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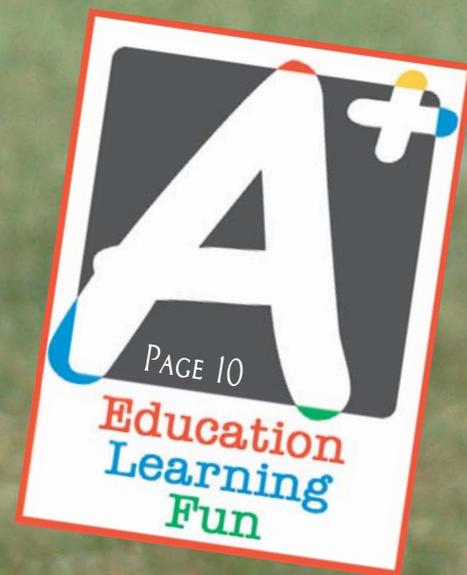
Lake Braddock junior Sophie Chase won the Monroe Parker Invitational on Sept. 14 at Burke Lake Park. The Bruins finished second in team competition. This is the third year in a row that Chase has won this race.

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Chamber Endorses Bulova Following Debate

Fairfax County Chairman pledges smart growth, smart budgeting.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Mere hours after the first debate between Board of Supervisors chairman Sharon S. Bulova (D-At-large) and Republican challenger Michael Spike Williams, the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce endorsed Bulova.

The Fairfax Chamber sponsored the televised debate on Thursday, Sept. 15, and announced its endorsement Monday, Sept. 19.

"The support of the Chamber of Commerce is not something that is easily earned," Bulova said in a statement released Monday. "In my first term as chairman during these tough economic times, we have created a climate in Fairfax County where businesses can thrive.

NOVABizPAC, the political arm of the Fairfax Chamber, cited Bulova's 20 years of experience in local government, as well as her grasp of the issues that face Fairfax County residents, in its decision to endorse the Democratic incumbent.

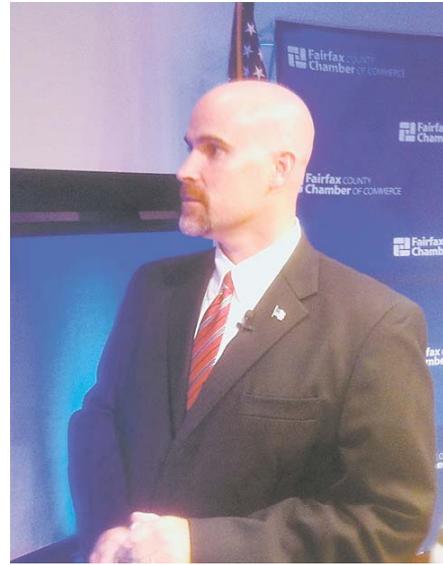
"There were a number of reasons why we



Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large), left, smiles after the conclusion of her Sept. 15 debate with challenger Spike Williams (R), right.

endorsed Sharon Bulova," said Fran Fisher, chair of the Fairfax Chamber's PAC. "She has a record of accomplishments that she has initiated, or is continuing to support from past initiatives. ... We look at each candidate's positions on our advocacy agenda, which is based upon the interests of our entire membership. The bottom line is that Fairfax County is a good place to live, and it's business-friendly. We looked at her role in maintaining that."

Fisher said 16 PAC trustees interviewed each candidate before the debate, and en-



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dorsed Bulova with a clear majority vote.

"This is an important election year in Fairfax County and Virginia," said Fairfax Chamber President and CEO Jim Corcoran. "The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors has an important impact on the issues that affect business most, like real estate development, transportation, telecommunication, taxation, privatization and more."

Corcoran noted that the Fairfax Chamber, with more than 500 member companies, has hosted a debate in every Board of Supervisors race.

"The support of the Chamber of Commerce is not something that is easily earned."

— Sharon Bulova

The endorsement followed a polite, no-fireworks debate that took place on Sept. 15 at the Capitol One complex in McLean, where both candidates touted their pro-business accomplishments.

During opening statements, Williams described himself as a "family man and small-business owner." He noted that county spending and property tax bills have doubled in the past decade. "You should be getting twice the services in half the time. ... Are you getting that? I understand the need to tighten your belt to fight another day."

Bulova said the county's stellar bond rating, stable budgets and top-notch schools "didn't happen by accident." She promised "continued smart budgeting and a focus on community priorities."

The county's affordable housing program, Dulles rail, immigration, county services and big business topped the list of issues.

Bulova reaffirmed her commitment to the planned Metro line to Dulles International Airport, calling it her "number one trans

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One Down, Nine More To Go in Braddock District

First debate for Braddock District Supervisor draws standing-room-only crowd.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

A crowd of more than 100 people spilled into the hallways of the Kings Park Library on Wednesday, Sept. 14, as the first debate in the closely watched race for the Braddock District supervisor's seat got underway.

After a divisive battle for the right to challenge incumbent Republican John Cook, former School Board member Janet Oleszek (D) and Cook hammered out an agreement to participate in 10 debates during the campaign season, a record in any Fairfax County magisterial district.

The Braddock District Council hosted the 90-minute debate, which included Independent Green Party candidate Carey Campbell. Each candidate had 90-seconds to answer audience questions, and rebuttals were not allowed.

The candidates debated a range of issues, from traffic on Braddock Road and services for the county's aging baby boomers, to the eyesore of campaign signs and Metro ex-

pansion.

Oleszek said her experience working at all levels of government and her values "will make me the best choice for the board of supervisors." She emphasized her commitment to the community, noting that she and her husband, Walter, have lived in the area for 39 years and her two sons attended Robinson Secondary School. She distanced herself from Cook by saying that she would be "the full-time supervisor."

Cook, a trial attorney, laid out his case for reelection by emphasizing his community engagement initiatives. "Which candidate will help best take care of our neighborhoods? Neighborhoods are about people," he said. "In my community engagement initiative, we trained over 100 volunteers in how to engage in our neighborhoods."

An Air Force veteran, Campbell made it clear that his mantra is "more trains, less traffic."

"I'm for more trains and less traffic. I'm for more solar, more revenue. For electronic signs at each of our Virginia rail stops. We

need to keep our schools strong and our public safety strong. I am also the most fiscally responsible candidate here tonight. The simple thing I contend is that we can put solar on the roofs of all of our public building and create revenue for the county," Campbell said in his opening remarks.

Unlike Cook and Oleszek, who stood behind the debate table to answer questions, Campbell frequently moved throughout the audience, gesturing broadly and making jokes. At one point, Campbell, who had announced earlier that it was his birthday, ran into the audience to hug a woman who was also celebrating a birthday.

A squabble erupted when Cook, answering question about congestion on Braddock Road, said he would push for "local control for local roads."

"We have a task force working on Danbury and Wake Forest. We've got three ongoing projects at George Mason. We are adding a lane to Braddock Road near Guinea road," he said. Oleszek said his plan amounted to privatizing roadways. "I am amazed that someone would privatize our roadways at a time when our transportation issues are so much more complex," Oleszek said. "To privatize a roadway, it would require Fairfax to purchase heavy

equipment. The labor involved in paying for those improvements would only have to come from taxes. ... We just can't afford that."

One audience member asked candidates if they could put "what is right for the county" above pro forma party decisions.

Oleszek said she had no hidden agenda and owed no one but her community.

Cook said he had a record of breaking with his party when it's the right thing to do. "I voted for the Tyson's plan, [Supervisors] Pat [Herrity (R-Springfield)] and Mike [Frey (R-Sully)] against it," Cook said, referring to the other two Republicans on the board. "I voted for improving our sewage treatment plant. I have a record of doing what is right and that is why I have broad support."

Campbell said he was amused by the question. "Hey, I'm the independent. ... I'm a Southern Baptist, love thy neighbor as thy self. I've been knocking on more doors than these folks combined. If you want someone who never gives up, I'm your guy."

Another dispute arose over the question of a \$1.7 billion shortfall in Fairfax County's pension system.

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Who Makes Cancer Research Possible?

An invitation to get involved.

BY JEAN CARD
THE CONNECTION

How does a relatively shy person ask friends and family, let alone complete strangers, to donate their hard-earned dollars? We are all asked many times over to give to worthy causes. How do you ask people to make your cause their priority? I'm trying to figure that out right now.

In February, I was diagnosed with Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia (APL). It was quite a ride, but today I am in remission with fantastic prospects for a "normal" future. I am incredibly lucky.

It started with a lot of unexplained bruising ... actually two matching bruises on the back of my hands. A couple of weeks later, my partner Stuart pointed out a massive bruise that covered my entire lower back; so on a Monday morning I went in for a routine blood test.

That evening, I received a phone call from the advice nurse. After what seemed like a million questions, she had me go to the emergency room, with the following admonishments: I was not to drive myself, I was not to use anything sharp and I was

under no circumstances to fall down. I had almost no platelets, the type of blood cells that clot, and so was at risk of severe, potentially life-threatening bleeding.

I was sent home that night with an appointment for a bone marrow biopsy in the morning. Everything seemed to go fine with the biopsy; we stopped for some lunch and by the time I got home, I was gushing blood from my biopsy site. While I was in the process of calling to find out what to do, the triage nurse from the oncology practice called to say they were booking a room for me in the hospital for transfusions. My platelets had dropped even more and I had absolutely no immunity to anything (my kind of leukemia features white blood cells that do not mature properly to provide natural protection to infection). I would probably be home that evening, she said, but pack a bag, just in case it ends up being overnight. One day shy of four weeks later, I left the hospital.

When I left the hospital, because I was immuno-compromised I saw very few people, beyond my family; I saw friends a couple of times when I had confirmed my counts were good and they definitely felt healthy; had to limit what I ate (nothing fresh and uncooked); and avoided a lot of

places, especially crowds. I was home from work for almost six months.

I am incredibly lucky. I responded to all treatments as expected and tolerated much of the chemotherapy with relatively mild side effects — at least as far as anything I have to compare it to. But there are many, many families still looking for their luck: the discovery that will make treatment easier, or more effective, or less scary.

In the case of APL, it turns out a form of super-charged vitamin A is the miracle drug. My mother and I have had more than one conversation about how it's possible for someone to figure that out. Who comes up with an idea like that? Who keeps coming up with the ideas to try this or that, in this or that combo, for this or that duration?

And it seemed like I had the most bizarre, specific chemotherapy treatment (it appears all cancers have their own bizarre, specific treatments ... I didn't know that before).

Four days of one medication intravenously, every other day. A month later, four days, in a row, of the same medication, at half the dose; then a month later, three days, in a row, of a different medication. And finally a month later, two days, in a row, of the original medication at the original dose. All the while, still taking my super-charged vitamin A.

And now I have an equally bizarre, specific maintenance routine. For four 90-day cycles I will take nine pills (five in the morning, four in the evening, with food) for the first 15 days. For all 90 days I will take another medication once a day (four pills, on an empty stomach) and once a week I will take another medication (12 pills, because it only comes in a small dosage, also on an empty stomach). Who figures this out so that I can have the best prospects for a leu

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PHOTO BY STUART MOLL

Stuart Moll and Jean Card. 'Stuart cut his waist-length hair to support me, while I took the opportunity to play around as my hair thinned dramatically during chemotherapy treatment for leukemia. Happily, all the gray went first, and has yet to come back.'

Imagination in Motion

Variety of dance styles planned for gala at Northern Virginia Community College.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Dancers from throughout the county will kick up their heels during the second annual Fairfax County Dance Coalition (FCDC) gala, "A Celebration of Dance – Imagination in Motion."

Featuring 11 different dance companies, the event is Saturday, Oct. 1, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 2, at 2 p.m., in the theater of Northern Virginia Community College's Annandale Campus at 8333 Little River Turnpike. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. Go to www.dancefairfax-gala.org or contact any of the participating dance organizations.

"This is a unique opportunity to appreciate and experience a showcase of dance styles — ballet, tap, jazz, modern and Indian dances — integrated into a diverse array of dynamic, dance talent," said FCDC President Marilyn York. "There is something in this show for everyone."

The 11 performing companies are BalletNova, Center Stage Dance Co., Classical Ballet Theatre, Dancin' Unlimited Jazz Dance Co., Dream in Color Foundation –

Impact Dance Co., Encore Performers, Kintz Mejia Ballet, Lasya Dance Co., Nrityanjali, The Ballet Arts Ensemble of Fairfax and the Virginia Ballet Co.

"We want to showcase the excellent dancers in the county and grow opportunities for dance and choreography," said FCDC officer Sherri Shortell. "These advanced and professional dancers are making Fairfax County a center for dance excellence."

In addition, the FCDC will announce at the gala its first annual award of a \$500 scholarship to a 2012 graduating, high-school senior in one of the FCDC member companies who plans to pursue studies in Dance. County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova will present it during the Oct. 1 show.

The five dance groups based in Fairfax — Ballet Arts Ensemble, Center Stage, Dancin' Unlimited, Lasya and Nrityanjali — will offer an assortment of dance genres. The 30-member Ballet Arts will perform "The Slavic Symphony," written by Franz Liszt and choreographed by Richard Rholden.

CENTER STAGE will do three, original danced choreographed by Shortell, its artistic director. They are "Jumpin Jive," "Just



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Members of the Virginia Ballet Co. perform a number from 'Prince Igor.'

the Way You Are" and "Gone in the Morning."

Ten members of Dancin' Unlimited will perform two, contemporary-jazz numbers, "The Theory of Sound" and "Into the Night." The latter piece will be done to the music of Cirque du Soleil.

Lasya will entertain the audience with "Patheya" (The Pathfinder), and Nrityanjali will perform a traditional, Southern Indian dance called "Thillana."

"We're trying to make this gala more international, and these two Indian groups

will each perform different styles of dance," said Alan Green, president of Dancin' Unlimited. "Lasya will be beautifully dressed in traditional costumes from India. Nrityanjali is a younger group and is a new company for us. Having them both with us enlarges the dance experience for the audience."

In addition, the Burke-based Virginia Ballet Co. will dance "Can Can" from "The Gaité Parisienne" and a Spanish number

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SATURDAY/SEPT. 24

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Church Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 8922 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. All proceeds benefit the Hypothermia Shelter, providing a hot breakfast and dinner and a warm location to sleep. 703-346-1099.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 25

Burke Historical Society Meeting. 4 p.m. Ponds Community Center, 9837 Burke Pond Lane, Burke. Mary Lipsey will speak about Brimstone Hill (Arundel's Tavern), the large white home at the intersection of Burke Lake Road and Route 123 in Fairfax Station, dating to circa 1820. slawski_brian@yahoo.com.



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NEWS

Braddock District Debate

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Campbell said the assertion was a myth. "It's junk. ... The borrow-and-spend incumbent party gave us Wall Street on steroids. ... Of course that impacted the pension system. But 1.7 billion is bunk."

Cook countered that the numbers were real. "I was the one who said we have to do something on this issue. Let's look at these plans and keep our promises to our retirees."

Oleszek maintained that the Virginia Retirement System is one of the best in the nation. "We have the benefits overfunded, but not by \$1.7 billion. That's an alarmist attitude to take. While our workforce grows, more money is coming into retirement. It's stable. It's run honestly and fairly."

The day after the debate, the campaigns of incumbent Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-at large) and Oleszek released a joint statement about the pension plans:

"John continues to misunderstand how Fairfax County maintains the stability of its pension funds," Bulova said. "We are following the guidance of our financial experts with whom I work every day and maintain a level of funding that helps to protect our retirees and current employees from being hurt by market fluctuations. His claim of being the one on the board to stand up is right, but he is standing up against good financial advice and the expertise on the boards of trustees of all three pension funds."

"I think Sharon Bulova has been doing an excel-

lent job managing an extremely complex budget," Oleszek said. "It's actually laughable that John tried to compare himself to Sharon at one time during the debate, while attacking her record of fiscal leadership in another part of the debate. If John wants to make this election a referendum on Sharon's leadership of Fairfax County then I accept."

"Sharon's just wrong," Cook said on Wednesday, Sept. 21. "The consultant's report on the pension fund is due this fall. The fact that the board spent \$120,000 on the consultant shows that it's something we need to address."

Cook said his campaign plans to release a statement on Wednesday with hard numbers citing official county documents which refute the assertions of Bulova and Oleszek."

The second debate is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 24, at 3:30 p.m., in the front yard of Denny and Suzie D'Alelio's home, 4811 Woodland Way in Annandale. The 60-minute debate will include audience questions and guests are encouraged to bring beach blankets to sit on.

The Cook and Oleszek campaigns also jointly announced that Independent candidate Carey C. Campbell would be invited to participate at the September debates.

Cook and Oleszek are asking that groups interested in hosting debates contact both campaigns via their websites with proposed dates and hosts. The campaigns will then jointly decide which debates will go forward and announce them in September.

Raising Funds for Cancer Research

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kemia-free future?

I guess I don't really care who, I just care that someone does. I care that they have money to fund research. I care that amazing ideas keep happening. I care that miracles keep coming our way.

So, here I am, asking for your hard-earned dollars: My team, The APL Dumpling Gang (named after a favorite childhood movie), will be walking in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's annual Light The Night walk at Reston Town Center on Oct. 1.

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\$5, \$10, or \$25 donation, please send it our way.

Or, just as important as finding new miracles, share one you already have at no cost: donate blood or platelets. I always knew it mattered, but until I was watching bag after bag going into my body, helping save my life, I didn't really know. Visit <http://www.redcrossblood.org/gcp> or www.inova.org and click Get Involved and then Blood Donor Services.

Learn more about the event or The APL Dumpling Gang at www.lightthenight.org, click on Donate, and search Jean Card or APL Dumpling Gang.

And if you'd like to know more about my personal adventures with leukemia, e-mail me at jcard@connectionnewspapers.com.

Jean Card is production manager at Connection Newspapers. She lives in McLean.

COLLEGE NOTES

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Bernadene Bohemier of Burke has been awarded a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Kaplan University. Bohemier's accomplishment was celebrated during a graduation ceremony on Aug. 6 at the Arie Crown Theater in Chicago.

Nicholas I. Kaywork, a resident of Burke, has earned a bachelor of science from Excelsior College.

Mohit Nagaraja Iyyer of Burke was named to the dean's list for the spring 2011 semester at Washington University in St. Louis. Iyyer is a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology and is enrolled in the university's School of Engineering and Applied Science.

To qualify for the dean's list in the School of Engineering, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.60 or above and be enrolled in at least 12 graded units.

Heather Carter of Burke, recently completed a summer internship in the Washington, D.C., office of U.S. Sen. Kelly Ayotte (R-N.H.). Carter is a senior at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa and will graduate in May with a degree in political science. After

earning her undergraduate degree, she plans to attend law school. She graduated from Lake Braddock Secondary School in 2009. Her responsibilities in Ayotte's office specialized in military affairs and included preparing briefs, researching legislation, constituent correspondence and conducting tours of the U.S. Capitol Building.

Tighe B. Smith, a resident of Burke has earned a bachelor of science degree from Excelsior College.

Karla C. Kaywork of Burke earned a bachelor of arts from Excelsior College.

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OPINION

A Lesson in Civil Discourse?

What we say and do can be a powerful example for our children.

Election season is upon us and with only six incumbents of the 12-seat Fairfax County School Board running again, whatever the result, the county will have a very different School Board following the Nov. 8 General Election.

Change is good and the possibility of a new direction for the School Board should certainly hearten those citizens who have decried the current School Board for its inflexibility and unresponsiveness to the people who voted them into office.

It's important to note that School Board members provide an important public service for very little compensation. Even though some parents may be dissatisfied with a particular decision from the current board, this leadership oversees a school system that is the envy of much of the nation. Just ask any politician or business leader and they'll tell you that one of the things that draws people to Fairfax County is the reputation of its public schools.

As the editor whose coverage area was largely affected by last year's Southwestern Boundary study, I was witness to a great deal of public discourse on the School Board's decision to close Clifton Elementary School and redraw the boundaries of many FCPS elemen-

tary schools.

Those affected by the workings of any School Board know that the most potentially divisive process that the body undertakes involves redrawing attendance boundaries.

But in 2010, the discourse surrounding the School Board's decision to close Clifton Elementary and redraw school boundary lines turned ugly very quickly. Citizens and School Board members — we know because their e-mail conversations were released thanks to a Freedom of Information Act request — shot angry barbs back and forth at each other which were sometimes uncomfortably vicious and personal.

It's difficult to say who fired the first shot. I liken it to a pie fight in a Three Stooges movie. It's not important who threw the first one, by the end, everyone's covered in pie filling and looks just as bad as the next person.

Many citizens submitted letters during the School Board debates, highlighting important concerns and raising questions that sometimes deserved better answers than they received. But some were not published because they were harsh, personal attacks against individuals.

at record lows, never has there been a better opportunity to take advantage of such value. It makes good sense.

Though Fairfax County has world-class schools, many of these schools need critical improvements to house the ever-growing student population. Failing to take advantage of an opportunity to invest in our children at a time of exceptional value with no cost to the taxpayer or to the students in the classroom would be unfortunate. That is why on Nov. 8, I encourage all Fairfax County voters to vote "yes" on the school bond referendum.

John Fee

Fairfax Citizens for Better Schools
Braddock District

Clear Winner

To the Editor:

I attended the Braddock District Supervisor Candidate Debate at the Kings Park Library Wednesday, Sept. 14. As a newly redistricted voter moved into the Braddock District, I wanted to learn about the issues in the Braddock District and to hear the candidates debate their plans for the future. Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) was the clear winner in the debate.

Cook was the only candidate

who had an understanding of the issues, who had a command of the facts, who had a clear record of accomplishments for Braddock District and Fairfax County and who had specific plans for the future needs of the District. In contrast to Cook, his two opponents appeared to be unfamiliar with the details of the issues and could only present vague platitudes regarding their plans for the future.

"I will be guided by a core set of values to always support first responders and teachers" and "Put a rail system down Braddock Road to solve transportation problems in the District" did not convince me that the Democrat [Janet Oleszek] and Independent [Carey Campbell] candidates even understood the job of Braddock District supervisor.

Cook has not yet served a full term as supervisor, but I was extremely impressed with his responses to the debate questions. He has done a great deal in less than two years and has a clear understanding of the activities of the Board of Supervisors and Braddock District. Without notes, he was able to describe details of the many specific ongoing and planned projects that he has sponsored or supported which directly improve the quality of life in Braddock District.

I learned of the Braddock Citi-

zens Budget Committee that Cook created which will give me a real advisory role into the Fairfax County budget. I learned of Cook's plan to support the transfer of local road maintenance from the DMV to Fairfax County so that local maintenance priorities can be advanced.

While emotional debate is inevitable when the School Board is making decisions that can change where children will be able to attend school, I don't know if all the negative emotion accomplished anything. It's easy to understand the resentment of some who feel slighted. After all, the decision involved their families, children and neighbors. One hopes that the communities affected can move on. I suspect they will, in time.

With so many seats open on the School Board, this is an opportunity for real and meaningful change. The at-large race alone has seven candidates vying for three spots. For those who are dissatisfied with some decisions of the School Board, this is the opportunity to be heard. Whether your concerns are school boundaries, start-times, honors classes, curriculum choices, school discipline or other issues, take the time to find out what the candidates stand for. Go to meet-the-candidate events. Visit their websites. Read local news stories about the races. Also, let the candidates — and the Connection — know what matters to you.

The Connection welcomes thoughtful letters about school issues and School Board candidates. No one needs to "get personal" to accomplish that. Let's teach our children about civility in political debate.

— MICHAEL O'CONNELL

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Vote 'Yes' on School Bond

To the Editor:

Because there is no better time than now to invest in our future, I support the Fairfax County school bond referendum. If approved, the bond measure will provide tax-free funding to improve more than 20 public schools across Fairfax without diverting critically necessary funds from the classroom.

Among these schools are Fairfax Villa Elementary and our celebrated magnet school, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. These improvements will benefit not only the immediate school population but also the many thousands of citizens attending classes, camps and recreational programs held at these facilities. Ask a Realtor how important good schools are for a community, or, better yet, ask a CEO why Fairfax is so attractive to business.

With interest rates at record lows, this is the perfect opportunity to invest in our children's future before rates eventually rise. Moreover, we should take advantage of Fairfax County's AAA credit rating, a rating which very few counties (and even countries) have. With construction costs also

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To the Editor:

Student Bobby Bradshaw's recent opinion piece [Connection, Aug. 31, 2011], referencing his support for [Republican Party endorsed School Board Candidate] Elizabeth Schultz, was admirable and it's always encouraging to see our youth getting involved with local community issues.

However, I wanted the Springfield District residents to understand that the other Elizabeth — Elizabeth Bradsher our current Springfield District School Board member who has endured way more than her fair share of malcontent and hateful nastiness from a small handful of her constituents — worked very hard with her fellow School Board members and the facilities office to move West Springfield High School's (WSHS) renovation up significantly in the FCPS queue. Originally WSHS was wait listed for 2020 and thanks to Bradsher — not Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield), not Schultz if she is elected — WSHS' renovation is on the bond for planning money this fall and its renovation will proceed no matter who is elected to the Springfield District seat this fall.

It is worth mentioning that even before she was elected to office Liz met with and listened to the local community, researched the history of WSHS' prior renovations, toured the building several times and worked with the facilities office of FCPS to get the school the renovation it will now receive in a very timely fashion.

Lisa Adler
Fairfax Station

COLLEGE NOTES

Karla C. Kaywork of Burke earned a bachelor of arts from Excelsior College.

Bernadene Bohemier of Burke has been awarded a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Kaplan University. Bohemier's accomplishment was celebrated during a graduation ceremony on Aug. 6 at the Arie Crown Theater in Chicago.

Nicholas I. Kaywork, a resident of Burke, has earned a bachelor of science from Excelsior College.

Mohit Nagaraja Iyyer of Burke was named to the dean's list for the spring 2011 semester at Washington University in St. Louis. Iyyer is a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology and is enrolled in the university's School of Engineering and Applied Science. To qualify for the dean's list in the School of Engineering, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.60 or above and be enrolled in at least 12 graded units.

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Diary of a High School Diplomat

Program promotes understanding between American, Japanese teens.

BY KIMBERLY ROSS

Last spring, I was selected to participate in the High School Diplomats program. High School Diplomats (HSD) is a cultural exchange scholarship program in which 40 American students and 40 Japanese students come together and study at Princeton University in July for 10 days of learning about each other's cultures.

Since I live in the Washington, D.C., area, I was fortunate enough to be able to host two of the Japanese students at my house for three days before the program at Princeton began. During this time, my family and I shared our home and our day-to-day activities with the students. Having them with us made everything fun. From grocery shopping, going to the pool, walking them through my high school and hanging out with my friends, everything we take for granted, they cherished.

When the Princeton session began, I met 39 other American students and 38 Japanese students and immediately I knew the experience was going to be incredible. Each American student was paired with Japanese roommate. The roommates were selected by interests and language skill level. The counselors at HSD are all former student participants, so they know the program and how to make certain that each participant gets the most out of the experience.

Each day at Princeton had different Japanese and American themes, such as Halloween, where everyone dressed up in costumes and went through a really scary haunted house, and Country Fair Day, where we dressed in cowboy attire, learned line dancing and ate hamburgers and hot dogs. School Spirit Day included a pep rally and a campus scavenger hunt, and HSD Olympics contained a fun game of kickball.

The Japanese students were always eager to learn about America and our language, even our slang, but one of my favorite theme days was when we experienced Japanese traditions. The Japanese Day of Culture (Bunka no Hi), was a day where we dressed in traditional Japanese Yukatas



COURTESY OF KIMBERLY ROSS

Before going to the High School Diplomats program at Princeton University, Kimberly Ross gave the two Japanese students who stayed with her family a tour of Lake Braddock Secondary School.

(similar to a Kimono), and learned the art of Ikebana (flower arranging). We also participated in a tea ceremony, made clay sushi, painted calligraphy and ate traditionally-made foods such as Udon noodles.

This past spring both countries experienced overwhelming natural disasters. There were devastating tornados in the Midwest and of course, the unimaginable earthquake and tsunami in Japan. For the first time in HSD history, there was a fund-raiser "dance-a-thon" where the American students secured sponsors to raise money to donate to Japan. While at Princeton, the Japanese students participated in a letter-writing campaign and

"By the end of this fantastic program, every student now had 79 new lifelong friends."

— Kimberly Ross

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Kimberly Ross, third from right, poses for a photo with her fellow diplomats during Japanese Culture Day at Princeton University. They are dressed in traditional Japanese Yukatas and Kimonos.

Diplomat Summer Program

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raised money for the victims of the Midwest. We were taught a traditional Japanese dance known as the “Soran Bushi” or the “fisherman’s dance.” This dance is not like any dance we have here — it’s hard, fast, exhausting and fun.

By the end of this fantastic program, every student now had 79 new lifelong

friends. Saying goodbye was one of the most difficult things I’ve ever done. Technology has made it a little easier since we are all able to stay in contact and deal with our “HSDepression.”

Kimberly Ross is a junior at Lake Braddock Secondary School in Burke. For more application details, visit the website, www.highschooldiplomats.com.

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Robert Wallace. 6 p.m. George Mason University Johnson Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. The former director of the CIA Office of Technical Service, explores the history of tricks, deception and technological espionage in *Spycraft: The Secret History of the CIA's Spys*. www.fallforthebook.org.

Friends of the Burke Centre Library September Book Sale. 10 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Most paperbacks .50-\$1, hardbacks \$2, children's \$1. 703-249-1520.

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English Conversation Group. 10 a.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Practice your English conversation skills. Adults. 703-978-5600.

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Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association answers your gardening questions.



Irish band Teada

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THURSDAY/SEPT. 29

English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Practice English with other adults. 703-249-1520.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 30

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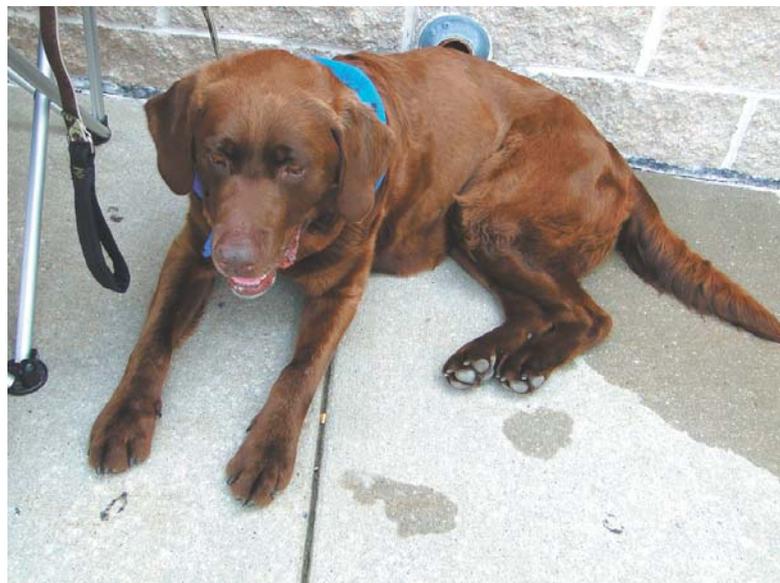
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Adopt-A-Lab Event. 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Weber's Pet Supermarket, 11201 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Meet Labrador retrievers from shelters, humane societies and more. Bring the family and you may be able to adopt the same day. Event organized by Lab Rescue of the Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac Inc. Free admission. 703-385-3766 or www.lab-rescue.org.

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FAITH

'Weaver' Set To Debut

Robinson student in faith-based, original musical.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Robinson Secondary student Carys Meyer plays one of the four leading roles in the upcoming, original musical, "Weaver." Presented by the Centreville Presbyterian Church Community Theatre, it's a story about various types of relationships and how God's presence weaves them together.

"Our goal was authenticity and to have this play address real life," said Director Zoe Dillard. "We wanted to do something appealing to teenagers and adults. And hopefully, it'll ignite conversations between people about their relationship with God and with each other, and they can take it from there."

Show times are Friday, Sept. 30, and Saturday, Oct. 1, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 2, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 at www.centrevillepres.com and \$10 cash at the door. The church is at 15450 Lee Highway in Centreville.

"Weaver" takes place in a contemporary, subur-



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From left, Alex Johnson, Colby Dezelick and Carys Meyer are three of the main characters.

ban, church community in Northern Virginia. Catherine Kelly is in her 20s when her friend's cousin, Luke Abelman, comes to town and Catherine and Luke fall in love. She's a person of deep faith, but he doesn't know what he believes.

Meyer, a Robinson junior, plays Rachel, Catherine's best friend. "She's the only real, solid character in the show," said Meyer. "She keeps everyone grounded and on track with her words of wisdom. She knows everyone really well, so she's able to help them

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Chase Wins Monroe Parker

Lake Braddock junior wins invitational for third year in a row.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

After crossing the finish line and capturing her third consecutive first-place finish at the Monroe Parker Invitational, Lake Braddock junior Sophie Chase dropped to her knees and vomited.

"I didn't feel tired at all," Chase later said. "Maybe it was something I ate or being off on a different schedule. Other than that, the race felt really good."

Whether it was food, the meet being delayed four days or something else that caused Chase's post-race unpleasantness, it didn't hinder her performance on Sept. 14 at Burke Lake Park. Chase's time of 17 minutes, 33.3 seconds was nearly 20 seconds faster than her nearest competitor, Lee sophomore Bailey Kolonich. Chase and teammate Hannah Christen, who finished third with a time of 18:07.5, helped Lake Braddock earn second place in the team competition. The Bruins finished with 137 points, two points better than third-place Thomas Jefferson and 31 points behind meet-winner West Potomac.

The meet was originally scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 10, but was postponed until the following Wednesday due to issues stemming from inclement weather.

"I was in the mindset to race Saturday," Chase said, "so it was a little weird, middle-of-the-week sort of thing."

Last season, Chase won the varsity event by more than 30 seconds. In 2009, she won the freshman race by an 18-second margin. Chase, who finished second in the state and qualified for nationals as a sophomore, said when she's not being challenged, she finds technical aspects on which to focus.

"When we're out here," Chase said, "I can just concentrate on what I need to: technique, breathing-wise, turning over, that sort of thing."

Lake Braddock's Katie Roche finished 19th with a time of 19:16.6. Courtney Lawson finished 51st (20:17.9) and Rachel Fasana was 65th (20:33.2) to complete the Bruins' top five.

While Chase ran away with first place, Kolonich was surprised by her own performance. The sophomore recorded a time of 17:53, more than 14 seconds faster than the third-place finisher. Kolonich said her goal was to break 19 minutes, which she accomplished with ease.

"I think I did pretty good for the start of the season," she said. "I'm really happy with my time. I did not expect that at all."

Washington-Lee's Isabel Amend finished fourth (18:16.7) and Robinson's Macey Schweikert placed fifth (18:17.4). West Potomac's Sarah Jane Underwood (18:17.8), West Springfield's Caroline Alcorta (18:38), Robinson's Lauren Berman (18:41.1), Thomas Jefferson's Katherine Sheridan (18:43.7), T.C. Williams' Shannon Smythe (18:46.4) and Sydney Schaedel (18:49.4), West Springfield's Maddie Wittich (18:57.3), South County's Mary Gate Scully (18:59.3), Bishop O'Connell's Devin Nihill (19:00.7) and McLean's Hannah Dimmick (19:01.3) completed the top 15.

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ED LULL

Lake Braddock junior Sophie Chase won the Monroe Parker Invitational on Sept. 14 at Burke Lake Park. The Bruins finished second in team competition.

Rams Overcome Adversity To Capture First Victory

After falling behind early, Robinson beats T.C. Williams.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

T.C. Williams running back Za'Quan Summers caught a swing pass in the right flat, won the race to the corner and sprinted past the Robinson defense for a 72-yard touchdown on the first play from scrimmage during the teams' Sept. 17 meeting at Parker-Gray Stadium.

Moments later, a Robinson turnover on its first offensive play led to a 5-yard touchdown pass from TC quarterback Alec Grosser to Jamal Williams.

"I thought," Summers said later, "it was over."

TC needed 97 seconds to take a 13-0 lead against a 0-2 Robinson team that had scored just seven points in two games. The Rams, however, would spend the rest of this Saturday afternoon spoiling the Titans' home opener and showing Robinson is still a proud and powerful football program.

Robinson responded to T.C. Williams' fast



Robinson quarterback Michael Hugney hands off to running back Tyrek Worrell during the Rams' 27-13 victory against T.C. Williams on Sept. 17.

start with a strong running game and stingy defense. The result was 27 consecutive Robinson points and a 27-13 Rams victory. The Titans produced 13 points and totaled 108 yards in their first two possessions. During T.C.'s final 11 drives, Robinson shut

out the Titans and held them to 151 yards.

"We didn't change anything," first-year Robinson head coach Trey Taylor said. "I just told them to keep their heads up and go play."

And play they did, on both sides of the

"I thought it was over."

— T.C. Williams running back Za'Quan Summers

ball.

Defensively, the Rams' front four shut down the T.C. ground game. Tackles Jake Pinkston and Andre Kendall, and ends Kyle Jenkins and Nate Holyfield limited the Titans to 26 yards in 20 carries, an average of 1.3 yards per attempt.

"We talked all week that if those four could take away the run and let the other seven worry about the pass, we felt like we could defend them," Taylor said. "I feel like against them you get into trouble when you have to commit six, seven to the run and then they've got athletes that can beat you deep on the pass. That quarterback is pretty accurate."

Grosser completed 18 of 36 attempts for 225 yards and two touchdowns. After two drives, the Titans' quarterback was three of three for 99 yards and two scores. However, Robinson limited Grosser to an average of 3.8 yards per pass attempt during the Titans' final 11 possessions.

"Up front with the front four — me, Nate,

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SPORTS

Rams Dominate T.C. Williams

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Andre and Kyle — we just said we've got to shut them down," Pinkston said. "We needed to stop the run to let the secondary get the pass and we did and we won."

OFFENSIVELY, Robinson entered the contest having scored just one touchdown in two games. The Rams reached the end zone four times against the Titans, amassing 365 yards of offense, including 317 on the ground. Running back Tyrek Worrell carried 25 times for 137 yards and two touchdowns. Worrell's 61-yard scoring scamper in the second quarter put the Rams ahead to stay, 14-13.

Joe Meier rushed for 45 yards in nine carries. "There's nothing I can point to," T.C. head coach Dennis Randolph said when asked about the game's momentum change. "Tell me why you're up 13-0 and the all of the sudden you let a team run down the field and score against you at will. I can't explain it.

... "They stopped our run. Then you've got to throw it all the time and when you throw it all the time, things happen. You don't get to run the clock, you don't get to control the game. They certainly disrupted our game plan. We weren't able to function. The bottom line is you can't have people running up and down the field on you at will."

After coming off the bench during Robinson's Sept. 12 loss to West Springfield, junior quarterback

Michael Hugney started and played the entire game for the Rams. He completed two of four passes for 47 yards and a touchdown and rushed 12 times for 94 yards and a score. In the third quarter, Hugney's 74-yard run down to the T.C. 10 set up a 12-yard touchdown pass to Nate Foote.

Taylor said Hugney and sophomore Avyn Johnson would continue to compete for playing time.

"They're both good, it's just right now Michael's playing better," Taylor said. "We made a few mistakes, but overall I thought he managed the offense pretty well. I feel like we have some pretty good running backs back there and that's his main job is to get the ball in their hands and let them run and let the line block."

Hugney talked about the benefits of starting and playing an entire game.

"It helps you get in a rhythm, see the defense a little better [and] it's more comfortable in the huddle, as well," he said. "Everybody's talking about what's going on, everybody knows what's going to happen and how it's going to happen."

Robinson (1-2) will open Concorde District competition at home against Westfield (3-0) on Friday, Sept. 23, at 7:30 p.m.

"I don't think we ever stopped believing that we can win," Taylor said. "We just knew we needed to stop making mistakes. We started worrying about making mistakes to a point, but now that you see that you can play without making mistakes, I think it can be a huge stepping stone to get things going."



Lake Braddock's Hannah Christen finished third at the Monroe Parker Invitational on Sept. 14 at Burke Lake Park, helping the Bruins to a second-place team finish.

Ed Lull

Monroe Parker Race

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In boys' action, Annandale's Ahmed Bile took first among individuals with a time of 15:04.7. Chantilly's Sean McGorty (15:08.3) and Logan Miller (15:28.2) finished second and third, respectively, leading the Chargers to a team title. Lake Braddock's Nick Tuck finished fourth (15:30). Robinson's Patrick Spahn placed fifth (15:40.1), helping lead the Rams to a second-place team finish. Thomas Jefferson finished third in the team competition.

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COMMUNITY

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portation priority," and cited the importance of phase two, "to get all the way to Dulles Airport," Bulova said.

Williams countered that he thought Dulles Rail was more about economic development rather than solving transportation issues. "Let's not keep our eyes closed about it," he said.

The candidates diverged sharply on the topic of affordable housing, an issue that has sparked debate among members of the Board of Supervisors several times this year.

Williams criticized the county's affordable housing policies, saying that county government should not "dabble ... in luxury affordable housing. ... We're providing luxury affordable housing to people who ... drive a Lexus and hang a plasma-screen TV on their walls."

Bulova confirmed her support of the county's housing policies, asserting that the county's "forward-thinking" policies have been successful in reducing the homeless population by nearly 17 percent in four years.

In 2010, the board adopted the Housing Blueprint, which allocates \$10.1 million in FY 2011 to provide housing for the homeless as well as "workforce housing." As of March 2011, 11,818 families and individuals were on the waiting list for the county's three principal affordable housing programs, according to the county's Department of Housing and Community Development.

"It's critical for us to address affordable housing needs. [Affordable housing] spans people living in the woods and cars, and people in the middle who need help getting back on their feet," she said.

Williams said he agreed that it was critical to provide people "an opportunity to live near where they work." But he maintained the private sector should be responsible for affordable housing, not the government.

Faith-Based Production

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through their problems. And she's very religious so she guides them through their walk with God."

Meyer says she's similar to her character so she can relate to Rachel. Her favorite song is "Waiting," which she sings. "I like it because it's the point in the show where you see Rachel's inner struggle," she said.

Meyer said the audience will enjoy the play's different styles of music ranging from

Dance Gala Comes to NVCC

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called "Alegrias Flamenco." One of the oldest ballet companies in this area, it's been in Fairfax County at least 60 years.

Looking forward to the upcoming gala,

On illegal immigration, "We have a problem," Williams said, adding that he did not want to see the county to become a haven for illegal immigrants.

"I am all for people who are legal citizens ... getting the benefits of government. ... I celebrate diversity in Fairfax County," Williams said.

Bulova said she would never describe the county as a "sanctuary" or a "magnet" for illegal immigrants.

"We have a welcoming culture, but when someone breaks the law, our county police work with federal authorities [to identify those in the country illegally]," she said.

THE DEBATE ended cordially, with Bulova stating that her opponent is a "good guy," but lacks her range of political experience. "I will enjoy working with Spike in the years to come," she said.

Williams drew laughter when he said he also looked forward to working with Bulova, "in her role as a county resident."

After Thursday's debate, Williams' campaign released a news release stating that "What distinguishes Spike Williams is his loyalty to small business owners ... Spike is a proven conservative leader who will level with [residents]."

Bulova said the debate was a "good discussion of Fairfax County issues. I was pleased to make my priorities clear — to continue to maintain a quality of life in Fairfax County that our residents and businesses appreciate and value and to do so in a way that is affordable to our taxpayers."

Bulova has appreciably outspent Williams during the campaign, raising approximately \$425,000 to Williams' roughly \$75,000, according to the Virginia Public Access Project (VPAP), a non-partisan organization that collects financial data of all candidates. In addition to the main party candidates, Bulova and Williams will be joined on the Nov. 8 ballot by two independents: Will Radle Jr. and Christopher F. DeCarlo.

upbeat, Broadway numbers to jazz songs to ballads. They'll also like the story, she said, because "It has deep, emotional feelings that people struggle with in their own lives and can relate to."

"The choice to include God in one's life is explored by all the major characters as they travel through love, loss, addiction, doubt and healing, affecting each other as they [do so]," said Dillard. "Some of them conclude, as I have: life requires help from above."

Green said all the participants are "just thrilled. The first one we had was so successful, with such an enthusiastic audience, that we decided to do it again. And we have two more dance companies, this time, so we're really excited about it."

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