

# Performing in 'Nutcracker'

NEWS, PAGE 6

**Herndon High School Senior  
Julia Biddle enchants the  
audience during the Sugar  
Plum Fairy pas de deux.**



## Skate Park Design Presented

NEWS, PAGE 3

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

OPINION, PAGE 4 ♦ CALENDAR, PAGE 6 ♦ CLASSIFIEDS, PAGE 9 ♦ SPORTS, PAGE 8

What Your  
Neighbors Want  
News, Page 3

ATTENTION POSTMASTER:  
TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL.  
REQUESTED IN HOME 1-14-10

VERIFIED  
AUDIT PENDING  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
MARTINSBURG, WV  
PERMIT #86

ONLINE AT [WWW.CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM](http://WWW.CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM)

**Visit your community's answer  
to all your  
natural health needs!**

American Health & Wellness Center

- Chiropractic
- Sports Injuries
- Massage Therapy
- Work and Auto Accidents
- Custom Foot Orthotic specialists
- Weight Management
- Fitness and much more!!

**Call today and take advantage of our holidays specials:**  
Massage Therapy package of 3  
Special Price of \$225 (savings of \$60.00)  
Consultation with Dr Petrie (\$295 value) \$35.00

**13300-B Franklin Farm Rd., Franklin Farm Village Center**  
(703)787-7463  
[www.americanhealthandwellnesscenter.com](http://www.americanhealthandwellnesscenter.com)

## WEEK IN HERNDON

### Delegate Rust To Host Town Hall Meetings

Del. Tom Rust (R-86) is planning to host Town Hall Meetings on Jan. 23, in each of the three localities he represents, Sterling, Herndon and Oak Hill. At these meetings Rust will briefly discuss his legislative agenda with constituents, but more importantly, he would like to hear any concerns, suggestions, and ideas residents may have.

❖ Herndon Town Hall Meeting - Town Council Chambers, 765 Lynn St., Herndon, 12 noon. Joint meeting with Sen. Janet D. Howell (D-32).

❖ Oak Hill Town Hall Meeting - Frying Pan Park, Visitors Center, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon, 3 p.m. Joint meeting with Sen. Herring.

Those who are unable to attend, but would like to share their concerns, may contact Del. Rust at his office at 703-437-9400.

"TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637.

### Martin Luther King Holiday Schedule

Town of Herndon government offices and services will be affected by the Martin Luther King holiday, Monday, Jan. 18 as follows:

- ❖ Town Offices - Closed
- ❖ Refuse Collection - Refuse normally collected on Monday will be collected Tuesday, Jan. 19.
- ❖ Herndon Community Center - Open 6 a.m.-9:30 p.m.
- ❖ Herndon Centennial Golf Course - Open 8 a.m.-dark (weather permitting).

### Committee for Dulles Hosts Annual Meeting

On Thursday, Jan. 21, the Committee for Dulles will host its 2010 Annual Meeting and welcome as its guest James A. Wilding, the former president and CEO of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority. Wilding will share his thoughts on aviation today and in its future challenges and opportunities. The committee also will install its 2010 officers and members of the board of directors. Place and Time: Hyatt Dulles, 2300 Dulles Corner Blvd., Herndon. Reception at 11:30 a.m., lunch served at 12 p.m.

Reservations required by the Monday prior to the luncheon.

Nonmembers: payment in advance, \$55; payment at the door: \$60.

CFD Members: payment in advance, \$45; payment at the door: \$50. [www.committeefordulles.org](http://www.committeefordulles.org).



**French Mediterranean Cuisine**

LUNCH - best deal in town - 12 items under \$10

DINNER DEALS

Monday nights:.....Buy 2 main courses - get second 50% off  
 Tuesday nights:.....All main courses - \$18.95 and under  
     Selected wine bottles \$20.00 and under  
 Wednesday nights:..3-course Menu \$22.95  
 Thursday nights:.....All U Can Eat Mussels - \$18.95

**703-757-9300**  
**10123 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls, VA 22066**  
[www.Mediterraneerestaurant.com](http://www.Mediterraneerestaurant.com)

### Catalytic Converter Thefts on Rise

The crime prevention office of the Fair Oaks District Police Station announced Thursday, Jan. 7 that there had been an increase in catalytic converters stolen from automobiles over the past few months in the Fair Oaks District, neighboring districts and throughout the county. Residents are encouraged to be aware of suspicious activity and be alert of their surroundings. Residents are not to confront criminals but should report any suspicious activity immediately by calling either 9-1-1 (for crimes in-progress) or 703-691-2131. Callers may remain anonymous. Anyone with information can also contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org) or text by sending

## Look who wants to KISS us this week!

*"Thank you so much for handling our needs with the professionalism and courtesy that sets your business so far above your peers." -C.S. Herndon*

*"We have been a customer for over 25 years and I must say, all your people have been unfailingly polite and helpful." -M.J. Sterling*

*"Would definitely recommend Dave's for the best overall price, value and truly personal service." -Y.E. Sterling*

### Top Rated by:

- ❖ Angie's List
- ❖ Consumer Check Book
- ❖ BBB
- ❖ Trane
- ❖ Our Clients

**You'll want to KISS our techs!**

*(But please don't, their wives wouldn't like it!)*

**\$1500 Tax Credits Available Now**



Our 35th  
year

201 Davis Drive, Suite GG  
Sterling, VA 20164

Saturday Hours Available at Regular Rates  
(703) 450-9600 • [www.DavesAir.com](http://www.DavesAir.com)

# NEWS

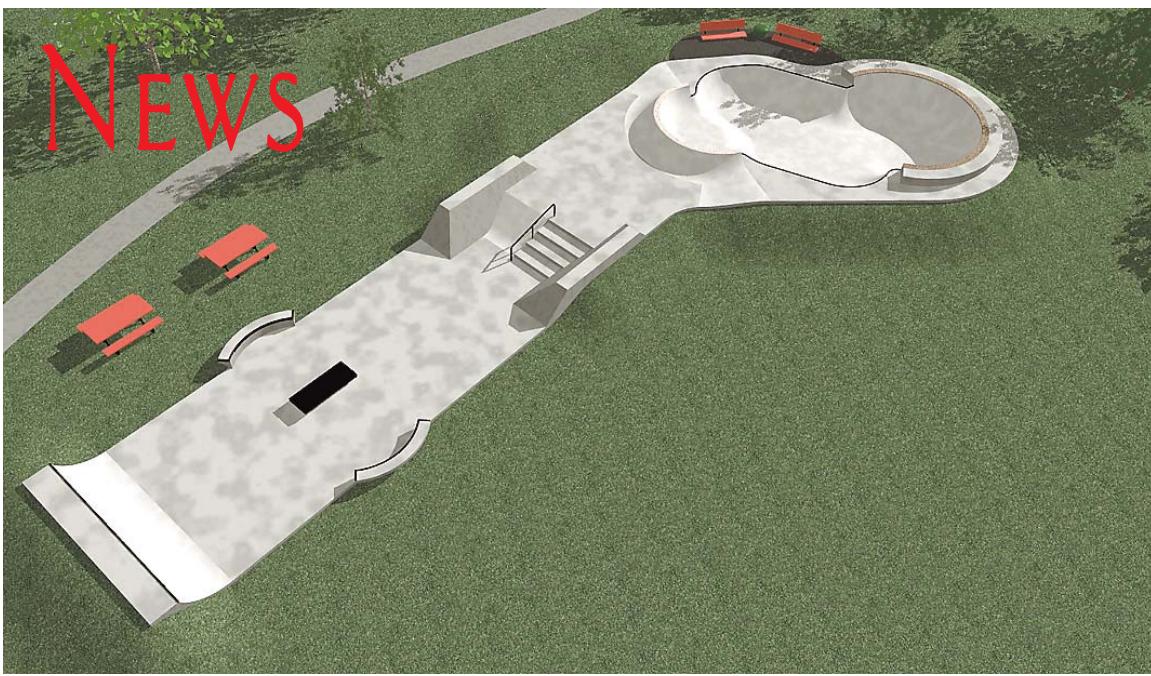


ILLUSTRATION BY GRINDLINE SKATEPARKS

A few tweaks will be made to the design for Herndon's skate park before it is built at Trailside Park.

## Skate Park Design Presented

### Construction to begin in late spring.

The design for Herndon's upcoming skate park was presented Tuesday, Jan. 5, although some final tweaks to the plan will be made before construction begins in late spring.

The park will be linear in shape, with a small slope leading into a large bowl at one end and street elements such as stairs, a hand railing and benches toward the other end. It will have a concrete surface of 4,200 square feet and is to be built at Trailside Park.

means," Roeder said. As part of a neighborhood park, the skate park will be free and open to all from dawn until dark.

The town allocated \$175,000 for the facility about three years ago, but it took about two years to settle on a location. Previously, a skate park had been in the town's capital improvement plan for years, but it didn't become an active project until residents lobbied for its construction, Roeder said. "There was a group of kids who came forward, actually, with some parents who helped them do this."

She said 20 to 35 people, including skateboarders of all ages, attended each of the meetings.

— MIKE DICICCO



### Herndon Elementary Top Sellers Enjoy Limo Ride

The Herndon Elementary School PTA Innisbrook Gift-Wrap Fundraiser raised more than \$24,000, \$12,000 of which will go to the school for various projects. The event had 17 top sellers, who sold 40 or more items, and the students were rewarded with a Hummer Limo ride to the Dulles SportsPlex on Monday, Nov. 9. The Herndon Elementary staff and Gift Wrap volunteers who worked together to make the campaign a success included Order Delivery Day: Sara Metcalf and Dawn Ruffin; Order Pick Up: Dasha (HMS) and Marina Bradfield, Mary Brown, Tia Crosbie (HMS), Meryl Hollender (HMS), Maria and Beau LaWalt, Meredith Mani, Jenny Phipps, Jackson Phipps (HMS), Dawn Ruffin, Delana Sobhani (HMS), and Shannon, Garrett and Jackson Trust. Limo Ride/SportsPlex Chaperones: Eva-Merete Ozkaptan and Dave Hausladen.

www.CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM

## What Your Neighbors Want

In their own words, locals speak out at Virginia General Assembly hearing.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

About 60 people showed up to testify before the Fairfax County delegation to the Virginia General Assembly at hearing on Saturday, Jan. 9. The representatives, including state senators and delegates, headed to Richmond for the start of the legislative session on Jan. 13.

Virginia's budget is one of the top priorities for most state legislators in 2010. The General Assembly passes a new budget only once every two years and the current spending plan has a \$4 billion shortfall.

Former Gov. Tim Kaine (D)

proposed closing Virginia's budget gap through a mix of tax increases and cuts in services before leaving office this month. Among other things, Kaine's plan included a \$60 million reduction in Fairfax County Public Schools' state funding.

Unlike his predecessor, newly sworn-in Gov. Robert McDonnell (R) has said he would not raise taxes to balance the budget, which could mean deeper cuts to services than the ones proposed by Kaine.

About one-third of the people who took their Saturday morning off to speak to Fairfax County's senators and delegates had serious concerns about Virginia's budget impact on residents with disabilities who receive or are waiting to receive assistance from the commonwealth.

Other speakers addressed a range of topics including taxes, the local court system and state funding for Fairfax schools.

Here are excerpts of what people said to Fairfax County's senators and delegates:



Robert Morrow, All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS)

a religion of violence in comments recently. When we hear other people making these types of remarks, we feel it is important for our elected officials to know who we are, in case some legislation should come up," said Morrow.

Morrow said the ADAMS community has a relationship with most of its local state senators and delegates, though it has not yet met with Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34), who just took office this month.

# OPINION

# Large Classes, Tough Choices

## Opening the doors for more charter schools in Virginia.

One reason for growth in the student population in public school systems in the area right now is the effect of the recession on family budgets. With more than 70,000 unemployed people in Northern Virginia, and thousands more underemployed, some families who did have children in private schools have switched to public school. Given the stellar reputations of the schools in question, it's a rational financial move.

### EDITORIAL

But now growing enrollment and costs combined with stagnant budgets are forcing some local public school systems to rework their budget calculations as well, resulting in more than 30 students in many classes, more than 40 students in some classes.

This will no doubt send some parents back to the family budget drawing board, seeking a way to afford private school and smaller class sizes for their children.

Most parents don't care very much about the size of the average class, only the sizes of the classes in which their children are trying to learn.

Very large classes, especially classes with 30 or more students in them, are a detriment to learning. Students with any sort of challenges are particularly poorly served by large classes. Very large classes also make the

task of maintaining a civil school environment much more difficult.

Schools would do well to focus first on limiting very large classes, worrying a bit less about average class size.

It's also an excellent time to begin paving the way for charter schools in Virginia. What, in the middle of a financial crunch? If we start now to develop more encouraging guidelines for charter schools in the region, by the time the first schools are open, the economic climate will be vastly different.

Public schools cannot meet all the needs of all the students that come through the doors. Families deserve some well-constructed alternatives. Governor-elect Bob McDonnell, along with President Obama, is right to push to open the doors for more charter schools in Virginia.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Delegate Announces Town Hall Meetings

To the Editor:

I will be returning to Richmond on Jan. 13 as the delegate representing the 86th District (Herndon, Sterling, Oak Hill). This year we will inaugurate a new governor, enact new laws and pass a balanced budget, which will be a very serious challenge. It is no surprise to anyone that we are, statistically, in the worst recession since the Great Depression of the 1920s. Billions of dollars have been cut from the existing (2008-10) budget and another \$3.0 billion-\$3.5 billion will need to be reduced in the new (2010-12) budget. Every area of the budget will be subject to very intense scrutiny as our Constitution requires a balanced budget. There can be no deficit spending!

As your representative in Richmond, I would like to hear from you before I head to Richmond for the 2010 Legislative Session. On Jan. 23, I will conduct a set of Town Hall meetings. At these meetings, I will briefly discuss my legislative agenda with you, but most importantly I want to hear any concerns, suggestions, and ideas you may have.

♦ 10 a.m. - Sterling Town Hall Meeting, Sterling Community Center, 120 Enterprise St. Joint meeting with Sen. Mark R. Herring (D-33).

♦ 1 p.m. - Herndon Town Hall Meeting at Herndon Town Council Chambers, 765 Lynn St. Joint meeting with Sen. Janet D. Howell

(D-32).

♦ 3 p.m. - Oak Hill Town Hall Meeting at Frying Pan Park Visitor Center, 2709 West Ox Road. Joint meeting with Sen. Mark R. Herring (D-33).

If you are unable to attend one of the Town Hall meetings but would like to share your concerns with me, please contact my office at 703-437-9400. Also, I would like to encourage you to sign up for my "Rust Report" at my Web site, [www.TomRust.org](http://www.TomRust.org). The Report goes out every Friday via email during the session, updating you on what I am working on and other legislative updates.

I am also excited to announce that all floor sessions of the House of Delegates will be broadcast live over the Internet again this year. This is just another step forward in presenting practical solutions to our government process. Online video broadcasts are the latest step toward meeting that goal. To view the session, simply visit <http://legis.virginia.gov>. We start each weekday at noon.

I invite you to follow our actions in Richmond and get involved by calling, writing, e-mailing and visiting. As we get started with this session, I want to sincerely express how honored I feel to continue to represent you.

**Del. Thomas Davis Rust**  
(R-86)

## Lifesaving Bill

To the Editor,

As a two-time cancer survivor I was encouraged that the Senate passed its health care reform legislation before the Christmas holiday. It was an early gift for cancer patients, survivors and their fami-

lies, who are closer than ever to reaping the benefits of historic legislation that will dramatically improve the health care system in this country.

The experiences of families affected by cancer highlight the major problems in our health care system. The difficult and complex road that begins with a diagnosis, cancer patients can encounter all of the major problems in the health care system today. They are often denied coverage because of preexisting condition exclusions or charged more than they can afford for critical care simply because they have cancer.

If enacted, this bill could have immediate and lasting benefits for millions of people with cancer and other life-threatening chronic diseases. Getting a cancer diagnosis would no longer put families at risk of being denied or getting priced out of lifesaving coverage.

This is a critical point in the war against cancer. And I would like to thank Sens. Warner and Webb for putting patients before politics by voting in favor of this lifesaving bill.

Thank you Sen. Warner and Sen. Webb for standing up and looking out for cancer patients.

**Jim Radmore**  
American Cancer Society  
Cancer Action Network Volunteer  
Herndon

## Preserve And Protect

To the Editor:

On Monday, Jan. 18, Virginians from all over the state will gather on the Capitol Grounds in Rich-

mond to commemorate Martin Luther King's birthday and his message of obtaining peace through non-violence. In addition, we will remember the approximately 800 Virginians who lose their lives every year to gun violence. We will meet with legislators to encourage them to pass bills that protect the public while preserving the Second Amendment right to bear arms.

This year, the following bills have been filed: HB 32, allowing faculty at state colleges and universities to carry concealed handguns on campus; HB 49, repealing Virginia's one gun-a-month law; HB 54, allowing the carrying of handguns into a courthouse when the courthouse is being used for non-judicial purposes; HB 69, declaring that firearms and ammunition made and/or retained in Virginia not be subject to federal or Congressional law; HB 72, changing the penalty for possession of a firearm on school property from a Class 6 felony to a Class 1 misdemeanor; HB 106, allowing a person with a valid permit to carry a concealed handgun in a place of worship with permission of the leader of the religious meeting and eliminating the restriction against carrying a concealed handgun in a restaurant that serves alcohol.

Presently, Virginia law allows citizens to carry weapons in every venue, except K-12 schools, churches and courthouses. Citizens may open carry in a restaurant or establishment that serves alcohol but may not conceal carry. The Board of Visitors of each individual college or university determines whether students, faculty or

SEE LETTERS, PAGE 5

## THE CONNECTION

[www.ConnectionNewspapers.com](http://www.ConnectionNewspapers.com)

Newspaper of  
Herndon

An independent, locally owned weekly newspaper delivered to homes and businesses.

1606 King Street  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

**NEWS DEPARTMENT:**  
To discuss ideas and concerns,  
Call: 703-778-9410  
e-mail:  
[herndon@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:herndon@connectionnewspapers.com)

**Kemal Kursphasic**  
Editor ♦ 703-778-9414  
[kemal@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:kemal@connectionnewspapers.com)

**Justin Fanizzi**  
Editorial Assistant  
703-224-3032  
[jfanizzi@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:jfanizzi@connectionnewspapers.com)

**Mike DiCicco**  
Community Reporter  
703-778-9441  
[mdicicco@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:mdicicco@connectionnewspapers.com)

**Julia O'Donoghue**  
Education & Politics  
703-778-9436  
[jodonoghue@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:jodonoghue@connectionnewspapers.com)

**Ken Moore**  
Courts & Projects  
[kmoore@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:kmoore@connectionnewspapers.com)

**Rich Sanders**  
Sports Editor  
703-224-3031  
[rsanders@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:rsanders@connectionnewspapers.com)

**ADVERTISING:**  
To place an advertisement, call the ad department between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday - Friday.

**Display ads** 703-778-9410  
**Classified ads** 703-778-9411  
**Employment ads** 703-778-9413

**Janis Swanson**  
Display Advertising, 703-778-9423

**Winslow Wacker**  
Display Advertising, 703-778-9424

**Andrea Smith**  
Classified Advertising, 703-778-9411  
[classified@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:classified@connectionnewspapers.com)

**Barbara Parkinson**  
Employment Advertising  
703-778-9413  
[classified@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:classified@connectionnewspapers.com)

**Editor & Publisher**  
Mary Kimm  
703-778-9433  
[mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com)

**Editor in Chief**  
Steven Mauren  
**Managing Editors**  
Michael O'Connell, Kemal Kursphasic

**Photography:**  
Robbie Hammer, Louise Kraftt,  
Craig Sterbutzel  
**Art/Design:**  
Geovani Flores, Laurence Foong,  
John Heinly, Wayne Shipp,  
John Smith

**Production Manager:**  
Jean Card

**CIRCULATION: 703-778-9426**  
**Circulation Manager:**  
Linda Pecqueux  
[circulation@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:circulation@connectionnewspapers.com)

**CONNECTION NEWSPAPERS, L.L.C.**  
**Peter Labovitz**  
President/CEO

**Mary Kimm**  
Publisher/Chief Operating Officer  
703-778-9433  
[mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com)

**Jerry Vernon**  
Executive Vice President  
[jvernon@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:jvernon@connectionnewspapers.com)

**Wesley DeBrosse**  
Controller

**Debbie Funk**  
National Sales, 703-778-9444  
[debefunk@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:debefunk@connectionnewspapers.com)

www.CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM

# NEWS

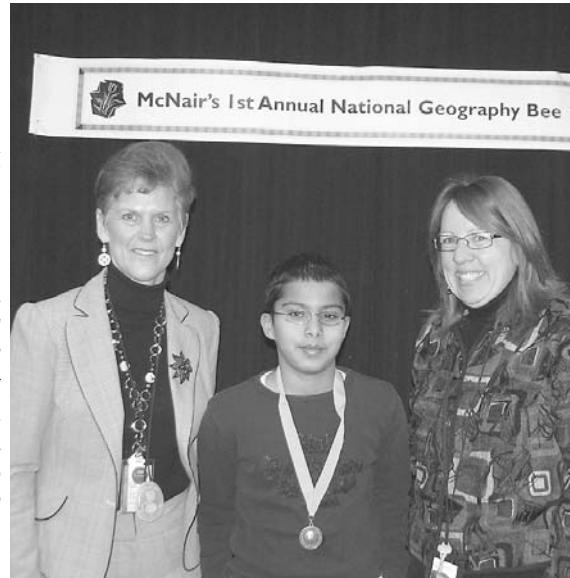
## Jnanadeep Dandu Wins McNair Elementary School Geographic Bee

**J**nanadeep Dandu, a fifth grade student at McNair Elementary School, won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee on Jan. 6, and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship. The school-level Bee at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 22nd annual National Geographic Bee. This year's Bee is sponsored by Google (visit [www.google.com/educators/geo](http://www.google.com/educators/geo)).

The kickoff for this year's Bee was the week of Nov. 9, with thousands of schools around the United States and in the five U.S. territories participating. The school winners, including Jnanadeep Dandu, will now take a written test; up to 100 of the top scorers in each state will be eligible to compete in their state Bee April 9, 2010.

The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for state champions and teacher escorts to participate in the Bee national championship rounds on

CONTRIBUTED  
**Debra Wines, social studies lead teacher/fourth grade teacher; Jnanadeep Dandu, fifth grade winner from McNair Elementary School; and Dr. Theresa West, principal of McNair Elementary.**



May 25 and 26. The first-place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship, a lifetime membership in the Society, and a trip to the Galapagos Islands, courtesy of Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic [visit [www.expeditions.com](http://www.expeditions.com)].

"Jeopardy!" host Alex Trebek will moderate the national finals

on May 26. The program will air on television. Check local listings for dates and times.

Everyone can test their geography knowledge with the new and exciting GeoBee Challenge, an online geography quiz at [www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee). The game poses 10 new questions a day.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM PAGE 4

staff may carry firearms on campus. Currently, Virginia citizens may only purchase one gun per month and federal law traditionally overrules state law.

Should the above bills pass, Virginia will allow the following: Virginia citizens to purchase an unlimited number of guns, the right of faculty to conceal carry on our campuses, allow guns in our courthouses and churches during "off" hours, lessen the penalty for those carrying firearms on K-12 school property, allow concealed weapons in establishments that serve alcohol and allow Virginia to ignore laws passed by the United States Congress.

My question has been and continues to be, how can Virginia, the place where the worst mass tragedy in American history occurred, and which loses more than 800 people every year to gun violence, continue to ignore the loss of life and create policies that leave families and communities devastated? Join us on Jan. 18 –please go to the Virginia Center for Public Safety Web site: <http://www.vacps.org/>.

**Lu Ann Maciulla McNabb**  
Centreville

**60,000 POTS**  
**Buy 1 at Regular Price**  
**Get 2 FREE**  
Ask cashier for details

**35% TO 75%**  
**OFF ALL Trees & Shrubs**

**25% OFF**  
**BONSAI, ORCHIDS, CACTI, PERENNIALS**

SINCE 1973

**Cravens**  
**Nursery & Pottery**

9023 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, VA  
CravensNursery.com  
2 miles west of I-495 on Rt. 50.  
1 mile from I-66 (Vienna Metro)  
**703-573-5025**  
Major credit cards accepted  
Open 9-5, 7 days a week

**Allsports**  
Grand Prix  
High Speed Indoor Kart Racing

**The '2 for 1' Special**  
**IS BACK!**  
**Thats 2 races for the price of ONE! \***

\*Please visit our website for details & restrictions - [www.AllsportsGP.com](http://www>AllsportsGP.com)

Allsports Grand Prix  
45915 Maries Road  
Dulles, VA. 20166

Office (571) 434-9566  
Fax (571) 434-9570  
[www.AllsportsGP.com](http://www.AllsportsGP.com)

**OPEN SUN.  
Jan 17, 12-4**

**600 Dranesville Road, Herndon, VA 20170**  
**\$374,900**

Great 3BR/2Level Custom Brick Rambler within walking distance to Downtown Herndon shopping, restaurants & more. Priced below current assessment. Large lot with room for expansion, well-maintained home with bright and sunny floor plan, high ceilings, fully fenced back and side yards, brick walk-way, front covered porch, screened back porch, new appliances, windows, sump pump, kitchen floor, & all carpeting. Beautiful mature trees & landscaping, fish pond, shed with electricity, 3-car driveway & more. Sought after Hunters Swim/Pool Club Membership conveys.

Contact [Karen.Kidwell@LNF.com](mailto:Karen.Kidwell@LNF.com) today for a private showing.

**Karen Kidwell** **703-216-7437**  
Realtor ABR, GRI, e-PRO  
Top Producer, DAAR Honor Society  
Your Caring Real Estate Connection

**TOUR THESE WONDERFUL HOMES THIS WEEKEND!**  
**Check Out These Open Houses on January 16 & 17**



**3514 Schuerman House Dr • \$1,399,000**  
Long & Foster, Joyce Shuemake, 703-723-4826

When you visit one of these Open Houses, tell the Realtor you saw it in this Connection Newspaper. For more real estate listings and open houses visit [www.ConnectionNewspapers.com](http://www.ConnectionNewspapers.com), click the Real Estate links on the right side.

**Call Specific Agents to Confirm Dates & Times.**



### ALEXANDRIA

124 N. Grayson St.....\$479,000..Sun 1-4.....Weichert .....Ron Fowler.....703-598-0511

### BURKE

7317 Mizzen Place.....\$589,950..Sun 1-4.....Weichert .....Kathleen Quintarelli.....703-862-8808

### FAIRFAX

10725 Norman Ave.....\$539,000..Sun 1-4.....Weichert .....Ron Fowler.....703-598-0511  
3514 Schuerman House Dr.....\$1,399,000.....Long & Foster....Joyce Shuemake.....703-723-4826

### FAIRFAX STATION

11611 Yates Ford Rd.....\$767,000..Sun 1-4.....Karen Paris.....Keller Williams .....571-220-7503

### GREAT FALLS

639 Nails Farm Way.....\$1,995,000..Sun 1-4.....Weichert .....Carol Ellickson.....703-862-2135

### HERNDON

517 Merlin's Lane .....\$415,000..Sun 1-4.....Samson Realty...Casey Samson .....703-508-2535

### RESTON

2216 Cartwright Place.....\$275,000..Sun 1-4.....McNearney .....Deb Pietras.....703-967-2400

### STERLING

46518 Cedarhurst Dr.....\$450,000..Sun 1-4.....Samson Realty...John McCambridge.....703-906-7067

### VIENNA

502 Spring St.....\$1,240,000..Sun 1-4.....Samson Realty...Casey Samson .....703-508-2535

To add your Realtor represented Open House to these weekly listings, please call  
**Winslow Wacker**  
**703-821-5050 or E-Mail the info to**  
**winslow@connectionnewspapers.com**  
All listings due by Monday at 3 pm.



# SPORTS

## Herndon Girls Visit Maryland Hoops Practice

Hornets are off to a solid 7-4 start this winter.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

The Herndon High girls' basketball team got a taste of Terrapins' fever Saturday morning, Jan. 9.

The Hornets, members of the Northern Region's Concorde District, were invited to watch the University of Maryland women's basketball team practice at Comcast Center in College Park. Coach Reggie Barnes' team was thrilled with the opportunity to watch the Terrapins up close. So the Herndon team, after hopping on the beltway early Saturday morning, arrived on campus and took in the nationally renowned Maryland team's 10 a.m. practice session.

"I wanted them to see how a major Division 1 school goes about practice," said Barnes, who brought both his varsity and JV squads.

Maryland assistant coach Dave Atkins, an acquaintance of Barnes', was the Terrapin contact that set up the visit.

Barnes wanted players within his program to watch firsthand how hard players at the collegiate level work out and the intensity level that goes into college practice sessions.

"The intensity and energy level at that level is different than in high school," said Barnes.

Brenda Frese, the Terrapins' eighth year head coach, spent a few minutes addressing the Herndon program.



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

**Herndon High's Phyllis Martin goes up for a shot during the Hornets' recent 50-38 home loss to South County on Jan. 5. Herndon (7-4) will be home against Westfield this Friday night.**

"She told us that every day in practice you need to improve [a part of your game] and come with the mindset of getting better," said Barnes, recalling Frese's words to the Hornets. "She asked them how they were doing in the classroom, and if they were working hard [on

the court] and were they coachable. It was not what was being said [as much as] who was saying it. She's a major college coach who won a national championship [with Maryland in 2006]."

Barnes said his team members

watched the Maryland team conduct two-on-two drills in which fundamentals such as setting screens, feeding the ball inside and communication between teammates were stressed. He said the Maryland players worked hard, accepted instruction from the Terrapin coaches and encouraged one another even when mistakes were made.

Some of the Maryland players mingled with the Herndon team members following practice.

One of the morning highlights for the Herndon program was receiving an informal tour of the Comcast Center and checking out the showcase area in which the university's athletic past is celebrated with pictures, trophy's and Terrapin keepsakes. The Herndon players even saw a picture of Christy Winters-Scott, a former Maryland women's basketball standout and the current coach of Herndon rival South Lakes.

**ON THE FLOOR,** it has been a successful season thus far for Barnes' team, which was 7-4 going into this week. The Hornets came up short last Friday night at powerful Oakton, 74-47. The unbeaten Cougars are the defending Northern Region champions and the state AAA runner-up.

"With the experience Oakton has, you can fall behind fast," said Barnes, whose team trailed 31-9 at halftime. "They get good production off the bench."

Herndon had two players — senior guard/forward Alexis Lewis (13 points) and senior guard Phyllis Martin (11) — finish the game in double figures scoring. Other good games for the Hornets came from junior guards Rachel Liebenstein (6 points) and Shequilla Ferguson (solid defense), as well as sophomore

guard Deborah Headen (6 points) and senior guard Jasmine Johnson (5).

For Oakton, point guard Caroline Coyer and shooting guard Zora Stephenson, both returning starters from last year's state runner-ups, finished with 19 points each.

The 5-foot-9 inch Lewis, Herndon's leading scorer this season, is a fourth-year varsity starter for the Hornets.

"She's a very smart player and is a difficult matchup for guards she faces," said Barnes. "She can post up smaller players and drive around bigger guards."

Lewis missed five weeks of last year's season because of a knee injury. But she has come back strong this winter. She scored 24 points in Herndon's 72-67 home loss to cross-town rival South Lakes on Dec. 18.

Martin, Herndon's point guard, is another formidable backcourt player. The Hornet playmaker is averaging nine points per game and getting her teammates involved in the offense with good passing. "She's a leader and a coach on the floor," said Barnes, of Martin. "She's been in the battles in the Concorde District [over the years] and she's continued to improve her game."

Herndon's top frontcourt player is 6-1 senior Carlon Chambers, who recently signed a collegiate letter of intent to play basketball at Norfolk State. Chambers is averaging close to 10 points per game.

"She's athletic, strong and able to get up and down the court well for a girl her size," said Barnes.

Herndon was scheduled to play district games this week at Centreville on Tuesday, Jan. 12 and at home against Westfield this Friday night, Jan. 15.

### SPORTS ROUNDUPS

**Fairfax Adult Softball (FAS)**, the largest softball organization in the area, is seeking umpires for its adult slowpitch softball leagues in Fairfax County. Umpires are paid monthly. Net pay starts at \$25 per one-hour game. Enjoy great pay plus bonus pay opportunities. Experience is desired but ASA training is provided beginning early February. Flexible scheduling based on availability. This is a great part-time

profession where one can get out of the home/office and into the outdoor environment of recreational softball for a little exercise, excellent camaraderie, and fun. Contact FAS at 703-815-9007 or e-mail [office@fairfaxadultsoftball.com](mailto:office@fairfaxadultsoftball.com).

**Registration is open for the Spring 2010 season of Herndon-Reston Youth Lacrosse.** Registration is open through February to youth in the

Herndon and Reston areas for girls and boys, ages 6 to 15. No experience is needed. Separate teams are available for boys and girls in age divisions U-15, U-13, U-11 and U-9, with various levels of play based on experience and skill level. The teams compete in the Northern Virginia Youth Lacrosse League ([www.nvyl.org](http://www.nvyl.org)) against opponents throughout Northern Virginia. Equipment rental and financial assistance is available. The season begins in March and runs

through the second week of June. For more information on the league and to register, visit [www.HRYL.org](http://www.HRYL.org).

**Registration is open for Reston Youth Association Winter Cheerleading.** Practice times are Mondays, from 6-7:30 p.m., indoors at South Lakes High School. Register at [www.RestonSeahawks.org](http://www.RestonSeahawks.org) or at practice. For more information, please contact Traci Waller at

[TraciWaller@aol.com](mailto:TraciWaller@aol.com).

**Registration is open for Reston Youth Association's Coed-Flag football Spring 2010 season.** The league is for boys and girls ages 5-to-16. Visit [www.restonseahawks.org](http://www.restonseahawks.org) to register for the upcoming season. The fee is \$65. Registration deadline is April 1. For any additional information visit the FAQ section on the Web site under Flag Football or contact [flag@restonseahawks.org](mailto:flag@restonseahawks.org).

## OPINION

# LINK 2009 in Review

BY LINDA KEEFER &  
LISA LOMBARDOZZI

This LINK 2009 year was only possible because of the hundreds of volunteers (and possibly a thousand) who each had a little part to make these programs all work. Thank you to everyone who responded to our last minute pleas for help when we agreed to do the Christmas event with just a few hours notice due to the great blizzard and then repeat it all again three days later.

Thank you to the families and youth organizations who collected food, clothing or toys, the businesses that donated funding, food, toys, clothes, boxes, bags, grocery carts and the schools (both public and private) who coordinated drives for LINK. Thank you to the folks who stepped forward to move heavy boxes, shop for food and toys and drove many miles to obtain items that were left off the "To Do List."

And finally, thank you to the LINK Board and Committee Members. You worked in a soldierly manner giving so much time to make this program succeed. Thank you for going without sleep, for reflecting the true light that gives light to every man, for keeping a smile on your face, for being patient during times of stress, and for ensuring the success of this program by responding to the LINK needs when we experienced inclement weather. You are amazing individuals!

LINK is an all volunteer organization comprising 18 local Churches. Our motivations are rooted in spirit, mercy and responsibility to others.

LINK is a powerful opportunity to serve God, model Jesus' teaching and to provide an example to others that they can participate too! Through our hard work and commitment LINK members donate thousands of volunteer hours each year in supporting needy people. LINK volunteers supply an added measure of determination, skill and teamwork and provide enhanced community awareness to those local people living in their time of greatest need.

LINK strongly believes that assisting those less fortunate with their most basic needs fosters hope and good will among our diverse and fast growing community. Unconditional love that flows freely is the simplest and purest of all acts. A used winter coat, four bags of non-perishables, a grocery gift certificate, two toys for a child at Christmas, these are the simplest of acts.

During the entire year, LINK made a record 988 direct deliveries to the homes of needy families comprising 4,309 people. \$19,885.00 in grocery gift certificates was also distributed. \$8,396.00 in financial assistance was distributed to those needing help to pay heating and electric bills. Over the last seven years, 48 percent of the food deliveries were in Fairfax County and 52 percent were in Loudoun.

ZONE I: • RESTON  
• HERNDON • LOUDOUN

# EMPLOYMENT

703-917-6464

ZONE I AD DEADLINE:  
TUESDAY 4 P.M.

## Internships Available

Unusual opportunity to learn many aspects of the newspaper business. Internships available in reporting, photography, research, graphics. Opportunities for students, and for adults considering change of career. Unpaid. Email [internship@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:internship@connectionnewspapers.com)



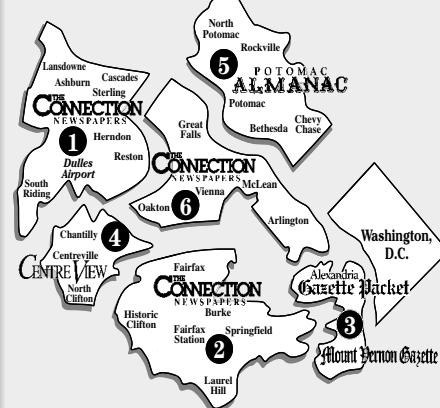
## CAREER EDUCATION

### WESTWOOD COLLEGE

Earn a bachelor degree in just three years at Westwood College. Call 877-852-9712 today to receive your free Career Success Kit! [www.westwood.edu/locations](http://www.westwood.edu/locations)

## Employers: Are your recruiting ads not working in other papers?

*Try a better way to fill your  
employment openings*



- Target your best job candidates where they live.
- Reach readers in addition to those who are currently looking for a job.
- Proven readership.
- Proven results.



703-917-6464 • Fax 703-917-0992

E-mail: [classified@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:classified@connectionnewspapers.com)

Great Papers • Great Readers • Great Results!

TELEPHONE  
**A great opportunity to  
WORK AT HOME!**

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S CENTER  
No sell! Salary + Bonus + Benefits!

**301-333-1900**

Weekdays 9-4

TELEPHONE  
**A great opportunity to  
WORK AT HOME!**

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S CENTER  
No sell! Salary + Bonus + Benefits!

**301-333-1900**

Weekdays 9-4

## CNAs/CMAs

*Live-out or Live-in*

Experience needed for home care services to assist adults and seniors at home. Full & part time - car required. Call: 703-340-8570

## Handyman / Custodian

Small research company requires assistance with general repairs, housekeeping and custodial services. Submit reply to [service@synterials.com](mailto:service@synterials.com) or fax at 703-435-0374

## ADMIN ASS'T

Exp'd A.A. for various duties. Exp. with wp, filing, Excel, organizational skills, telephone and able to multi-task.

E-mail: [cumarquez@netscape.net](mailto:cumarquez@netscape.net) EOE

## TEACHERS & ASSISTANTS

Play & Learn @ Dulles Corner in Herndon, VA is seeking F/T Teachers and Assistants. Please call 703-713-3983 or fax resume to 703-793-2298 or email at [Sangley@va-childcare.com](mailto:Sangley@va-childcare.com).

## VETERINARY TECHNICIAN ASSISTANT

P/T position for experienced, reliable person. Must have excellent client service ability and be dedicated to superior animal care. We offer competitive salary and generous discounts.

CLIFTON-CENTERVILLE ANIMAL  
CLINIC

703-830-8844

## 2010 EXPANSION Great Pay!

FT/PT. Temp/Perm. Ideal for students/others. Sales/Svc, Flex Schedules. Conditions apply. All ages 18+.

**703-359-7600**

## Landscape

Chapel Valley Landscape Company in Dulles, VA is seeking a Property Manager with Landscape Management experience, to manage crews, customer service oriented, computer knowledgeable, organized, goal oriented, fluent in English. 2 year college degree in hort. or related field pref. Landscape sales exp. req. Must have DL & clean driving record. Competitive wages & benefit package. Fax or e-mail resume to Carmen Palacios at 703-406-9251, or [carmenp@chapelvalley.com](mailto:carmenp@chapelvalley.com). EOE. Substance-free workplace.



## CSI: Burtonsville

By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I think I've been watching "CSI" and "NCIS" (along with spin offs CSI: Miami, CSI: NY and NCIS: Los Angeles) too long. After an unknown neighbor cleaned 18 inches of snow off my second car (I had cleaned off our primary car myself; it was closer to the road), in an attempt to determine who unselfishly "unsnowed" my buried car and shoveled all around it as well (to provide easy access, should I be so inclined), I looked first for physical evidence of this extremely good deed and noticed boot prints in the snow. (Determining directionality was impossible given the number of intersecting boot prints.) I only wish I would have had the same materials the CSIs have on television (presumably in real life, too) in order to secure the evidence for further consideration and avoid any degradation. Said consideration would have included having the appropriate materials on hand to make a plaster cast of the boot print which I then could scan and run through the boot-tread software to determine a size and hopefully find a brand/tread-pattern match.

Once having learned the brand and the size, I could then call the manufacturer to inquire what stores locally carried that brand – and size – of boot. With that information, I could then contact the stores directly (in person or over the phone) to see if the specific matching size and brand had been sold recently. If any matches were found, I could ask for sales receipts to see how payment had been made. If any payments had been made with a credit card, it would enable me to quickly identify the non-guilty but so far, anonymous party. If payments had been made with cash, I could then visit the stores myself and bring pictures of my neighbors to show to whomever had sold the matching brand and size boot to further corroborate the non-D.N.A. evidence and hopefully make a positive I.D. If one of my neighbors was picked out of the photo array, I believe I would then have sufficient evidence/information to confirm who was responsible for this non-random act of kindness.

Or I could just ask.

Nevertheless, no good deed of such caring and unselfish concern – and sensitivity to another person's less than ideal medical situation (my stage IV lung cancer diagnosis, with which the neighborhood is keenly aware) – should go unacknowledged. As such, I want to give/express my heartfelt gratitude to my neighbor/neighbors who gave so selflessly of themselves and their time to do for me what I was not so inclined/able to do for myself. And even though the "act" performed here this snowbound Sunday was no crime, I think its commission would make Gil Grissom, Horatio "H." Caine, Mac Taylor, Leroy "Jethro" Gibbs and "G" Callen proud of their fellow man. I sure am. And lucky as well, to be living amongst such kind and considerate individuals.

It makes my future, with all its uncertainty, less uncertain. And if there's one thing, other than love and positive vibrations that a cancer patient can't have enough of, it's certainty. Of that, I'm certain.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

ZONE 1: • RESTON  
• HERNDON • LOUDOUN

# HOME & GARDEN

CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM

CONTRACTORS.COM

703-917-6400

ZONE 1 AD DEADLINE:  
MONDAY NOON

## CLEANING

## CLEANING

### A CLEANING SERVICE

Since 1985/Ins & Bonded

Quality Service at a Fair Price  
Satisfaction Guaranteed  
Comm/Res. MD VA DC

[acleaningserviceinc.com](http://acleaningserviceinc.com)

703-892-8648

## CLEANING

## HAULING

ENGLISH-SPEAKING  
ONE-WOMAN  
HOUSECLEANING.  
14 Years Experience.  
Honest, reliable,  
loves animals.  
Reasonable rates.  
703-855-3302

ANGEL'S TRASH HAULING  
Construction Debris,  
Residential, Office  
& Tree Removal  
703-863-1086  
New#- 571-312-7227

## IMPROVEMENTS

## IMPROVEMENTS

### CLASSIC BUILDERS INC.

Complete Home Improvement  
and Handyman

2nd Story additions to Decks

Since 1998

703-867-0119

Class A

## HOME REMODELING

### KITCHENS, BATHS, TILE, TRIM, INT. ALTERATIONS, all HOME REPAIRS!

#### Steve's Remodeling

LIC. • INS. BONDED Call Steve Paris OWNER OPERATED  
(703) 830-5681 - 703-932-0270  
30 YEARS EXPERIENCE • FREE ESTIMATES

### R.N. CONTRACTORS, INC.

Remodeling Homes, Flooring,  
Kitchen & Bath, Windows,  
Siding, Roofing, Additions &  
Patios, Custom Deck, Painting

We Accept All Major Credit Cards  
Licensed, Insured, Bonded • Free Estimates • Class A Lic  
Phone: 703-887-3827 Fax: 703-830-3849  
E-mail: rncontractorsinc@gmail.com



### R&N Carpentry

♦BASEMENTS ♦BATHS ♦KITCHENS  
Foreclosure specialist/Power washing  
♦Exterior Wood Rot More!  
Deck & Fence repair, Screen Porches  
No jobs too large or small  
Free est. 37 yrs exp. Licensed, Insured  
703-987-5096

## MISC. SERVICES

## MISC. SERVICES



### ProfessorToolbox.com

"Where you can find any Construction  
Professional in one place!"

Homeowners Looking For...  
Qualified, Licensed, Insured  
Contractors

[www.ProfessorToolbox.com](http://www.ProfessorToolbox.com)

## TREE SERVICE

## TREE SERVICE

EXPERT  
TREE REMOVAL, FIREWOOD  
AT AFFORDABLE FEES

Mulch, Gutter, Landscape

Licensed HES Co. LLC. Insured

703-203-8853

..... Ask About Going Green! .....

## CLEANING

## CLEANING

## HAULING

## HAULING

## PAINTING

AL'S HAULING  
Junk & Rubbish  
Concrete, furn., office,  
yard, construction debris  
Low Rates NOVA  
703-360-4364  
703-304-4798 cell

7 DAYS A WEEK

PATRIOT  
PAINTING

[www.PatriotPainting.net](http://www.PatriotPainting.net)

Wallpaper Removal,  
Carpentry,  
Power Washing.  
Int/Ext Painting

Free Est. • Satisfaction Guar.  
Lic./Ins. Int./Ext.

VISA MasterCard

703-502-7840  
Cell  
571-283-4883

## IMPROVEMENTS

## The HANDYMAN

A DIVISION OF NURSE CONSTRUCTION

BATHROOM REMODELING  
REPAIRS, CERAMIC TILE,  
PAINTING, DRYWALL,  
CARPENTRY, CUSTOM  
WOOD REPAIR, LT. PLUMBING &  
ELECTRICAL, POWER WASHING

Since 1964

We Accept VISA/MC  
703-441-8811

## TREE SERVICE

ANGEL'S  
TREE & HEAVY  
TRASH HAULING

•Mulch  
•Clean-up Grounds  
•Lot Land Clearing

703-863-1086  
New#- 571-312-7227

## ROOFING

## LANDSCAPING

## Roofing & Siding (All Types)

Soffit & Fascia Wrapping  
New Gutters  
Chimney Crowns  
Leaks Repaired  
No job too small

703-975-2375

# CLASSIFIED

## 21 Announcements

## 21 Announcements

### Writing Intensive Workshop Leesburg - January 14-17 Reston - January 21-24

A lively, 4-day interactive for aspiring and already-published writers. Get organized, trained, and focused to meet your publishing goals this year. Led by internationally-bestselling author, publishing consultant, and writing coach, David Hazard. Register & Info: [www.itsyourlifethehere.com](http://www.itsyourlifethehere.com) Or call: (540) 454-4495

## 21 Announcements

## 21 Announcements

### OBITUARY



Fern Jennings Frutcher, 76, passed away December 29, 2009 in Reston, VA from complications stemming from Alzheimer's Disease.

Fern was born September 27, 1933 in Lee County, VA. Fern, along with her parents and brother, James, moved to Martinsville, VA in the early 1940's, where Fern graduated as valedictorian of her class at Martinsville High School in 1952. She received a Bachelor of Arts in History from Madison College (now James Madison University) in 1956 and a Masters degree in World History from American University in 1968.

Fern moved to Northern Virginia after college, working as a World History teacher at Hammond High School from 1956-1965. Fern was known and respected as a knowledgeable and sometimes tough teacher. She married Don Frutcher in 1958. They first lived in Arlington, VA and soon moved to Annandale, VA where they started their family. Fern, Don, Donald and David moved to Reston, VA in 1974 where they built a new home; Debra was born that same year.

Fern was an active member of her college sorority, Sigma Sigma Sigma, for over 56 years, where she served in leadership roles and received the National Steadfast Alumnae Award in 1998, honoring her commitment to the sorority's civic endeavors.

Over the years, Fern supported and actively participated as a volunteer and leader in other organizations including American Red Cross, Cancer Society, MS Society and Reston Lioness Club. She was a long-time active member of United Christian Parish in Reston, VA where she led the Flower Committee and served on the Vestry.

Fern was a devoted and loving daughter, sister, teacher, wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She dedicated her life to caring for family, learning, teaching and service. Fern never put herself first, giving unconditionally to her family, friends and community. She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Don Frutcher, and three children Donald Jr., David and Debra, and her four grandchildren, Carson, Spencer, Peyton and Sydney, all living in Reston, VA. Fern is also survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Memorial Contributions to:

Alzheimer's Association  
PO Box 96011  
Washington, DC 20090-6011  
or  
Sigma Sigma Sigma Foundation  
225 N. Muhlenberg Street  
Woodstock, VA 22664

# THE CONNECTION CLASSIFIED

Classified or Home • Lawn • Garden:

703-917-6400

Employment: 703-917-6464

Fax: 703-917-0992

E-mail: [classified@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:classified@connectionnewspapers.com)

# Now! Complete Print Editions Online!

The full print editions of all 18 Connection Newspapers are now available on our Web Site in PDF format, page by page, identical to our weekly newsprint editions, including print advertising. Go to [www.ConnectionNewspapers.com](http://www.ConnectionNewspapers.com) and click on "Print Editions."

## THE CONNECTION to your community



HANDYMAN HANDBYMAN

### RCL HOME REPAIRS

Handyman Services

Springfield • Burke • Kingstowne  
Light Electrical • Plumbing •  
Bathroom Renovation • Ceramic Tile •  
Drywall Repair

703-922-4190

LIC. www.rclhomerepairs.com INS.

THE #1 HANDYMAN Services  
LICENSED • INSURED • RELIABLE  
• BATHROOMS • DECK REPAIR  
• KITCHENS • STORM DOORS  
• CAULKING • ELECTRICAL  
• PLUMBING • PAINTING  
No JOB TOO SMALL • LOW PRICES • ON TIME  
[www.the1handyman.com](http://www.the1handyman.com)  
**CALL: 703-444-0806**

EXPERT  
TREE REMOVAL, FIREWOOD  
AT AFFORDABLE FEES  
Mulch, Gutter, Landscape  
Licensed HES Co. LLC. Insured  
703-203-8853  
..... Ask About Going Green! .....

# CLASSIFIED

ZONE I • RESTON  
• HERNDON • LOUDOUN

## 3 RE for Rent

Roommate wanted, TH, \$500  
2 rms avail 571-426-8584

## 26 Antiques

We consign/pay top \$ for antique/semi antique furn. including mid century & danish modern Teak furniture, sterling, mens watches, painting/art glass, clocks, jewelry, costume jewelry, etc. Call Schefer Antiques @ 703-241-0790.

## 30 Misc. Wanted

**BUYING**  
Estates, foreclosures  
moving sales, antiques,  
bottles, old clothing anything old. Professional  
& dependable 40 yrs  
exp 301-514-4234

## 21 Announcements

## 21 Announcements

Finance Your Garage!

**\$4,999**  
16 x 20 x 8  
Installed

**\$22,199**  
24 x 32 x 10  
Installed

90 Days No Monthly Payments & No Interest If Paid Within 90 Days!

Building Size	Cost	Monthly
24 x 32 x 10	\$7,500	\$112.50
30 x 40 x 10	\$9,500	\$142.50
30 x 50 x 12	\$14,000	\$210.00
40 x 60 x 14	\$19,500	\$292.50
40 x 80 x 12	\$23,500	\$285.50
50 x 20 x 16	\$34,500	Call Now!

Reduced Prices!

Dutch Way Pole Barns

ECONOMICAL

CONESTOGA Buildings AFFORDABLE QUALITY

1-877-434-3133 www.cbstructuresinc.com

## 21 Announcements

## 21 Announcements

## 21 Announcements

### OCEAN FRONT AUCTION

### Two NEW Isle of Palms SC Showplaces

Jan. 30 at 2 p.m. at 2208 & 2504 Palm Blvd

Either WILL SELL to the highest bidder at or above \$3.5 million - 8% Buyer's Premium

- Appraised at \$6.3 & \$6.4 million
- Huge 1.5 acre ocean-front lots - no erosion issues
- 100+ page FREE Info Package at web site



**HARPER**  
AUCTION & REALTY  
"EXPERIENCE SELLS"

[www.AuctionMyRealEstate.net](http://www.AuctionMyRealEstate.net)

Mike Harper, Auctioneer/BIC SCAL #3728 (843) 729-4996

## 21 Announcements

## 21 Announcements

## 21 Announcements



For Real  
Pain Therapy...

### Thera-Gesic® Pain Cream

It Really Works...Compare and SAVE.

THG-0901

703-917-6400

ZONE I Ad DEADLINE:  
MONDAY NOON

# NEWS



CONTRIBUTED

Herndon High School's winning team.

## Herndon High NJROTC Wins Frost Bite Meet

**H**erndon High School NJROTC finished First Overall at the Frost Bite NJROTC Field meet on Saturday, Jan. 9, at Patuxent High School, in Lusby, Md. Herndon competed against 10 other high school teams and placed in all team events. Herndon finished first in the 8x200 and 16x100 relay, first in team pushups and second in team curlup competitions.

Several cadets anchored the Herndon unit in the pushup and curlup competitions with strong performances. Cadets Brianna Lowry and Anna Truong earned first and second place finishes respectively in the female

pushup competition and cadets Terrell Thigpen and Richard Fronczak earned second and third place finishes in the male competition.

Cadet Adam Schalk earned third place in the male curl-up competitions. The unit was missing several key members due to illness and conflict with a HHS track meet. "In 15 years of coaching PT teams, I have never seen a more courageous effort and flawless execution of fundamentals than was shown by our cadets today," said Cmdr. Richard Cassara, NJROTC instructor. "They set a new standard for performance that we will talk about for years to come."

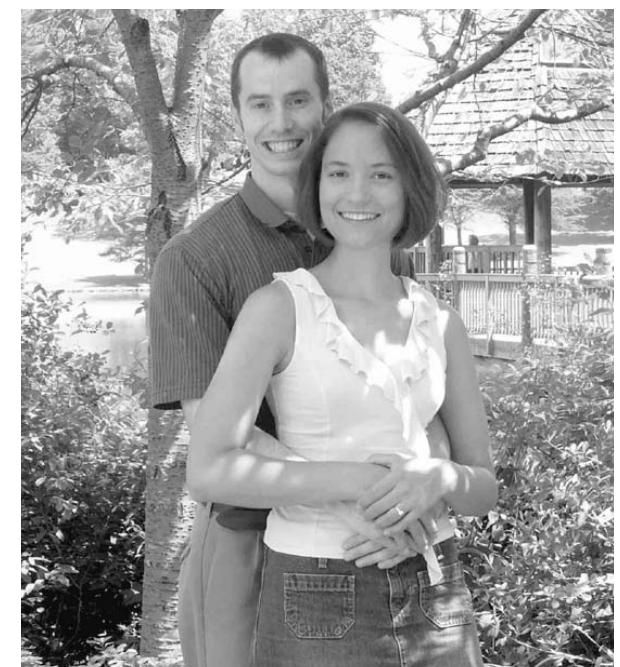
## ENGAGEMENTS

### Beese, Lundberg To Wed in March

Bill and Sandra Beese of Herndon are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Allison Michelle Beese to Michael Scott Lundberg, son of Blair and Linda Lundberg of Emporium, Pa.

The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Herndon High School and graduated summa cum laude from Penn State University in 2005 with a degree in mechanical engineering. She earned her master's degree in engineering from MIT in 2008, and is currently a Ph.D. candidate at MIT, performing research in solid mechanics and fracture.

The groom-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Cameron County High School, and he received a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Penn State University in 2005. He is currently an associate at Booz Allen Hamilton, where he designs fu-



ture network infrastructure for the Department of Defense's communication systems.

The couple is planning to wed on March 27, in Herndon.

# COUNTY LINE

## Large Classes Put Students in Tight Spot

Fairfax's average class size bumps up against physical and legal constraints.

By JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

**I**ncreasingly large classes in local schools could begin to threaten student safety as well as student learning, according to school officials.

Fairfax County schools superintendent Jack Dale said local class sizes are getting to a point where officials would have to be careful about going over the maximum capacity allowed in some classrooms.

"Quite frankly, we are getting to the point in some schools where we are pushing the envelope in terms of the fire code," said Dale, during a budget presentation to the Fairfax County School Board Jan. 7.

Schools are being forced to cram 35 to 38 students into classrooms that were built to a 28-person capacity, said Dean Tistadt, Fairfax County Public Schools chief operating officer.

"If it is an older high school or an older middle school, we have some concerns about whether they can fit all the students into the classroom that they need to fit into the classroom because of building and fire code reasons," said Tistadt.

**DALE SAID** the school system does not have classes exceeding room or building capacities currently.

"There is nothing in violation now. We would never do that because I am not going to sit here and violate the fire code," said Dale.

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department said that it has received no complaints about violations in public schools. The department has a "pro-active" approach to investigating county facilities, including public schools, though officials said the inspections are not necessarily done on a regular schedule.

"If we received a complaint



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

**Resident Eric Males sent this photo of a crowded classroom at Churchill Road Elementary School in McLean to Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) and Gov. Bob McDonnell (R).**

about a school, we would investigate it immediately. ... We do inspect the school periodically but they also have their own inspectors," said Dan Schmidt, spokesman for the fire and rescue department.

If officials discover a class is too large for the room where it is scheduled to take place, they often move that section to a larger space, like a small lecture hall or assembly meeting room, he said.

"Sometime you have to move classes into a larger room that might not be the best space for that subject," said Dale.

**IN SPITE OF CONCERN**s about class size, Dale has suggested raising Fairfax's average class size by one student during the 2010-11 school year as a way of closing the system's budget gap of \$100 million to \$200 million. By increasing the average class by one student, the school system saves approximately \$17.1 million, according to budget documents.

The Fairfax County School Board has raised the average class size twice in the last two years in order to make up for past financial shortfalls.

"People are not going to be happy to see another increase in class size," said Dale.

Class size is likely to go up even more next year if the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors does not give the school system the extra \$57.8 million Dale has requested, he said. Without the extra funding, Dale and the School

Board would be forced to bump the average class by more than one student in 2010 and 2011.

In March, the county supervisors decide on a budget, defined primarily by the real estate property tax rate, and announce the county's total transfer to the school system. The School Board will then make its final decision about spending cuts, including whether to raise average class size again, in April.

Several School Board members fear that Fairfax County will either freeze or cut the school budget from where it was last year in order to avoid raising taxes. If the county were to hold the school budget to its present level, the school system would have to make approximately \$160 million in cuts.

"If we have to cut \$160 million, there is going to be a lot of pain. If we have to cut \$160 million, we are going to have to increase class size," said School Board member Stu Gibson (Hunter Mill.)

**THE LARGER CLASSES** are having a negative impact on instruction, said several school advocates.

At the elementary school level, principals are being forced to create more combination classrooms, where students from two different grades are put in one homeroom class for most of the day.

This can result in very large classes for certain subject areas. School Board Member Liz Bradsher (Springfield) has had

one constituent complain about elementary school math section with 42 students in Burke's Cherry Run Elementary School.

Since math instruction is grade level specific, Cherry Run breaks up a fourth and fifth grade combination class and sends students to other homerooms for that subject. When fourth grade students from the combination class are added to another fourth grade class in the school, the result is one math section with 40-plus students, said Bradsher.

In high schools, an increase in the average class size has meant that electives, including advanced science and math courses, which do not attract a substantial number of students to sign up have to be dropped from the school schedules altogether.

Bradsher also said that middle and high school students have a particularly hard time fitting into science labs when classes are large.

"You see problems more in the labs in high schools. You can always move a bookshelf or a TV out into the hallway to make more room in a classroom. It is a lot harder to do that in a lab," said Bradsher.

Teachers also complain that they are having difficulty moving around some classrooms and that they have had to seat children in areas of the classroom that they cannot easily reach for one-on-one instruction, said Leonard Bumbaca, president of the Fairfax Education Association.

"It creates an element that is far

more congested. You can't move the walls and so you lose a lot of flexibility and sometimes the ability to teach properly," he said.

Bumbaca said he has heard of several classes that exceed 32 students. Some music and physical education sections have 40 students, since they are not considered "core subjects."

"Let's be frank. The impact on instruction is already here and it is only going to get worse," he said.

**SEVERAL FAIRFAX** classes already exceed the teacher-to-student ratio laid out by the Virginia Department of Education in state regulations.

The commonwealth's "standards of quality" in education call for the teacher-to-student ratio in an average kindergarten class to be one to 24. In Fairfax, the ratio is one to 26.25, according to this year's budget documents.

State regulations also call for a teacher-to-student ratio of one to 24 for first through third grade classes and one to 25 for fourth and fifth grades. According to budget documents, Fairfax County is maintaining a staffing ratio of one-to-26.25 students in grades first through six this year.

Fairfax school officials said the school system calculates their student-to-teacher ratio differently than Virginia's Department of Education and that Fairfax is not in violation of state regulations, even if the budget documents suggest they are.

But in certain schools, several classes are much larger than Fairfax's average class size as well as the Virginia Department of Education's recommendations.

At Springhill Elementary School in McLean, parent Catherine Lorenze said two fifth-grade homerooms have 31 students and every sixth grade homeroom has 30 students.

According to Lorenze, Forestville Elementary School in Great Falls also has a third, fourth and sixth-grade class with 30 students each. Colvin Run Elementary School in Vienna has three fifth-grade classes with 31 students each and two fifth-grade classes with 33 students each.

"We have several fifth and sixth grade classes that are 30 to 35 students and primary class sizes that are 29 to 30 kids in the lower grades. Class sizes of 30 to 35 students are troublesome," said School Board member Jane Strauss (Dranesville.)