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From left,
Ally Dawson
and Maddy
Goubeaux
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of 'Chicago.'

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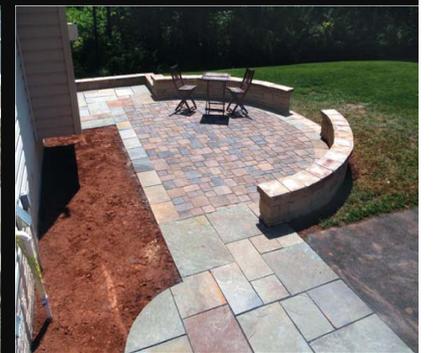
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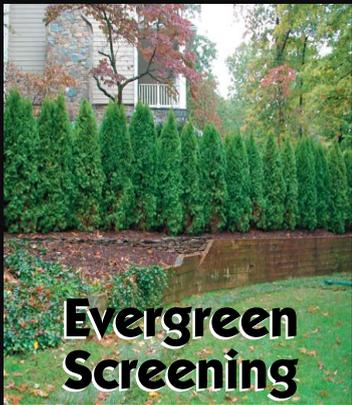
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Rebels Ready To 'Razzle Dazzle'

Fairfax High stages its Cappies musical, 'Chicago.'

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Full of spunk, spice, glitz and glitter, Fairfax High's musical, "Chicago," is ready to burst upon the stage. With a cast and crew of 40 and a live, 30-person orchestra, it promises to raise the roof with energized performances.

"Sixty-two people auditioned for the show," said Theater Director Wendy Knight. "I was originally going to just take 30, but I was shocked at the amount of really talented kids that walked through the door."

Show times are Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1, and May 7-8, at 7:30 p.m., plus the Cappies performance, Sunday, May 2, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$8 in advance at www.fxplayers.org or \$12 at the door.

Since "Chicago" is so well known from the movie, the actors already knew most of the music and many of the lines. But since it's the school's first dancing show not in partnership with its academy, Knight said, "The students really had to step it up so we could focus on the dancing. Academy dance teacher Andrea Heining did the choreog-

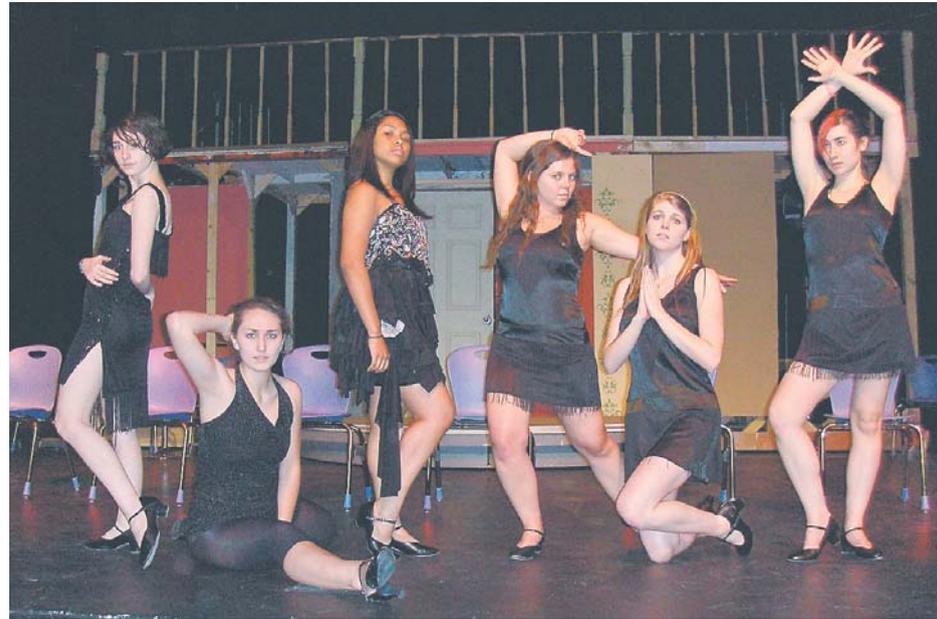


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Emma Oestreicher, left, Gabrielle Dail, Ally Dawson, Jessica Rawls, Michelle Marin and Paula deCarvalho reh

raphy, and the dances are fresh and unique. They have a Fosse-esque flair without being old-fashioned."

Praising the musicians, too, Knight called the show "jazz-intensive with complicated music, and our all-student orchestra, directed by Meghan Benson, is going to knock it out of the park." A team of six to eight students is also designing, making and modifying 70 of the show's 90 costumes, and Knight said they're doing a terrific job.

Sophomore Anne Norland plays aspiring Vaudeville dancer Roxie who, while drunk, shot her lover. Her attorney Billy Flynn hopes to keep her from being hung by razzle-dazzling the jury. "The whole world is a show for her," said Norland. "Her personality is whatever the world wants it to be. The story's told through her eyes, and she's dramatic and definitely a diva. It's so

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Man Charged with Embezzling Funds

More than \$700,000 missing from nonprofit.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

A Penderbrook man has been charged with embezzling more than \$700,000 from an organization dedicated to helping the world's poor. He is Eun Tae Lee, 50, of Wedgeway Court in Fair Oaks.

Deputy Charles Perinis, an investigator with the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, explained the case against him in a March 30 affidavit for a warrant to search Lee's home for possible evidence.

According to the affidavit, on March 26, members of the SEED International — a faith-based, nonprofit in Sterling — reported that their former financial officer, Lee, had allegedly embezzled "in excess of \$700,000" from their organization. They informed [Perinis] that Lee accomplished this by [reportedly] gaining control of the church's bank accounts and writing checks from these accounts to individual accounts he'd established in his own name."

The deputy wrote that Lee then allegedly used this money "to support a lavish lifestyle that included his residence on Wedgeway

Court, the rent for an apartment at 4602 Commons Drive, No. 103, in Annandale, the purchase of a 2006 Porsche Cayenne [SUV] and his personal living expenses."

Furthermore, wrote Perinis, when members of SEED International asked Lee about the missing money, he reportedly "produced counterfeit financial documents and bank statements to show a falsified investment of the church's funds." The deputy also stated that, upon questioning, a bank representative allegedly confirmed that the bank letters and statements "were, in fact, counterfeit."

SEED International assists missionaries from a Sterling-based church with funding. The group's website states its goal as "to provide humanitarian aid and services to the poorest of the poor in the developing world, especially in the areas of Survival, Education, and Economic Development" (SEED).

Loudoun authorities say the entire scope and financial loss sustained by SEED International, reportedly as a result of Lee's ac-

tions, are not yet known. That's because not all of the suspect accounts have been identified.

When he wrote the affidavit, Perinis noted that Lee was still in possession of one or more SEED International computers used for processing all the group's accounting and bank reconciliations. He therefore requested a search warrant for Lee's homes so he could obtain these computers, as well as any relevant paper or electronic records, documents, checking accounts and records of financial transactions pertaining to the alleged crime of which Lee is accused.

On April 2 at 10:30 a.m., members of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office Financial Crimes Unit executed a search warrant at his two-story, Penderbrook townhouse. They seized a BlackBerry, miscellaneous computer equipment, among other items. That same date, authorities also seized three computers from Lee's Annandale home.

Lee turned himself in to the Loudoun Sheriff's Office April 15. After being charged with embezzlement, he was released on personal recognizance and has a June 16 court date.



Lee

Making Stone Soup

Fairfax County adopts Fiscal Year 2011 budget.

BY CHAIRMAN SHARON BULOVA
FAIRFAX COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

As we worked through our budget process for adoption of the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget, I was reminded of an old story called "Stone Soup." According to one variation of the story:

Tired, hungry soldiers came upon a little village. When they inquired about food, the villagers were reluctant to share their food stores, worried that their limited supply would become depleted.

And so, the soldiers set down their gear in the village square and produced a large pot.

They filled the pot with water and a large stone, then set it over a fire. A

few curious villagers walked over and asked what the soldiers were making. The captain explained that they were making something called stone soup, which tasted wonderful, but probably needed just a few more ingredients. He offered to share the soup with the villagers once it was finished.

One of the villagers returned and offered to supplement the soup with a few potatoes, which he diced and put into the simmering water. Another villager produced a bunch of carrots and another offered to share a few onions from her garden. These small but tasty contributions continued throughout the day.

Eventually the soup pot was full of a hearty, delicious soup. That evening, the entire village joined the soldiers in a satisfying feast of Stone Soup.

Last year at this time, during the most severe economic breakdown in most of our lifetimes, our Board adopted a budget which closed a projected shortfall of \$650 million. The \$3.3 billion General Fund budget we adopted included \$90.8 million of reductions and represented a decrease

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New Director of FCPS SACC

Anne Goldstein has been appointed director of the School Age Child Care program. Goldstein has more than 30 years of experience in the field of early childhood education. She was the founding executive director of the National Child Care Information Center, and has directed child care programs in both Fairfax and Montgomery counties. Goldstein served as the director of state policy initiatives at Zero to Three, and also as an adjunct professor of early childhood development.



\$5K Gift for Our Daily Bread

The Grainger Foundation of Lake Forest, Ill., donated \$5,000 to Fairfax-based charity Our Daily Bread, Inc. in support of its Food Program. Our Daily Bread will use the money to supply grocery gift cards to its delivered Food Program clients on two Sundays in 2010. Food clients generally receive non-perishable food items that are delivered by local churches, community organizations and businesses that support Our Daily Bread's work. The grocery cards will help fill in coverage gaps in ODB's food delivery schedule. Michael Snuggs of W.W. Grainger, Inc.'s Falls Church location suggested that the company make the donation. Grainger has been a part of the Merrifield business community for more than 50 years as the leading broad line supplier of facilities maintenance, repair and operating products.

Felony Hit and Run Arrest

City of Fairfax Police have charged a Fairfax man with felony hit and run with personal injury, plus misdemeanor hit and run of an unattended vehicle. He is Michael William Stanley, 50, of the 10600 block of Railroad Court. According to police, the alleged incident occurred in the 10400 Block of Courthouse Drive.

On Saturday, April 17, at 9:34 p.m., the victim reported that, during an altercation with a friend who was driving a vehicle, the friend allegedly struck the victim with his vehicle, then struck an unattended parked vehicle before driving away at a high rate of speed. After an investigation, police arrested Stanley at his home. The victim was examined for his injuries at Access of Fairfax.

Electric Sunday, April 25

Residents may recycle old TVs, computers, peripheral electronic devices — such as keyboards, speakers, printers and scanners, as well as household hazardous wastes — including fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, for free, during Fairfax County's "Electric Sunday" events. For more information, call 703-324-5052. The next one is slated for Sunday, April 25, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax.

NEWS

Finding Common Ground

Congressional candidates Herry and Fimian square off in Springfield debate.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

Supervisor Pat Herry (R-Springfield) and Keith Fimian stand fairly close on most of the hot-button issues, so they both know that it will take more than the usual campaign rhetoric to succeed in the June 8 primary.

The two contenders for the Republican nomination for this November's 11th Congressional District race took the stage at Greenspring Retirement Community in Springfield Thursday, April 15 to show local voters what sets them apart from each other. While both offered many of the same assessments of the recently passed health care bill, the economy and more, they each discussed the different roads they took to get to this point, and how their experiences will better serve the residents of the district than incumbent U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11)

"Like they both said, their positions on the issues are pretty equal," said debate attendee and Springfield resident Richard Schmidt. "We will have to read all of the newspapers and listening to all of the news to help us make a decision [because they are so similar on the issues]."

Both of the candidates were given 10 minutes at the beginning of the debate to give an opening statement, and both seized the opportunity to introduce themselves and explain why they entered the race. Herry talked about his experience on the Northern Virginia Technology Council, his community activism and his 30-year involvement in youth sports, explaining that because of these myriad interests, politics was the last thing on his mind. However, in 2008, when he became unsettled by the political direction the county was headed in, he decided to run for the Board of Supervisors and began his political career.

"I always swore that I'd never run for political office," Herry said. "But I saw the direction the county was going in and I couldn't sit idly by. Taxes had doubled in two years, spending was out of control and priorities were misplaced."

Fimian, on the other hand, made his name in the business world, creating a successful business from scratch and parlaying that into political aspirations. Fimian, married with three daughters, went to The College of William and Mary, where he played football. He followed that up by founding U.S. Inspect, LLC in his garage and turned it into the nation's largest provider of residential and commercial property inspection services, conducting more than 100,000 inspections annually and owning 73 patent claims. His experience, he said, differs from the typical politician and gives him a different view on the district's problems and how to solve them.

"I'm an ordinary citizen, just like you," Fimian said. "I am a citizen who looks out and is very concerned about what he sees. Most politicians care about getting elected and moving up to the next rung on the ladder and that's why we are in the mess we are in



Supervisor Pat Herry (R-Springfield), left, and Keith Fimian.

today."

The opening statements were followed by a question and answer segment in which a moderator asked a question and each candidate was given time to answer. Most of the questions focused on the economy and how each candidate planned to pull the country out of the recession.

The first question asked how the government could be more fiscally responsible, and each candidate agreed that spending is out of control and needs to be curbed. Fimian called the U.S. a "nation of addicts," saying that the government is addicted to spending and called for a balanced budget amendment to limit spending. Once spending is limited, he said, then things can change.

"We have a spending problem and unless we limit it, we will go on doing exactly what we're doing now," Fimian said. "My feeling is that we need a constitutional amendment to have a balanced budget because I don't think we have the intestinal fortitude or will at that level to balance budgets."

Herry agreed that spending is the problem. He cited his work with the Board of Supervisors as evidence that he is committed to cutting spending, as he mentioned that he presented an alternative budget with lower expenditures in 2008, but was quickly turned away. In addition, he said that the difficult decisions made to cut \$100 million from the county budget in 2009 also gives him the experience needed to cut what needs to be cut, regardless of political interests.

"We need somebody who can make the hard decision to cut funding," Herry said. "In 2008, I proposed an alternative budget to cut spending and lower taxes and I was laughed at. I've got a proven record on the Board of Supervisors on fiscally conservative leadership. I've cut spending, and I'll do it again."

Another question dealt with the controversial is

"This election is truly bigger than you and I."

— Supervisor Pat Herry (R-Springfield)

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Some of the cast of 'The Boy Friend' dance to the lively number, 'The Riviera,' during a rehearsal at Robinson Secondary.

No Message, Just a Fun Show

Robinson Secondary Drama Department stages breezy musical 'The Boy Friend.'

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Theatergoers looking for a good time will find it in Robinson Secondary School's spring musical, "The Boy Friend." The curtain rises Thursday-Saturday, April 29-30 and May 1, and Friday-Saturday, May 7-8, at 7:30 p.m. each night. Tickets are \$10 at www.RobinsonDrama.org.

"The past few years, we've done serious productions with a message," said Director Chip Rome. "This one has no message. It's just light, frothy and fun."

The story takes place at a British, school-girls' finishing school in the 1920s on the French Riviera and marked Julie Andrews' American stage debut. With a cast and crew of 70, plus a 20-person orchestra, it's Robinson's biggest dance show in years.

"It's songs and dances glued together with a little bit of plot," said Rome. Two people will be talking and, just when you think they'll burst into song, instead 50 people join them onstage and dance. And by the end of the scene, the 50 people have vanished."

Senior Corrie McNulty plays Polly, 17, one of the girls at the school. "The story shows one day in our lives," she said. "There's a dance that night and we're looking for dates

because a boyfriend is the most important thing in our lives. Polly's wealthy and constantly afraid that boys are only interested in her money, and she doesn't have a boyfriend because her father's so protective. Then when she meets a boy she likes, she pretends to be poor."

McNulty likes the role because "we're

"This one has no message. It's just light, frothy and fun."

— Director Chip Rome

both 17 and interested in boys, and Polly's emotions are over the top. She cries a lot, so it's an emotional outlet for me. My favorite number is 'The Boyfriend' because I like singing with the whole ensemble and the dance has a kick line."

McNulty said the audience will enjoy the catchy music. "It'll get into your head and you'll be singing it after you leave," she said. People who like swing music will especially like it."

Playing Dulcie, one of Polly's best friends, is senior Micah Chelen. "She's bubbly, naïve and innocent, a lot of fun and is often the

center of attention," said Chelen. "I have lots of freedom with the role, so I get to play around with her. I do a high-pitched, British accent that's proper and bubbly, at the same time."

Chelen likes the "Sur la Plage" number because "the entire second act is on the beach, and we're in bathing suits. And out of the school setting, they can be fun and free and flirt with the boys. You get a better understanding of who they are. ... It's a really delightful show with lots of surprises that'll make everyone happy."

Junior Ben Johnson portrays Tony, born into a wealthy British family and educated at Oxford. "I'm spoiled and given everything I ever needed," said Johnson. "But it's not the life I want, so I leave Oxford and become a package-delivery boy. I'm trying to find myself by living the life of a common person. Then I meet Polly and instantly fall head-over-heels in love."

Johnson's role is fun, he said, because of Tony's energy. "There's so much he wants to show Polly, and he has this big dream of his future, the two of them living happily in a little house in the country," Johnson said. "He's a hopeless romantic." He also likes the "cool dancing" in the numbers, "The Riviera" and "Poor Little Pierette." Calling this show a lighthearted spoof of other musicals, he said, "It doesn't take itself seriously, so it's lots of fun."

Playing Madame Dubonnet, the school's headmistress, is senior Madison Auch.

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The following students from Fairfax were named to the dean's list at James Madison University for the fall 2009 semester: **Amina Adem, Stephanie Alexis, James Allen, Armun Asgari, Scott Bacon, Catherine Barsanti, Anna Baukin, Erin Benefiel, Amanda Betzold, Randall Bowen, Blair Bowlers, Katherine Bowles, Chelsea Brown, Alexandra Busch, Elaine Bussjaeger, Briana Calhoun, Kristen Cicala, Mary Cipperly, Christina Connor, Sarah Fargis, Emily Fischer, Brandon Ford, Jacob Forer, Lindsey Gay, Meghan Griffith, David Hagemeyer, Sara Hanlon, Christina Hargrove, Erica Hwang, Courtney Hyde, Sarah Ingram, Brandon James, James Kalina, Natalie Lauri, Megan Learn, Caitlin Lugo, Angela Marino, Katharine McCoy, Caroline McGraw, Max Oppenheimer, Kaylene Posey, Marissa Robinson, Caitlin Romig, Ashley Sammler, Patrick Sheridan, David Shuman, Nicholas Stahl, Emily Taylor, Andrew Tran, Christina Tuliszka, William Tuohy, Jessica Vara and Henry Watsky.** To qualify for the dean's list, a student must carry a semester course load of 12 graded credit hours or more and earn a GPA of 3.500 to 3.899.

The following students from Fairfax recently graduated from James Madison University: **Kimberly Brown, Mary Cipperly, Michelle Gonzalez, Mallery Monroe and Andrew Plaugher.**

The following students from Fairfax made the president's list during the fall 2009 semester at James Madison University: **Kathleen Coffey, Ryan Geddes, Holland Henn, Richard Knoche, Lauren Lamore, Rebecca Marksteiner, Sofiane Mouloua, Andrew Pham, Katherine Still, Elizabeth Visosky, Candace Workman and Lourdes Ruiz Ulloa.** To qualify for the president's list, a student must carry a semester course load of 12 graded credit hours or more and earn a GPA of 3.900 or above.

Alix Ginsberg of Fairfax, a sophomore at Syracuse University, has been accepted to participate in the Semester in Washington Program (SIW) at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. This semester students can anticipate meeting with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, officials at The White House, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Politico and the committee headquarters for both parties. Ginsberg has accepted an internship with the Public Affairs Council and will participate in the program's legislative practicum in which she will work as part of a team of students under the tutelage of a professional lobbyist in developing a lobbying plan for the Education for All Act.

Charles Henry Wetzel, a resident of Fairfax, has earned an associate in arts degree from Excelsior College.

Kelly Green Polinsky, a resident of Fairfax, recently earned a bachelor of science degree from Excelsior College.

Alex Tyler Price, a graduate of Fairfax High School, has enrolled at Hampden-Sydney College with the Class of 2013 as a Venable Scholar. Alex is the son of Tammi & Jay Price of Fairfax. Venable Scholars are recognized for distinguished achievement in secondary school.

Maria McGlade, a resident of Fairfax and a member of the class of 2013, has been named to the dean's list at Providence College for the fall 2009 semester. To qualify for the dean's list, students must achieve at least a 3.55 grade point average.

School Boundary Study Considered 'Likely'

Some Fairfax elementary schools in mix.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

School redistricting is likely to be part of "any and all solutions" to public elementary school overcrowding taking place in southwestern Fairfax County, according to a Power Point prepared by a volunteer parent committee appointed to study the issue.

The group, called the Southwestern Fairfax Regional Planning Committee, is scheduled to present a report about different strategies for coping with the overcrowding in May.

But during a public outreach meeting April 13, committee co-chairs Andrew Fligel and Kelly Hutter said the School Board would probably have to proceed with a school boundary study next fall regardless of what the group's report said.

A boundary study could potentially affect 28 elementary schools that serve Springfield, Fairfax Station, Clifton, Burke, Fairfax, Centreville, Chantilly and Oak Hill.

Each school under consideration currently has a parent representative on the planning

committee.

The committee, including Fligel and Hutter, conducted public outreach meetings on school overcrowding before they pulled together the final report.

The April 13 meeting took place at Robinson Secondary School. Other meetings were scheduled for April 15, 19 and 20 at schools in the Centreville area.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS in the county's southwestern region are currently 96 percent of their building capacity, when including the space provided by the modular classrooms that are found on many campuses.

According to school system data, the southwestern elementary schools will be at 99 percent of capacity overall — again including modular classrooms — by the 2014-15 school year.

Individual schools already have student populations that well exceed 100 percent of building capacity, which is why many presume at least some boundary adjustments will be forthcoming.

Many parents who attended the public meeting at Robinson said they were generally supportive of changing school bound-

"I know that all of these issues can be very emotional. We are talking about our children."

— Andrew Fligel

aries to cope with the overcrowding problem. Boundary adjustments and moving special programs — like a gifted and talented center — to a new school tend to be the cheapest option for addressing overpopulation.



PHOTO BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE/THE CONNECTION

Parents Andrew Fligel and Kelly Hutter are co-chairs of the Southwestern Regional Planning Study Committee.

But others worried that redistricting is likely to be disruptive to community and neighborhood life.

Many Fairfax residents purchase homes in certain neighborhoods because they wanted to send their children to a particu-

lar school. They could become angry if they are asked to send their children somewhere else.

"I know that all of these issues can be very emotional. We are talking about our children," said Fligel.

SO DURING the public meeting, parents also discussed the possibility of adding new building wings to those schools with overcrowding problems.

With building additions, more communities and neighborhoods would be spared the pain of going through a boundary adjustment. But some people attending the meeting worried about Fairfax creating elementary schools with more than 1,000 students. They thought a school that size was simply too large for younger children.

Currently, new elementary schools are built to a capacity of approximately 950 students, according to the school system data.

The parent committee also asked for feedback on a proposal to move sixth grade students from elementary to middle schools. By shifting the sixth grade, Fairfax officials would free up some extra space in elementary school buildings that could be used to address the overcrowding problems.

Some also suggested that six graders belong in middle school, rather than elementary school. Several school districts, including Arlington County, group all their students in a sixth through eighth grade in a middle school configuration. Currently,

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fun. Everything's big and bold. You can't go too overboard. I like her personality. She's always ready to perform."

Her favorite number is "All That Jazz" because "it looks really awesome. The dancing's so spot-on, and the cool effects really add to it." She also likes her song, "Roxie," because "it gives you insight into what she's really like." Norland said both Knight and Heininge have "done amazing things" with the cast and attendees will enjoy the familiar story done with "a special spin and flair."

Senior Brandon Touhy portrays Amos Hart, Roxie's husband. "He's invisible, so normal that no one sees him. He's a nobody," said Touhy. "He loves Roxie, the only good thing that's ever happened to him, until she two-times him. It's a good role. It gives you a chance to grab the audience's emotions. It's a main part, about someone unnoticed, and how it affects him."

Touhy especially likes his song, "Mr. Cellophane," because "it's powerful and poignant and keeps you rooting for him. Anyone with a heart would." Touhy also designed the show's special effects. "We'll be

the only school in the county to use pyrotechnics," he said. "We're going to use flash paper in the torches for Billy Flynn's entrance and the 'Razzle Dazzle 'Em' number, and we're really excited about it."

Jail matron Mama Morton is senior Maddy Goubeaux. "She's the top dog in Murderer's Row. She runs the jail and those are all her girls," said Goubeaux. "She's not arrogant, but proud. People know not to cross her. If she has a weakness, she doesn't let you see it. She's a rock with soft spots for a few inmates."

"It's a good finale role for high school, and it's challenging because I'm trying to combine her characteristics with mine to make us one on stage," said Goubeaux. "I want to break the mold and make it my version so people won't think about the movie, but about Fairfax High's interpretation. It's also cool working with so many new people and different personalities and see them come together into one cast. We are 'Chicago' — moving, breathing art."

HER FAVORITE song is "Class" because her voice and Ally Dawson's mesh so well. "I belt things out, but she can match me," said Goubeaux, adding that attendees will

instantly feel the cast's energy and will leave at the end "with smiles on their faces and saying, 'Wow, that was really something.' The set rotates and the costumes are glitzy and glam. Theater kids love to do glitter and jazz, sing loud and let it all out, and this is the big shebang."

Playing Velma Kelly is junior Ally Dawson. "She's determined and feisty and has always wanted to act, sing and dance in larger shows," said Dawson. "She uses her popularity from her own trial to her advantage. People want to see her shows after she's released from jail. Then Roxie, the new sensation, [steals her thunder] so Velma's trying to regain her fame. She has a tough exterior, but is a dreamer and is emotional inside."

Dawson likes Velma's storyline, attitude and "how she carries herself. And she has such good songs, showing her different sides. My favorite is 'My Own Best Friend,' a duet with me and Roxie. I'm saying I can't depend on anyone but me to get what I want and to succeed, and the music's really pretty." Dawson said even the show's minor characters have such strong personalities that people will enjoy watching them all interact. "There's so much to attract your

eye," she said. "Everything about this show is big."

Junior Clayton Southerly is stage manager and set designer. As stage manager, he handles rehearsal logistics and will call technical cues during performances. He designed the set in December. It's a two-sided unit portraying the theater and the jail and containing a ladder, fireman's pole and dual spiral staircases. So, said Southerly, "I get to be both practical and artistic."

He said the audience will like "the originality we bring to the show. We altered some set elements and lighting colors to make an icon our own. In the story, celebrities use the media for their own benefit. So, although it's set in the 1920s, it's a commentary on American society today."

Regarding "Chicago's" appropriateness for students, Director Knight said its language and content make it PG-13. "But we've edited it a bit, and the costumes and choreography are classy, without being boring," she said. "It's going to be an amazing show. People will be shocked that it was all done by students, and what good quality it is. The lighting, acting, costumes, singing, dancing, everything. There's not a weak moment in the show."

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Children's Science Center Meeting April 29

The public is invited to attend a discussion exploring the possibilities of the first Children's Science Center in Northern Virginia. It would be a place where children could learn, create and be inspired. Those planning it want to know the community's ideas, needs and desires for this entity.

The discussion is slated for this Thursday, April 29, at 7 p.m., at the Fairfax County Government Center. Topics will include the facility's operation, exhibits and programs, target age range, admission cost and location. For more information, see www.thechildrenssciencecenter.org.

Recycle Reusable Household Items

The City of Fairfax now provides a new bin at its 24-hour Recycling Center accepting clothing, shoes, books and other small household items. The blue bin, which will be emblazoned with the city seal, will be clearly marked to distinguish it from the other area containers in the recycling center at the Property Yard, 3410 Pickett Road.

Now, besides the other items accepted, household items in usable condition may also be recycled here. These include electronics, books, videos, tools, dishes, small furniture items and more.

All items must fit inside the bin, which has an open-

ing about the size of a modern microwave oven.

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On 40th Anniversary of Earth Day ...

... a Fortunate Potomac River.

BY MICHAEL LIPFORD

On April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans actively participated in a new holiday: Earth Day. Inspired by Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin, the event evolved into an annual celebration of the planet that gives us life.

In Washington, those first Earth Day celebrants assembled around the monuments on the National Mall, within sight of the Potomac River. But the Potomac of 40 years ago was far different from the river we know today.

That river would literally make you sick. Huge toxic algae blooms created such a stench that government officials steered visiting dignitaries away from the river. The algae also caused massive fish kills, and pollution made swimming unthinkable, even on the hottest days.

But those first Earth Day celebrants were part of a rising tide of environmental awareness, and ensuing landmark legislation would improve the health of rivers nationwide. Most notably, the Clean Water Act of 1972 prompted Virginia, Maryland and D.C. to modernize sewage treatment plants and reduce pollution entering the Potomac by 95 percent.

A CLEAN POTOMAC benefits us all, especially the more than 80 percent of Washington-area residents whose drinking water comes from the river. The Potomac also is the second-largest tributary of the Chesapeake Bay, so the cleaner the river, the better our chances of restoring the bay's fish, crabs and oysters.

People also love to fish, boat and hike along the Potomac. In fact, more than 3 million people a year visit Great Falls alone, a place The Nature Conservancy helped protect a decade before the inaugural Earth Day. That year,



ALAN ECKERT PHOTOGRAPHY

View of the Potomac River, now 95 percent clearer than it was on the first Earth Day.

1960, also saw the establishment of the Conservancy's Virginia Chapter.

So in addition to observing the 40th Earth Day, the Conservancy throughout 2010 is celebrating the golden anniversary of our conservation work in Virginia. Our earliest milestones, in fact, occurred right here in Northern Virginia. Besides helping spearhead a partnership that led to Great Falls Park, we established our first Virginia preserve in Fauquier County at Wildcat Mountain.

Along the Potomac, the Conservancy owns Fraser Preserve in Fairfax County and, with the National Park Service, co-owns Bear Island and the popular Billy Goat Trail. We continue to work with the Park Service and other partners to protect the entire Potomac Gorge.

We still have work to do to improve the Potomac's health, but Earth Day presents an opportunity to celebrate how far we've come.

Not only have we turned around the health of the river in a generation, but also proven that we can restore our environment. In the shadow of our national monuments, we have achieved the rebirth of a natural monument.

This year, you can celebrate, have fun outdoors and help nature by running or walking in the Conservancy's annual Earth Day 5K in Silver Spring, Maryland, on Sunday, April 17. Hosted by Pacers Events LLC, this "Sprint for Spat" will raise funds to plant 5 million baby oysters (called spat) in the Chesapeake Bay. See nature.org/earthday5k.

Michael Lipford is Virginia director of The Nature Conservancy, a non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve the diversity of life on Earth. The organization cares for more than 50 preserves across Virginia and Maryland. On the Web at nature.org/virginia.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Call for Mother's Day Photos

And Father's Day too.

Every year at this time, the Connection puts out the call for photo graphs of moms and their children, grandmothers and their children and grandchildren. Most years, we're lucky enough to receive a photo or two that includes four generations great-grandma and all the rest.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9, and once again the Connection will publish a gallery of Mother's Day photos, celebrating

the mothers who make so many things possible in families, communities, schools and other institutions in local neighborhoods.

Send in photos as soon as possible, including information about who is in the picture, the date the picture was taken, the ages of the children and sentence or two about what is happening and the location (who, what, where, when, why).

We prefer digital photos in Jpeg format; email them to Vienna@ConnectionNewspapers.com, and write Mother's Day Photos in the subject line. Or you can mail a CD with your photos on it in Jpeg format.

We will also accept prints, and we will do our best to return photos that include a self-addressed-stamped envelope for that purpose, but please do not send us any photos that cannot be replaced.

Send photos to fairfax@ConnectionNewspapers.com, or mail to Fairfax Connection, Mother's Day Photo Gallery, 1606 King St., Alexandria, VA 22314.

And remember, a few weeks from now it will be time to send photos of Dads and children, grandfathers and children and grandchildren. Or feel free to send your Mother's and Father's Day photos at the same time.

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OPINION

Suspend Business Surtax

The Board of the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce send this letter to Mayor Robert Lederer and members of the City Council.

Dear Mayor Lederer:

The Board of Directors of the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce unanimously adopted a resolution on March 30, 2010, on behalf of its members and the business community, to ask the City Council effectively to suspend the Commercial Real Estate Transportation Tax as part of the FY 2010-2011 budget. This local surtax was authorized by the General Assembly as part of its transportation package, but only for Northern Virginia. Reluctantly, the Chamber supported this as part of the overall transportation package, but the Commonwealth continues to under-fund the transportation needs of this region. That is a matter appropriately addressed to the General Assembly.

The city has advertised an increase in the general rate, posited on a decline in residential assessments and commercial assessments, but some members of the Chamber report an increase in their assessment. The Commercial Real Estate Transportation tax, which presently is proposed as unchanged, levies an additional \$0.08 per \$100 above the general rate to be set on commercial property, except for apartments. The Chamber also questions the fairness of this commercial tax as the improvements benefit the residents, businesses and all others who use the City's roads.

The reason for the request to suspend the Commercial Real Estate Transportation Tax is to give re-

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lief to a business community that is suffering from an exceptionally long economic national recession, which also impacts the City of Fairfax community. Suspending this surtax does not necessarily affect the general budget because it is a segregated fund to be used only for new transportation projects. At pages H-15 through H-17 of the FY 2010-2011 budget proposal, the estimated 2010 balance in the fund is \$2,393,496. If the surtax continues, the fund increases by \$1,452,088 and the balance at the end of FY 2010-2011 will be \$3,845,557. While no expenses are currently delineated in the 2010 budget, we understand from council members and staff that there are qualified engineering and construction projects to be funded and approved in the near future. Depending on the cost of these projects, suspending the tax may be revenue neutral to the City and provide needed relief to the business community. It is asked that the rate be set at \$0.00, such as was done for the Business Improvement District surtax, if the projects being considered are less than the currently funded balance. If the qualified projects exceed the current balance then the rate should not exceed the minimum amount necessary to provide funding. This will improve the city's reputation as a good place to do business and lessen the impact of any increase in the general rate to a part of the community that already contributes 54 percent of all revenues received by the city.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. We also ask that this letter be distributed by the clerk to all members of Council.

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Oakton goalie Mike Chanhiran fends off a Robinson attack. The Rams won 4-0 in their last game of a seven-game road trip.

Road Warriors Long for Home

BY REED S. ALBERS
THE CONNECTION

Robinson boys' soccer team finishes seven-game road swing with 6-1 record.

Long road trips take a toll on a professional sports team, but even for a high school team, continual cross-county travel isn't easy.

Robinson senior striker J.H. Musick noticed his team's players didn't come out with the same tenacity as they used to. Defender Kevin Murphy missed the wider pitch the Rams are used to playing on, and Diego Hadalgo said the team lacked passion in a 1-0 loss to Stone Bridge on April 16.

After opening the season with a seven-game road swing, a run which saw the team

go 6-1, the feeling on the bench was mutual.

The Rams just wanted to go home.

"We've just had a ton of away games," Murphy said. "It's going to be so nice to go home."

The wait to return to Robinson will soon be over. The Rams home opener is on April 23 against Westfield, one of the team's Concorde District rivals.

"I can't wait for the first home game,"

Hadalgo said. "It's going to lift up our spirits and we'll play even better."

So, maybe the Rams are a little homesick, but head coach Jay Cicala said his team's road warrior mentality over the past few weeks has been nothing but a positive.

"It's toughening the team up and making them deal with a lack of a comfort zone," he said. "The team has to play on different fields they are not used to, and it's going to help us later on if we get in to playoff situations where we are on the road."

But the team's anticipation to go home hasn't halted its roll over Northern Region opponents. On April 20, the Rams stunted Oakton 4-0, making up for their Stone Bridge slip-up.

Robinson took control of the match from the start.

"It was great to come out here and learn something from our Stone Bridge loss," Cicala said.

J.H. Musick opened the scoring with a header five minutes into the game. The quick start to the game helped the Rams set the game's tempo and show Cicala they had corrected mistakes from their loss.

"It stinks to go out and lose," Musick said. "But to come out and cream a team makes you feel better."

Considered by many as one of the top boys' soccer teams in the Region, the Rams will enjoy a four game home-stand before taking to the road to face Edison on May 7.

Even with the team's early success, Musick wants the Rams to refocus themselves for the end of the season.

Crushing Competition

Woodson tennis team credits stiff practice regimen for stellar season.

BY REED S. ALBERS
THE CONNECTION

A typical day's warm-up for the W.T. Woodson girls' tennis team is strenuous enough to catch the eye of other teams practicing on the school's fields.

"Our seniors do a practice warm-up run with the team," head coach Allen Clark said. "But we don't do two or three laps. They do a whole campus run and then work on the bleachers."

It's the sort of training that you might see a football team do regularly, but when your girls' tennis team is undefeated and aiming for a region title, it doesn't seem so drastic.

"The seniors know what it takes to win," Clark said. "And the young kids just think that's what you have to do to be a part of our tennis team."

In fact, the training is so different from what other teams in the school expect from a tennis team, they don't know what to think when they're being lapped on the track.

According to sophomore Katie Clark, the girls' lacrosse team shared a training moment with the girls' tennis team earlier in the year.

"They were surprised that the tennis team was out here running around the campus," Katie Clark said. "Then they said, 'They're beating us. This is embarrassing'."

But conditioning and a commitment to hard work are some reasons the Cavaliers enjoy a 9-0 record.

The Cavs have swept seven opponents this year. The closest call came in a 7-2 win over West Potomac on April 6.

Senior Lauren Dam credited the team's strong play to players' commitment to the sport both for the Woodson team and their own personal development.

"We stay after every day and we only take breaks for academics," Dam said. "Outside of school, we're all playing tennis. I'm playing more tennis than I sleep, I bet."

And when the team practices, Clark makes sure it's meaningful tennis by having his best players face off and by picking tough schools, such as Thomas Jefferson, to scrimmage.

"We play a lot of matches in practice to keep them tough," he said. "We're also allowed to play two scrimmages so we picked two really tough schools to go against."

Since the Cavaliers don't always get to challenge the best teams in the region, the girls help to train each other. Not a bad situation, considering these are some of the best

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5 Qs With Robinson soccer player Diego Hadalgo

Q: What's your favorite music to listen to before a game?

A: I'd have to say Lil' Wayne and his music.

Q: Any favorite soccer teams you like to follow?

A: I'd have to say my favorites are (La Liga team) Barcelona and (English Premier League team) Arsenal.

Q: If you could be any athlete for a day, who would it be?

A: [French] soccer player Zinedine Zidane. He's my favorite player.

Q: What is it you love about soccer?

A: I just love the passion everyone has for the game. It's better than any other sport.

Q: If you weren't playing soccer, what sport would you want to play?

A: That's a hard one. Probably football. Maybe I could be a quarterback.



Diego Hadalgo

— REED S. ALBERS

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Cavalier Tennis

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players in the region.

"A lot of our players are really close in ability and skills," junior Vicky Tran said. "We're all so competitive with each other as well. It helps us prepare for matches."

Clark said that training within the team has been one of the reason's the team has excelled. With so much depth on the team, Clark speculated that his No. 4 player could possibly be a No. 1 at another school.

"We have a lot of depth from our No. 1 to the end of the roster," he said. "A lot of schools might have one of two good players and then a drop off. We're fortunate to have top to bottom solid players."

With five matches left until the postseason begins, Clark is spending his time keeping the girls motivated to play and warning them about complacency.

"We just need to do simple stuff like continuing to work hard," he said. "Even matches where we might be favored, I'm telling the girls they need to keep working. These matches are where it's easy to get complacent. Don't do the minimum to win."

Woodson Hosts Sports Physicals

W.T. Woodson High School's sports medicine staff will be hosting physicals at Woodson on June 14 from 5:30-8 p.m.

Physicals will be comprehensive and complete the requirement for the Virginia High School League physical required for participation in athletics in Virginia and are good for the entire 2010-11 school year.

The cost will be \$40 per student. Athletes will need to bring their VHSL physical forms with pages one, two, and four completed and signed by a parent/guardian.

These forms can be picked up in the Activities Office or found online at www.vhsl.org. Students will also need to wear athletic clothing and running shoes. Pre-register at: <http://www.fcps.edu/supt/activities/atp/ppeoverview.htm>. The school will also be accepting walk-ins for \$50 with priority being given to those that have pre-registered. Money raised goes to support the Athletic Training Program. Contact Kelly Fickes, head athletic trainer, at kelly.fickes@fcps.edu with any questions.



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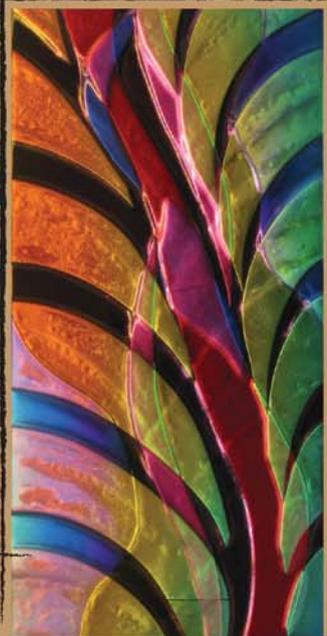
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Indie-folk rocker Luke Brindley with The Alternate Routes. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$16. www.wolftrap.org.

FRIDAY/APRIL 23

The Virginia Opera presents The Gershwins' "Porgy and Bess." 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center For The Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$48-\$98. 888-945-2468 or www.tickets.com.
The Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards. 8 p.m. at Fairview Park Marriott, 3111 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church. Volunteer Fairfax and more than 500 community members will honor 176 volunteer

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Singer/songwriter Jon Carroll. 7 p.m. at Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Proceeds benefit the church's Piano Fund. 703-503-4579 or administrator@accotinkuuc.org.
The Benefits of Chocolate. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$75. Supporting the Stroke Comeback Center. jamminjava.com.
A Night to SHINE: Supporting & Helping Inova Needs Everyone. 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Fairfax Marriott at Fair Oaks, 11787 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. Shop and support Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children. 703-266-2299.
Folk singer/songwriter Lucy Kaplansky. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$20. www.wolftrap.org.

SATURDAY/APRIL 24

Polka Till Ya Drop. 7 p.m. at Williams Hall, Volunteer Fire Department No. 3, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. With Blaskapelle Alte Kameraden, the German Band of the City of Fairfax Band Association, polka lessons for novices and polka demonstrations. German beer and wine, pretzels and pastries available for purchase. \$10 admission. 703-352-ARTS or 703-757-0220.
2010 United Community Ministries Gala. 6-11 p.m. at

Mount Vernon Country Club, 5111 Old Mill Road, Alexandria. This year's theme is "UCM in Bloom: Helping Our Community Flourish" and includes cocktails and dinner, dancing, raffles, silent and live auctions. Proceeds benefit UCM programs. Tickets \$125, available at 703-768-7106 or www.ucmagency.org.

Cherryholmes and Dr. Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys. 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Classic and contemporary bluegrass. \$23-\$46. Youth through grade 12, half price. Charge tickets at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.
Virginia Ballet Company and School: Les Sylphides, Firebird and the Polovetzian Dances from Prince Igor. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Northern Virginia Community College Ernst Theater, 8333 Little River Turnpike Annandale. \$30 adults, \$20 children, students and seniors. Reservations required at www.virginiaballetcompany.org or 703-249-8227.
Jeff Foxworthy, Bill Engvall and Larry the Cable Guy. 8 p.m. at the George Mason Patriot Center, 4500 University Drive, Fairfax. \$59.50, available online at www.ticketmaster.com or via Phonecharge at 703-573-SEAT. Accessible seating is available for patrons with disabilities at 703-993-3035. www.patriotcenter.com.
Traditional Origami Workshop. 1 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Explore and learn about traditional origami, the art of paper folding. Age 8-12. 703-

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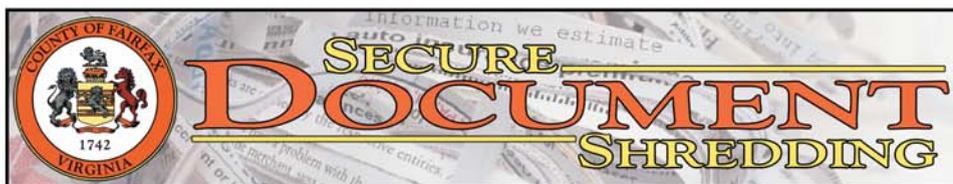
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293-6227.

Thomas Lowery Book Signing. 2 p.m. at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Discussion and book signing by Thomas Lowry, author of "Love and Lust: Private and Amorous Letters of the Civil War." Free. Lowry's book will be available for purchase for \$14.95. Recommended for a mature audience. 703-591-0560.

One-on-One Computer Tutoring. 10 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Learn to use a computer, navigate the Internet and work with common software applications. Call for an appointment. Adults. 703-249-1520.

Fairfax County's Best Hikes and Hiking Trails. 1 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Celebrate Earth Day by letting author and hiking guru Paul Elliott point in environmental and recreational directions. Books available for sale and signing. Ages 12 and up. 703-249-1520.

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E-Waste Recycling Event. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Fairfax Campus of George Mason University, Lot K, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. All electronic items accepted. Free and open to the public. 757-222-8432 or felicia.blow@cox.com.

Woodbury Woods Community Association Community Yard Sale. 8:30-11 a.m. at the corner of Sideburn Road and Woodbury Woods Court in Fairfax, one block from Zion Drive. bjsadtler@cox.net.

Junior-Parent Golf Tournament. 8 a.m. at Burke Lake Golf course, 7315 Ox road, Fairfax Station. Teams of two compete in an 18-hole scramble format. \$60 per team includes lunch. Reserve at 703-323-1641.

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Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Foundation 12th Annual Scholarship Luncheon and Silent Auction. 1:30 p.m. at the Waterford, 12025 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. www.mlkulturalfoundation.org.

Earth Day/Arbor Day All Weekend at the Northern Virginia Community College Annandale Campus, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/recycling or 703-324-5052, TTY 711. Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Games, exhibits and several hands-on workshops and activities. Free. Document Shredding 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Residents may shred up to five medium-sized boxes of personal documents per household at no charge. Remove all paper from binders and binder clips. Film or computer disks will not be accepted: paper documents only.

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MONDAY/APRIL 26

JSSA Workshop: Considering Separation and Divorce. 6:30 p.m. at JSSA, 3018 Javier Road, Fairfax. For more information, visit www.jssa.org.

TUESDAY/APRIL 27

Genealogy Databases. 2 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Use the library's genealogy databases and other free Internet databases. Age 13 and up. 703-293-6227.



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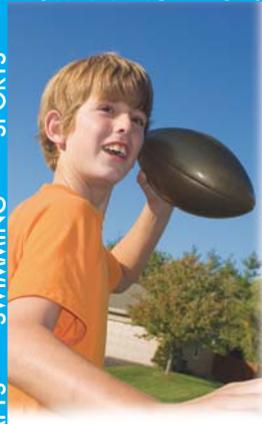


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Robinson Musical

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"She's not stuffy and formal, but motherly, yet spunky with a sense of fun," said Auch. "She's also strong and can stand up for herself. When Polly's widowed father, who was her old flame, visits the school, she pursues him again. I get to do a French accent and be serious with a fun and flirty side."

Auch's favorite song is "Safety in Numbers," in which schoolgirl Maisie says she can't pick just one boy. She wants to dance with them all. She says the show will be visually beautiful because of the period costumes, ranging from school uniforms to 1920s bathing suits to masks and gowns at a masquerade ball.

Choreographer is Cappie-winning dancer Logan Hillman, who began work in February, choreographing 16 of the show's 17 numbers. Hardest, he said, is "getting it from my mind to paper and then to the actors and making any necessary changes. But this cast caught on pretty quickly to the dance basics. Then we worked on body 'pictures' on stage, their proximity to other dancers and the 1920s style of dancing."

Hillman especially likes "The Riviera" because it's so energized and best represents the style of that era's shows. "The audience will like the dance flips, turns and spins," he said. "I like choreographing as well as or better than acting because I'm a dancer and this is what I do. I'm doing my dancing through others."

Director Rome said the show's 1920s feel is carried out via the footlights around the stage and the numbers being performed directly to the audience, rather than to the other actors. Even the minor characters add "extra spice" to the story, he said, and both the colors and mood will be bright.

"The costumes, lights and set are bold and playful," said Rome. "It's tremendous fun so the audience will have fun, too. It's like a Valentine to them. There's no redeeming, social value — just entertainment."

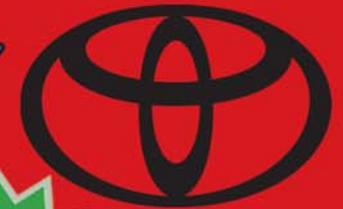
COLLEGE NOTES

Four Fairfax residents graduated from Radford University at the end of the summer session. Earning bachelor of science degrees were **Gabrielle Francesca Fundaro**, exercise, sport and health education; and **John Kim**, English. Earning bachelor of business administration degrees were **Michele Ann Benevento**, marketing; and **Alexa Marie Dominguez**, marketing.

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6825 Bluecurl Cir	\$600,000	Sun 1-5	Steve Childress	Long & Foster	703-981-3277

Kingstowne/Alexandria

6196 Little Valley Dr	\$330,000	Sat-Sun 1-4	Frank Vincent	Keller Williams	703-608-8700
5984 Kimberly Anne Way #303	\$319,987	Sun 1-4	Keith Harris	Samson Properties	703-395-6601
7509 Wexford Pl	\$429,900	Sun 2-4	Doris Crockett	Weichert	703-615-8411
124 N. Grayson St	\$459,000	Sun 1-4	Ron Fowler	Weichert	703-691-0555
5430 Brookland Rd	\$469,900	Sun 1-4	Michael Malferrari	Avery-Hess	703-399-5774
6601 Dunwich Way	\$609,950	Sun 1-4	Kathleen Quintarelli	Weichert	703-862-8808

Annandale

6903 Lafayette Park Dr	\$345,000	Sun 2-4	Phil Bolin	RE/MAX	703-371-6454
3985 Championship Dr	\$365,000	Sun 1-4	Clay Williams	RE/MAX	703-573-6224
7210 Quiet Cove	\$900,000	Sun 1-4	Margaret Ann Bermudez	Coldwell Banker	571-334-6809
7510 Woodpalace Ct	\$998,000	Sun 1-4	Carol Hawley	Long & Foster	703-975-6403

Falls Church

2105 Kings Mill Ct	\$544,900	Sun 1-4	Lee Jones	Samson Properties	703-675-0523
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HOME SALES

MARCH 2010
 \$870,000 ~ \$128,000

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot	AC	Subdivision
10106 FARRCROFT DR	5	4	1		FAIRFAX	\$870,000	Detached	0.13		FARRCROFT
4014 BURKE STATION RD	6	4	1		FAIRFAX	\$865,000	Detached	0.51		FAIR OAKS
10661 YORKTOWNE DR	3	3	1		FAIRFAX	\$850,000	Townhouse	0.00		MAIN STREET
10671 MAIN STREET	3	3	2		FAIRFAX	\$659,990	Townhouse	0.00		MAIN STREET
3963 HIGHLAND OAKS DR	5	4	1		FAIRFAX	\$655,000	Detached	0.17		HIGHLAND OAKS
12790 FOX KEEP RUN	4	4	1		FAIRFAX	\$650,000	Townhouse	0.11		KENSINGTON SQUARE
10819 SECOND ST	4	4	0		FAIRFAX	\$627,696	Detached	0.18		FAIRFAX HEIGHTS
11920 PARKSIDE DR	4	4	1		FAIRFAX	\$612,500	Detached	0.11		PENDERBROOK
10533 JAMES WREN WAY	3	3	1		FAIRFAX	\$585,000	Townhouse	0.04		CHANCERY SQUARE
4321 EXCELSIOR PL	3	3	1		FAIRFAX	\$558,000	Townhouse	0.06		CHANCERY PARK
11529 VALLEY RD	3	2	0		FAIRFAX	\$500,000	Detached	4.20		FAIRFAX FARMS
4014 QUIET CREEK DR	3	3	1		FAIRFAX	\$499,900	Townhouse	0.04		STONE CREEK CROSSING
4155 BROOKGREEN DR	3	2	1		FAIRFAX	\$491,000	Townhouse	0.07		FAIR LAKES COURT
4128 LECLAIR CT	3	2	2		FAIRFAX	\$480,000	Townhouse	0.05		FAIR LAKES COURT
12420 CASBEER DR	3	3	1		FAIRFAX	\$472,000	Townhouse	0.05		FAIR LAKES COURT
3114 PLANTATION PKWY	4	2	1		FAIRFAX	\$461,888	Detached	0.35		MOSBY WOODS
13143 PAVILION LN	4	2	1		FAIRFAX	\$460,000	Detached	0.25		GREENBRIAR
3935 CLARES CT	3	3	1		FAIRFAX	\$458,000	Townhouse	0.04		PENDERBROOK
12803 MELVUE CT	4	2	1		FAIRFAX	\$454,000	Detached	0.30		GREENBRIAR
13201 MEMORY LN	4	2	1		FAIRFAX	\$440,000	Detached	0.27		GREENBRIAR
13119 PEBBLE LN	4	2	0		FAIRFAX	\$436,500	Detached	0.42		GREENBRIAR
10111 SPRING LAKE TER	4	2	0		FAIRFAX	\$432,500	Detached	0.24		COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
3630 PARKLANE RD	4	2	1		FAIRFAX	\$429,000	Detached	0.35		GREENWAY HILLS
3954 VALLEY RIDGE DR	3	2	2		FAIRFAX	\$428,500	Townhouse	0.05		PENDERBROOK
9821 HAMPTON LN	5	3	0		FAIRFAX	\$425,000	Detached	0.22		AMANS FAIRMONT ESTATES
4018 LAKE GLEN DR	3	3	1		FAIRFAX	\$417,000	Townhouse	0.08		FAIR LAKES
10908 BYRD DR	4	2	0		FAIRFAX	\$405,000	Detached	0.24		WARREN WOODS
12023 LISA MARIE CT	3	3	1		FAIRFAX	\$405,000	Townhouse	0.04		PENDERBROOK
13211 JASPER RD	4	2	1		FAIRFAX	\$400,000	Detached	0.22		CHANTILLY FARM
12310 FOX LAKE CT	4	3	1		FAIRFAX	\$400,000	Townhouse	0.04		FAIR RIDGE
10217 FOREST AVE	4	3	0		FAIRFAX	\$399,000	Detached	0.31		MAPLE HILL
3212 CAMBRIDGE CT	4	3	1		FAIRFAX	\$395,000	Townhouse	0.04		CAMBRIDGE STATION
10915 WOODHAVEN DR	4	2	0		FAIRFAX	\$390,000	Detached	0.24		FAIRCHESTER
4327 THOMAS BRIGADE LN	3	2	1		FAIRFAX	\$386,500	Townhouse	0.03		CARR AT CEDAR LAKES
3881 ZELKOVA CT	4	3	1		FAIRFAX	\$385,000	Townhouse	0.04		FAIR WOODS
4007 LAKE GLEN DR	3	3	1		FAIRFAX	\$375,000	Townhouse	0.04		FAIR LAKES
3849 ALDER WOODS CT	3	2	2		FAIRFAX	\$375,000	Townhouse	0.05		FAIR WOODS
4480 MARKET COMMONS DR#104	2	2	0		FAIRFAX	\$364,900	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors			ELAN AT EAST MARKET
3956 COLLIS OAK CT	3	3	1		FAIRFAX	\$360,000	Townhouse	0.04		FAIR WOODS
4130 MEADOW FIELD CT	4	3	1		FAIRFAX	\$360,000	Townhouse	0.04		FAIR RIDGE
13123 WREN HOLLOW LN	3	3	1		FAIRFAX	\$352,000	Townhouse	0.03		FAIR LAKES LAND BAY
4446 MAJESTIC LN W	4	2	0		FAIRFAX	\$345,000	Detached	0.24		GREENBRIAR
3807 RICHARD AVE	3	2	0		FAIRFAX	\$337,000	Detached	0.25		FAIRVIEW
4623 HUMMINGBIRD LN	3	3	1		FAIRFAX	\$332,750	Townhouse			WILLOW OAKS
12111 WEDGEWAY PL	2	3	1		FAIRFAX	\$320,000	Townhouse	0.03		PENDERBROOK
3704 FARMLAND DR	4	3	1		FAIRFAX	\$315,000	Townhouse	0.03		FOXFIELD
12400A LIBERTY BRIDGE RD	3	2	0		FAIRFAX	\$313,000	Townhouse			EAST MARKET II
4113 LEXINGTON CT #0	2	2	1		FAIRFAX	\$305,000	Townhouse			THE CROSSINGS
4105 LEXINGTON CT #303	2	2	1		FAIRFAX	\$300,000	Townhouse			THE CROSSINGS
11565 CAVALIER LANDING CT#403	4	3	0		FAIRFAX	\$290,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			COURT'S AT WESCOTT RIDGE
12775 FAIR BRIAR LN #12775	2	2	0		FAIRFAX	\$285,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			GATES OF FAIR LAKES
12205 FAIRFIELD HOUSE DR#608B	2	2	0		FAIRFAX	\$285,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			FAIRFIELD HOUSE
3341 OAKSHADE CT	3	2	1		FAIRFAX	\$272,000	Townhouse	0.06		FRANKLIN GLEN
12221 FAIRFIELD HOUSE DR#100B	2	2	0		FAIRFAX	\$269,900	Garden 1-4 Floors			FAIRFIELD HOUSE
3703 FOXFIELD LN	3	2	2		FAIRFAX	\$259,875	Townhouse	0.03		FOXFIELD
12023 GOLF RIDGE CT #302	3	2	0		FAIRFAX	\$255,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			PENDERBROOK
4490 MARKET COMMONS DR#608	1	1	0		FAIRFAX	\$255,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors			ELAN AT EAST MARKET
10709 MAPLE ST	3	1	1		FAIRFAX	\$253,000	Duplex	0.14		ARDMORE
10637 MAPLE ST	3	1	1		FAIRFAX	\$250,000	Duplex	0.16		ARDMORE
3770 SUDLEY FORD CT	2	2	0		FAIRFAX	\$250,000	Townhouse	0.04		FOXFIELD
4443 FAIR STONE DR #106	2	2	0		FAIRFAX	\$240,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			STONECROFT
12012 RIDGE KNOLL DR #1	2	2	0		FAIRFAX	\$238,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			PENDERBROOK
4405 SEDGEHURST DR #101	2	2	0		FAIRFAX	\$232,500	Garden 1-4 Floors			STONECROFT
12153 PENDERVIEW LN #2021	2	2	0		FAIRFAX	\$229,900	Garden 1-4 Floors			PENDERBROOK SQUARE
12160 PENDERVIEW LN #1738	2	2	0		FAIRFAX	\$229,900	Garden 1-4 Floors			PENDERBROOK SQUARE
12897 GRAYS POINTE RD #C	2	2	0		FAIRFAX	\$215,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			GRAYS POINTE
12158 PENDERVIEW LN #1704	2	1	0		FAIRFAX	\$212,500	Garden 1-4 Floors			PENDERBROOK SQUARE
3908 PENDERVIEW DR #606	2	1	0		FAIRFAX	\$179,999	Garden 1-4 Floors			PENDERBROOK SQUARE
12950 GRAYS POINTE RD #B	1	1	0		FAIRFAX	\$157,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			GRAYS POINTE
3904 PENDERVIEW DR #735	1	1	0		FAIRFAX	\$157,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			PENDERBROOK SQUARE
10570 MAIN ST #306	2	1	0		FAIRFAX	\$145,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			MAIN STREET GREEN
4443 FAIR STONE DR #305	1	1	0		FAIRFAX	\$137,500	Garden 1-4 Floors			STONECROFT
9479 FAIRFAX BLVD #202	1	1	0		FAIRFAX	\$130,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			FOXCROFT COLONY
9483 FAIRFAX BLVD #304	1	1	0		FAIRFAX	\$128,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			FOXCROFT COLONY

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Board of Supervisors Approves FY2011 Budget

FROM PAGE 3

of \$91.9 million from the previous year. We started our budget process for Fiscal Year 2011 well before any dust could settle on the adoption of Fiscal Year 2010. While the number is coming down, we are still challenged with foreclosures, more than 700 in March 2010. Residential property values have continued to decline, this year by approximately 6 percent. Commercial property values dropped more than 18 percent.

In addition, as we began the process, we anticipated reductions from the state as they attempted to close their \$4.2 billion budget shortfall. We continue to be challenged with increasing demands on county services from families and individuals turning to us for help with food stamps, utility assistance, rent, housing assistance and finding employment. These dynamics all combine to challenge us once again to close a projected shortfall — this time of \$257.2 million.

As in the story of Stone Soup, the process of closing that shortfall has been one of impressive community engagement, creativity and collaboration among County staff and our non-profit partners. What began as a seemingly empty pot is a balanced budget that, despite \$91.3 million in reductions over last year, maintains critical services, is sensitive to the taxpayer and protects the quality of life we value in Fairfax County.

Coupled with a positive formula change (of \$61 million) in the Local Composite Index (LCI) — State Funding to localities, our \$1.6 billion transfer to the schools fully funds the Schools Board's requested budget and establishes a \$45 million balance for future Virginia Retirement System (VRS) requirements.

THE NEWLY adopted \$3.3 billion budget contains many reorganizational changes and efficiencies that help reduce the cost

for providing services, and in many, perhaps most cases, improves the delivery of those services and programs.

Highlights of Amendments to the Advertised FY 2011 Budget include:

- ❖ A Real Estate Tax Rate of \$1.09, an increase of 5 cents. At this rate, the average homeowner's tax bill is a reduction of \$48.55;

- ❖ A 0.5 cent increase on the Real Estate Tax Rate for the Stormwater Service District Levy. These two rates combined result in a net reduction for the average homeowner's bill of \$26.93;

- ❖ A Vehicle Registration Fee of \$33 per vehicle. Most other localities in Virginia utilize this fee to provide local services;

- ❖ The Sewer Service Charge increases, from \$4.50 to \$5.27. This fee increase addresses aging sewer infrastructure and compliance with state and Federal Clean Water and environmental mandates. Our rates continue to be among the lowest in the region;

- ❖ A \$1.6 billion Transfer to the Schools. The Fairfax County Public Schools continue to be more than 53 percent of the county's General Fund Budget;

- ❖ The Fiscal Year 2011 General Fund (Schools & General County Combined) Budget is a 2.7 percent reduction from the previous year.

Using a \$21.6 million Reserve established through agency/department savings throughout Fiscal Years 2009 and 2010 the following adjustments/restorations were made to the County Executive's Advertised Budget:

- ❖ Reduced by known state reductions of approximately \$3 million

- ❖ Holds \$7 million aside for additional State Reductions and Critical Funding issues for both the county and schools

- ❖ Reduce Board of Supervisors' Office

Budgets by 2 percent, resulting in \$81,350, which is used to add one position to the auditor to the Board's office. The auditor to the Board acts as an Inspector General's Office, and works through the Board's Audit Committee.

Human Services and CSB (Community Services Board) Most Critical List is fully restored - \$1.4 million, includes: Mental Health Adult Day Treatment Sites, Home Respite for individuals with Intellectual Disability Services, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Programs, Partial restoration

Truck Driver and Heavy Equipment (mobile Crew) positions; Operation and management at Martin Luther King Jr. Pool.

Other Restorations and Adjustments - \$2.7 million: All Connector routes; five Law Clerks supporting Circuit Court Judges; Support for Families4Kids and Mount Vernon District Satellite Intake Center.

The Budget fully funds the Priority 1 requirements of the Board Adopted Affordable Housing Blueprint through the use of \$4 million in operation revenues from the Wedgewood affordable housing complex.

This funds the Bridging Affordability portion of the Blueprint. This program, a partnership with non-profits and Faith community organizations addresses homelessness, provides affordable housing options to those with special needs and reduces the waiting lists for housing programs.

Budget adoption was the culmination of an unprecedented

level of community engagement. Community Dialogues were held throughout the County during the fall and early winter. Throughout late February, March and early April more than 20 Town Meetings and Forums were hosted to receive feedback on the Advertised Budget. Employee Budget Briefings and Dialogues were organized by County Executive Tony Griffin and by our Unions and Employee organizations. And lastly, hundreds of speakers attended three days — over 20 hours — of public hearings.

Like the villagers' contributions in the story of Stone Soup, this generous level of public engagement enriched our process and has resulted in a better product. When we adopt a budget, we are investing in the priorities of our community. I am glad to have had the community at the table with us during these months.

“The process of closing that shortfall has been one of impressive community engagement, creativity and collaboration among County staff and our non-profit partners.”

for Domestic and Sexual Violence Services and support for Commission for Women.

Police Restorations - \$2.8 million: School Resource Officers in Middle Schools (\$2.1 million); 50 percent of Police Citizen Aide Positions at District Stations; Marine Unit and Traffic Safety Officers.

Fire & Rescue Officers - \$2.5 million: Basic Life Support units; Seventh Fire & Rescue Battalion; Hazardous Material Support Unit; Second set of gear for firefighters; and Fireboat Patrols on the Potomac River and Pohick Bay.

Parks and Library Restorations - \$1.9 million: Approximate 3 percent restoration for Libraries — maintains Tuesday evening hours at all 8 regional libraries; Library Access Services; Athletic Field Maintenance Program; Grounds maintenance staff — and restores closing of restrooms; Nighttime court lighting and lighting for practice fiends;

Citizen Committee: School Boundary Study 'Likely'

FROM PAGE 6

Fairfax has three middle schools — Glasgow, Holmes and Poe — that already house sixth graders.

Still, parents whose children would matriculate to Robinson or Lake Braddock secondary schools said they were opposed to putting sixth graders in the same building as high school students. Plus, Robinson, at more than 4,000 students, is already the largest school in Virginia, they said.

It is unlikely the school system would ever recommend moving sixth graders from elementary schools to secondary schools, even if they moved other sixth graders from elementary

to middle schools, said Dean Tistadt, the school system's chief operating officer.

Fairfax schools staff has also floated a proposal to build a new elementary school to solve overcrowding problems. Officials had suggested putting the new elementary school on the grounds of Liberty Middle School, though the committee has also discussed other sites.

To fill the new school, officials suggested closing Clifton Elementary School.

According to the school system, Clifton would more expensive to renovate than a typical elementary school, partially because the site is difficult to access.

The school also faces problems with well contamination and has to have bottled water brought to site on a daily basis.

For a full renovation, Clifton would cost

approximately \$36,600 per student compared to the \$22,455 per student other recent elementary school renovations have cost.

But several Clifton residents who attended the public meeting at Robinson objected to idea of closing Clifton. They said the school is the center of the Clifton community and has been recognized by the governor for academic excellence.

“I hope the School Board and staff will hear that keeping Clifton in the school system is helpful,” said Dwayne Nitz, a Clifton parent who attended the meeting.

The School Board is likely to make a decision about whether to close or keep Clifton open this summer, before any larger school boundary study would get underway, said School Board member Liz Bradsher (Spring-

field).

The School Board has set a precedent of moving award-winning schools out of facilities the school system considered inadequate, despite protests from the community.

Graham Road Elementary School, where President Barack Obama (D) chose to unveil his national “race to the top” education initiative, was forced to move out of one school building and into another last year, even though some parents said the change would detract from the school's academic program. Like Clifton, the old Graham Road building lacked some basic amenities — such as adequate field space — that school officials deemed necessary.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS THE FAIRFAX CONNECTION



The League of Women Voters®

2010 SPRING VOTERS' GUIDE

GENERAL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2010 POLLS OPEN 6:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area (LWVFA) is cooperating with The Connection Newspapers to produce this Voters' Guide to assist citizens in the City of Fairfax choose candidates for election to the Office of Mayor, City Council, and School Board. Registered voters who live within the City of Fairfax are eligible to vote. The polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. City of Fairfax voters will vote at the following precincts:

Precinct One	Fairfax Presbyterian Church 10723 Main Street
Precinct Two	City of Fairfax Police Station 3730 Old Lee Highway
Precinct Three	Daniels Run School 3705 Old Lee Highway
Precinct Four	Fairfax City Hall 10455 Armstrong Street
Precinct Five	Fairfax High School 3500 Old Lee Highway

Precinct Six

Christ Lutheran Church
3810 Meredith Drive

The LWVFA sent a questionnaire to all candidates whose names were qualified to appear on the May 4, 2010 ballot. Biographies and responses to the questions appear as written by the candidates and are not edited except to comply with Voters' Guide style and stipulated word limitations. A "/" at the end of the biography and/or responses indicates that the word limit was exceeded. The candidates' original responses are on file with the LWVFA. Candidates are listed in the order in which they will appear on the ballot.

The LWVFA is a nonpartisan political membership organization whose purpose is to encourage informed and active participation of citizens in government, increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influence public policy through education and advocacy. The LWVFA does not support any political party or candidate.

For more information on the Spring 2010 Voters' Guide, or the LWVFA, please contact 703-658-9150 or visit www.lwv-fairfax.org.

For additional information on the May 4, 2010 election, including voter registration or eligibility, polling location, or absentee voting,

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IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED TO VOTE

Election officers at all polling places are required to request identification from each voter. **PLEASE BRING IDENTIFICATION WHEN YOU COME TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2010.**

Acceptable forms of identification can be any ONE of the following:

- Virginia Voter Information Card
- Valid United States passport
- Social Security card
- Valid Virginia driver's license, or special identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles
- Military identification
- Any Federal, state, or local government-issued identification card
- Employee-issued photo identification card

If you do not have an acceptable form of identification, you must complete, under oath, an Affirmation of Identity to cast your ballot.

CITY OF FAIRFAX MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

THE OFFICE

TERMS: Two years

SALARIES: Mayor, \$6,500 per year; City Council members, \$4,500 per year

DUTIES: The mayor presides over council meetings, has veto power that may be overridden by a two-thirds vote of the council, represents the city

for ceremonial purposes and votes only to resolve ties. The City Council determines policy, enacts ordinances; levies taxes, adopts the budget, borrows money; provides for organizational conduct and operation of all departments, bureaus, boards, commissions, offices and agencies of the city; appoints the city manager and members of advisory boards and commissions.

BIOGRAPHY AND QUESTIONS

BIOGRAPHY: Background provided by each candidate.

THE QUESTIONS

Would you support moving the City of Fairfax May general **ELECTIONS** to the date of the November general election? Why or why not?

What, if any, proposals in the advertised Fairfax County Fiscal Year 2011 **BUDGET** do you believe could have negative consequences for the residents of the City of Fairfax? How would you work to resolve these as an elected leader in your jurisdiction? What is an **ISSUE** that you believe is important to residents of the City of Fairfax, and how would you address it?

CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR, CITY OF FAIRFAX – VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE (1)



Robert F. Lederer
Incumbent

BIOGRAPHY: BS/BA University of Richmond; CEO International Trade Association; City of Fairfax Mayor since 2002; 5 Term member of City Council; Lifelong City of Fairfax resident, graduate of City schools; Former President Fairchester Woods Civic Association; Former Vice President Cobbdale Civic Association. Wife, Maureen; Children, Ashley, Brooke and Caitlin.

ELECTIONS: No. I have found over years past that partisan

politics has no relevance in dealing with important City related issues. May elections ensure voter interest in City specific issues.

BUDGET: The City of Fairfax has already expressed concern with the Fairfax County budget in two areas. First, their budget has a direct impact on us due to our contract with the County to help run our City schools. We rely on our Fairfax City School Board to negotiate with the County on behalf of the City's interests. The County has also planned on a reduction of hours for the City of Fairfax library.

ISSUE: Maintaining the lowest overall tax burden in Northern Virginia, while providing the highest level of City services.

This will be accomplished by making tough decisions in approving the 2011 budget.

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CANDIDATES FOR THE CITY OF FAIRFAX CITY COUNCIL – VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN SIX (6)



Joan W. Cross
Incumbent

BIOGRAPHY: Four terms City Council. City's representative Northern Virginia Regional Commission, Potomac Watershed Roundtable. Ten years Board of Architectural Review. Currently Board of Directors Fairfax Rotary Club, City Fairfax Band, Theater First Amendment, Central Fairfax Chamber Commerce, Downtown Fairfax Coalition. Founder, Destination Fairfax. B.A. University of Iowa. Retired, Marketing Director.

ELECTIONS: I would not favor combining the May city elections

with the November general elections. Staging elections is a very expensive process. Nevertheless, the importance of selecting our local leaders, separate and apart from national and state races and issues, insures that the city's practice of non-partisan elections will be preserved and local issues will be given the focus they deserve.

BUDGET: The greatest impact on city revenues is the cost of tuition the city pays Fairfax County Schools for the education of our young people. 34% of city revenues are devoted to the school contract. Working through our local school board, the city must pay special attention to equitable state and federal allocations for our region. The good relationship and communication between city and county school administrators is

extremely important and must be maintained.

ISSUE: The economic vitality of our city is threatened on a daily basis by competing interests on our very borders. Without the economic well-being of our commercial sector, the taxpayers in the city would face much higher tax bills, services would be curtailed and the unique quality of life in our city would be quite different. Directed growth for our city is something that must be encouraged - not discouraged. In addition, citizens of our city must make the conscious decision to direct their spending to City of Fairfax businesses where their dollars and taxes will support commerce here at home.

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CANDIDATES FOR THE CITY OF FAIRFAX CITY COUNCIL - CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

CANDIDATES FOR CITY OF FAIRFAX CITY COUNCIL (CONTINUED)



Michael J. DeMarco *Challenger*

BIOGRAPHY: I have worked 20 years for ExxonMobil and am currently the Global Marketing Support Manager. I have degrees from Penn State, Temple and Columbia Universities. My wife, three children and I have made our home in Fairfax for 10 years. I also serve on the Fairfax Economic Development Authority.

ELECTIONS: Maintaining a May general election will keep the process non partisan and allow voters to focus solely on issues specific to the city.

BUDGET: Our local property taxes are under pressure due to current and forecasted budget deficits. An increase above the tax equalization rate will place a greater financial burden on city residents. In addition, we need to invest significantly in capital improvements over the next decade due to an aging infrastructure. As an elected leader, I will pursue smart growth for the city, balancing economic development, livable communities and open space. The vision is to build a greater economic base to support a range of city services, strong schools and to fund needed capital outlays, all while maintaining a reasonable tax burden on our residents.

ISSUE: I believe our most important issue is the economic viability of the city. We are surrounded by a growing and de-

veloping county and will continue to suffer revenue leakage away from the local economy into newly developed areas like Fairfax Corner and the forthcoming Merrifield Town Center. Our competitive position will continue to weaken if our primary economic corridor, the boulevard, maintains its image of old motels, car dealerships and strip malls. To secure our share of the area's growth, we must smartly develop the boulevard and continue to invigorate other areas of economic activity like Old Town Fairfax. Let's collectively support building and sustaining economic growth and invest now in order to create value for all of us and future generations.

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Daniel F. Drummond *Incumbent*

BIOGRAPHY: Daniel F. Drummond is serving his first term on City Council. Drummond was a member of the Economic Development Authority, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the 2004 School Bonds Task Force Steering Committee. He represents the City on the Metropolitan Washington Council Board of Directors, serving as Secretary-Treasurer. // **ELECTIONS:** No. I believe that having in the elections in May provides several benefits to City residents. By having the the elections in May, citizens can focus on the issues that

affect them on a daily basis, choosing their representatives without the overhang of national or state elections. And because we are non-partisan, candidates are able to run a much more civic-focused campaign that does not have the same acrimony associated with the partisan campaigns in the fall.

BUDGET: Library service is being cut in a way that may have a significant negative effect in the City. We have the City of Fairfax Regional Library. It is the crown jewel of our downtown renaissance. We have 40,000 people that come to our downtown because of the library. With hours being cut, we would see a drop in those numbers. As for solutions, the Council has expressed their concern to the County and I have personally talked with members of

the Boards of Supervisors. Ultimately, it's in their hands. **ISSUE:** Economic development has been a focus of mine during my first term and it will continue to be during my next term. We've been successful in getting more funding for transportation for economic development and we are working hard with developers to encourage them to look and re-develop here in the City. Personally, I will focus on a "Live Here. Buy Here." initiative that encourages people to keep their business in the City, support a new restaurant association and look for innovative public-private financing opportunities.

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Cristina Lee Gaines *Challenger*

BIOGRAPHY: BS Physiology; BS Chemistry; MS Environmental Engineering. Married 20 years; Children ages 14 and 12. Engineer 15 years with EPA municipal permitting division; Managed 2 multimillion dollar contracts, supervising 35 project managers. Mosby Woods resident 15 years; Served on Board of Directors for 13. Adapted Aquatics Volunteer for 8 years.

ELECTIONS: I prefer to keep the current dates. People's lives are very hectic in the fall due to back to school events.

Face to face campaign time would suffer as a result. Starting the Mayor and council terms at our July 4th festivities is a good way to kick off the new terms and it gives the school board time to gear up.

BUDGET: Cuts to the school budget would have the largest impact on the City, but cuts to DPW road & sign repair and snow removal would also greatly impact City residents since we must travel through the county to get outside the city. We have contracts regarding schools, so I am sure the City lawyers would have be involved to make sure both parties abide by the contracts. Beyond legal issues I believe that negotiation might help resolve issues and then we might have

to determine if citizens want City money to fix what remains of issues.

ISSUE: I have noticed that the council seems to have made up their minds on various issues by the time the public hearings are held. I believe that public opinion needs to be gathered at the beginning of the process so that the council can consider public input FULLY. Our citizens come from a wealth of highly diverse educational and cultural backgrounds. Currently citizen input comes too late in the process. This process affects all issues before the council so fixing the process would help with ALL issues the City faces.

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Jeffrey C. Greenfield *Incumbent*

BIOGRAPHY: Co-owner, Greenfield Enterprises, LLC; Masters in Public Administration, GMU; B.A. Political Science, GMU; Leadership Fairfax; Fairfax High School; Eagle Scout; Northern Virginia Transportation Commission; Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments Board of Directors; Metropolitan Development Policy Committee; Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee; Livable City Taskforce

ELECTIONS: No. The May election has been the one election that focuses on local issues for decades. Consolidating

the May election into a November election means that local issues would be overshadowed by state and federal issues. Further, the tendency to bring partisanship into non-partisan City elections is too great.

BUDGET: In 2008, the City built and opened the premier library in the County system and likely Northern Virginia. It opened with full staffing and service hours totaling 65 hours per week. This year, those hours were reduced to 57 per week.

The County executive's proposed budget further reduces those hours to 51 per week with no help desk services offered on Sundays. Additionally, children's programming would be eliminated on weekends and reduced during the week.

It is hard to imagine that libraries are considered discretionary. While budgets are tight in almost every part of

Northern Virginia, priority should be given to regional libraries. I would work with colleagues in the County to find a way to provide full staffing and longer hours for this much needed community treasure!

ISSUE: The City's budget. The continued downturn in the residential real estate market and a sluggish economy, in which projected revenues at current rates are unable to meet rising projected expenditures, present the most challenging budget we have seen since our incorporation. Facing a \$11.5 million shortfall, it is imperative that we control spending and work to reduce the tax burden on residents.

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David L. Meyer *Incumbent*

BIOGRAPHY: B.A. Political Science, Randolph-Macon College; MPA, American University; Senior Executive, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission; elected to City Council, 2008; President, Fairfax H.S. PTSA; President, Old Lee Hills Civic Association; Director, Historic Fairfax City, Inc.; Co-author, Fairfax, VA - A City Traveling Through Time; Assistant Scoutmaster Troop 187; Appalachian Service Project.

ELECTIONS: No, I believe holding the City elections in May affirms the non-partisan character of the City's elections and

allows citizens to focus on those issues that directly affect city life and speak directly to candidates for city offices. We continually need to encourage City voters to participate in the May elections, as their engagement in City issues helps the Council better represent all citizens within the City of Fairfax.

BUDGET: The suspension of a portion of VRS payments by the General Assembly for the next two years made approximately \$109 million potentially available to the County Schools, but this money must be paid back in two years. This "new found" money will enable the Board of Supervisors to keep school funding flat in 2011 and will keep the City's tuition bill to the County fairly stable. The challenge will come in 2013 when stimulus money ends, while at the same time

the County must begin to repay VRS funds - these County costs could substantially increase the City's contract costs for education. I will work with our School Board and County officials to encourage the County to sequester VRS funds as much as possible to lesson the potential negative impact in 2012 and 2013.

ISSUE: Economic development along Fairfax Boulevard is critical for the long-term viability of our city. We cannot continue to enjoy our competitive tax rates and superior services and amenities without private/public partnerships to spur investment in vibrant, 21st century commercial projects.

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Gerald T. "Jerry" O'Dell
Challenger

BIOGRAPHY: Education BA Psychology, Cal State University, Los Angeles; Concentrations in Philosophy, Business, Math & Statistics; Occupation Retired. Career spanned Personnel Administration, Teaching, Writing, Research, Computer Programming, Program & Budget Analysis. Civic Activities Comstock HOA Bylaws, Covenants..., Rules Revision Committee; Watchdog (opponent) of Elementary School Task Force; Citizen committee opposing tank farm expansion.

ELECTIONS: Yes! It would produce larger turnouts for City

elections and lower total election costs, but lengthen voter lines, delay vote tallying, and risk conflicting times for candidate forums.

BUDGET: The Fairfax City Budget is not entirely independent of the Fairfax County Budget; many functions are shared. Naturally, then, many County cuts will also cause cuts in City Services—beyond those City cuts arising from the City's similar economic downturn.

Residents will more likely notice budget cuts made to services they personally, consciously use, e.g., parks and other open spaces, recreation centers, libraries—as p. 19, vol. 3 of the Fiscal Year 2011 Advertised Budget Plan of Fairfax County suggests. (However, cuts in Police and Fire budgets will increase response times, compromise public safety.) Page 11

of Vol. 1 of that budget shows a \$3,138,768 slash (13.04%) [from the FY 2010 Revised Budget Plan of Fairfax Co.] for the Park Authority; the corresponding cut for the Fairfax County Public Library is \$5,317,536 (17.36%). Hours cut weekly at the City Regional Library (2010 + 2011) are 6 + 7, a 21.3% total reduction.

The obvious way to compensate for those cuts in City library hours is to proportionally reduce the City's payments to the County Library system—which staffs the regional library our City built.

ISSUE: Stop reckless, incompetent spending. (See shocking examples in Washington Post's "Voter Guide", April 29, 2010.)

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Eleanor D. "Ellie" Schmidt
Challenger

BIOGRAPHY: Bachelor of Arts, University of Missouri-Columbia, Executive Vice President Cardinal Bank, 40 year resident of the City of Fairfax, Community Activities: Board of Directors, Historic Fairfax City, Inc., Board of Directors, Fairfax County Crime Solvers, Past President, Kiwanis Club of Fairfax, Leadership Fairfax Class of 1998.

ELECTIONS: I would not support moving the City of Fairfax May general elections to the date of the November general

elections. Holding the City general elections in May, as non partisan local elections, allows the voters in the City to focus on the local issues at hand. If the mayor and city council elections were held in November the issues could be diluted when combined with state and national issues.

BUDGET: The City of Fairfax currently contracts with Fairfax County for schools and a number of other services such as those provided by the Department of Family Services, the Health Department, the Court System, Department of Neighborhood and Community Services and the library. Reduction in spending in the Fairfax County budget could impact these areas and therefore have negative consequences for the resi-

dents of the City. It is important for the leaders of the City of Fairfax to maintain open communication with the leaders of Fairfax County in order to identify and remediate issues.

ISSUE: Maintaining quality services while paying lower taxes than residents in neighboring jurisdictions is important to City residents. We continue to face challenging times with our economy. It is essential to have a well disciplined approach to budgeting and spending to ensure our outstanding bond rating and quality services. Promoting economic development is important as it is the base upon which our low tax rates are possible.

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Steven C. Stombres
Incumbent

BIOGRAPHY: Personal: Married to Kristen; Children: Katie, Ellie and Jimmy; Virginia Tech, BA, History. Professional: Congressional Staff, U.S. House of Representatives; Retired, U.S. Army Reserve. Community Activities: Alternate Commissioner, Northern Virginia Transportation Commission; Volunteer, FPYC Soccer; Member, Historic Fairfax City, Inc.; Member, Daniels Run PTA; Member American Legion Post 177

ELECTIONS: I would not support moving the general election date to November. Voting in May preserves the indepen-

dent nature of our elections and ensures that issues affecting the City of Fairfax are the focus of voters when they go to the polls to elect their Mayor, City Council, and School Board.

BUDGET: Insufficient funding for regional transportation projects and cuts to our schools would have the most negative consequences for the City of Fairfax. Continued development on City borders increases traffic on our roads and has a major impact on our aging infrastructure. Addressing transportation and education issues requires a regional approach so that we can maximize funding and present a unified voice to our leaders in Richmond. I will be a tireless advocate for the City and am committed to working with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to develop mutually beneficial solutions to the problems we are facing.

ISSUE: Residents have consistently spoken to me about increasing economic development, keeping our taxes low, maintaining reliable services, and protecting our environment. We must create a business friendly environment that encourages investment in the City, avoid raising taxes on individuals and businesses during a recession, protect our first class services that people rely upon, and continue to advocate for a healthy environment. As we plan for the future, we must always keep one eye on our historic past so that we maintain the small town charm that residents of our City have known and loved for generations.

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CITY OF FAIRFAX SCHOOL BOARD

THE OFFICE

TERM: Two years

SALARIES: Chairperson, \$2,300 per year; Board members, \$1,800 per year.

DUTIES: The School Board monitors terms and conditions of agreements with the Fairfax County Public Schools; develops and oversees

annual operation of the capital improvements budget for two elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school.

BIOGRAPHY AND QUESTIONS

BIOGRAPHY: Background provided by each candidate.

THE QUESTIONS

What proposals in the Fairfax County Superintendent's proposed Fis-

cal Year 2011 **BUDGET** do you believe could create the most negative consequences for the school-age children in the City of Fairfax? As a member of the City of Fairfax School Board, how would you address these proposals?

What other school **ISSUE** do you believe is important to the residents of the City of Fairfax, and how would you address it?

CANDIDATES FOR THE CITY OF FAIRFAX SCHOOL BOARD – VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN FIVE (5)



Jon A. Buttram
Incumbent

BIOGRAPHY: Defense contractor; BS (Aerospace Engineering), Master's (Engineering Management); Captain (U.S. Navy Reserve); Current City of Fairfax School Board; Current Chairman, VSBA, Northeastern Region; Southeast Fairfax Citizens Association; American Legion; Cub Scouts / Boy Scouts – Leadership; Married (wife-Sharon, sons-Samuel and Benjamin)

BUDGET: During the last two budgets class size was increased by 0.5 students each year. This, coupled with sal-

ary freezes, and potential additional class size increases if funding remains below the requested levels, will have the greatest negative consequence. These reductions may result in the loss of teachers, lead to difficulties in recruiting and keeping high-caliber teachers, and may adversely affect the way instruction is provided in classrooms. The board will address this issue by maintaining the best facilities available and by continuing to provide support for unique enrichment opportunities such as AP course support and accelerated math skills camps. I will advocate our board's historically effective partnership with the county, which has allowed our schools to participate in unique, proven programs and technologies which have enhanced classroom instruction.

ISSUE: Graduating students prepared for higher education and participation in the 21st Century economy will require an emphasis on meeting the individual educational needs of students. The school board has developed, and I advocate, the "Road Map to Academic Success (K-12)". This guide provides students and parents with an academic sequence of courses that can enhance and help shape the student/parent/school counselor partnership important to assisting the student in meeting his/her educational needs.

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Jim L. Kaplan *Challenger*

BIOGRAPHY: Husband & Father. Experience: Decades in government, the private sector and non-profit communities – including the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Management. Community Leadership: Fairfax “Host” Lions; NOVA Parents of Multiples; Chancery Park HOA; Congregation Olam Tikvah. PTA: Providence and Mosby Woods Elementary Schools. BA, American University; MA student, George Mason University.

BUDGET: Cuts to bands, athletics, foreign language and other programs that expand children’s minds beyond basics would negatively impact my kids – and yours. Education spending has increased by 60% since 1999 with too much going to costs outside the classrooms. But classrooms face the cuts first. I will use my experience managing contracts and my relationships with county officials to advocate for a focus on classrooms and kids and to make sure the county meets its obligation to the City under our contract. School Board members are the City’s voice in these negotiations – there needs to be a voice of a parent and of a manager in the mix. I will bring that voice and that fresh perspective to the debate.

ISSUE: With the increased cost per pupil and the growing number of children in our schools, the City now spends more on Education than on Fire, Police, Parks and Public Works – COMBINED. We must be frugal stewards and fight to make sure we get good value for our money. We need to focus on where we spent extra money during the good times and start there as we tighten our belts today.

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Janice B. Miller *Incumbent*

BIOGRAPHY: City resident and community leader since 1970. School Board 1996-current, 1977-1980, 1982-1992, City Council, 1992-1994, PRAB 1995-1997. Providence Elementary School Mentor. Member: Historic Fairfax Inc, Friends of Fairfax, Chocolate Lovers Festival. Leadership positions with PTA groups and youth activities. Graduate University of Kansas, BS Education. Married, four children, four grandchildren.

BUDGET: The proposal to increase class size intensifies pres-

sure on both teachers and students. It is imperative to work with the county school board and staff to review existing resources so class size remains at current levels. If programs such as FLES are eliminated city schools could offer similar fee based after school classes through the City Recreation Department. The School Board provides grants to our four city schools to provide professional development, AP Boot Camp, Honors Math Camp and academic support programs for struggling students. Any reductions will be carefully scrutinized as the board continues to provide modest financial assistance to all four schools.

ISSUE: Contractual oversight is the fundamental responsibility of the City School Board. This unique partnership be-

tween the two boards provides opportunities to advocate for appropriate academic opportunities for all students, to keep excellent and activist principals in our buildings, to offer an outstanding and challenging curriculum and to expect the best efforts from all students. Meeting federal and state testing standards will continue to be a priority. Community dialogue should continue through e-Close-up and community forums. The Board must be accountable to our community, families and students to use financial resources wisely while offering quality educational programs.

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Carolyn S. Pitches *Challenger*

BIOGRAPHY: I have a Bachelor’s of Arts in Elementary Education from Virginia Tech and a Master’s in Education from George Mason University. I was a teacher in Prince William County Public Schools for nine years, where I received the Teacher of Excellence Award. Currently, I teach at Flint Hill School.

BUDGET: The proposal to increase class size will create the most negative consequences for school age children in Fair-

fax City because the effects are far reaching. With increased class sizes comes decreasing student achievement through less individualized instruction. Needy students are receiving less intensive instruction and remediation. Higher achieving students receive less enriched instruction due to a lack of individualized teacher support. As a member of the City of Fairfax School Board, I would relay research findings to the county school board and appeal to their understanding that smaller class sizes and differentiation are a necessity for successful learning experiences.

ISSUE: I believe that the City of Fairfax residents are concerned about which programs may be eliminated, and wheth-

er other secured programs may be greatly diminished. Many of these programs are what make our city schools part of a premiere school system. My approach would be to ensure that secure programs continue to be supported and further enriched through our school budget monies, while exploring strategies for substituting comparable after school programs for any discontinued programs. This could be done by creating after school clubs or camps that provide students with the services previously received during the school day.

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Tobin M. “Toby” Sorensen *Incumbent*

BIOGRAPHY: Current member, City School Board; BA, Philosophy, St. Bonaventure University; MA, Linguistics, MA, Humanities, University of Chicago; former editor-in-chief; former computer programmer; PTA president, elementary, middle, high schools; past member, County Superintendent’s Business and Community Advisory Council, City School Board Facilities Planning Committee, School Bond Task Force, Fairfax Community Coalition

BUDGET: The most serious proposed cut is the raising of class size. Adding a child or two to a class may not seem critical, however, principals often adjust staffing levels in order to allocate additional positions for a school’s special needs. For example, if a school has many English language learners, a principal may hire a part-time ESOL teacher. The same holds true for a school that needs more enriched academics or reading remediation. Raising class size limits principals’ flexibility to meet the needs of their schools. Since the County provides instructional service, the City School Board is limited in what it can do. However, City instructional support money can enhance both enrichment and remediation.

ISSUE: The City Schools serve a diverse student population. Residents, who are proud of their schools, want these children to get the best education available. I support the concept of professional learning communities, in which teachers collaborate across a grade level or subject to ensure that each student is learning. There also needs to be a planned curriculum continuum from the elementary to the middle to the secondary program. The Board has provided professional development money to achieve this and should continue to do so.

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Mitch A. “Sut” Sutterfield *Challenger*

BIOGRAPHY: Fairfax City resident since 1964; married, two stepdaughters. Taught English, Fairfax High School, 1977-2009; Teacher of the Year, 2003. FHS Head Wrestling Coach, 1984-2008; VHSL Wrestling Coach of the Year, 2004. Freshman Football Coach, 1977-present. Education: Fairfax High, 1972; B.A., M.A., William & Mary; Ph.D., English, GWU.

BUDGET: The Superintendent has an unenviable task in

making yet another round of cutbacks, but those that seem to me “most negative” are the ones with direct impact on the kids: the increase in class size, and the reduction or elimination of all-day kindergarten, elementary programs in fine arts and foreign language, freshman sports, and summer school. As a School Board member, I would first listen to constituents and gauge their level of concern (e.g., the outcry to save freshman sports), study the alternatives, weigh in at public forums, and then act to support the county programs I believe most valuable.

ISSUE: Much of our pride in Fairfax City comes from our four superbly renovated and equipped school buildings. Our

city contracts with Fairfax County for much of our educational staffing, budget, and curriculum, but one large priority in which we play a significant part is that of facilities management. Although it is not a high-profile task to repair arson damage, or analyze air quality, or monitor the expenditure of construction bond money, it is a crucial one. You can be sure that I will devote considerable attention and effort to maintaining and improving our physical resources.

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All that piece, parcel or tract of real estate with all improvements thereon, commonly known as 2101 Farrington Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22303, having Tax Map Identification Number of 83-1-14-E-1A and being more accurately described as:
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shall be sold to the highest bidder; however, subject to confirmation by the Court, on Friday, May 7, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. on site at the property. The property shall be sold AS IS and shall be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed. The successful bidder shall be required to deposit 10% of the bid price by Certified Check payable to the General Receiver of King George Circuit Court. Closing on the sale shall take place within 30 days of confirmation of sale by the Court.
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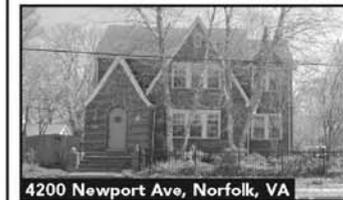
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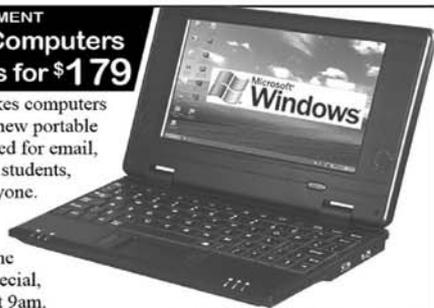
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sue of President Obama's recently passed health care bill, asking the candidates if they think that the bill is constitutional. Herrity said that he is strongly opposed to the bill and called for its opponents to unite and fight to have it repealed. He acknowledged that health care reform is needed, but said that the bill goes against all free-market economic principals and that consumers are being ignored.

"We need to fight it on all fronts," Herrity said. "We need to repeal it because it is that bad. We need true health care reform and that gets back to free-market principals. Health care is one segment of the economy where consumers are not involved and they need to be."

FIMIAN AGREED that the health care bill is unconstitutional while acknowledging the need for reform. He offered specific areas in which the current bill is lacking.

"I am not a constitutional scholar, but I'm sure this is not what the founding fathers had in mind," Fimian said. "This bill doesn't address tort reform, insurance across state lines and portability."

The final question posed to the candidates asked about their feelings on the Tea Party movement. Both candidates said that the Tea Party members are getting a bad name

through the "liberal media" and that they are seeking out and welcoming the support of its members. Fimian said that the Tea Party, contrary to representations, is full of well-informed people who genuinely care about the country and that they are getting a bad rap because liberals fear their message. Herrity agreed with this assessment, saying that the Tea Partiers are simply concerned about the direction the country is moving in and are being vocal in their opposition to it.

"My experience with Tea Partiers is that they're older and very well-informed," Fimian said. "I have not found them to be irrational or illogical. I think they're getting a bad rap and they're getting it because of fear on the other side that the movement is gaining momentum."

The candidates concluded the debate with a closing statement, and each candidate used the time to make one plea to those in attendance for their vote. Though they both acknowledged that they are opponents battling for the same position, they stressed that they are not fighting one another, but rather the system they believe is broken.

"This election is truly bigger than you and I," Herrity said. "We can't leave it to campaign promises and open rhetoric. It's harder to govern than to make a promise, and we can't be the party of no. We have to put positive ideas on the table."

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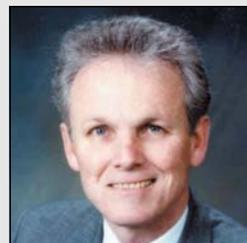
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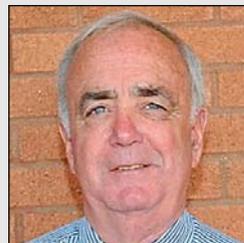
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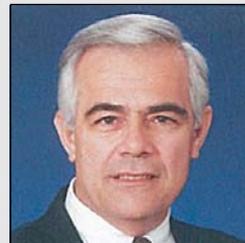
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