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Senior Man-Hua Zhu is having a good laugh after being a human bowling ball during Homecoming activities at Lake Braddock Secondary.

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## New Districts Will Alter Political Layout

County could lose House seat in redistricting, likely Democratic one.

BY STEPHEN GROVES  
VIRGINIA STATEHOUSE NEWS

As Virginia prepares to redraw its voting lines to match up with the latest census numbers, the northern part of the state looks to gain a larger section in the state house, but what the new districts might look like remains to be seen.

As the Commonwealth has grown in the last 10 years, Northern Virginia has become the economic engine as well as most populous area. Many in the statehouse predict three or four House of Delegates seats will shift to the area.

But most of the growth has been in the outer suburbs, Loudoun and Prince William. Fairfax County could even lose a delegate seat because most of its districts are have fewer than the ideal number of residents. (See chart.)

“Every time you change one line, you have to change another.”

— Sen. Mary Margaret Whipple (D-31)

But local lawmakers are still hopeful that the added clout overall will add influence.

“There’s no question that it’s going to enhance our concerns, the concerns of the region, and going to make our voice heard in the General Assembly,” said Del. Bob

Brink (D-48), who represents Arlington.

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA** lawmakers agreed they would use this louder voice to bring up transportation issues in the statehouse. Traffic has clogged the highways of northern Virginia for years.

Del. Mark Sickles (D-43) of Franconia said that between the Northern Virginia and the Hampton Roads area, where traffic

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### Northern Virginia District Projections

The deviation from ideal indicates how much change could be required in each district.

#### SENATE DISTRICTS- IDEAL DISTRICT- 197,277

Senate District	Total population 2000	Estimated Total Population 2009	% Deviation from estimated ideal	Number difference from estimated ideal	Incumbent
30	174,712	196588	-0.3%	-689	Patsy Ticer (D30)
31	174,500	188293	-4.6%	-8,984	Mary Margaret Whipple (D-31)
32	177,755	184926	-6.3%	-12,351	Janet Howell (D-32)
33	262,751	302342	53.3%	105,065	Mark Herring (D-33)
34	175,317	181280	-8.1%	-15,997	Chap Petersen (D-34)
35	158,737	185573	-5.9%	-11,704	Dick Saslaw (D-35)
36	184,196	206969	4.9%	9,692	Toddy Puller (D-36)
37	221,044	192102	-2.6%	-5,175	Dave Marsden (D-37)
39	170,581	191494	-2.9%	-5,783	George Barker (D-39)

#### CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS- IDEAL DISTRICT- 717,370

Congressional District	Total population 2000	Estimated Total Population 2009	% Deviation from estimated ideal	Number difference from estimated ideal	Incumbent
8	627,849	684340	-4.6%	-33,030	Jim Moran (D)
10	792,534	850337	18.5%	132,967	Frank Wolf (R)
11	649,553	741603	3.4%	24,233	Gerry Connolly (D)

#### HOUSE OF DELEGATES DISTRICTS- IDEAL POPULATION- 78,911

House District	Total population 2000	Estimated Total Population 2009	% Deviation from estimated ideal	Number difference from estimated ideal	Incumbent
34	75,006	71702	-9.1%	-7,209	Barbara Comstock (R-34)
35	68,244	78086	-1.0%	-825	Mark Keam (D-35)
36	83,956	73573	-6.8%	-5,338	Ken Plum (D-36)
37	66,183	73073	-7.4%	-5,838	David Bulova (D-37)
38	68,433	73844	-6.4%	-5,067	Kaye Kory (D-38)
39	67,421	75421	-4.4%	-3,490	Vivian Watts (D-39)
40	85,006	77551	-1.7%	-1,360	Tim Hugo (R-40)
41	63,280	70393	-10.8%	-8,518	Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41)
42	65,399	75228	-4.7%	-3,683	Dave Albo (R-42)
43	82,825	73892	-6.4%	-5,019	Mark Sickles (R-43)
44	65,226	73977	-6.3%	-4,934	Scott Surovell (D-44)
45	63,856	76632	-2.9%	-2,279	David Englin (D-45)
46	73,341	75938	-3.8%	-2,973	Charniele Herring (D-46)
47	68,489	74408	-5.7%	-4,503	Patrick Hope (D-47)
48	70,999	80077	1.5%	1,166	Bob Brink (D-48)
49	66,103	77640	-1.6%	-1,271	Adam Ebbin (D-49)
53	72,521	76138	-3.5%	-2,773	Jim Scott (D-53)
67	90,871	86050	9.0%	7,139	Jim LeMunyon (R-67)
86	45,130	86876	10.1%	7,965	Tom Rust (R-86)

SOURCE: Virginia Division of Legislative Services, compiled by Virginia Statehouse News.

## Does Size Matter?

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

Jenn Sherman may be one of the best field hockey players in the region, but she is still petite. The high school senior could probably pass for being a freshman or sophomore easily.

So it isn't surprising that Sherman was intimidated when she first visited Lake Braddock Secondary School as an elementary school student.

“Just looking down the hallway scared me to death. I was afraid I was going to get lost in the building and not be able to find my way around,” she said.

The year before she started at Lake Braddock, Jenn's family had moved to Burke from Missouri. She was just getting used to the fact that there were 26 students in her elementary school homeroom. In Missouri, classes averaged about 12 students, she said.

Even though the school frightened her at

first, Sherman said she quickly got used to Lake Braddock, which was built to hold more 4,000 students.

As a middle school student, she attended high school sports events and found it exciting when she saw players walking around school during the day. It instilled Lake Braddock pride in Sherman at an early age.

“Now, I bleed purple and gold,” she said.

With the 12th largest public school population in the country, Fairfax County is also home to some of the United States' biggest schools.

In its annual ranking, U.S. News and World Report considered those schools with more than 3,000 students to be among the largest nationwide. Education reporter Jay Matthews, who devised Newsweek's “best high schools” list, draws the cut off of a “big school” at 2,500 pupils.

With just more than 4,000 students last year, Robinson Secondary School was, once again, the largest school in Virginia. With 3,700 pupils enrolled, Lake Braddock was

## Robinson, Lake Braddock secondary schools are two of the largest schools in Virginia.

the second largest school in Fairfax County and also among the biggest in the Commonwealth.

Robinson and Lake Braddock, which share a boundary, are two of the four secondary facilities in Fairfax County that house both middle and high schools students, which increases their size substantially. Other county facilities, like Westfield High School, have a larger high school population than either Robinson or Lake Braddock.

But most Fairfax high schools that have exceeded the 2,500-student mark have generally done so only because they are overcrowded. In general, Fairfax high schools were built to accommodate around 2,000 and 2,500 students comfortably. In fact, only Westfield's facility, built to fit 2,800 students, was constructed with more than 2,500 high school students in mind.

What makes the secondary model unusual is that the facilities were designed as mega-schools that could accommodate well

over 3,000 children.

Robinson's facility was constructed for as many as 3,700 students, Hayfield Secondary School was built for 3,200 students and Lake Braddock, which was expanded during a renovation in 2001, can fit a whooping 4,300 students, according to the school system's own capacity statistics.

All three facilities were originally built in the late 1960s or early 1970s.

“It seems it was the thing to do for a period of time. ... We have tried to move away from mega-schools,” said Dean Tistadt, chief operating officer of the Fairfax school system.

Tistadt said he had even heard Fairfax's former superintendent from that era express regret about overseeing the construction of the school district's mega-schools.

“I think a secondary school model could work if the schools were not so big,” said Tistadt.

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## CAMPS & SCHOOLS



German Club members, juniors Colleen Doyle and Charlotte Ellison, stroll along throwing out candy and promoting their club.



Lake Braddock Marching Band heads out on Friday, Oct. 22 for the 2010 Homecoming Parade.

# Bruins March Home

Lake Braddock students, alumni celebrate Homecoming with parade, pre-game festival.



Children dash into the street to grab at the candy goodness.

PHOTOS BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION



Senior crew member Kate Hughes shows sophomore Michael Lee the ropes of the rowing machine crew members use.



A student marches in costume.



Juniors Caroline Ramirez and Anna Delaney sell T-shirts and drinks to help raise money for the junior class.

# Lines Redrawn

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also is a major concern, the representatives from those areas could likely outweigh the rest of the state if they allied.

Education funding was another concern on which lawmakers said they could use their weight.

"Northern Virginia is the economic engine of the state and deserves more resource allocation," Brink said.

In the last decade, Virginia's population has grown 11.4 percent to about 7.8 million people. Most of the growth has been in the metropolitan areas, while rural areas and small towns have seen fewer people living there.

The largest growth has been in the areas around Washington. Loudoun and Prince William counties both gained more than 100,000 people. Alexandria grew modestly from 128,000 to 150,000 in the last decade. Fairfax County also saw a jump of about 63,000 people.

"We know there's a lot of population growth ... so there's going to be a lot of changes," said state Sen. Mary Margaret Whipple (D-31) of Arlington.

While some areas of Northern Virginia such as Alexandria and Mount Vernon have had steady population growth that puts those districts close to the estimated ideal for a House or Senate district, they could still see some change.

"Every time you change one line, you have to change another," Whipple said.

But for the first time in the modern history of redistricting, the General Assembly is split between a Republican House and Democratic Senate. Also only 59 of the 140 lawmakers in the statehouse served during the 2001 redistricting. Throw in a Republi-

can governor who has veto power to amend the redistricting, and it's "a big monkey-wrench," said Michael McDonald, a politics professor at George Mason and nationally recognized expert on redistricting.

To make matters worse, Virginia has the smallest time period in the nation to approve the new districts. When the latest census num-

bers come out in February, Virginia has less than two months to have new districts approved. They must draw the districts 60 days before the June 2011 primary elections so the Department of Justice has time to review the districts and approve them.

What this adds up to is a "you scratch my back, I'll scratch yours" deal likely being worked out between the House and Senate, said McDonald. Each legislative body will approve the plan that the other comes up with for their districts.

**INCUMBENTS** will protect their districts if this system goes according to plan. But this will not leave everyone happy.

"Partisan redistricting is not good for democracy," Sickles said.

In Northern Virginia, which will gain several House of Delegates seats, this could be interesting. The Republican held House might try to fit a Republican district or two into the Democrat-dominated north.

"There will be some very funny looking districts," McDonald said, suggesting that Republicans may try to draw "spoke-and-wheel" districts that start stretch out from urban centers to the suburbs.

"It's my hope that redistricting is fair ... that communities of interest are kept the same," said Del. Charniele Herring (D-46) of Alexandria.

But McDonald said parties may be able to make short-term gains by redrawing lines, but in the long run, an area gravitates to one party historically.

"I wouldn't be salivating if I was a Republican trying to draw Republican districts in Northern Virginia," he said.

For now, lawmakers are watching the series of public forums on redistricting being held around the state. And waiting for the mad dash that will fill the statehouse when census numbers are released in February.

## Get Involved

The Senate's Privileges and Elections Committee is conducting hearings across the state about legislative redistricting. The public hearing Northern Virginia is Thursday, Nov. 4, 7 p.m., Herndon Town Council Chambers, 765 Lynn St., Herndon

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# OPINION

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Every year is an election year in Virginia. This combined with a bevy of special elections in some areas can result in voter fatigue.

This year, every voter in Virginia will vote for a candidate for U.S. House of Representatives plus vote on three statewide constitutional questions.

**EDITORIAL** Voters in Fairfax will also vote on a transportation bond referendum.

Voters in Arlington will also choose one member of Arlington County Board, one member of the Arlington School Board and vote on four bond questions, one for Metro funding, one for "county infrastructure," one for schools and one for parks.

You can still vote early. Voters are allowed to vote absentee if they might be unavailable to vote on Election Day, including people who might be at work or commuting to work for 11 hours on that day. That's eight hours at work, a possible one-hour commute each way plus a lunch hour.

Voter's rights, excerpts from the State Board of Elections, [www.sbe.virginia.gov](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov).

As a Virginia voter, you have the following rights:

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- ❖ To seek help from the election officials if you are unsure about anything relating to the

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## Voting On Constitutional Amendments

### Sponsors explain amendments on Nov. 2 ballot.

BY SEN. GEORGE BARKER (D-39)  
& SEN. TODDY PULLER (D-36)

**O**n Nov. 2, Virginians will not only be electing members of the House of Representatives but also voting on whether to adopt three amendments to the Virginia Constitution, two on property tax relief and one increasing the size of our rainy day fund. As the Senate patrons of the amendments, we want voters to understand them.

First on the ballot is an amendment sponsored by Sen. Barker that gives counties and cities complete flexibility regarding property tax relief for elderly or disabled persons. The wording is: "Shall Section 6 of Article X of the Constitution of Virginia be amended to authorize legislation that will permit localities to establish their own income or financial worth limitations for purposes of granting property tax relief for homeowners not less than 65 years of age or permanently and totally disabled?"

Sen. Barker has found that many older people, often those in their 80s and 90s, have limited incomes and are not able to enjoy their

retirement as they should because of property taxes. Some do not qualify for relief because of assets that they are saving for possible critical needs, such as for long-term care. This amendment would give counties and cities the ability to help those older residents.

State law now has different income and asset caps for different counties. Any locality that wants to go beyond such cap must get legislation passed in Richmond. The amendment would permit counties to develop their own policies without having to get permission from the legisla-

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ture.

The Ballot Question concerning certain veterans, sponsored by Sen. Puller, reads: "Shall the Constitution be amended to require the General Assembly to provide a real property tax exemption for the principal residence of a veteran, or his or her surviving spouse, if the veteran has a 100 percent service-connected, permanent and total disability?"

If the Amendment passes, the General Assembly will be required to pass a bill in the 2011 Session to exempt "from local taxation

the principal residence owned and occupied by any veteran with a 100 percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability. The veteran's surviving spouse could continue to claim the exemption so long as he or she does not remarry and continues to occupy the home as his or her principal residence." Determination of eligibility must be made by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor.

There are slightly more than 7,000 100-percent disabled veterans in the Commonwealth according to the Virginia Department of Veterans Services. This has been one of the top initiatives of the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service organization for several years. Passing this Constitutional Amendment could be of assistance to those who have served in our Military Services and helped protect our freedoms.

The rainy day fund amendment, also sponsored by Sen. Barker, reads: "Shall Section 8 of Article X of the Constitution of Virginia be amended to increase the permissible size of the Revenue Stabilization Fund (also known as the "rainy day fund") from 10 percent to 15 percent of the Commonwealth's average an-

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annual tax revenues derived from income and retail sales taxes for the preceding three fiscal years?"

The amendment would increase the size of the rainy day fund by 50 percent. When the fund now reaches the 10 percent cap, additional revenues are spent elsewhere rather than a portion being saved in the rainy day fund. During the recent major recession, Virginia revenues decreased significantly, falling far short of projections. Because the size of the rainy day fund has been modest, it provided only a little help when revenues dropped.

The amendments are proposed on a bipartisan basis, with two of us being the Senate sponsors and Republicans John O'Bannon and Mark Cole patrons in the House of Delegates. They become part of our Constitution if approved by the voters.

COLLEGE NOTES

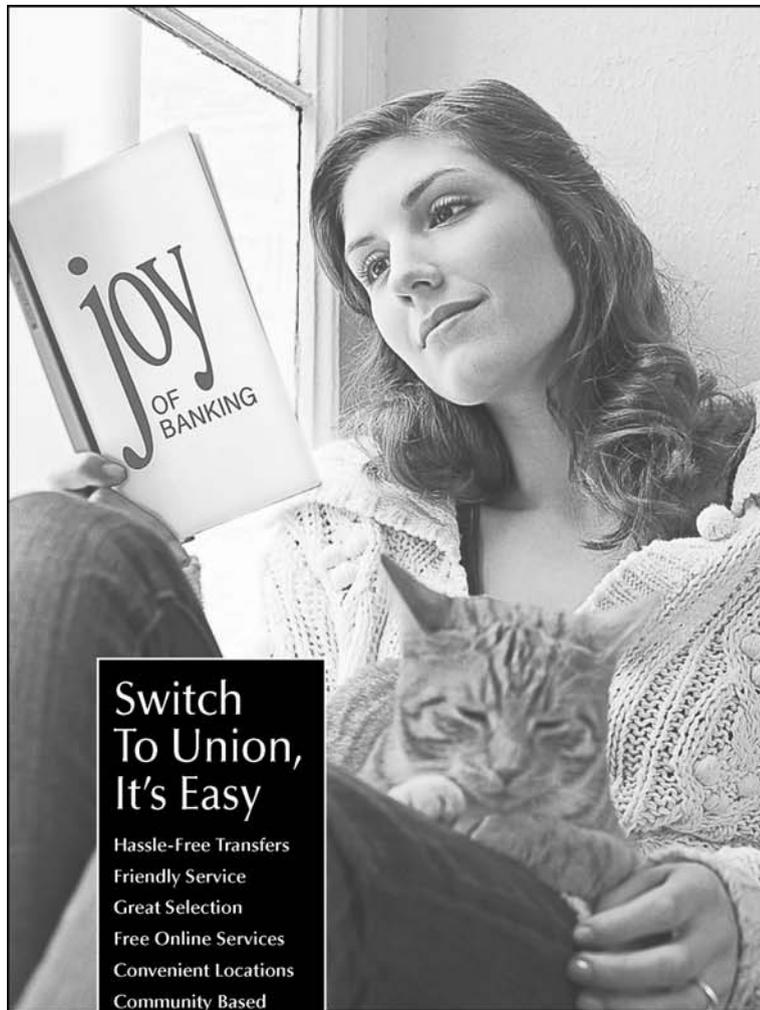
**Timothy Baker** of Burke, majoring in general engineering in the College of Engineering, has finished the new cadet training week with the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets.

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**Meg Emery**, a senior business marketing and management major at Lycoming College, swims distance freestyle and backstroke events. A resident of Burke, she is a graduate of Lake Braddock Secondary School.

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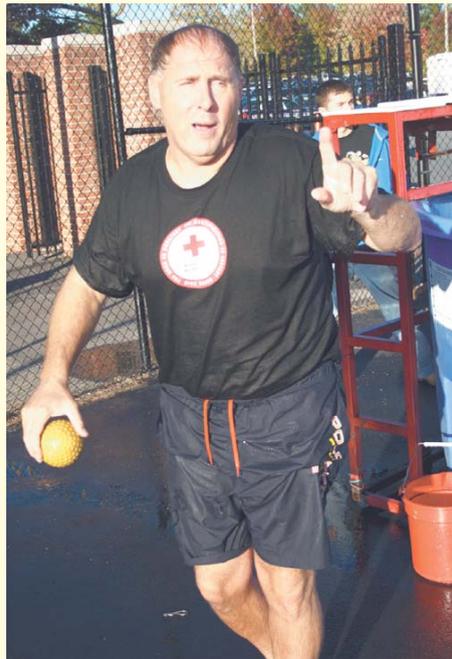


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## CAMPS & SCHOOLS



Master Police Officer Alice Eggers explains to Lucas Kozeniesky the importance of properly wearing a seatbelt before he rides 'the convincer.'



Principal Dan Meier ends his shift in the dunk tank.



Matthew Everett, left, races Adam Familiant at the Robinson Crew's tent.

# Rams at Play

Taste of Robinson leads up to Oct. 22 Homecoming game.



Sylvia Orellano rides 'the convincer,' which imitates a 5-8 mph crash, one of the activities offered at the Taste of Robinson homecoming event.



Above, Jason Rath, left, knocks down Jackson Vicorra.



Nick Marshall attempts to ride a tricycle while wearing drunk goggles.

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At left, Jonathan Han break dances.

# CALENDAR

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**Pianist Jim Brickman.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$35. Wolftrap.org.

## SATURDAY/OCT. 30

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**Spanish Singer Buika.** 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A blend of jazz, blues and soul with gypsy rumba, Afro-Cuban music and flamenco. Pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins at 7:15 p.m. on the Center's Grand Tier III. \$21-\$42. Charge tickets at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

**Burke Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at 5671 Roberts Parkway, Burke.

**States featuring Mindy White at 7 p.m., Halloween Party with The Speaks, Fight The Lion and Ivy Rose at 10 p.m.** Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

**Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association.** Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke. Line dance 7:30 p.m., couples specialty dance 8 p.m., open dancing 8:30-11 p.m. Prizes for best Halloween costumes and table decorations. Admission \$5-\$12. 703-860-4941.

**Fourth Annual Costume Halloween Run.** 9 a.m. at Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Age 13 and older will walk or run the 4.7 mile lake trail starting at 9 a.m. Age 12 and under will walk or run to the dam and back for a total of 1 mile, starting at 9:15 a.m. Goodie bags and refreshments following the races. Costumes and reservations required. \$10 age 12 and under, \$15 age 13 and up. 703-866-0566.

**Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors' Association High School Marching Band Assessment, Northeast**

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## CAMPS & SCHOOLS

# Terra Centre Elementary Turns 30

School one of two in county that is partially earth-covered.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

Several things were different when Terra Centre Elementary School first opened its doors in 1980.

Twenty-four-hour news stations were unheard of and the sticky note had just been invented. The year 1980 was also the first time Japanese cars outsold American cars in the United States, according to Richard Moniuszko, deputy superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools, who spoke at Terra Centre's birthday party on Friday, Oct. 22.

The Burke school's first batch of students probably spent their free time playing the Pac-Man video game, watching "Star Wars" and coveting Cabbage Patch Kids. Many listened to Michael Jackson's "Off The Wall" and "Thriller" on their walkmans, according to retrospective of the 1980s performed by Terra Centre students.

In other ways, Moniuszko pointed out, the world has not changed very much in the



The Terra Centre chorus performs at the school's 30th birthday party on Friday, Oct. 22.

last 30 years.

In the late 1970s, when the school system started to plan for a new elementary school on Burke Centre Parkway, energy efficiency was on most Americans' minds.

At that time, an oil shortage led to long lines at gas stations across the United States, according to a student presentation about the history of Terra Centre.

As a result, Fairfax school officials decided

"Building an earth-covered school was a novel idea at the time."

— Richard Moniuszko, FCPS deputy superintendent

to reuse the unusual but environmentally-conscience building design from Terraset Elementary School in Reston for Terra Centre. Both Terraset and Terra Centre, which is Latin for "center of the earth," are partially buried underground to minimize the building's dependency on heating oil and electricity.

Since Terra Centre was partially built into a hill, the students' play area is also literally on the roof of the school.

"Building an earth-covered school was a novel idea at the time," said Moniuszko.

Initially, Terra Centre also made use of solar panels, which had been purchased with private funds from donor, possibly Gulf Oil. Solar power had gained some national attention in the late 1970s when U.S. President James Carter (D) installed some panels on the White House but it was not regularly used in public buildings, said Kevin

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**Rocknokers Halloween Party** at 10:30 a.m. **Boys Will Be Boys, Scott Norris, Brightview and The Comeback Season** at 6:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**"Tales from the Tombstones" Cemetery Tour.** 2 p.m. at the Confederate Monument in Fairfax Cemetery, 10567 Main St., Fairfax. Opened in 1866, the cemetery includes grave sites of "Mosby Rangers," community leaders, a Revolutionary War soldier, and a member of the NFL Hall of Fame. Adults \$5, youth and students \$3. Reservations recommended at 703-385-8414.

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# Bruins Beat Stallions in District Finals

## Ali Froede scores overtime goal for Lake Braddock.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

The action during regulation play of the Oct. 21 Patriot District girls' field hockey tournament championship game between two-time defending champion South County and Lake Braddock was practically non-stop. The game was scoreless, as both teams, time and time again throughout the 60 minutes, took their turns maneuvering and working their ways toward their opponents' goalie area.

Neither squad could cash in with a regulation goal, which was the result of outstanding defensive marking and goalie play from both sides.

Finally, the well-played, intense contest, played on Lee High's turf field, moved into a 15-minute, sudden death overtime. There, the game came to a quick resolution as Lake Braddock's Ali Froede, a senior forward and a First Team All-District player this season, put the game to an end with a dramatic, 10-yard goal from the right corner area of the scoring circle. The game-winning score



Ali Froede's overtime goal in the district finals ignited a spontaneous Lake Braddock celebration.

came nearly 3 minutes into the extra session and ignited a spontaneous on-field celebration by the Bruins' players.

"The defense played its heart out tonight," said Froede afterwards, of her team. "Tonight was a good performance all the way through. Everyone stepped up."

The victory gave Lake Braddock the district crown and ended South County's two-year reign as champions. Earning the win

in the net for the Bruins was junior goalie Katie Coulter.

Lake Braddock players Brittany Hopkins, a senior forward and this year's District Player of the Year, and Froede both represented their team in accepting the tournament championship trophy during post-game awards ceremonies.

Both Lake Braddock and South County were scheduled to begin play earlier this

week in the 16-team Northern Region tournament.

**THE WINNING GOAL** was set up by Maria Jose Pastor. The sophomore forward had taken the ball from about midfield all the way down to the circle area before passing it right toward Froede, who tried to chase the rapidly moving ball down as it moved toward the end line area. With her angle on the goal dwindling, Froede, with a couple of defenders right on or near her, finally got within striking distance of the ball and, lunging at it, wound up and sent a sizzling grounder that found its way into the goalie box for the score.

"I think I just got off what shot I could on it," said Froede, one of eight seniors on the Bruins' roster. "I actually thought I whiffed at the ball at first to be honest. Then I thought the ball had hit the post. It was the best feeling [when it went in]. We had won the district [three years ago as freshmen] and it was great to come back and win it our senior year."

A couple of minutes earlier in the overtime, Froede had nearly scored during an offensive rush in which she drove the ball into scoring range and blasted a shot straight on from 12 yards out, only to see South County junior net-minder Kendall Clifton snag the well-hit shot.

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# Robinson Rolls Over Chargers

## Ram seniors play final home match, beat Centreville

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

The Robinson volleyball team was six points shy of sweeping Centreville on senior night when the Rams encountered an unexpected variable, equal parts terrifying and amusing and capable of slowing them down. Up two sets to none and leading 19-8 in the third, Robinson players screamed and dispersed as a large spider crawled across their side of the court.

"I'm going to have nightmares," senior Susie Murach joked after the match.

The floor official walked over and saved the day, stepping on the arachnid before using an object to scoop up its body and carry it off the court.

"It was huge," Robinson head coach Jill Pearson said. "It was one of the most bizarre things, ever. We're standing there and all of the sudden the girls

**"Our Patel twins, their defense and how smart they are and their ability to make adjustments to other teams' offenses is awesome."**

— Robinson head coach Jill Pearson

look at me and I'm like, 'I don't really want to have anything to do with it.' Thank goodness the referee went over there and took care of it. [I don't have] arachnophobia, but still, that thing was massive.

"It was hilarious."

The rest of the evening went smoothly for the Rams, who finished off the Wildcats 3-0 (25-14, 25-20, 25-13) during their final home match of the season on Oct. 26. The win improved Robinson's record to 10-7, 4-0 in the Concorde District. The Rams, ranked No. 4 in the Oct. 18 edition of the Northern Region Volleyball Coaches Association top-10 poll, will close the regular season with a match at Westfield at 7:15 p.m. on Oct. 28.

While there's still volleyball to be played, seven Robinson seniors took part in their final home match on Tuesday: outside hitter Murach, setters Tiffany Connatser and Frannie Nejako, middle blocker Samantha Guckert, libero Kelsey Patel, defensive specialist Elena Patel and opposite hitter Katie Spence.

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**Robinson senior outside hitter Susie Murach recorded 15 kills in the final home match of her high school career.**



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# SPORTS

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Lake Braddock players Brittany Hopkins, right, and Ali Froede, along with Bruins' head coach Diane Miller, center, accept the district championship plaque from Dan Griel, the Lake Braddock assistant director of student activities, following the title game win.

## Bruin Girls Win District Crown

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"When I got that shot off, I knew it was going to the keeper," said Froede. "I was very disappointed."

But she made her second opportunity in the overtime pay off a couple of minutes later to make Lake Braddock champions.

"Last year, we were 9-10," said longtime Lake Braddock head coach Diane Miller. "Our slogan this year was, 'This is it.' I think my kids just dug deep today. South County is an excellent team and [Stallions' coach] Leah Conte does an excellent job with them."

**DURING A TEAM** huddle following the win, Miller received a loud cheer from her squad when she informed the girls they would get the following day off and not have to practice.

The coach said her senior-heavy Bruins were hungry to get over the top and dethrone the talented Stallions, whom they had defeated, 2-0, during a regular season road meeting on Sept. 13. Lake Braddock entered the eight-team district tournament as the No. 1 seed, while South County was No. 3. The Bruins won playoff games over No. 8 West Potomac, 4-0, and No. 5 Annandale, 2-0, to reach

the finals. South County, meanwhile, made it to the championship game with victories over No. 6 West Springfield, 4-0, and No. 2 Woodson, 2-1.

"I think because this is the last season for several of the girls there was a real incentive for them to do what they needed to too win," said Miller.

Conte, the South County coach, said Stallion players Erica Binzer, a senior defender, and junior midfielder Cari McGregor played particularly well in the finals game to help keep Lake Braddock off the scoreboard in 60 minutes of regulation play.

"They kept us in the game," said Conte, of the duo. "I think Braddock and us both had [scoring] opportunities [in regulation]. Neither team could capitalize on them."

The tone of the game changed in overtime.

"In overtime, play was super fast," said Conte.

Of heading into this week's regionals, Conte said, "We need to mentally be prepared. It's hard to come off a loss like this but our expectations are high and it's a new season."

South County was scheduled to play visiting Edison in a first round game of the region tournament on Wednesday, Oct. 27. Lake Braddock, meanwhile, was scheduled to host Washington-Lee High (Arlington) in a first round game on the same day.

## Behind Seniors, Rams Victorious

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Murach led Robinson with 15 kills.

"It kind of stinks," Murach said. "I've been playing [on varsity] since my freshman year. That's my last home game. It just sucks."

Murach, the 2009 region player of the year and a first-team all-state selection, will play at Wingate University in North Carolina next year.

"Defensively, passing, and of course her attack and serve. She's a great all-around player," Pearson said of Murach's strengths. "So many teams camp out on her so early and know that she's our go-to girl. Her ability to hit any shot with any set that she gets has definitely been a big asset."

Connatser, a second-team all-district selection as a junior, is the team's starting setter and finished with

28 assists.

"Tiffany, in my opinion, is definitely one of the top two best setters in the region," Pearson said. "Her ability to get to balls and put up a great set for girls to hit is huge."

Kelsey Patel and Elena Patel are known for their defense.

"Our Patel twins," Pearson said, "their defense and how smart they are and their ability to make adjustments to other teams' offenses is awesome."

Junior middle Chance Rye recorded eight kills, three solo blocks and three block assists against Centreville, junior outside hitter Brenna Dolan had four and junior outside hitter Paige Brindley and Connatser had three. Guckert and Spence each recorded two kills.

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## CAMPS & SCHOOLS

# Half-Buried for 30 Years

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Sneed, director of design and construction for Fairfax schools.

The school system eventually removed the panels from the Terra Centre in the late 1980s, when they started to break and became expensive to maintain, said Sneed. Even without solar panels, Terra Centre remains one of the most energy efficient buildings in the school system 30 years after it opened.

"Those were very progressive facilities for their time ... and they still reduce the energy load," said Sneed.

The Terra Centre community has embraced the elementary school's odd features over the years.

"It is a unique design. There are only two schools like this in Fairfax," said Steve Gosslin, Terra Centre's principal from 1988 to 1999, who attended the school birthday party.

In addition to being partially buried, Terra Centre's interior building utilizes an "open plan," a building concept in the 1970s and 1980s. Many classrooms do not have permanent doors or walls. Sneed said several of the classrooms are also circular instead of a traditional rectangular shape.

Gosslin, who was a principal at other elementary schools in Fairfax County, said he appreciated some aspects of the "open plan" design. It has always felt like Terra Centre's building has had more space. Having a library without walls at the center of all the classrooms in the school was also nice, he said.

"The school was unique and fun and different. In each pod, there was a double classroom without any walls," said Sue Williams, who taught at Terra Centre from 1980 to 1998.

Even current students can appreciate Terra Centre's odd features.

"The playground on the roof is really neat and cool," wrote fourth-grader Noah Goldfarb in "Tiger Pride," the new school song he composed to celebrate Terra Centre's 30th anniversary. The Terra Centre chorus performed "Tiger Pride" for the first time during the school's birthday party Oct. 22.

But after three decades, Terra Centre's environmentally conscience building is also showing its age.

"It does feel a little bit like a bunker when you are in there," said Sneed.

The Burke elementary school is likely to be renovated in the next four to five years. Sneed said it is not clear how much of Terra Centre's original design will remain after an overhaul of the facility.

"I would like to introduce some light into the middle of the school. We might propose reconfiguring the interior into a more traditional arrangement too," said Sneed, who would like to reduce the ambient noise that circulates in the building because of its "open plan."

Sneed said Terra Centre already poses some maintenance problems not seen in other schools.

"I have had some roof leaks and there really is no way to fix a roof when it is under 3 feet of dirt," said Sneed.

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## FAITH

# St. Andrew's Rector To Retire

Rev. Randall L. Prior steps down after serving ministry of 40 years.

BY SHIRLEY J. GREGORY  
THE CONNECTION

**R**ev. Randall L. Prior, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Burke, is retiring after a ministry of 40 years. The congregation and his friends expressed regret in losing him, not only because his ministry, as Arthur Prentiss, a parishioner of many years, described it, is integral with the history and growth of the church, but also because of how much his love and friendship has brought the congregation together as a church family.

Prior's ministry has extended from the church congregation into the Burke community and beyond. To show their admiration for a career built upon ministering to those in spiritual and mental need, well-wishers gathered to honor him and his wife Scootie in a ceremony on Saturday, Oct. 23. Prior will continue his love of pastoral counseling after retirement when he joins the Northern Virginia Pastoral Counseling Ser-

vice. Prior's career began with a dual appointment as deacon/priest in charge at St. Matthew's Church in Chipley, Fla., and at St. Michael's Church in Graceville, Fla., from 1970 to 1971. He was then appointed assistant to rector at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Richmond, serving there from 1971 to 1974.

Prior's bond with St. Andrew's began when he was appointed vicar of St. Andrew's in 1974. At that time, the congregation consisted of about 20 families, 60-65 people, and met at Silverbrook Elementary. Burke Lake Road was only a two-lane road at that time. Then the congregation began meeting in the Orange Hunt School cafeteria and grew rapidly.

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— Rev. Randall L. Prior

The St. Andrew's congregation continued to meet at the school as development of the current church began in 1977. It was completed in November 1978 and the congregation moved in that December. Thanksgiving Day service was celebrated outside the front of the entrance of the church. The education building was added in 1985 to house Sunday school and adult education classes, and St. Andrew's Episcopal Preschool, which provide weekday morning programs for children ages 3 through 5.

"St. Andrew's is a special place where special opportunities happen all of the time," Prior said. Issues closest to his heart are the needs of the parish, mission congregations, housing habitat and the community.

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PHOTO PROVIDED BY ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Randall and Scootie Prior at their daughter's wedding in 2010.**

things that makes St. Andrew's so special." "No one ever says, 'Well this is the way we've always done it,'" said Lisa Wakeley, lay assistant and a long-time church member. "In the beginning, we were so small we needed the fresh outlook and creativity. Then it just became part of our church culture. There are traditions we observe, but

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## FAITH NOTES

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**Messiah United Methodist Church**, 6215 Rolling Road in Springfield, has announced their October events. Contact the church at 703-569-9862 ext. 208 or [dcarnes@messiahumc.org](mailto:dcarnes@messiahumc.org). **Poverty Summit**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30. An open forum addressing poverty and possible solutions. Free, registration required at [www.messiahumc.org/#/serve/poverty-summit](http://www.messiahumc.org/#/serve/poverty-summit).

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# Bigger Schools = Better Pupils?

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Some members of the community think secondary schools, even large ones like Robinson and Lake Braddock, work just fine as an educational model.

"I really don't think about the size. I really don't think about Robinson as being very big at all now," said Darcy Sampson, a sophomore from Clifton.

With more students, large schools are able to offer a wider range of academic courses.

"There are pretty cut and dry rules that there have to be 20 kids signed up for a course before we can offer it. You are more likely to have 20 kids sign up for a course in a school that has 3,000 students than a school that has 1,500 students," said School Board member Tessie Wilson (Braddock), whose children graduated from Robinson.

"On the academic side of things, I think there are more advantages to a big school. There are more courses being offered and more opportunities for different kinds of clubs," said School Board member Liz Bradsher (Springfield).

Bradsher added that, even though Robinson is the biggest school in her district, it is also the one that she receives the fewest complaints about from constituents.

"I have probably gotten two letters about Robinson in the three years I have been on the School Board. Robinson is the biggest school in the county, in the state, and I have only gotten two letters about it," said Bradsher.

One downside of attending a large school, whether it is secondary program or not, is that co-curricular activities such as drama and athletics become extremely competitive.

"There are probably a lot of kids who did not make the team who would have made



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**The front hallway at Robinson Secondary School is a quarter of a mile long.**

it at another school," said Diane Miller, Lake Braddock's field hockey coach for the past 30 years.

Miller cut 23 people from this year's varsity and junior varsity field hockey squads at Lake Braddock. In other years, she has had to cut dozens more, she said.

On the flip side, more competition also tends to lead to better athletic teams overall and some school communities enjoy being athletic powerhouses.

"The more kids you have to choose from, the better you will be," said Jim Poythress, Lake Braddock's head football coach.

Miller added that having middle school students in the building can give coaches

at secondary schools at an advantage. The middle school physical education teachers will encourage students to try out for sports they where they might excel and tip off the high school coaches about the potential player, she said.

Some students also believe going to a secondary school generates more school pride. "You go to homecoming and the high school students you see out there are also people you might see around school," said Kaitlyn Holzhauser, a Robinson junior.

"I felt like it was easier to transition into high school. I had already been going to all the football games," said Robyn Gianiny, a senior at Lake Braddock.

# Rev. Prior To Step Down after 40 Years

FROM PAGE 15

we are very welcoming of new ideas, new ideas for outreach programs and new ideas from other congregations and other faith traditions."

"I am proud that St. Andrew's is outreach oriented, and that the church sets aside 25 percent of its income to meet the needs of others," said Prior. "I am also proud about how members place strong importance on ministering to families and children, and how willing they are to work hard to accomplish whatever needs to be done."

Dan Taggart, a close friend of Prior's, described him as a strong, spiritual man who was strong leader. "He has helped hundreds and hundreds of people with needs in their lives during his wonderful career at the church," he said. "Thinking back, he has been there every time I need him."

Taggart, who has faced some health issues in the last few years, said, "Every time I looked up from a hospital bed he is standing there. Randall has always been a dear,

close friend to my wife and me, and we will always be his."

Jeannie Tripani's family has been a member of St. Andrew's for about 23 years. She has fond memories about how Prior's ministry has touched her family. "We will always cherish our memories of the ways Rev. Prior's ministry has touched our lives," she said. "He baptized our children, and was always there when we needed him."

Barbie Nein, parishioner for 30 years, was a member of St. Andrew's when Prior became vicar. "His guidance has been wonderful for St. Andrew's," she said. "His leadership has led the church in a way so unusual in churches. It is our love and concern for people in need as evidence of our love of God."

Prior's academic accomplishments mirror his love of pastoral counseling. He has a doctor of ministry, specializing in marriage and family ministry, and he has studied at the Institute for Pastoral Psychotherapy and at other institutes of learning in the areas of clinical practices. He has served in many

positions in the Diocese of Virginia, including regional dean with pastoral responsibility for Episcopal churches in western Fairfax county, and parish consultant on issues of professional development, conflict resolution, and parish planning.

**HIS EMPHASIS** on ministering to families stems from his love and concern for children. "They are our future," he said. "We try to provide developmentally appropriate programs for the whole child." He participates in the management of the church's preschool, leading its daily opening worship.

Prior has been active in community service as well. He was a member of the Fairfax County Task Force to End Homelessness from 2007 to 2008. He was president of the Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia from January 2001 to December 2002. He was a member of the board from 1996 to 2002. He was co-founder of the Interfaith Housing Ministries of Burke and is a Fairfax Affordable Housing Board Member.

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