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Sara Holbrook  
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**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** November 9, 2010 to December 24, 2010

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway (Route 1), in Lorton Virginia at 7:00 PM on Thursday, December 9, 2010.

**PERMIT NAME AND NUMBER:** I-95 Sanitary Landfill, Permit Number 103

**PERMIT APPLICANT:** County of Fairfax, Virginia, Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, Solid Waste Management Program

**FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION:** I-95 Landfill Complex; 9850 Furnace Road in Lorton, Virginia. This facility is an Environmental Enterprise participant in Virginia's Environmental Excellence Program.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** County of Fairfax, Virginia, Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, Solid Waste Management Program has applied for a modification to its permit allowing the use of an alternate liner design in Phases III and IV of the Area Three Lined Landfill (ATLL); modification of the MSW Unit Cap for expansion of the Citizens Disposal Facility; and allow implementation of a groundwater corrective action plan (CAP). The CAP details the methods to be used to remediate groundwater contamination and includes a Corrective Action Monitoring Program which sets standard procedures for the sampling, analysis, and statistical review of groundwater quality data collected during the Corrective Action process. This permit amendment will incorporate a revised Operations Manual, Design Report, Construction Quality Assurance Plan, and Closure Plan into Permit No. 103 in addition to a Corrective Action Plan and Corrective Action Monitoring Plan.

**HOW TO COMMENT:** DEQ accepts comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. DEQ also accepts written and oral comments at public hearings. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named below. Copies of the permit documents are also available at the Lorton Library at 9520 Richmond Highway in Lorton.

**CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Larry Syverson; DEQ-Central Office, 629 East Main Street, 5th Floor, Richmond, Virginia, 23219; Phone: (804) 698-4271; E-mail: Larry.Syverson@deq.virginia.gov.

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U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) hugs his wife Cathy before he gives his victory speech Tuesday night at the Fairview Marriott.



'I would rather be out here with you, than watching the monitors in my office,' Republican Keith Fimian tells the crowd at his election night party at the Mason Inn Hotel in Fairfax.

## Connolly Ends Night Leading 11th District Race

Two Lorton precincts do not report results due to machine malfunctions.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax resident Laura Roberson did not have a tough time figuring out who to support in Virginia's 11th Congressional District race on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Standing outside her polling place at Robinson Secondary School on election day, Roberson said she didn't have to hear much more about Republican candidate Keith Fimian than his comments about the 2007 Virginia Tech shootings.

Fimian had said some victims' deaths might have been avoided if some students had been "packing heat," a reference to carrying a firearm on campus. He later apologized for the comment, saying it was a poor choice of words.

But Roberson, who was a freshman at university where shootings took place, was already angry at the candidate.

"I heard some comments that one of the candidates made about Virginia Tech, and I decided to come and vote for the other guy. I am fairly anti-gun" said Roberson, who does not typically vote in lower profile elections, such as this year's race.

Roberson found out about Fimian's gaffe on the local news, though U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly's (D-11) supporters also seized on the Republican's misstep to take one final swipe at Fimian. Just a few days before the election, a group advocating gun control from outside Virginia starting running television spots featuring family members of

### Unofficial Election Results in Va. 11th Congressional District

The Virginia State Board of Elections published the following the "unofficial" results of the Nov. 2 election in the commonwealth's 11th congressional district the day after voting took place. Two precincts in the Lorton area, Lorton Center and Laurel Hill, had not reported their results yet due to an equipment malfunction.

Candidates	11th District	Fairfax County	Fairfax City	Prince William County
Gerry Connolly (D)	111,515 (49.2)	75,986 (47.6)	3,557 (50.1)	31,792 (46.1)
Keith Fimian (R)	110,684 (48.8)	71,579 (47.6)	3,351 (47.2)	35,764 (51.6)
Chris DeCarlo (I)	1,838 (0.8)	1,127 (0.6)	66 (0.9)	645 (0.9)
David Dotson (L)	1,381 (0.6)	878 (0.6)	72 (1.0)	431 (0.6)
David William Gillis (IG)	959 (0.4)	550 (0.4)	41 (0.6)	368 (0.5)

Virginia Tech victim and Westfield High School graduate Reema Samaha, highlighting Fimian's "packing heat" comment.

**SUCH MISTAKES** could have made a big difference in a political race that remained too close to officially call the day after the polls closed. With all voting precincts reporting by the middle of the day Nov. 3, Connolly led Fimian with 111,515 votes to 110,694 votes, a slim margin of 821 ballots.

Virginia law entitles the Fimian campaign, which trails Connolly by half a percentage point, to a state-sponsored recount, though it is unclear if the campaign would pursue that option.

**"The voters have spoken and the voters have chosen a moderate, pragmatic voice."**

— U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11)

Connolly gave a victory speech on election night but Fimian did not concede the race, opting to wait for a review of the ballots that would take place on the day following the election.

"In an election this close, it is important to take the time to get the result right," said Fimian in a statement.

Connolly, a freshman incumbent on Capitol Hill, served 14 years on the Fairfax County

Board of Supervisors before moving to the U.S. House of Representatives. In 2003 and 2007, he won countywide races for Fairfax's chairman seat by wide margins and was widely thought of the leader of the local Democratic Party and a popular elected of-

ficial that appealed to Independent and moderate Republican voters.

When he first ran for Congress two years ago, the Democrat beat Fimian by more than 10 percentage points. Despite the negative climate for Democrats overall, several political observers were surprised to see the race between the candidates had gotten so close in the days before the election. Many political activists in both parties had assumed Connolly would win the seat by a wider margin.

"It was getting closer than we thought it would be. The Cook Report had labeled it as a toss up this weekend," said Rex Simmons, chair of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee.

Like Fimian, the Democrat had also taken hits in television advertisements funded by outside political groups over the last two weeks. Connolly said the negative televi-

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# NVCC Students Behind 'Ghost Train'

Community college class organizes and runs Halloween event at Burke Lake Park.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

**M**yles Robinson already has two higher-education degrees and a job at the U.S. Geological Survey in Reston.

But the Chantilly resident really wants to work in ecological tourism, so he has decided to go back to school and get an associate degree in Recreation, Parks and Leisure Studies from Northern Virginia Community College. The department, which graduates about 40 to 45 students every year, is located on the school's Annandale campus.

"This program has a lot of people who love the outdoors in it. We like to play outside and want to get paid to do it," said Robinson of Recreation, Parks and Leisure Studies' students.

Many people enrolled in the department's classes already know a lot about outdoor adventure. For example, Robinson teaches canoeing and mountain biking locally at the community college.

Still, the recreation and parks department



PHOTO BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE/THE CONNECTION

**Northern Virginia Community College students Rico Vandernat, Jonathan Lenaburg, Adam Fukumitsu, Abby Attard and Rachel Price entertain the crowd at the Burke Lake Ghost Train Ride on Halloween.**

classes are providing Robinson with a lot of practical management experience that will be useful in the future, he said.

As part of the department's "program planning" class this fall, Robinson helped plan, organize and run the Ghost Train Ride, a popular park event, which takes place at Burke Lake during the last two weekends in October. The event is geared toward

younger children and features short skits based on popular children's stories and movies during a guided train ride.

Robinson, one of 15 students in the class, was in charge of advertising and marketing for the Halloween event. He also oversaw three of the "fairy tale" skits during the event.

"I learned how to write press releases and

"This program has a lot of people who love the outdoors in it."

— Myles Robinson

how to manage volunteers. I learned how to keep volunteers happy," said Robinson.

"The work we do is more applied and very hands on. It is like a vocational program," he added.

**FOR THE PAST 30** years, Northern Virginia Community College has been partnering with the Fairfax County Park Authority to run the Ghost Train Ride, which drew approximately 4,000 people this year. About 110 volunteers, including 50 community college students, also worked at the event over its four-day run.

"This has been our baby every since it started. It is the pinnacle of the program. If they are going to be in park programming, they need to know how to do this stuff," said Nancy Chamberlain, who oversees Recreation, Parks and Leisure Studies.

Every student who earns a degree from Chamberlain's department is required, through the "program planning" class, to participate in the Ghost Train at least once, though many students spend multiple years volunteering at "Ghost Train" so they can accrue field experience for other classes.

"This is actual work experience that you

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**Trish Robertson and Lannet Waite pose as vampires in their scene of the Clifton Haunted Trail. The trail featured scenes from popular scary movies and traditional spooky figures.**

## Don't Go in the Woods

Clifton Haunted Trail scares locals all in the name of Halloween fun.



PHOTOS BY CINA URICOLI/THE CONNECTION

**Tracy Ferry, Julie Tompson, Jean Peterson and Cole Chutuape entrance trail travelers around their fire at the Clifton Haunted Trail.**



**The entrance to the Clifton Haunted Trail, which was located at 12800 Chapel St. in Clifton, winding through 8-acres of woods. The trail was open on Saturday, Oct. 30, from 7-10 p.m.**

# Driving a 'Ghost Train'

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can't get in a book," said Sharon Harrison, the "program planning" class instructor. Harrison, who works for the Prince William County Parks and Recreation Department, is also a graduate of Annandale campus program. She helped plan the Ghost Train in the mid-1990s while earning her own associate degree.

"They really learn what it takes to do this. They have to go out and find the moon bounce and make all the phone calls to get the permits themselves. ... They have to figure out what to do when 19 volunteers don't show up on the day of the event," said Harrison.

**STUDENT CHRIS BROWN** experienced first hand how things change when volunteers decided to not show up to participate. The Centreville resident was forced to modify his carefully planned out skit on the fourth day because there were not enough actors for all the roles.

Brown, who lives in Centreville, had written out a scene from "Peter Pan" that involved two pirates fighting over a princess. But when no woman showed up to play the female part, he had to change the script.

As part of his assignment, Brown was not only responsible for writing the scene but also finding the appropriate costumes and props.

"I came up with the idea of Peter Pan, but I kind of decided to work with the costumes that we had," said Brown.

**THE MAJORITY** of students enrolled in the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Studies program end up transferring to a similar department at a four-year university, though some people go straight into the workforce, said Chamberlain.

"This is a two-year program, but many students take four to five years to get through because they are working full time



**Identical twins Alexa and Camryn Giere, from Centreville, wore their angel and devil costumes to the Ghost Train Ride at Burke Lake Park on Halloween.**

while going to school," she said.

The Ghost Train experience is particularly useful for students who apply for jobs with local recreation and parks departments. Many local park employees are already familiar with the event and are interested in hiring students who have participated in it, according to Chamberlain.

Graduates of the community college program are currently managing a rocking climbing gym in Alexandria, overseeing the ropes course at Hemlock Overlook in Fairfax Station and working as the chief interpreter at the Pearl Harbor museum in Hawaii. Several people have also started their own kayaking and canoeing companies, said Chamberlain.

"Many students are interested in the outdoors and a nontraditional classroom," she said.

## Judge Issues Warrant for Clifton Man

In November 2009, City of Fairfax police charged Andreas Ioannou, 48, of 11900 block of Henderson Court in Clifton, with aggravated sexual battery and abduction. He was later indicted and scheduled for a jury trial.

But when his Oct. 19 trial date came, he was nowhere to be found, least of all in Fairfax County Circuit Court. So a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Ioannou first came to the attention of authorities when, on Nov. 19, 2009, a 30-year-old woman told police she was assaulted while at Aegis Service Corp. in Fairfax. According to police, she said she'd been held against her will in the firm's office in the 3900 block of University Drive and was attacked sexually by an employee of the business.

After the alleged assault, the woman

was able to leave the building and subsequently contacted police. She didn't require medical treatment. Then, following an investigation by Det. Sgt. Steve Bouton of the Criminal Investigations Division, Ioannou was arrested, the next day.

A Fairfax County grand jury indicted him May 17, on aggravated sexual battery, abduction by force, and abduction with intent to defile. He was then slated for a July 19 jury trial, which was continued to Oct. 19. But when he failed to appear that day, Judge Terrence Ney issued a bench warrant for his arrest. If and when Ioannou is located and taken into custody again, he'll have to answer to this new charge, as well as to his others.

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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 statehouse, 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.)

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.

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

— Sen. Mary Margaret Whipple (D-31)

Del. Mark Sickles (D-43) of Franconia said that between the Northern Virginia and the Hampton Roads area, where traffic also is a major concern, the representatives from those areas could likely outweigh the rest of the state if they allied.

## 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	Charmiele 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.

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 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 Republican 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 numbers come out in February, Virginia has less

## 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

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.

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.

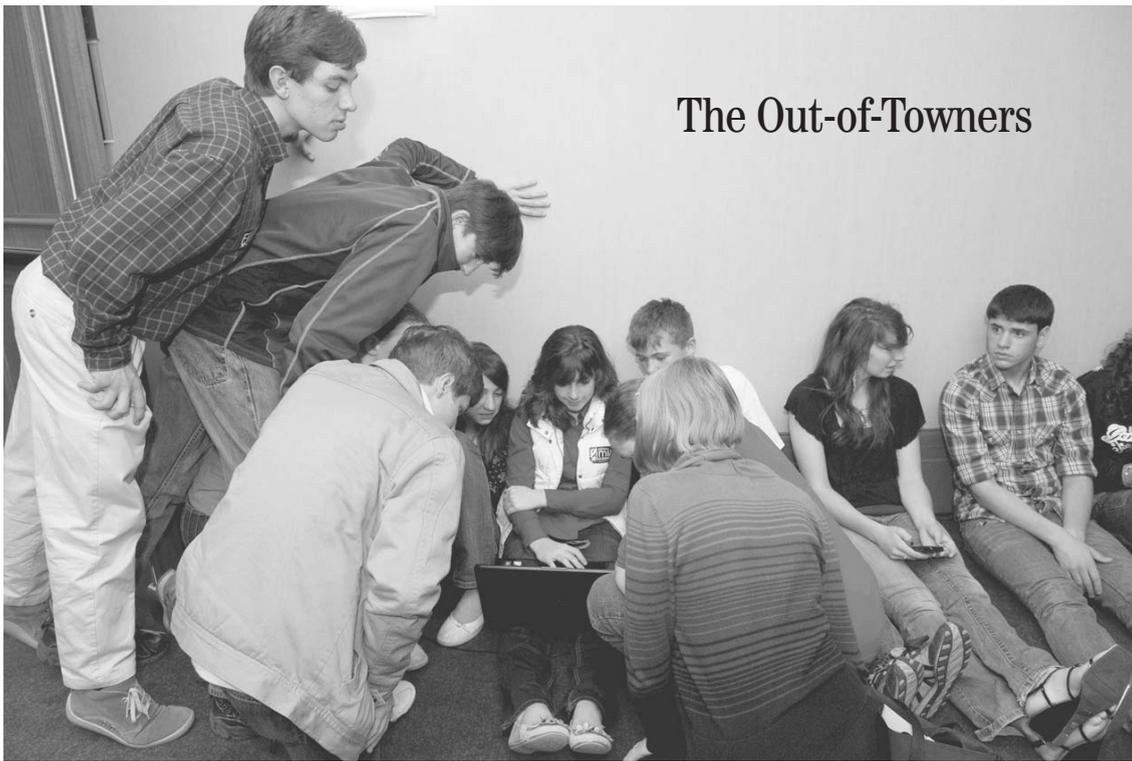
"I wouldn't be salivating if I was a Republican trying to draw Republican districts in Northern Virginia," he said.

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.

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

— Michael McDonald, politics professor at George Mason

# POLITICS



The Out-of-Towners

PHOTO BY DEB COBB/THE CONNECTION

These youths, reviewing election results on a laptop, are part of 'Generation Joshua' an 'issue-based' pro-life/pro-family organization that helps youths get involved in politics by matching them up with candidates. This group of 50 came into the area on Thursday, Oct. 28 and hit the ground running. While they were here, they worked 13-14 hours days, visiting thousands of houses during the day and then returning to the call center to make thousands of calls. Pictured in no particular order are: Ryan McDonald (Chesapeake), David Garber (Leesburg), Caleb Notheis (Marshall), Alec Millar (Manassas), Krista Kruse (Richmond), Elissa Kruse (Richmond), Anna Stockton (Front Royal), Kaitlyn Stockton (Front Royal), Jonathan Ellison (Front Royal), Jessica Stockton (Front Royal), Sarah Ellison (Front Royal), Rebecca Hubbard (Richmond).

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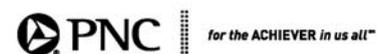
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# OPINION

## Be Part of the Children's Connection

Annual edition devoted to art, writing and creativity of local students.

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Each year it comes together as alchemy, turning our newsprint pages to something golden, with the talent, insight, fresh perspective, humor and thoughtfulness of local young minds.

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Some suggestions for artwork: Drawings that

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Some suggestions for writing: (submissions are ideally 200 words, please don't exceed 350) the most memorable things about 2010; one thing I would give my family that doesn't cost any money; my wish for my family or community or school or the world; descriptive poetry; my emotions in certain circumstances; brief review of a movie or book or play; or anything of your choice.

Don't be left out, the deadline is Dec. 1, 2010, for publication the last week of the year.

All submissions must be made digitally, either via email or by mailing in a disk, or by bringing in the data on some other digital media. Artwork should be photographed or

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Please e-mail submissions to south@connectionnewspapers.com. Mailed items should go to Lorton/Fairfax Station/Clifton Children's Connection, 1606 King St., Alexandria, Va. 22314. E-mail questions to the same e-mail address.

### What Are You Thankful For in South County?

The week of Thanksgiving, the Connection will publish a collection of viewpoints about what readers appreciate. What are you thankful for? We'd love to hear from you, with submission of 200 words or less, and possibly including a photo either of you, or representing what you are thankful for.

Send your thankful notes as soon as possible to south@connectionnewspapers.com, but not later than Nov. 18.

### EDITORIALS

### Win-Win Scenario

To the Editor:

The Fairfax County Public School Board has quite a mess on their hands. The staff is working to figure out what to do with a bunch of students. Currently, the county has a severe overcrowding issue along the Route 29 and Interstate 66 corridor. Right now there are seven elementary schools that are over capacity, all are along that corridor; Brookfield, Bull Run, Centreville, Eagle View, Greenbriar West, Powell and Providence.

Like most citizens, I rely on our county officials to make smart decisions when faced with problematic situations like overcrowded elementary schools on a tight budget. As we attended community engagement meetings Monday and Tuesday nights [Oct. 25 and 26] to review the current boundary study, we all heard very clearly that some School Board members have mixed feelings about closing Clifton Elementary and appear to be at a loss of how to fix this mess.

Thus far their solution to solve the overcrowding problem is:

❖ Shift 1,500-2,500 students to different schools, resulting in nine schools at more than 100 percent capacity, with Fairview topping out at 106 percent capacity.

❖ Add additions to three schools for a minimum of \$18 million.

❖ Close Clifton Elementary with a capacity of 400 students.

All that this plan accomplishes

is spreading the overcrowding problem around. According to School Board documents from 2009, if the 28 schools in the planning study were to remain open, we would have had an extra 249 seats for students. Closing Clifton makes a bad situation much worse. We now have the original overcrowding situation along the Route 29 corridor and now we have new overcrowding around the Clifton area from the 370 Clifton Elementary students crowding into neighboring schools.

We need a win-win scenario. I expected our representatives to create a win-win scenario or at least attempt to.

Clifton Elementary should have been left open and renovated. It would have been cheaper and preserved stability, academics, and alleviated all the newly-created overcrowding south of the Route 29 corridor. As a taxpayer, I would like to see a boundary study created with Clifton Elementary open. I know some of the School Board members would like to see this too. That is one of the best ways to fix this overcrowding mess and save a wonderful community/school. Oh look ... a win-win.

**Kristine Jett**  
Clifton

### Concerned Citizen

To the Editor:

I am writing as a concerned citizen of Fairfax County. I am deeply concerned that our School Board

is out of touch with its communities, its parents, and most importantly its children. First they voted on July 8 to close a top performing school, Clifton Elementary, after they spent months spewing dire projections about overcrowding in the southwestern region. Though Clifton parents wanted the school to help solve the overcrowding, the School Board voted instead to close it. They did this despite reports that the well water is safe and despite faulty projections of declining enrollment. Enrollment is steady, by the way, the same number of students as last year.

In addition to that poor decision, they have now released three options for revised elementary school boundaries to address the projected overcrowding and to place the Clifton Elementary school children. The stated goal is to be at 95-105 percent capacity at the 22 schools. However, each option ends up with almost half of the school outside of that range. In addition, the three options would disrupt anywhere from 1,200 to 2,500 students, a wicked game of dominos which will negatively impact communities and children. <http://www.fcps.edu/fts/planning/southwesternstudy/index.htm>

They have not published cost projections for any of the options. They have not studied multiple impacts such as bus routes, bus ride times, and middle/high school rollups. Based on the boundaries drawn, it appears that many bus rides will be close to one hour each way. Would you want your 5-year old on the bus for two

hours a day?

To quote School Board member Liz Bradsher ["Who Owns the Schools?" Connection, March 29, 2006]: "The public deserves an accountable boundary process. A process that is well defined with ranked criteria and addresses the issue of "ownership," perception, proximity, as well as community history. To refrain from addressing these issues is selling the public short. I don't think the public/parents of this county deserve that, do you?"

Yes, Liz, correct, we do not deserve that. The question is, what are you going to do about it?

**Kristy Wasserott**  
Fairfax Station

### Reverse Decision

To the Editor:

On July 8, the Fairfax County Public School (FCPS) Board's decision to close Clifton Elementary School (CES) was based on three stated premises — each of which has proved to be wrong, now that we know more facts.

First, they said that the well water supply at CES is not adequate for the school and its fire suppression system. In fact, just before the July 8 vote, FCPS COO Dean Tistadt confessed via e-mail that the CES water supply appeared to exceed all pertinent standards. And subsequent results from testing have now fully confirmed that.

Second, they said that the costs to renovate CES were excessive on

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# LETTERS

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a per student basis. It is now clear that the FCPS staff projected renovation costs for CES too high due to errors relating to space required to meet FCPS standards, errors related to inflation, errors related to project management techniques and errors in estimating the student population of CES.

Third, they predicted that the CES enrollment would be 348 this year, on the way to 298. Wrong again. The CES 2010 student enrollment is now 365 students, already 5 percent higher than the biased predictions that do not properly include factors such as job growth at Fort Belvoir, or the anecdotal information that several families have pulled their children from CES already due to the July 8 Board action.

CES provides education to 10 percent of Fairfax County — 40 square miles. It is not right to close CES, break up the student body, and have children in grades K-6 on a 40-minute or more commute each way each day to other county elementary schools.

I am a Fairfax County resident and taxpayer with two children at CES. I believe in the Fairfax County public education system and want my children to go to a public school, but with a reasonable commute.

I ask the School Board to be honest with the students, the residents and the taxpayers. I ask the School Board to reverse their July 8 decision on the closing of CES.

**Peter M. Gugino**  
Fairfax

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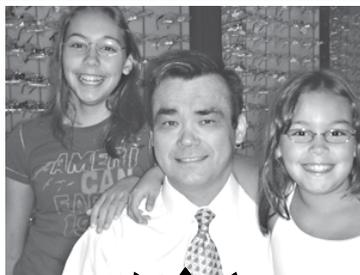
### SUNDAY/NOV. 7

**Virginia Interfaith Center Northern Virginia Chapter.** 2 p.m. at Church of St. Clement, 1701 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Legislative preview of January 2011 Virginia General Assembly. [mvertrees@stcharleschurch.org](mailto:mvertrees@stcharleschurch.org).

### MONDAY/NOV. 8

**Supervisor Hyland's Public Safety Visioning Task Force.** 7:30 p.m. Walt Whitman Middle School Lecture Hall, 2500 Parkers Lane, Alexandria. Second of two community meetings to obtain citizen input on long term goals for the Mount Vernon District. Citizens are encouraged to attend and discuss their views on the District's needs, such as fire and rescue, police and crime prevention, access to judicial services, additional capital facilities, access to medical care and services, pedestrian safety, and any other community safety needs you would like to discuss. 703-780-7518 or [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/)

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**"Little Women: The Musical."** 7:30 p.m. at W. T. Woodson High School Auditorium, 9525 Main St., Fairfax. Presented by the WT Woodson Drama Department. www.wtdrama.org.

### SATURDAY/NOV. 6

**Franconia Museum Annual History Day.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Franconia Volunteer Fire Department, 6300 Beulah St., Franconia. Honoring residents of the area who were killed in the Vietnam War, as part of a program recognizing all veterans. The Museum will release Volume VI in its series Franconia Remembers, this one featuring the life of Joe Davies, a local high school football star and Air Force pilot lost in 1968. Also included are recollections about seven others lost during the war, Paul M. Bayliss, Robert W. Cupp, Charles H. Elliott Jr., Kermit W. Holland Jr., Herman L. Judy Jr., Michael E. Ludwig and Michael L. Walker. Free. Food and soft drinks

available for purchase, all proceeds benefit the Museum. franconiamuseum@yahoo.com.

**Fall Festival.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Olivet Episcopal Church, 6107 Franconia Road, Springfield. Moon bounce, pumpkin carving contest, games, food, cake walk and soup and bake sale. Basket Bingo begins at 2 p.m. All proceeds benefit "Build an Ark" project for Heifer International. 703-969-7159.

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

**Sixth Annual Fairfax County History Conference.** 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at James Lee Community Center, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church. Local authors and historians, history groups' plans for 2010-2011, Civil War Sesquicentennial programs, exhibits, lectures and more. \$20. Pre-registration required with Michelle Alexander, Resource Management Division, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 936, Fairfax 22035-1118. Contact Lynn Garvey-Hodge, 703-322-1811 or lghassoc@erols.com.

**Virginia Storytelling Alliance.** 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. A full day of workshops for beginning and experienced storytelling artists. \$10-\$25. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

**Bazaar and Second-Time-Around Sale.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Sydenstricker UMW, 8508 Hooes Road, Springfield. Soups, baked goods and more. www.sumcdisciples.org or 703-451-8223.

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**BC Concert Orchestra under Principal Conductor Keith Lockhart.** 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Balakirev's Overture on Three Russian Folk Songs; Prokofiev's "Classical" Symphony No. 1, Op. 25; and Stravinsky's "The Firebird Suite" (1919 version). Pianist Ilya Yakushev performs Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2, Op. 18. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, 7:15 p.m. on the Center's Grand Tier III. \$30-\$60. Charge tickets at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

**Jimmy Lange Boxing.** 7 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 University Drive, Fairfax. D.C. vs. Baltimore fighters. Tickets \$35-\$500 at 703-573-SEAT or www.ticketmaster.com. www.jimmylangeboxing.com.

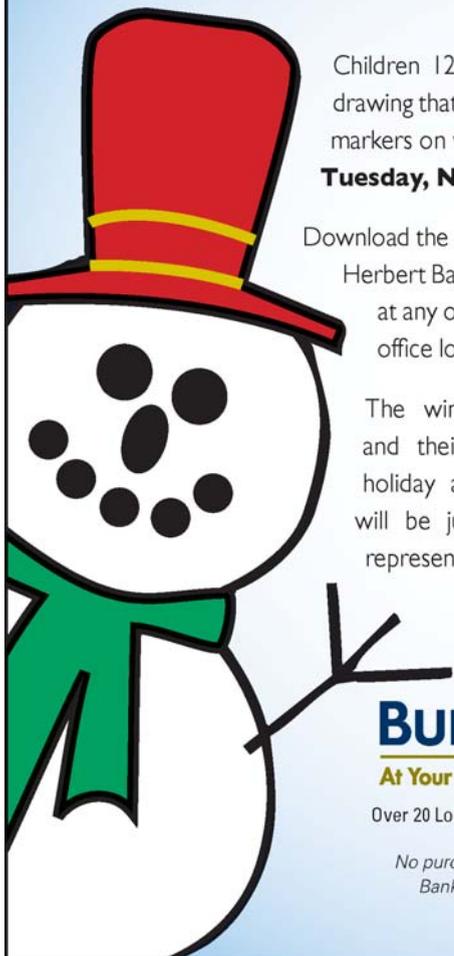
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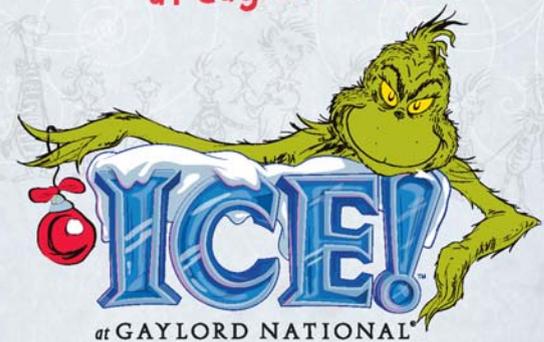
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**Keyboard Conversations with Jeffrey Siegel.** 7 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Performance of Robert Schumann works. With a free Young Artists Musicales at 6 p.m. in the Concert Hall lobby, with piano students, grades 3-12, and winners of the Northern Virginia Music Teachers Association Honors Recitals. \$19-\$38, youth through grade 12 half-price. Charge tickets at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

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**Fifth Annual Jewish Book Festival.** 9 a.m.-9 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. 703-323-0880 or www.jccnv.org. Breakfast with Curious George and the Man with the Yellow Hat. 9:30 a.m. Cathleen Schine, author of "The Three Weissmanns of Westport". 2 p.m. Mark Feldstein, author of "Poisoning the Press: Richard Nixon, Jack Anderson, and the Rise of Washington's Scandal Culture". 7 p.m.

## MONDAY/NOV. 8

**Fifth Annual Jewish Book Festival.** 9 a.m.-8 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Northern

Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. With Lloyd Wolf, Jewish documentary photojournalist/artist at 11:45 a.m. 703-323-0880 or www.jccnv.org.

**Lunch Bunch.** 12:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Bring lunch and listen to stories. Tickets available at information desk 30 minutes before program begins. Age 3-5 years with adult. 703-249-1520.

**Book Bunch.** 3:30 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call for title. Ages 7-8 with adult. 703-971-0010.

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## TUESDAY/NOV. 9

**Mother-Daughter Book Club.** 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Book club for girls and their moms. "Chasing Vermeer" by Blue Balliett. Age 9-11 and moms. 703-249-1520.

**Second Tuesday Evening Book Discussion.** 6:45 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett. December's title: "A History of the World in 6 Glasses" by Tom Standage. Adults. 703-339-4610.

**English Conversation Group.** 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Practice

and improve your English. Adults. 703-451-8055.

## WEDNESDAY/NOV. 10

**Fairfax Station Railroad Museum Civil War Forum.** 7:30 p.m. at 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Jenee Lindner will discuss "One Nation, Two Flags, Three Women," about Julia Ward Howe, Clara Barton and Sarah Tracy. Free admission. www.Fairfax-Station.org or 703-425-9225.

**Practice Your English.** 10:15 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-339-4610.

**Older Adults Book Group.** 2 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. The Professor and the Madman by Simon Winchester. Meet next door at Kingstowne Center for Active Adults. 703-339-4610.

**Easy as Pie.** 10:30 a.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Join us for songs and stories. Age 2-5 with adult. 703-451-8055.

## THURSDAY/NOV. 11

**Fifth Annual Jewish Book Festival.** 9 a.m.-8 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. 703-323-0880 or www.jccnv.org. Noralee Frankel, author of "Stripping Gypsy: the Life of Gypsy Rose Lee". 12:30 p.m. Myla Goldberg, author of "The False Friend," "Bee Season" and "Wickett's Remedy." 7:30 p.m.

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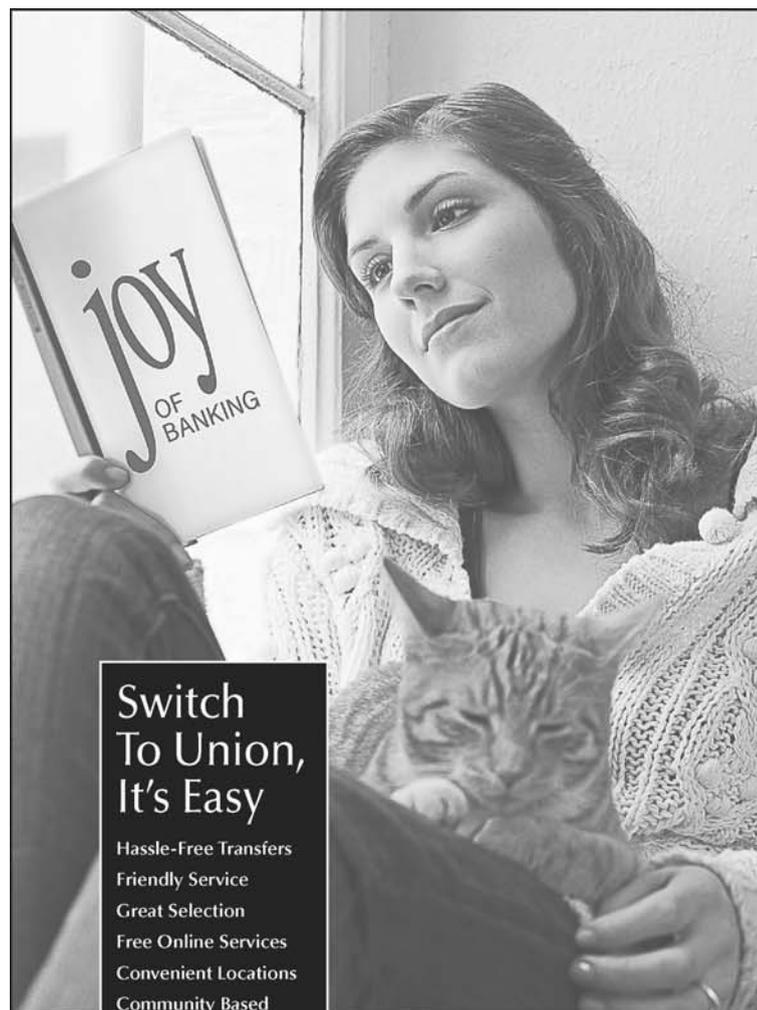
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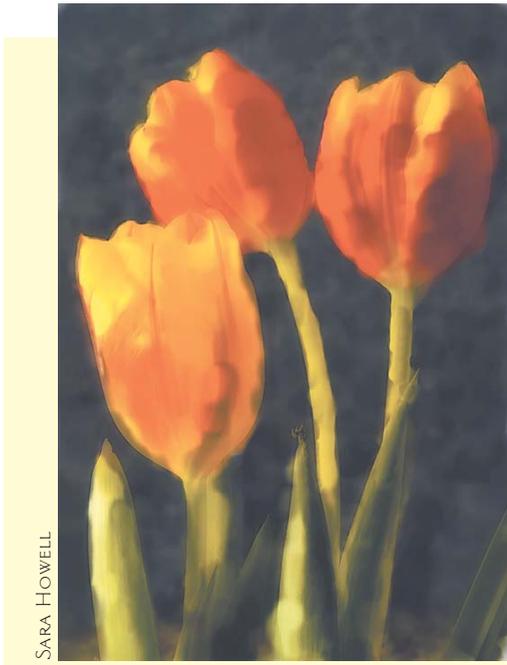
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SARA HOWELL

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## POLITICS

# Recount in 11th District Race May Be Ahead

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sion spots, in addition to an anti-incumbent and anti-Democratic sentiment among the electorate, had taken a toll on the campaign and diminished his lead in the days leading up to the election.

"Nobody had said this was going to be easy. ... But the voters have spoken and the voters have chosen a moderate, pragmatic voice," said Connolly, in his election night speech.

The Democrat said he heard a "loud and clear" message from his constituents about focusing on the economic growth in Northern Virginia. In an interview, he said he planned to turn his attention toward the U.S. Department of Defense's plans to cut back on government contracting, which several business leaders in Northern Virginia said could cost the region thousands of jobs.

"I want to foster and grow this local economy which is the envy of the rest of the country and that was built in partnership with the federal government," said the congressman.

**ON A DAY** when several Democratic incumbents lost elections around the country, Connolly's long record as an effective local government leader in Fairfax County may have helped him draw more votes than



**U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) appears contemplative as he's interviewed following his victory speech Tuesday night.**

his Republican opponent, said Democratic activists.

"I was looking for experience. He has a sense of what people want and need," said Springfield resident Mary Anne Ericson of Connolly.

The congressman fared much better with

Fairfax voters, who make up two-thirds of the 11th Congressional District, than Prince William County voters.

The Democrat won Fairfax with 50.5 percent of the vote to Fimian's 47.6 percent of the vote. But Fimian beat Connolly in Prince William, garnering 51.6 percent of the votes

to Connolly's 46.1 percent.

"Gerry is a known quantity, especially in Fairfax County," said Fairfax County Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large).

An unusually strong turnout in Fairfax may also have benefited Connolly. Approximately 51 percent of all active Fairfax County voters, who were more likely to vote for the Democrat, showed up at the polls compared to just 45 percent of active voters in Prince William County, who tend to vote more for conservative candidates.

"Thirty-five percent of registered voters had come in by noon, which is great. Only presidential elections get this type of turnout," said Adina Horvarth, an election official at the Mantua precinct in Fairfax.

During a similar election cycle in 1997, when the only candidates on the ballot were local congressmen, Fairfax voters turned out at a much lower rate of 40 percent, according to county election records.

But knowing that this would be a close election, both political parties made a significant effort to drive potential voters to the polls.

"I was deluged by parties interested in my participation in the process, more so than the presidential election. It was almost a nuisance really," said Darphaus Mitchell, who voted at Orange Hunt Elementary School.

## FAITH NOTES

Send notes to the Connection at [south@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:south@connectionnewspapers.com) or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

**Interfaith Discussion Group at New World Unity Church**, 8136 Old Keene Mill Road, Suite A-209, Springfield, 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays through Nov. 17. People of all faiths for are invited for an interfaith discussion of "Spiritual Liberation: Fulfilling Your Souls Potential" by Michael Bernard Beckwith. 703-913-8560 or [newworldunity@verizon.net](mailto:newworldunity@verizon.net).

**Burke Presbyterian Church**, 5690 Oak Leather Drive in Burke, presents a sermon series entitled "**Life in the Fast Lane: Slow Down for Relationships.**" Explore everyday relationships through the Biblical story of Joseph and his family (Genesis: 37-50). Worship services are Saturday Coffeehouse at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. [www.BurkePresChurch.org](http://www.BurkePresChurch.org).

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**The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax**, 2709 Hunter Mill Road in Oakton, offers services on Saturdays at 4:30 p.m., in addition to Sunday services at 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. [www.uucf.org](http://www.uucf.org).

**The Parkwood Baptist Church**,

8726 Braddock Road in Annandale, Bible Study Fellowship will study of the Old Testament Book of Isaiah. The Day Women's Class meets at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays, and offers a children's program for ages 6 weeks-6 years. [rdmarotto@cox.net](mailto:rdmarotto@cox.net).

**Franconia United Methodist Church**, 6037 Franconia Road in Alexandria, has several upcoming events. Contact 703-971-5151 or [www.franconiaumc.org](http://www.franconiaumc.org).

❖ Volunteer for Phoenix Rising Meal Program. Help prepare meals for the homeless Wednesday, Nov. 24, at 6:30 p.m., and deliver the bags Friday, Nov. 26, 5:30 p.m.

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**Messiah United Methodist Church**, 6215 Rolling Road in Springfield, offers a Divorce Recovery Workshop 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, through Nov. 17. The workshop is conducted by trained facilitators and topics will include denial, grief, anger, loneliness, guilt, rejection, forgiveness, letting go, self worth and hope. No matter where you are on the timeline, you are welcome to work on healing in a caring, non-judgmental environment. The workshop and childcare are free. Resource books available for \$12. 703-569-9862.

**Christ Church**, 8285 Glen Eagles Lane in Fairfax Station, will host The Alpha Course, Wednesdays, through Nov. 17, at 6 p.m. This is an opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting. Dinner and childcare provided. Free. 703-690-3401 or [christchurchva.org](http://christchurchva.org).

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# With District Crown on Line, Bruins Prevail

**Bruins dominates second half play in pivotal football win over West Potomac.**

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**W**ith the defense of its Patriot District title on the line, the Lake Braddock High football team stepped up big time in the second half of its Patriot District showdown game at West Potomac Friday, Oct. 29 on way to a convincing 42-17 win.

Lake Braddock, last year's district and Northern Region Division 6 champion, held the talented Wolverines scoreless on three, third quarter trips within the 10-yard line.

Offensively in the second half, the Bruins utilized the running ability of their quarterback and outscored the home team, 21-0, to claim the victory.

The Bruins improved to 8-1 overall and a perfect 6-0 in the district in clinching at least a portion of this year's title. A victory over district guest West Springfield in its final regular season game this Friday night will earn Lake Braddock the district crown outright.

For West Potomac (6-3, 5-1), the loss was the first in district play this fall. The Wolverines, who could face Lake Braddock



**Lake Braddock will conclude regular season Friday with home game against West Springfield.**

again in a first round Division 6 playoff game on Oct. 12, wrap up their regular season at Annandale this Friday night.

"The kids were disappointed, obviously," said West Potomac coach Eric Henderson, of the loss. "I think we'll come out hard this week and practice hard and go play Annandale."

Lake Braddock led West Potomac 21-17 at halftime. The Wolverines had their chances to stay close or take the lead in the third quarter when, on three separate possessions, they had the ball within the Bru-

ins' 10-yard line.

But the three scoring threats ended with a missed field goal, an interception and the loss of possession on downs.

"The third quarter was pivotal for us," said Henderson, of his team's inability to score within the red zone (20 yards and in) area of the field. "Three drives within the 10, no points. We had penalties, interceptions and untimely mistakes. Lake Braddock has a pretty good defensive line. When you get in close you have to earn those tough yards."

Lake Braddock's defense, the catalyst of

**"Lake Braddock has a pretty good defensive line. When you get in close you have to earn those tough yards."**

**— West Potomac Coach Eric Henderson**

any championship team, stepped up big time.

"Our defense has been outstanding all year," said Bruins' head coach Jim Poythress. "We believe we have been tested by both great running and great passing teams. Our defense is easily as good as last year's, maybe better. Only time will tell."

A prolific running and passing team out of its "Bill Renner Five Wide Offense" — named after the former West Springfield High head coach — West Potomac has enjoyed a sizzling aerial attack behind QB Nik Dimitrijevic, as well as a potent running attack, led by running back Brandon Johnson.

The Wolverines, against the Bruins' "D," found success through the air as Dimitrijevic completed 23-of-34 passes for 276 yards and a touchdown. His primary target was receiver Jalen Dawson (10 catches, 183 yards, one TD), who caught an 80-yard scoring pass in the first half from Daryl

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## Bruins Overcome the 'Curse of Five Games'

**Lake Braddock storms back against TC to keep season alive.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**T**.C. Williams first-team all-district middle blocker Kate Whitmire leaped at the net and smashed an attack toward Lake Braddock's Tara Fialkow. The Bruins senior got low enough to dig the blasted ball, sending it back toward the Titans. Not expecting the powerful ricochet, T.C. players were left watching as the ball sailed over their heads and landed near the end line for a Lake Braddock point.

The Bruins were outplayed early in their meeting with the Titans in the opening round of the Patriot District volleyball tournament, losing the first two games. After bouncing back with a convincing win in game three, Fialkow's dig-turned-kill fired up the Bruins early in game four, signifying a change in momentum.

"I think it made a little bit of a difference," Fialkow said. "It was a miracle play. Sometimes they go your way, sometimes they don't. I think it really helped. It felt good."

Lake Braddock overcame its early deficit

and the No. 5 Bruins defeated No. 4 T.C. 3-2 (26-28, 21-25, 25-8, 25-18, 15-9) on Nov. 1 at T.C. Williams. With the win, Lake Braddock assured itself of a berth in the regional tournament while T.C.'s season came to a close.

"Most of us are seniors," Fialkow said. "We did not want our season to be over. This was it if we had lost."

The following night, Lake Braddock knocked off No. 1 West Springfield 3-1 in the semifinals at South County Secondary School. The Bruins will face No. 2 South County for the district title on Nov. 4, at 7 p.m. The Stallions are two-time defending district champions and last season's state runner-up. The Bruins last won a district title in 2003.

**"It kind of got to the point where it was like, 'OK, we've accepted the fact that we could lose, let's stop playing not to lose and try to win.'"**

**Lake Braddock head volleyball coach Mike Clark**

Five-game matches had not been kind to Lake Braddock. Five times the Bruins found themselves in a five-game match prior to the Patriot District tournament, each time coming up short in a back-and-forth contest. With its season on the line Monday, Lake Braddock found a way to get it done.

"We've never won a fifth game," Fialkow said. "When it goes to five games we always lose them by, like, two points. It's like a curse. We always talk about the 'curse of five games.' It feels so good to finally break it."

Head coach Mike Clark attributed the comeback to gaining momentum after being in an early hole.

"Honestly, I think losing the first two helped us to win the fifth," the coach said. "We hadn't been in that situation before. It kind of got to the point where it was like, 'OK, we've accepted the fact that we could lose, let's stop playing not to lose and try to win.'"

Momentum was a likely cause for the

comeback and the Bruins' hitting performance helped set things in motion. Lake Braddock finished with a .381 hitting percentage, one of its best efforts of the year, according to Clark.

Sophomore setter/opposite hitter Kyra Rodi, a first-team all-district selection, recorded a triple-double with 12 kills, 17 digs and 25 assists.

"They started to get a little more in system," T.C. head coach Michael Burch said. "They were able to run the plays they wanted to run. We tried to make some adjustments and it just came down to execution. They execute really, really well. I don't think it was anything we did. It's just they stepped up and played."

Junior middle blocker Catherine Jamshidi had 11 kills and 1.5 blocks and senior middle Logan Russell had eight kills and three blocks.

"Logan and Catherine in the middle. That's the difference between us and other teams," Clark said of the second-team all-district selections.

"I think we have the best pair of middles in the region. That's a huge claim to make, I understand that. I understand Stone Bridge has great middles, I understand

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# Eye on District Crown

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Copeland (seven catches, 66 yards), a receiver who made good on his one pass attempt of the game.

"I thought we pass-protected well," said Henderson, of the Wolverines' young but talented offensive line.

But the Bruins also made some key defensive plays against the pass with three interceptions.

West Potomac's running game, which has thrived with Johnson (12 TDs), who is closing in on 1,000 yards on the season, was shut down by Lake Braddock, which held the prolific ball carrier to 12 yards on 10 carries. Johnson did catch three balls for 41 yards.

**THE WOLVERINES**, defensively, had little answer to slowing down the Lake Braddock offense, which six times this season has contributed to 40-plus point outputs. Bruins' QB Michael Nebrich, perhaps the region's top player on offense this season, dashed any Wolverine comeback hopes by running for three second half scores, from four yards out in the third quarter, and TD runs of 12 and 18 yards away in the fourth quarter.

On top of his second half running prowess, Nebrich tossed three touchdown passes in the first half, 29 and 47-yard strikes to Tanner Quigley and a 48-yarder to Justin Um. For the night, Nebrich completed 20-of-35 passes for 310 yards and two interceptions. He also ran for 133 yards on 23 carries.

Lake Braddock and West Potomac, offensively, both run out of the same or at least similar five receivers,

one-running back scheme.

"West Potomac was a mirror image of our offensive system except they had better overall team speed," said Poythress, a one-time West Potomac assistant coach. "They played very well, but ultimately we were not to be denied. The difference in the game was our ability to run the football offensively and to stop it defensively."

"[Lake Braddock] has a good understanding of our offense," said Henderson. "They're very well coached."

If both West Potomac and Lake Braddock win in week 10, they could meet the following week in a postseason game with the Bruins being a No. 3-seed and the Wolverines a No. 6-seed in the eight-team playoff format.

"I am sure they will be a very dangerous squad when the playoffs start," said Poythress. "I believe we have what it takes to make a run. I also know that you need some breaks and good fortune to do so. We could just as easily be one and done."

The last time West Potomac qualified for the playoffs, in 2007, it defeated the Bruins in the first round before losing to eventual state champion Westfield High.

The Wolverines went 6-4 the following year (2008) but did not qualify for the postseason. Last year, West Potomac struggled at 2-8. But now Henderson's squad is right back in the playoff mix.

"We've told the kids this week that we've got to beat Annandale [this Friday] to set up some playoff momentum," said Henderson.

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Lake Braddock sophomore Kyra Rodi recorded a triple-double — two kills, 17 digs, 25 assists — during the Bruins' victory over T.C. Williams in the opening round of the Patriot District tournament on Nov. 1.

# Bruins Volleyball

FROM PAGE 14

South County has Simone [Antwi] and another good middle, [but] I wouldn't trade [Jamshidi and Russell]."

Senior and three-year captain Danielle Ager had nine kills in 18 attempts with no errors.

"I thought Danielle Ager played phenomenally," Clark said. "That's the best I've seen her play. As an outside hitter, they just couldn't figure her out. ... It really made me feel great that we've coached her for three years from where she was to showing up tonight. She was just so big for us."



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Stallions Perform South County Stallions drill team and marching band perform during the Friday night, Oct. 29's football game at T.C. Williams High School.

## COLLEGE NOTES

On Aug. 6, **Edwin Villacorte** of Lorton was awarded a bachelor of science in information technology degree from Chicago's Kaplan University.

**Steven Burgess**, an emergency and disaster management major and resident of Lorton, was among more than 4,000 students to receive

a degree from American Public University and American Military University at the schools' spring 2010 commencement at DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C.

**Kelli D Troupe** of Clifton received a master of science in higher education degree from Kaplan University in Chicago.

## Stallions Play Titans In Historic Game

The South County Secondary School football team got to experience what no other high school football team ever has when it played a night game at Patriot District opponent T.C. Williams High School last Friday night, Oct. 29, in Alexandria.

The Titans, over the years, have played their home games on Saturday afternoons. T.C., in the highly celebrated night game event, did not disappoint its fans and defeated South County, 28-7, in the late-season, week 9 affair.

"It was a real nice atmosphere," said South County coach Pete Bendorf. "T.C. has a lot of pride in their school that many times goes unnoticed on Saturday afternoon. They had an excellent crowd and I felt it was a great evening of high school football. I think the atmosphere was great for both teams."

The Stallions (3-6) entered the game looking to win for the second week in a row after having defeated Lee High the week before, 39-7. South County will wrap up its season with a home game versus Woodson this Friday at 7:30 p.m.

"We played extremely hard, maybe not well all the time, as T.C. did as well," said Bendorf, of the game against the 5-4 Titans. "Both teams played very well on defense. T.C. started to win the field position battle in the fourth quarter and was able to make a couple of keys plays in the fourth quarter. We really enjoyed the opportunity to play at T.C. under the lights, although not happy with the outcome."

— RICH SANDERS

## Woodson Goes 1-1 At Field Hockey Regionals

The Woodson High girls' lacrosse team defeated Yorktown High, 4-1, in a first round game of the 16-team Northern Region tournament on Wednesday, Oct. 27. The postseason contest took place at Yorktown in Arlington.

"I felt we played very well against Yorktown," said Woodson coach Becky Preston. "The girls came out very strong in the first half and carried that over to the second half. It was a great team effort."

Five days later, in a quarterfinals round game, Woodson, a No. 3-seed from the Patriot District, saw its season end with a 2-1 overtime loss against McLean. That game was played at Washington-Lee High School.

"The girls did everything I asked of them and I was very proud of their effort," said Preston, of the loss to the Highlanders. "They played with heart for the entire game."

Some of Woodson's top players this season, Preston said, were Eliana Brown, Morgan Willard, Lindsay Nebhut and Casey Dexter.

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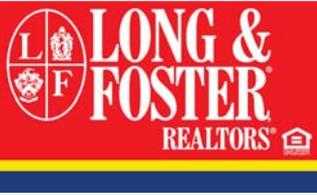


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