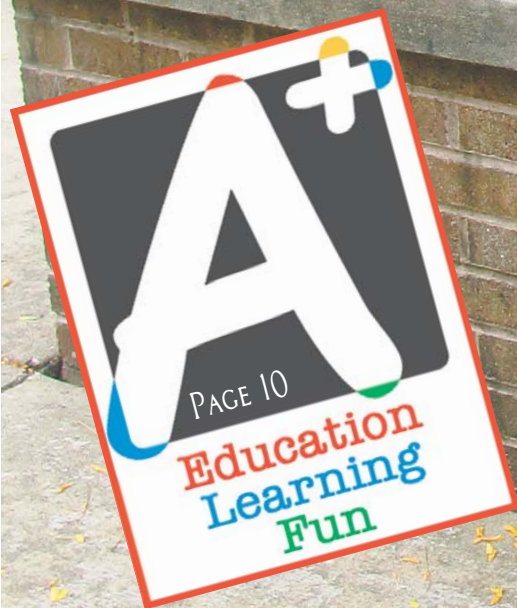


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Back to Nature

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Paul Gilbert, executive director of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, is committed to getting more children to experience the outdoors. 'A growing body of studies shows that many issues, such as ADHD and childhood obesity, can be significantly improved when children have more time to just play in nature. We need to let them explore, turn over rocks, find slimy things underneath,' Gilbert said.

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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."

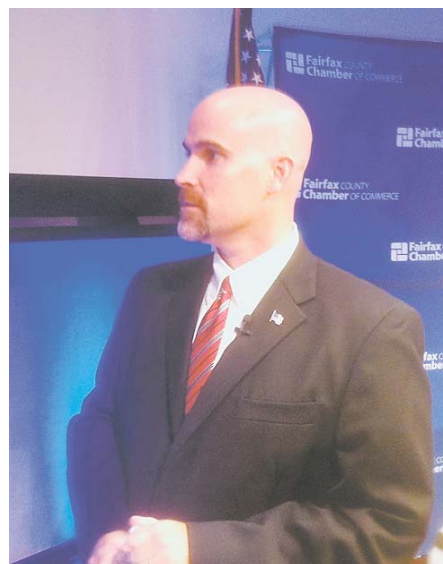
NOVABizPAC, the political arm of the Fairfax Chamber, cited Bulova's 20 years of experience in local government, as well as her grasp of the issues that face Fairfax



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.

County residents, in its decision to endorse the Democratic incumbent.

"There were a number of reasons why we 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



PHOTOS BY MICHAEL O'CONNELL/THE CONNECTION

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

— Sharon Bulova

"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 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

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Fall Is Season for Nature Nuts at Area Regional Parks

New Park Authority program lures more children out of the house and into nature.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Want to learn how to pish in the woods? Or fly through trees on a zip line? Nature Nuts, a new program launched by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NVRPA), will teach children pishing and zip lining, among other outdoor skills.

And just so parents don't get the wrong idea, a "pish" is an imitated birdcall. It's used by birders to get many types of birds to flock around a person, according to Casey Pittrizzi, NVRPA's roving naturalist.

"Kids love it, because it's a technique that attracts birds who will flock to them," Pittrizzi said. "The 'pish' sounds like an alert or scold call, which means food for the birds."

"The fall is a perfect time to enjoy the outdoors, and Nature Nuts helps children experience our beautiful parks and trails," said Paul Gilbert, NVRPA's executive director.

Nature Nuts, he explained, is a regional program that seeks to provide a meaningful outdoor experience to half a million chil-

dren over the next five years throughout Northern Virginia.

"A big part of the mission of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority is to foster an understanding of the relationship between people and their environment, and the Nature Nuts program is going to be central to our efforts in this area," Gilbert said. "Children today are spending less time in nature and far too much time in front of a screen. Our goal is to counter this trend."

The NVRPA formally kicked off Nature Nuts at Hemlock Overlook Regional Park in Clifton. More than 100 fifth graders from Herndon Elementary School joined NVRPA officials, Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) and Dominion Virginia Power to kick-off the program, which focuses on engaging children with nature. The NVRPA funded the trip for Herndon Elementary as part of the Nature Nuts program, and each child received a Nature Nuts T-shirt.

"Nature Nuts will offer great programs and opportunities to reconnect children with the outdoors," Herrity said, adding that he remembered how he would spend all day riding his bike, exploring and playing in parks and natural areas growing up in



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Nature Nuts! Naturalist Casey Pittrizzi introduces the Daisy Scouts from Troop 144 in Springfield to a Corn Snake at Fountainhead Regional Park in Fairfax Station, as part of the region wide Nature Nuts program to children spending more time in nature.

Northern Virginia.

Times have changed, Gilbert said, but the need for children to have unstructured time in nature is just as strong today, but with

fewer opportunities.

According to a recent NVRPA poll, ap

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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.'

Focusing His Lens on Homelessness

Filmmaker David Ashton uses personal stories to shed a light on homelessness.

BY AMBER HEALY
THE CONNECTION

If the southern part of Fairfax County becomes the Sundance of the East, it might be due in small part to the work of David Ashton and Dani Weinberg.

Ashton, 24, is working on raising funds for his fourth film, "Mysterious Prison," a documentary-style film that takes a closer look at homelessness in the Washington, D.C., area. Weinberg, also

24, is the force behind the Clifton Film Festival, which this year outgrew its home in the tiny town and took up residence at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton.

"I think I'm more of a storyteller," said Ashton, who began writing articles for his high school newspaper and continued as an English major at Colgate University before starting work on his first screenplay. After taking a film class at George Mason Uni-

versity, he was on his way.

The self-described cinephile, Ashton is currently working on two films — finishing up editing on his third movie while scouting out locations and conducting interviews with some of Washington, D.C.'s homeless population for "Mysterious Prison."

Ashton, who grew up in Centreville and now lives in Reston, is quick to stress that he does not intend his movie to be viewed as a political piece

or as propaganda of any kind. "I want to give an honest portrayal of what it's like," he said.

There are different prejudices that go long with how people view homelessness, Ashton said. Not everyone who finds him or her without a home ends up that way because of mental illness or drug abuse, he said. Some lost jobs or are facing other struggles, while some are employed but just don't



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David Ashton

make enough to find a steady place to live.

"Mysterious Prison" is based around four "episodes," Ashton said, portrayed by actors from four age ranges.

"Each person has a different reason for how they became homeless, and why

they've stayed that way," he said. "I wanted to do four stories. One was too narrow a view. It's just too complex an issue."

So far, more than 50 interviews have been conducted, and he's talked with more than 100 people to get details on the reality of being homeless in the nation's capital. He's visited shelters and soup kitchens, anywhere people congregate.

"A lot of people that are homeless are really intelligent and well-spoken. They just fell on hard times," Ashton said. "So many of the people I spoke to are incredibly friendly, thoughtful, sensitive people with incredible things to say about life. Hearing their stories, I wanted to give them a voice to say what they wanted rather than have people judge them."

"Mysterious Prison" is Ashton's first social commentary piece of film, the first film was "kind of a horror movie," while the second was a 10-minute short, and the third movie, the one he's still editing, is a "psychological thriller piece."

And yes, he's used the infamous Bunny Man Bridge at least once, he laughed.

Ashton has relied on the help of his family and friends. He even used his father's house for a shoot on one of his earlier films. He's also hoping more friends will help out, because he's using the online fund-raising

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News

Help Out

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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.

I hope you'll support my "gang." I know we all get lots of requests for a variety of causes to support ... so no pressure to make this particular one your priority. But, if you are looking for a place to put that \$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 jean@connectionnewspapers.com.

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

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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 con-

versations 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.

positive campaign based on hard work and meeting voters.

I am disappointed in Barker for already going out of his way to campaign negatively against Baker by calling him names and printing yard signs that target Miller. I believe Baker's positive and issue-based campaign is working, and if I could, I would certainly be voting for him on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Will Winston
Springfield

Bradsher Supporter

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 fel-

low 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

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

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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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 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

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THURSDAY/SEPT. 29

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Kingstowne Area Artists Association Art Show and Sale. 11-6 p.m. Snyder Center, 6450 South Van Dorn St., Kingstowne. Acrylics, oils, watercolor, mixed media, pastels, photography, pen and ink, digital media and more. Refreshments served. www.kingstowne.org, smelltheroses05@cox.net or duchessducky@msn.com.

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SATURDAY/OCT. 8

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SATURDAY/OCT. 15

Cranford Annual Fall Ham and Oyster Dinner. 4-7 p.m. Cranford United Methodist Church, 9912 Old Colchester Road, Lorton. Ham, fried oysters, potato salad, cole slaw, sweet potato casserole, deviled eggs, hush puppies, homemade desserts and more. Takeout available. Proceeds benefit kitchen renovation. 703-339-5382.

Comedian Wanda Sykes. 8 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. \$35-\$45, available online at www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. www.wandasyskes.com or www.patriotcenter.com.

SUNDAY/OCT. 16

Northern Virginia NTRACK. 1-4 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Members will have a display and N gauge trains running. \$3 adults, \$1 children. www.fairfax-station.org or 703-425-9225.

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'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-



PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/THE CONNECTION

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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Try Pishing at the Park

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proximately 85,000 children a year explore nature through the park authority programs. In addition:

- ❖ 48,000 children camp in NVRPA parks, nearly 3,000 through youth organizations like scouting and 45,000 through family camping.

- ❖ Close to 10,000 connect with nature while boating in regional parks, more than 1,200 local high school students row on the Occoquan Reservoir, and more than 8,500 use rented kayaks or canoes or are boating with friends and family on boats they launch at a regional park.

- ❖ More than 15,000 children go through the adventure course run by Adventure Links at Hemlock Overlook Regional Park.

- ❖ Approximately 13,000 children learn about nature from an NVRPA naturalist or park staff as part of a children-focused nature education program.

"Through a combination of child-focused programs and family outdoor activities, children are exploring the natural world at the regional parks. This program will build on this base and address barriers that keep children from having these opportunities," Gilbert said.

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Gilbert said that by engaging this many children in nature, this program will have a positive effect through education, health benefits as well as interaction and education of the environment. The Foundation has set up the Nature Nuts fund, which will support activities that further the goals of the program, including:

- * Grants to help elementary schools defray the costs of field trips to Hemlock Overlook;

- * Grants to help send kids to camps like the Junior Naturalist Camp at Potomac Overlook or Camp Grow at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens;

- * Expansion of NVRPA's Roving Naturalist Program;
- * Facility improvements at youth camping sites;

- * Expansion of rental kayak and canoe operations;

- * Promotional materials and efforts to get children involved in Nature Nuts.

"Nature Nuts is going to take a two-tracked approach of not only enhancing youth-based activities, but also work to encourage more families with children to make outdoor recreation a part of their family traditions to ensure a healthier future population," Gilbert said.

"Children today are spending less time in nature and far too much time in front of a screen. Our goal is to counter this trend."

— Paul Gilbert, executive director of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NVRPA)

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Diary of a High School Diplomat

Summer 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.

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

— Kimberly Ross

teen, 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 (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 fundraiser "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 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.

Kimberly Ross of Burke poses with two HSD friends at Princeton University.



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 Hallow-



PHOTOS COURTESY OF KIMBERLY ROSS

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



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.

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."

High School Diplomats was an incredible experience and I am honored to say that I

was selected to participate this past year. I strongly recommend all rising high school juniors and seniors apply for this scholarship. For further application details, please visit the website, www.highschooldiplomats.com.

Kimberly Ross is a junior at Lake Braddock Secondary School in Burke.

COMMUNITY

Director Seeks Money for Film Project

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site Kickstarter to raise money to help pay for "Mysterious Prison." His initial goal is to raise \$3,000 by Sept. 26, and as of Sept. 17, he had raised nearly \$2,700.

Meanwhile, Ashton continues to collect stories and work on his film. He's been filming a little in Arlington and Washington, D.C., and hopes to complete it by the end of the year.

"I'd like to submit this to as many festivals as I can," he said. "This is a feature film. Originally, I wanted to do it as a short, but it's so much bigger. For me, this film is about community, bringing people together. No just homeless people, but the contacts I've made with shelters and churches, people helping out."

From the get-go, Ashton has worked with Samm Iverson, whom he met at a Best Buy where Iverson worked. A quick conversation about cameras and Iverson realized Ashton was not only looking for serious camera gear, but was serious about making films.

"I'm a full-time video producer, so I helped him figure out what he needed," Iverson said.

He started working with Ashton, helping

to shoot scenes.

"I was very impressed with him," Iverson said. "He knew what he wanted, where he wanted it, how he wanted it shot."

Within a few days, Iverson knew what Ashton wanted without Ashton having to say a word.

"It's so much easier working with him than some people twice his age," Iverson said.

For "Mysterious Prison," Iverson has helped film some interviews and said he was impressed with the storyline Ashton has created. He's hopeful that people will check out Ashton's Kickstarter site because "he's definitely worth investing in. He's got a great eye, a great script and he knows what he wants. I believe in him and if I didn't, I wouldn't have put this much time and effort into him."

And Ashton's proud papa is equally willing to vouch for him.

"The stuff he's doing is very intellectual and very deep," said Chip Ashton. "David's always had a creative side to him. He likes to write. I'm a little more level-headed," he laughed.

The fact that his oldest son is working on a social issue film and "not some blood and guts, action-horror movie," is a testament

to David Ashton's commitment to being a filmmaker, Chip Ashton said. "The impressive part is, he's doing this all on his own. He's writing the script. He's directing it. He's editing it. He's acting as producer. I give him an awful lot of credit for that and pursuing his passion while doing all the hard stuff too."

David has become a role model to his four brothers and sisters, and they're all very close, Chip Ashton said. By going out and working for his dream, he's showing the younger siblings that anything's possible, Chip Ashton said.

David Ashton is eager to finish "Mysterious Prison," and Weinberg is hoping to feature it at the Clifton Film Festival.

"The first year, we had 100 people. The second year we had 200. This year, we had over 250," Weinberg said. "Through social networking and word of mouth, people followed us to Lorton."

She's eager to help filmmakers like Ashton by giving them an opportunity to showcase their work, even if it's just for friends and family at first. She also hopes to encourage more filmmakers to pick up their cameras.

Some children who attended an earlier festival came back the next year with shorts of their own, she said. That's the kind of

the enthusiasm she's hoping to foster through the festival.

Weinberg got her start studying film at the Art Institute of Washington, where she helped with a festival in which people made short movies in 48 hours. She's developed her own web-based series, The Nudniks, posted on YouTube.

Admittedly, her work is a little more on the comedic side than Ashton's film, but there's room for all kinds of thematic elements in her festival.

"I think it's really honorable he is doing a film about homelessness and about something people usually turn the other way when they see or confronted by it," Weinberg said. "I think David is a really great guy and all of his films have great moral value but at the same time have a very compelling story. I am really looking forward to seeing it and hope he raises enough money to cover all his expenses from using Kickstarter."

Help a Budding Spielberg

To learn more about David Ashton's film, "Mysterious Prison," and donate to his effort, go to www.kickstarter.com/projects/dash43/mysterious-prison.

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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 Cate 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."

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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.

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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LETTERS

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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
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'Where Have You Been?'

To the Editor:

I noticed a number of letters submitted by School Board Members Stu Gibson (Hunter Mill) and Janie Strauss (Dranesville) and wanted to respond.

A number of letters have been written on the topic of parent notification as it pertains to student discipline. Long standing School Board members who have been silent on the issue of reforming the abusive practices involving student discipline are now jumping on the band wagon-claiming they too support these changes.

I have to ask them, "Where have you been?"

For five years, as a co-founder of Fairfax Zero Tolerance Reform, I have been desperately trying to make changes to the discipline system in FCPS and have been met with a brick wall. Only until the tragic deaths of Josh Anderson and Nick Stuban and the subsequent articles by Donna St George at The Washington Post and other articles in local media, have the decision makers started to pay attention.

There are more than 7,000 out-of-school suspensions in FCPS each year. Many of these students are out of school for months and many do not receive

educational services. How does this serve our children well? More than 900 discipline cases each year are referred to the police. Parents, rightly so, want to be involved in the process-particularly if their child is facing a possible expulsion, months out of school and criminal charges. Isn't that common sense?

Every parent wants safe schools and this argument that parent notification will somehow make our schools dangerous is absurd. I recently attended an expulsion hearing as an observer and learned that the school waited more than one week to contact the parents that their child had been questioned-one week. The principal at the school offered that she was too busy to call the parents. Stu Gibson attended this hearing and said nothing, as if this is perfectly acceptable in our school system.

Contrary to what many say, parents do not forfeit their parental rights while their children are in school. We must change the culture of this school district and one way to do that is to replace those who have tolerated these abusive practices.

I will always appreciate any support I get on this issue of discipline reform, but I know a wolf in sheep's clothing when I see it.

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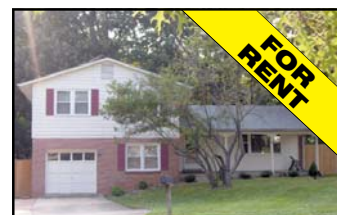
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day.”
Bulova said the county’s stellar bond rating, stable budgets and top-notch schools “didn’t happen by accident.” She promised “continued smart budgeting and a focus on community priorities.”

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 transportation 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 get-

ting 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.

On illegal immigration, “We have a problem,” Williams said, adding that he did not want to 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.

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

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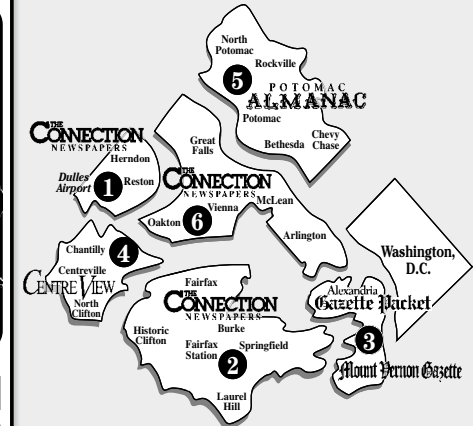
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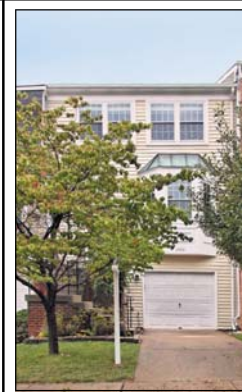
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