10:30 a.m. Stories and activities. Age 13-23 months with adult. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. 703-356-0770.

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Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

The Institute of Catholic Culture presents Dr. William Marshner in a series on the Protestant Revolution at St. John the Beloved Catholic Church Adult Education room. The series takes place on Jan. 17, 24, and 31, 2009 at 10 a.m. Continental Breakfast included, no charge. St. John's is located at 6420 Linway Terrace, McLean, VA.

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The "Third Wednesday at One" recital series with organist Charles Miller, on Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 1 p.m. at Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Free admission. 703-356-0670 or

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Torture and the New Administration, 10 a.m. at the Northern Virginia Ethical Society, 225 Nutley St., NW, Vienna. Linda Gustitus will speak about ending torture and brutal prisoner treatment. Gustitus is president of the National Religious Campaign Against Torture. www.esnv.org, or 703-437-3161.

Vajrayogini Buddhist Center offers ongoing classes on meditation and Buddhist philosophy, Mondays at 7 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. \$10 per class. 202-331-2122 or www.meditation-dc.org.

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, at 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton chorale, a 60-voice adult choir, welcomes new members any time and meets Thursdays, 7:15 p.m. The Circle of Music Makers meets the first Monday of the month, for those who can share a vocal or instrumental solo. Contact Judy Harrison at 703-281-4230, ext. 26, or jharrison@uucf.org. Joint Activities in Music at Sunrise is for preschoolers, kindergarteners, parents and residents of Hunter Mill Sunrise Assisted Living Center, on Wednesdays, 1-1:30 p.m. Contact Marsha Giusti at 703-425-1902 or giustim@juno.com.

McLean Bible Church Fitness Class at Body & Soul fitness. Balance is key, energy is renewed, strength is gained, and friendships are formed. Mondays 9:15 a.m. and Fridays 9:45 a.m. Childcare is free for registered students. E-mail bodyandsoul@mcleanbible.org for more information.

A Centering Prayer Group meets Fri-

days, 9:30 a.m. at Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, 1301 Trap Road, Vienna. The hour includes a brief reading related to Centering Prayer, followed by a 20-minute prayer period. E-mail Martha Thomas at mmthomas211@hotmail.com or call the church at 703-759-3509.

St. John's Episcopal Church supports over twenty outreach ministries, including SHARE, Habitat for Humanity, Martha's Table, and the Gen. Colin L. Powell Leadership Club at Macfarland Middle School in Washington D.C. Services at 7:45 a.m., 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. St. John's Episcopal Church, 6715 Georgetown Pike, McLean. 703-356-4902 or www.stjohnsmclean.org.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and the Jewish Outreach Institute offer the Mothers/Parents Circle, an umbrella of free educational events and resources. Jewish rituals, ethics and the creation of a Jewish home, regular meetings and group Shabbats and holidays. Participants include Sha'are Shalom, Congregation Beth Emeth, Temple Rodef Shalom and the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia. ShalomDC.org.

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**Boy Scouts
Stage Cooking
Competition**

On Saturday, Dec. 20, Boy Scout Troop 55 in Great Falls gathered at Christ the King Church for their annual cooking competition. This all-day event allows each patrol to create a meal using the gear they take on camping trips. The rules dictate that all supplies have to arrive with the Scouts at the beginning of the competition so there is a lot of improvising that goes on throughout the day. Food is prepared and cooked outside over open fires and on gas grills. The boys work in their patrols/teams to serve the meals to their families and a distinguished panel of judges. They are responsible for making the meal as appetizing as possible by decorating tables and providing serving dishes. The boys set up a cleaning station and dishes are done throughout the day with the final clean up happening while judges tally their scores. This year a group of 20 winners were treated to box seats and a tailgate party at the Redskins vs. Eagles game the following day. "All around, a fantastic job by all of the patrols. I know that the families and guests were particularly impressed," Gary Pan, assistant Scout master, Troop 55, said.



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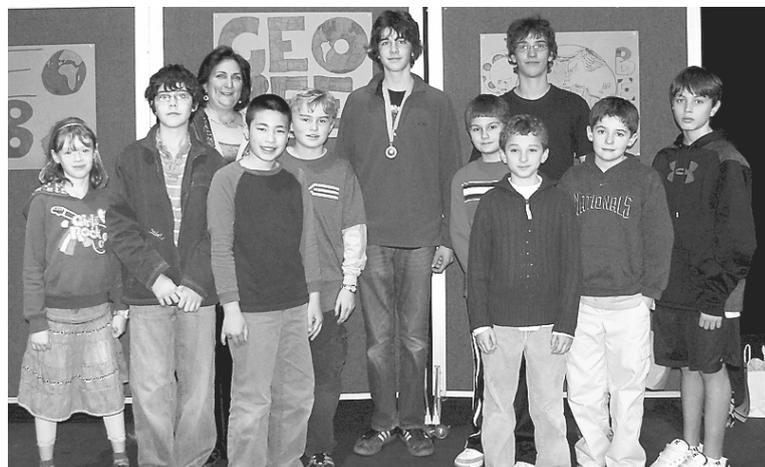


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SCHOOLS

In picture, from left, Caroline Morin, Danny Rodriguez, Social Studies Department chair Diane Charnov, Theron Masters, Evan Drake, runner-up, Gabe Rodriguez, champion, Douglas Sarasin, Milo Ferenczi, Michael Bauer; in back row, Mark Ahari, and Nick DeMarco.

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Taking Geographic Bee Challenge

Langley School eighth-grade winner advances to next round.

Ten students in grades four-eight at The Langley School tested their geographic knowledge during the first round of the 21st annual National Geographic Bee Jan. 8. After the students tackled a series of challenging questions — including “Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered to Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Courthouse located in which state?” and “Mount Rainier can be seen from cities in Oregon, British Columbia and what state located between them?” — Langley crowned its 2009 winner, eighth-grader Gabe Rodriguez.

Sponsored by the National Geographic Society, the opening round of the annual Geography Bee is held in thousands of schools across the country and is the first step toward naming a national champion. During Langley’s competi-

tion, participants were asked a series of questions about both physical and cultural geography, ranging from the locations of national parks to the names of rivers. Students were eliminated from the bee after giving a total of two incorrect answers, until only the winner remained.

As Langley’s champion, Rodriguez will now advance to the next level, a written examination to determine state competitors. The top-100 scorers on this written exam from each state will then face each other in their statewide Geography Bee, with state champions eventually competing for a \$25,000 college scholarship in the national competition in Washington, D.C., in May 2009.

The 10 participants in Langley’s schoolwide bee included eighth-graders Michael Bauer and Gabe Rodriguez, champion; seventh-graders Nick DeMarco and Danny

Rodriguez; sixth-graders Evan Drake, runner-up and Milo Ferenczi; fifth-graders Mark Ahari and Theron Masters; and fourth-graders Caroline Morin and Douglas Sarasin. They were selected to participate based on their performance on a preliminary qualifying test.

All of Langley’s fourth- through eighth-grade students were given the test prepared by the National Geographic. The two top-scoring students in each grade were then selected to participate in the schoolwide bee.

Founded in 1942, The Langley School is an independent coed day school for students in preschool through eighth grade. Situated on a 9.2-acre campus in McLean, the school reaches across multiple disciplines to discover, amplify and embrace the talents of every child, every day.

Langley School is located at 1411 Balls Hill Road McLean, VA 22101. Phone: 703-356-1920, fax: 703-790-9712, Web site: www.langleyschool.org.

Kandel, M.D., and Thomas Jessell, Ph.D. “Making of Your Mind: Molecules, Motion, and Memory” was a two-day conference for students inclined towards medical or science careers. The conference was divided into four lectures as well as question and answer sessions. The first lecture described the history of brain research, the second

covered cell differentiation, the third explained brain functions, and the fourth described memory. Ouyang intends to pursue the humanities while maintaining her interest in science. Tatlonghari hopes to pursue a career in forensic science. Kelly plans to enter the field of medicine as a pediatric oncologist with a specialization in genetics.

SCHOOL NOTES

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Oakcrest School seniors **Kathleen Ouyang**, **Grace Tatlonghari** and **Mollie Kelly** attended the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Holiday Lecture with Nobel Prize winner Eric

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SPORTS

Saxon Girls Defeat Jefferson at the Buzzer

Kody drains 3-pointer to win dramatic Liberty District contest.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

In perhaps the Northern Region's most dramatic finish to a game this season, the Langley High Saxon girls stunned home team Jefferson with a buzzer beater, 43-42 win over the Colonials last Friday night in Alexandria.

Langley junior guard Kristen Kody, with time about to expire, launched a long three-point shot from the left wing — about two feet from behind the three-point arch — that swished through the net. As the final buzzer sounded, the Langley High players — those both on the court and on the bench — celebrated spontaneously as the scoreboard went from 42-40 Jefferson to 43-42 Langley.

"It was nothing but net," Langley coach Cheryl Buffo said of the game-winner that was launched fairly close to the Langley team bench. "It was unbelievable. I think [Kody's] reaction was priceless. She shot and it went in. It took a second to register [for her]. Her arms went in the air and she had this look like, 'I made it.' The whole bench went crazy."



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUZEL/THE CONNECTION

Langley High's Kristen Kody made the game-winning shot in the Saxons' exciting win at Jefferson last Friday night.

JEFFERSON, WHICH had led most of the night, had a chance to perhaps put the game away over the final minute. But on two occasions over those final 60 seconds, the Colonials missed the front end of 1-on-1 free throw scenarios. Jefferson, up to that point, had been flawless at the line, hitting 12 of

12 free throws.

The second of the missed 1-on-1's resulted in a Langley rebound and an immediate Saxon timeout with just six seconds remaining with the score 42-40 Jefferson. Following the timeout, Langley's Kody took the inbounds pass and quickly moved the ball up court. She passed to teammate Lindsey Watts, who quickly got the ball back to Kody. With just a couple seconds left, Kody launched the long-range shot.

"She let it go and it went in," Buffo said.

It was a game Langley felt fortunate to have won. The Saxons, who trailed by five points with less than four minutes to play, struggled at the free throw line throughout the night, making just seven of their 17 foul shots. Langley's defense was probably the strongest part of the Saxons' game overall.

"Our defense was OK," Buffo said. "Jefferson played a really nice game."

Langley's top scorer in the win was senior guard Rachel Warrick, who finished with 17 points.

Coach Buffo said she has never been on the winning side of such a dramatic finish to a game.

"I've lost games like that," she said, with a laugh. "We had to go the length of the floor and get a two to tie or a three to win in six seconds. I've never had that happen to me as a coach in AAU or high school."

THE WIN OVER Jefferson was the third district triumph of the week for Langley,

which won at South Lakes, 60-39, on Jan. 6 and then defeated visiting Stone Bridge, 43-23, on Jan. 8. For South Lakes (9-1), the setback to the Saxons was its first of the season. Three Langley players scored in double figures in the huge road win — sophomore forward Audrey Dotson (15 points), Warrick (13) and Kody (12). Also for the Saxons, who built a 14-0 lead to start the game, junior forward Alexis Doherty netted seven points.

South Lakes, which came back following the Langley loss to win district games over both Woodson and Jefferson last week, trailed the Saxons 29-14 at halftime. The Seahawks got within nine points of Langley in the third quarter, but never got closer thereafter.

"That was the first game for us where I thought it all came together," said Buffo, whose team was 6-6 overall and 3-1 in the district going into this week. "We played good offense and defense and shot well from the [foul] line and the perimeter. We disrupted [the South Lakes offense] by keeping the ball away from their top-three scorers."

In its next game, the win over Stone Bridge at home, Langley was led in scoring by Warrick (13 points) and junior guard Brooke Gallagher (9).

Langley was scheduled to play district games this week against visiting Madison on Tuesday, Jan. 13, and at W.T. Woodson this Friday night.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

McLean Youth Soccer spring 2009 registration has begun on the league Web site at www.mcleansoccer.org for all returning and new families. MYS offers various programs for children ages 4-19, including house/recreation, travel and McLean premier soccer travel, U5 for prekindergarten players, and TOP Soccer for children with special needs. The season will begin March 30 and run through June 14. Be sure to register no later than Jan. 31 to take advantage of the early discounted registration fees. For more information, contact the MYS administrator at admin@mcleansoccer.org or call the MYS Office at 703-506-8068.

McLean Little League baseball and softball walk-in registration will be held Thursday, Jan. 15, 5 to 8 p.m., and Saturday, Jan. 24, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the McLean Little League Administration Building, located at 1840 Westmoreland St. in McLean. Players registering for T-ball and baseball must be between the ages of 5-12 by April 30, 2009. Girls registering for softball must be between the ages of 7-16 by Dec. 31,

2008. Any questions, e-mail miadewitt@mcleanll.com.

Langley High graduate **Katie Hansan** is a freshmen guard on the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (Troy, N.Y.) women's basketball team. A native of McLean, Hansan is part of an 8-2 Red Hawks team that recently won eight of its last nine games. Rensselaer is a member of the Liberty League.

The **Madeira High** girls swim and dive team improved its record to 3-0 with a close 94-92 win over National Cathedral School on Jan. 6. Madeira opened the meet by winning the 200-medley relay and closed the meet with a win in the 400-free relay. Event winners for Madeira were Christa Ann Saunders (100 butterfly, 100 backstroke); Whitney Chronister (100 breaststroke); and Renee Mattox (50 freestyle). Other key swims for the winners came from Alex Psaris (second in the 200 and 500 free); Rachael Tang (third in the 200 free and fifth in the 100 fly); Carsen Anderson (fourth in the 200 free and 100 back); and Jen Dussault (fourth in the 100 breast stroke).

"This was a good win over a very

strong team," Madeira coach Rod Montrie said. "NCS always gives us a great meet. It doesn't come any closer than two points. It really came down to the last relay and our girls rose to the occasion."

Madeira was scheduled to compete earlier this week against visiting Potomac School.

Both the **McLean High** boys and girls swim and dive teams were winners in a meet versus South Lakes last Friday. The meet took place at the Springhill Recreation Center. The Highlander boys team won, 167-142, while the McLean girls won, 192-122.

Quadruple event winners for the 2-2 McLean boys were Ed Lee and Charlie Putnam. Double event winners were Andrew Cole and Phil Betts.

For the 2-2 McLean girls, quadruple event winners were Eva Greene, Adrienne Harlow and Margaret Harlow. Double winners were Sarah Wilcox and Katie Yensen and Jamie Bugel was a triple winner.

In diving, the McLean boys swept the top-three spots with Martin Brown scoring top marks with 226.9 points.

In girls diving, the Highlanders took the second and third spots with Lydia Mendleson leading the ladies with a score of 151.4.

McLean was scheduled to meet Marshall this week.

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The Madeira High girls' swim and dive team improved its record to 3-0 with a close 94-92 win over National Cathedral School on June 6. Madeira opened the meet by winning the 200-medley relay and closed the meet with a win in the 400-free relay. Event winners for Madeira were: Christa Ann Saunders (100 butterfly, 100-backstroke); Whitney Chronister (100-breaststroke); and Renee Mattox (50-freestyle). Other key swims for the winners came from: Alex Psaris (2nd in the 200 and 500 free); Rachael Tang (3rd in the 200-free and 5th in the 100-fly); Carsen Anderson (4th in the 200-free and 100-back); and Jen Dussault (4th in the 100-breaststroke).

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In execution of a Deed of Trust from Daniel H. Flores,
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dated November 28, 2006, and recorded December 4, 2006, in
Deed Book 18952 at page 317 among the Land Records of
Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will
offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial
Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road,
Fairfax, Virginia, on

Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

the following property being the property contained in said
Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Unit 221, The Chateaux, A condominium

Tax Map No. 051-3-39-0221

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TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$25,000.00 or ten per-
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In the event the undersigned trustee is unable to con-
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time of sale; and (vii) to extend the period of time for settlement
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DAVID N. PRENSKY
Substitute Trustee

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Improved by the premises known as

4042-41st Street N., McLean, Virginia

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Elyane J. Vance, dated April 1, 2003, and recorded April 7,
2003, in Deed Book 14236 at page 526 among the Land Re-
cords of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute
trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance
of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge
Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

the following property being the property contained in said
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Lot 72, Section 3, Chainbridge Forest, as the same appears
duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 3396 at
page 375, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virgini-
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ness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of
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Sale shall be made subject to all existing easements
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The public hearing, which may be continued or adjourned, will be held at 10:30 o'clock a.m. on Friday, January 30, 2009, before the Authority or its designee, in the Treasury Board Conference Room, 3rd Floor of the James Monroe Building, 101 North 14th Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219. As required by the Act, the Bonds will not pledge the credit or the taxing power of the Commonwealth of Virginia or the Authority and will be payable solely from revenues derived from the University and pledged therefor. Any person interested in the issuance of the Bonds or the location or purpose of the proposed Project may appear and be heard. Written comments may be submitted prior to January 30, 2009, at the Authority's address set forth below. A copy of the University's application materials may be inspected at the Authority's office, 3rd Floor, James Monroe Building, 101 North 14th Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219 (P.O. Box 1879, Richmond, Virginia 23218-1879), during business hours.

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