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**Luke Praisner of Fairfax fluffs straw as he prepares to make his scarecrow at the Fall for Fairfax Kidsfest on Sunday, Oct. 2, at the Fairfax County Government Center.**

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## Civility Marks 37th House District Race

### Bulova, Schoeneman trade compliments.

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

**I**n a turbulent off-year political season, marked by uncompromising rhetoric, debate demands and typical partisan attacks, the race for the 37th House District seat is a relative island of civility.

Democrat David Bulova, a popular three-term incumbent, is being challenged by a politically-savvy newcomer, Brian Schoeneman, a moderate Republican.

Both are articulate, professional and polite. Both have law degrees. Both pledge to reach across the aisle in Richmond, and agree that job creation, transportation and education are key issues. Neither one is pushing hard for debates.

"We both drive hybrids," Schoeneman, 34, said, during an interview Tuesday at his Fairfax townhome. "David has an environmental record. In fact, I agree strongly with a few of (his bills), such as the Pickett Road Tank Farm bill. ... I give credit where credit is due."



**Del. David Bulova (D-37) in his Fairfax campaign office. He also has a cat.**

Bulova, 42, is equally magnanimous, calling Schoeneman a "good guy" and "hard-working."

Interviewed at his Fairfax office on Tuesday, Bulova said he wants voters to look at



**Brian Schoeneman (R) in his Fairfax townhome with his cat, Howie.**

his record, his priorities and stance on the issues. "We prefer to stick with the issues and not campaign tricks."

"The first question I usually ask is not who is right or who is wrong, but what's

the underlying issue. I look for points of commonality. ... The stuff I really love is the problem-solving aspect of my job," Bulova said.

"I have always been the guy who looks for solutions first. I think that's what will make me effective in Richmond," Schoeneman said.

Bulova points to several bills he co-sponsored this year in which he "reached across the aisle." He was co-patron of a childcare bill that gave childcare centers the authority to do national criminal background checks on prospective employees, not just state background checks. "These aren't all partisan issues."

Bulova was unopposed when he was re-elected in 2009, but Republicans see an opportunity to defeat him this year after redistricting shifted the composition of the 37th District toward the GOP. The district covers the City of Fairfax, and portions of Fairfax Station, Burke and Centreville.

"More than most incumbents, David's district was significantly altered during this year's redistricting," said Rex Simmons, Chair of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee.

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**Shea Bader and his son Charles Bader of Alexandria contemplate one of the llamas in the petting zoo at the Sunday, Oct. 2, Fall for Fairfax Kidsfest at the Fairfax County Government Center.**

## Fun In Spite of the Rain

### Rain fails to dampen spirits at Oct. 2 Fall for Fairfax Kidsfest.



**The train tables were a hub of activity for the younger set escaping the rain during the Sunday, Oct. 2, Fall for Fairfax Kidsfest at the Fairfax County Government Center. Brothers Ethan Henry Baker of Fairfax were two of many children entertained by the display.**



**Holly Kessler of Manassas stuffs her scarecrow at the Fall for Fairfax Kidsfest on Sunday, Oct. 2, at the Fairfax County Government Center.**



**Samantha Reiser of Oakton takes a pony ride behind the Fairfax County Government center at the Sunday, Oct. 2, Fall for Fairfax Kidsfest.**



**Volunteers Allison and Jessica Pereira of Alexandria button the jeans of a soon-to-be scarecrow at the Fall for Fairfax Kidsfest on Sunday, Oct. 2, at the Fairfax County Government Center.**

# Del. Tim Hugo (R-40) Runs for Reelection

## Delegate in 40th District seeks sixth term.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

Running for his sixth term as 40th District Delegate, Tim Hugo (R) of Clifton is now chairman of the Majority Caucus. As such, he's the third-highest ranking member of the House of Delegates.

This position and his committee leaderships, he said, "allow me to do more to help my community. I can help people in the community break through the bureaucracy and create a better quality of life in their neighborhood."

Endorsed by teachers' associations, Realtors and the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, Hugo said he has a "broad reach" and looks for common-sense solutions to problems. In addition, he's proud of his accomplishments for his constituents.

In Centreville, VDPT was making the Mulford School close the left turn from

Route 29 into its site, forcing families to make a U-turn at Pleasant Valley Road. So Hugo met with the Virginia Department of Transportation and called Virginia's Secretary of Transportation and explained that it would adversely impact both the school and Centreville Baptist Church, across the street. And now, the entrance will be reconfigured to benefit both entities.

In Fairfax Station, Hugo intervened on behalf of residents served by NOVEC, and Fairfax Station Homeowners Association President Vinnie Burruano is glad he did. His development has 539 homes and their power kept going off, so he contacted Hugo.

"At first, I was unsure to what degree he could help us," said Burruano. "But he did and we've seen tremendous results because of it." So he'd like to see Hugo reelected because of "his advocacy and the way he makes himself accessible and really listens to our concerns. He went up and beyond

what he had to do."

Last year, members of Centreville's Gate Post Estates community had similar problems with NOVEC and Hugo helped them, too. "Now they have more reliable power," he said. "I was pleased to help both communities; that's the kind of thing I focus on."

He also intervened on behalf of the Clifton Café and Peterson's Ice Cream in Clifton when state health regulations weren't interpreted properly and both businesses were in danger of being shut down. "They're small, thriving businesses, and we don't want governmental over-regulation hurting them," said Hugo.

When the state tried to treat local martial-arts schools as daycare centers, he had legislation passed to help these places stay open. "We want to keep as many jobs in Fairfax County as we can," said Hugo. "And I think the proper role of government is to help people who can't help themselves."

As vice chair of the House Finance Com-



Hugo

mittee, a member of the Transportation and Privileges and Elections committees, and subcommittee chair of Commerce and Labor, he has the power to do that. So when residents complained to him of trouble getting in and out of their neighborhoods due to continual traffic jams at the intersection of Braddock and Ox roads by GMU, he took action.

"I worked with the governor's office and the Secretary of Transportation and got \$15 million allocated to get a new connector road there to take a lot of traffic off that intersection," said Hugo. "It'll be a year before it gets built, but they're designing it now."

Likewise, Virginia Run's Beth Tweddle met Hugo years ago when she asked his help in stopping constant car accidents on Pleasant Valley Road, her neighborhood's main thoroughfare and a conduit between Routes

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# Challenger Dianne Blais: Uncommon Candidate

## Independent takes on Hugo in 40th District.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

Running for the 40th District delegate against incumbent Tim Hugo (R), Fairfax resident Dianne Blais is not the typical, political candidate.

For one thing, she's running as an Independent, rather than having the backing of a major party. For another, she's purposely not cluttering the landscape with campaign signs and she's not interested in raising huge sums of money toward her election.

"Delegates make \$17,000/year, and I don't believe you should spend more on your campaign than your salary will be," Blais said. "There are more important things to spend money on."

Her funding is from friends, family and individuals who believe in her platform. "As an independent, I'm not taking money from any corporation," she said. "Therefore, I'd be working for the average person and, hopefully, be seeing things from their perspective."

Unlike many candidates, who cluster 20-30 signs in several places throughout their

district, Blais bought 100 signs total and distributed them all over. But that doesn't mean she's not serious about her campaign.

"I'm also going door-to-door," she said. "I attend every candidates forum and event I can, and I plan on doing one mailing." She'll also be at the Centreville Regional Library on Sunday, Nov. 6, at 3 p.m., to meet additional constituents.

She and her husband of 32 years, Gerard, live in the Cannon Forest community and have four children, Gerard III, 31; Cynthia, 28; James, 26 and Rose, 24. They were also foster parents to more than 100 children. Blais was a Girl Scout leader for years and a PTA president at Rolling Valley Elementary in Springfield when the family lived in that community. They moved to Fairfax in 2002.

Blais also has experience in business. For 19 years, she was a vice president of a company that installed lightning-protection systems. This is the first time she's run for a political office, but she's been involved in women's organizations for a long time.

She chaired the League of Women voters' redistricting committee for both Fairfax County and Virginia to accomplish voting

reform. "I went to Richmond when it went before the House Privileges and Elections Committee," she said. "But it didn't pass the House, only the Senate, year after year. So we had a horrible redistricting approved that broke up communities, instead of keeping them together."

Turning the resulting strange shapes of the districts into something fun, Blais is even running a "Name this District" contest whereby people visiting her Website can "name" each Virginia district based on its shape. People with the most-creative ideas will win prizes.

Regarding her campaign issues, she said that this area needs mass transit, particularly trains. "I think Tim tends to be roads, roads, roads," she said. "But we need VRE to Gainesville. I'm endorsed by the Independent Green Party because of this, but I'm running independently [of that organization]."

As for education, Blais said more emphasis should be put on the STEM subjects — science, technology, engineering and math. Such a focus, she said, would "create more green jobs and bring more employers to the



Blais

county. I think we have a great educational system, but we need to keep it up. We've had \$900 million cut from K-12 education in the past three years, and we can't keep doing that."

When it comes to the economy, she said transportation is a way of improving it. "Building mass transit will bring jobs and strengthen the economy," said Blais. "The traffic around here hasn't improved terribly and we need to do more about it."

She also contends that the General Assembly has too much power over the localities, such as in telling school districts when school can start and end, each year. "I think the General Assembly gets too much into our personal lives and should not delve into social issues, like abortion," said Blais. "They should focus on the more important issues like the economy, transportation and education. But now, they tend to get sidetracked on these other things that are so emotional to people — let's not go there."

Blais is the past president of the Ameri-

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# 'Most Dangerous Woman'

Theater of the First Amendment stages Mother Jones show.

BY DAVID SIEGEL  
THE CONNECTION



GEORGE MASON'S THEATER OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT

"She stirred up people's blood, while she educated, agitated and organized. She was even once called the most dangerous woman in America," said George Mason University professor Kaiulani Lee of the real-life Mother Jones. Lee will portray the grandmotherly persona of Mother Jones in a world premiere, one-woman show, "You Can't Scare Me, The Story of Mother Jones" opening at the Atlas Theatre in Washington, D.C. The show will be performed at Mason in February 2012.

A century ago "the bottom was falling out of the economy with horrifying human suffering even as workers worked to maintain their dignity," said Lee. "In stepped Mother Jones who identified with the working people. She rallied them over and over again. She just had an unbelievable faith in the future."

Lee developed the play "because it is so important to see a piece of history and what

**Kalulani Lee plays the title role in the Theater of the First Amendment's production of 'You Can't Scare Me, The Story of Mother Jones.'**

individuals did and still can do for themselves when times are difficult." Lee quoted Mark Twain's "history doesn't repeat itself, it rhymes" in speaking of parallels between

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# Classic Comedy Asks: Why Not Enjoy Yourself?

Providence Players stage 'Auntie Mame,' Oct. 14-29.

BY DAVID SIEGEL  
THE CONNECTION

An iconic image of unconventional behavior, "Auntie Mame" returns to the local stage, courtesy of the Providence Players. "Auntie Mame is such a uniquely light-hearted show centered on a woman who lives a non-stop life and wants others to enjoy themselves too," said director Jayne Victor. "This is a great way to open a new theater season, with humor surrounding a free-spirited positive message and many appealing crowd-pleasing characters."

The play "Auntie Mame" is based upon a 1955 best-selling novel by Patrick Dennis that illuminates the adventures of a shy boy growing up in the care of his wealthy and irreverent Auntie Mame. It was adapted into a long-running, Tony-Award-winning stage play by Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee starring Rosalind Russell. It was later made into a 1958 film version also starring Russell and much later a 1974 musical starring Lucille Ball.



From left, Marie Wakefield, Beth Whitehead, Elizabeth Pfeifer, Jessica Silver, Sean Wilson, Barbara Gertzog, Bobby Welsch, Ruth Neaveill and Dell Pendergrast rehearse a scene from 'Auntie Mame.'

"The audience will be entertained by a skilled cast of 30," said Victor. "The audience will view a marvelous stage setting with a great staircase as a distinctive feature. The set is being built so that the physical place Auntie Mame herself; eccentric, fun to look at, creative in how it will be

used, and clearly a party place. A place to hang out where the fun never stops from the movement the front door opens."

Beth Whitehead takes on the role of Mame to make it her own. "Mame is such a fabulous role. She is big, juicy, wonderful and just too, too much everything. Her at-

"Auntie Mame' is such a uniquely light-hearted show."

— Director Jayne Victor

## Where and When

Providence Players of Fairfax perform "Auntie Mame" at James Lee Community Center Theater, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church. Performances are Oct. 14-29, Friday-Saturday at 7:30 p.m. There will be Sunday matinee performances on Oct. 16 and 23, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15-\$18. Call 703-425-8782 or visit [www.providenceplayers.org](http://www.providenceplayers.org).

titude toward life can be summed up in that she wants those she loves to live a life painted bright pink not pale taupe, a life of adventure rather than boredom."

Some characters in "Auntie Mame" may think Mame is full of "cockeyed, nincompoopery" but Whitehead said a tag line from the play best describes Mame's style this way, "Yes! Live! Life's a bouquet and most poor suckers are starving to death."

Characters who are helped by Mame's

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# Meet a 'Dangerous Woman'

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economic issues of a century ago and of today. The real-life Mother Jones was born in Ireland as Mary Harris (1837-1930) and immigrated to the United States and lived through difficult times. Rick Davis, artistic director of Mason's Theater of the First Amendment and director of "You Can't Scare Me," described her as "part of some of the pivotal events in American labor history ... a time of great struggle but also great progress, a time when social contracts were forged that still endure, though not without challenges. The play lets us spend time with a charismatic, witty, engaging, and powerful woman who put her stamp on a formative time.

"The play is not a dark drama and there is so much material available," said Lee. "Mother Jones had a wild, vivid sense of humor and used it in her speeches

to motivate people to action." She used stories and props to make her points. Jones often admonished her audiences with "what do you have to lose if you don't stand up for yourself?"

## Where and When

"Can't Scare Me, The Story of Mother Jones" will be performed at the Atlas Performing Arts Center, 1333 H St., Washington, D.C. Performances Oct. 14-30, with Thursday-Friday shows at 8 p.m.; Saturday shows at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, at 2 p.m. For tickets, all 202-399-7993 or go to [www.atlasarts.org](http://www.atlasarts.org).

The design team includes Tony Award recipient Paul Huntley who will help transform Lee into the mature character Mother Jones, with costumes by Helen Hayes Award recipient Howard Vincent Kurt and set by Luciana Steconi, recipient of the Washington, D.C., Mayor's Outstanding Emerging Artist Award.

"Mother Jones was charismatic, witty, engaging, and powerful woman who put her stamp on a formative time. This play is a terrific expression of the Theater of the First Amendment's mission to discover and develop thought-provoking, entertaining plays that tell great stories in unique ways," said Davis. This is a particular play "that sheds light on dark corners of history, and Mother Jones is good company."

# Providence Players' 'Auntie Mame'

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way of thinking include Marie Wakefield as Norah Muldoon and Bobby Welsh as Ito. "Live, let go, enjoy and don't take crap from anyone, and isn't that a great way to live" said Wakefield, describing her

character's transformation under Mame's guidance.

Welsh's character "learned to live his life with a more happy-go-lucky outlook because he had such deep confidence in Mame." Welsh also said in his role as Ito the Butler, he "plays a great deal of pure physical humor to bring amusement to the audience."

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# OPINION

## Northern Virginia Pays Again

Commonwealth reaps economic benefits of Dulles, National airports, forces costs on Northern Virginia residents.

**D**rivers in Northern Virginia are justifiably concerned about tolls. The cost of driving from Leesburg to Woodbridge on existing and proposed toll roads would run between \$30 and \$40 at some times of the day.

The Greenway in Loudoun leads to the Dulles Toll Road to Beltway HOT Lanes to Interstate 95 Corridor HOT Lanes. In each case, a driver would theoretically have an alternative, Route 7 along the Greenway and Dulles Toll Road, the regular lanes of Interstates 495 and 95.

But recent vitriol about tolls on the Dulles Toll Road is misplaced. This is one more example of the Commonwealth of Virginia feeding on revenues from the economic vitality of Northern Virginia, then forcing Northern Virginia residents to pay for the infrastructure of that economic activity out of local funds and personal pockets.

The Virginia Department of Aviation report

in August attributes \$17.5 billion in annual economic activity in Virginia to Dulles International (IAD) and Ronald Reagan National airports, with Dulles providing the majority of that.

The Commonwealth collects most of the tax revenue that results from this activity, but pays only 3 percent of the \$6.2 billion cost of rail to Dulles. This will force more than 80 percent of the costs of building rail to Dulles to local drivers and property owners.

Having major airports adequately served by rail and other transportation options is more than an amenity, it is part of sustaining the economic benefit that comes from major airports. The question is not whether we should be building rail to Dulles, but about who benefits and who pays.

So yes, it makes sense to pressure MWAA to proceed to make cost-effective decisions. Yes, it is maddening that tolls could climb to the point of pushing drivers off the Toll Road and

then blatantly continue on into the exclusive carpool lanes.

The current enforcement plan, per VDOT representatives, is to catch people who try to beat the system by claiming on the Easy Pass transponders to be carpoolers so that they can avoid the tolls, it is not to ensure that when HOT lanes end, that only carpoolers continue on the road. In fact, that concern seems to be of little concern to VDOT if several of my conversations tonight are any gauge. That lack of increased enforcement of HOV3 rules will seriously hurt the already well established and successful slug efforts but it will also increase traffic, pollution, noise and have other impacts on your jurisdiction.

I hope that you and the Board of Supervisors will pressure VDOT to have consistent, dedicated enforcement at the Edsall Road terminus so that only HOV-3 carpoolers continue past Edsall, through Alexandria and onto the Pentagon, Arlington or the District of Columbia.

**Carolynn Kane**  
Burke

### No Double Taxation

To the Editor:  
Fairfax County residents have

had to contend with higher real estate taxes and falling home values, and now we hear that Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) would add to that burden by having the county take over control of the roads. The county's own staff analysis shows a significant tax increase would be necessary for county control of the roads: an additional 3 cents for \$100 of assessed value, the creation of a transportation tax district, and toll booths along the major thoroughfares. If Cook has his way, residents may be paying tolls on the Fairfax County Parkway and Old Keene Mill Road. That amounts to double taxation. If that is Cook's plan for moving the county forward, I'll be voting for his opponent, Janet Oleszek on Nov. 8.

**Tom Bland**  
Burke

### Vote for Oleszek

To the Editor:  
Regarding the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors race, Braddock District residents are fortunate this year to have the opportunity to vote for a board member who also has served on the School Board. Schools top residents' concerns in the county and Janet Oleszek (D) proved during her School Board tenure to be a public servant who listens to her constituents. The fact that all county kindergartners are attend-

onto Route 7.

But when you hear that the state wrapped up last fiscal year with a surplus, you can realize one more time that Northern Virginia residents are paying for the Commonwealth's prosperity coming and going. No relief is in sight. The state collects the income tax from the good jobs generated here in Northern Virginia by the airports, by the high tech firms, by the business innovators, by proximity to the Pentagon and the federal government.

The current funding structure for rail to Dulles, based on a projected total project cost of \$6.2 billion, is:

- ♦ Fairfax County, Loudoun County and Airports Authority contribution, 25 percent (Fairfax County pays most of this, 16 percent)
- ♦ Federal contribution, 14.8 percent, based on a fixed grant for Phase 1 of \$900 million.
- ♦ The Commonwealth contribution, 3 percent, which is based upon a fixed contribution of \$275 million.
- ♦ Dulles Toll Road contribution, more than 57 percent, provides the remaining amount. And drivers beware, HOT Lanes ahead.

— MARY KIMM

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ing school for the full day this fall is due largely to Oleszek's hard work.

A former teacher, Oleszek understands the needs of students and teachers, and the hard decisions that go into balancing the schools' \$2.2 billion budget. With more than half the county budget going to public schools, Braddock District residents need a Board of Supervisors member who knows schools from the inside out. That person is Janet Oleszek.

**Herb Persil**  
Fairfax

### Backing Oleszek

To The Editor,  
As a new resident of the Braddock District, I was very pleased to read that Board of Supervisors' Candidate Janet Oleszek (D) is proposing to increase the use of nonviolent offender inmate labor to cut the grass in the medians. Nonviolent inmate labor made up a big part of the landscaping crews in the last region I lived, and it saved us taxpayers a bundle while beautifying the area. The fact that current Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) belittled Oleszek's outstanding suggestion does not speak well of him. On Nov. 8, I will cast my first vote in Fairfax County for Janet Oleszek.

**Irina Brodsky**  
Fair Lakes

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**Mother Goose.** 10:30 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Stories, songs and fingerplays. Age birth to 23 months with adult. 703-293-6227, TTY: 711.

**English Conversation Group.** 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Practice English with other adults. 703-249-1520, TTY: 711.

**Computer Basics Training.** 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. One-hour session with a technology volunteer for help with basic computer skills and navigating the internet. Adults. 703-644-7333, TTY: 711.

**Tales for Twos and Threes: Monsters Under the Bed.** 10:30 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Stories, and activities about friendly monsters. Age 2-3 with adult. 703-644-7333, TTY: 711.

## FRIDAY/OCT. 7

**Bill Kirchen and Too Much Fun, The Nighthawks and The Fabulous Mary Ann Redmond Band.** 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**The Wood Brothers with Clay Cook.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$20. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**P is for Pumpkin.** 11 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Stories about autumn and pumpkins. Attendance is limited to 20 children, age 2-3 with adult. Tickets available 30 minutes before, first come, first serve. 703-249-1520, TTY: 711.

**English Conversation Group.** 10 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Practice English conversation skills. Adults. 703-978-5600, TTY: 711.

## SATURDAY/OCT. 8

**Fairfax Festival of the Arts.** 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Fairfax Corner, 11900 Palace Way, Fairfax. Over 10,000 pieces of art will be for sale, including paintings, sculptures, photographs, jewelry, glass, fiber and ceramic art and more. [paragonartevents.com/fairfax2/](http://paragonartevents.com/fairfax2/)

**City of Fairfax Fall Festival.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The City will close University Drive from Whitehead St. to Armstrong St. and North St. from Chain Bridge Road to Old Lee Highway. Main St. from West St. to East St. and Sager Ave. from Chain Bridge to East St. will remain closed as in previous years. Shuttle buses will be available from Fairfax High School and George Mason University. Handicapped parking provided at North St. and Old Lee Highway, Main St. and East St. and 4041 University Drive. Sponsors include Fair City Mall, 97.1 WASH FM, Cox Communications and Crystal Springs. 703-385-7858 or [www.fairfaxva.gov](http://www.fairfaxva.gov).

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# When Did You Last Do the Time Warp?

Cast members bring cult film to life at midnight screenings.

BY MAYA HOROWITZ  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Rocky Horror Picture Show,” shown and performed at midnight every Saturday at University Mall Theatres in Fairfax, offers engaging, titillating and at times, offensive entertainment.

“My theory is, if you leave the show with your senses in tact, I haven’t done my job,” said Moose Harris, a former cast member who turned up Saturday, Oct. 1, for a surprise cameo.

The 1975 film has become a cult classic, shown in movie theaters around the world for midnight showings and performed with shadow casts. The experience is participatory, from call backs—lines shouted at the screen in response to the characters actions or words—to props such as the throwing of Scott toilet paper when one of the characters says “Great Scott!”

Christopher Inlow, one of the leaders of the cast, described it as “a larger than 3D experience.”

The plot of the movie is nonsensical, a horror spoof in musical form. What makes the experience is the shadow cast and their outlandish portrayal of the events onscreen.

Before the show begins, there is the traditional “virgin sacrifice.” Anyone who hasn’t seen the show in theaters is deemed a virgin and is put through a trial in front of the audience. The tasks are embarrassing but all in good fun.

The movie begins and from the second the iconic red lips appear on stage, the shadow cast leaps into action. They wear elaborate, scandalous handmade costumes. They dance, sing and embrace each other and the audience. They use large props such as a jukebox, a car and a casket.

At the cast meeting before the show, Inlow instructed everyone to overact to make the show more fun for both themselves and the crowd.

This is a chance to escape from reality. People bring their friends for the experience.

“You get to live the movie with other people,” said Christie Blumenthal, an audience member who came dressed as Columbia, one of the characters from the movie. “I brought virgins to see the looks on their faces.”

“I like how they bring people from the crowd in,” said Monisola Eddo, who has seen the show twice. “It makes it really fun.”

“I like all the girls in lingerie,” said Dillon Felty, who has seen the show three times.

“It’s what I do on Saturday nights,” said Charlie Brady, a habitual attendee.

“Everyone is very loose,” said Robert Soutter who has seen the show seven times. “It’s nice to see the cast actually cares and is involved.”

For the cast members, 23 of whom showed up on Oct. 1—the experience is particularly meaningful.

“No matter who you are, if you feel you

don’t fit in, you can fit in here. We’re the misfits,” said Sophocles Graphas, cast director and member of the cast for eight years. Graphas performs, half-naked and in heels, as Frank-N-Furter, the transsexual lead.

“Rocky Horror’ is freedom in a nutshell,” said Neil Freuen, another cast member. “You can do whatever you want here. You’re going to offend some people. I’m an extrovert. I’m a freak of nature.”

They take their roles seriously.

“I’m acting the entire time, even when my character isn’t on screen,” said Josh Johnston, who has been with the cast for 4-1/2 years. Johnston performs as Dr. Scott, who sits in a wheelchair. “There’s always someone waiting in the wings to take my part if I don’t go out there and deliver a consistently good performance.”

The cast has a strict no drinking, no drugs policy.

When cast members are prescribed a drug that might alter their performance, they are told not to go on.

They have found in each other kindred spirits.

“These are some of the nicest group of people,” said Curtis Prather, who is making a documentary on the cast from University Mall. “For many, this is their weekly party, their weekly hang.”

“I like all the craziness, the general shenanigans,” said Mike Gray, one of the cast directors. “You meet the coolest people. I wouldn’t have the friends I have now without ‘Rocky Horror.’”

“If you ever wondered what happened to those insane geniuses from high school, they left high school and joined the cast of the ‘Rocky Horror Picture Show,’” said Inlow.

They speak nostalgically about their virgin experience with the show.

“I was completely taken by it,” said Johnston. “I’d never seen anything like it. It was a completely unique experience.”

“I was scared to death,” said Freuen, who has now seen the production more than 1,000 times. “This is not the way you behave in a theater. I laughed so much I went back the next week after that.”

Even after seeing and performing the same show so many times, the cast members are adamant that it stays interesting.

“It feels like it’s alive,” said Graphas. “It’s



PHOTOS BY MAYA HOROWITZ  
Emily Vermillion as Magenta, Sophocles Graphas as Frank-N-Furter and Jen Gray as Columbia perform in the Oct. 1 midnight screening of ‘The Rocky Horror Picture Show.’



Chris Koth as Brad and Jacqui Wintersteen as Janet



Sophocles Graphas as Frank-N-Furter



Melissa Johnston as Riff Raff, Emily Vermillion as Magenta and Jen Gray as Columbia perform at the Oct. 1 midnight screening of ‘The Rocky Horror Picture Show’ at University Mall Theatres.

**“‘Rocky Horror’ turned me from an introvert to an extrovert. It made me who I am today.”**

— Sophocles Graphas

different every time.” He described theme nights such as zombies and Hawaiian. He also explained that they rotate casting.

“It’s always evolving,” said Larry Reclusado, a “Rocky” enthusiast. “That’s what keeps it fresh.”

“Each generation makes it their own,” said Prather.

About the fact that it’s shown at midnight, Graphas said, “it keeps kids off the street,” and Harris added, “the freaks come out at night.”

The show has no plans of slowing down. Year round, it is shown every Saturday at midnight. But for the month of October, it will be shown both Friday and Saturday nights. On Halloween it will be shown Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Jen Gray, a member of the cast since 2003 who plays Columbia, said the cast sees about 20 virgins every week. She also noted that even during the recent hurricane, eight audience members showed up.

The cast is thankful for their location at University Mall in Fairfax.

“They take care of us, we take care of them,” said Graphas. “We’re very lucky with the theater. We have a great situation. It’s a great place, an awesome location.”

They are always looking for new cast members. The two requirements are time commitment and being over 18. For some, being on cast has been a transformative experience.

“Rocky Horror’ turned me from an introvert to an extrovert,” said Graphas. “It made me who I am today.”

To learn more about the cast, go to [www.trannyconcubines.com](http://www.trannyconcubines.com). The number for the University Mall theatre is 703-273-0876.

“Whether you love it or hate it, it’s an experience,” said Graphas. “You’ve been part of history.”

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**Northern Virginia Handcrafters Guild Arts and Crafts Fair.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Northern Virginia Community College, Ernst Cultural Center, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Doors prizes, stained and fused glass, jewelry, clothing, wood, clay, watercolors, children's items, ornaments, photography and more. Admission \$3. www.nvhg.org.

**Chris Smither.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Blues and contemporary roots music. \$25. www.wolftrap.org.

**Microsoft Word.** 2:30 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Learn the basics of word processing with Microsoft Word. Adults. 703-293-6227, TTY: 711.

## SUNDAY/OCT. 9

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**Authority Zero.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

**Israeli Dance Workshop with Choreographer Ira Weisburd.** 7:15 p.m. Jewish community center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little

River Turnpike, Fairfax. Weisburd will present dances for beginners, intermediate and advanced dancers. \$15 per dancer, \$14 per JCCNV member and \$10 per student. 301-982-0937 or xtOyes@aol.com; 703-909-0712 or sigi\_saadia@yahoo.com.

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**Fairfax in 1861 Exhibition.** 2 p.m. Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main St., Fairfax. Take a guided tour of the exhibition with Curator Susan Inskip Gray and learn about pivotal decisions and events that shaped Fairfax County during the first year of the American Civil War. Free. 703-385-8414.

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**English Conversation Group.** 7 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-293-6227, TTY: 711.

**Fairfax Bibliophiles Book Collecting Group.** 7:30 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Topic of discussion to be decided. Adults. 703-293-6227, TTY: 711.

**Presidential Biography Book**

**Discussion.** 7:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Read any biography of George Washington, our first president, to come and discuss. Adults. 703-249-1520, TTY: 711.

**Paws to Read.** 4 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Practice reading with Ralph, a trained therapy dog. Call or sign up online for a 15-minute session. Age 6-10 with adult. 703-978-5600, TTY: 711.

**Let's Hear It For The Girls.** 7 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. All girls book discussion group. "The Mysterious Benedict Society" by Trenton Lee Stewart. Age 9-12 with adult female. 703-978-5600, TTY: 711.

**Daytime Book Discussion Group.** 1 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. The Elegance of the Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery. Adults. 703-644-7333, TTY: 711.

**Teen Volunteer Fair.** 6:30 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Community organizations introduce interesting, fun and fulfilling opportunities. Cosponsored by Volunteer Fairfax. Age 12-18. 703-644-7333, TTY: 711.

## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 12

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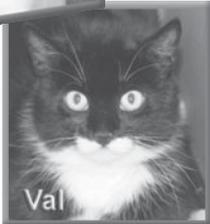
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## WELLBEING

# The Doctor Will See You [Right] Now

**Concierge medicine offers greater access to physicians and less time in crowded waiting rooms.**

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

**A**t one point in her medical career, Dr. Sandy Ibrahim of Fairfax County saw about 25 patients per day. Each patient got less than 15 minutes of her time, even for a physical examination Ibrahim had little time to develop a doctor-patient relationship, which she said is an essential component of quality health care.

"I put out fires the best I could in the time I had," said Ibrahim.

In 2008, Ibrahim joined PartnerMD, a membership medical practice with an office in McLean. She now spends a minimum of 30 minutes with each patient during routine office visits and 90 minutes for a physical exam.

"I can sit with them one-on-one, really listen and learn about them," she said.

Ibrahim is part of a medical trend called concierge medicine. Here's how it works: patients join a concierge medical practice by paying a membership fee that typically ranges from \$900 to \$3,600. In exchange, they avoid long waits in crowded waiting rooms and spend more time with their physician during office visits. Their physical exams are more thorough than in many traditional practices and include in-depth screenings and tailored education for disease prevention. Same-day or next-day appointments are also common. In practices such as PartnerMD, patients even have 24/7 access to the physicians and medical staff, including their doctor's cell phone number and e-mail address.

"Patients [are not] just another medical chart," said Ibrahim. "Because I have more time to devote to each patient, I can dig deeper into their symptoms."

Tom Blue, executive director of American Academy of Private Physicians, said that annual exams in a concierge medical practice are more likely to provide early detection of diseases, which can lead to more successful treatments.

"[Concierge medical practices] are able to deliver a more current and modern ap-

proach particularly to disease prevention than traditional practices [in part] because [the services] don't hinge on what isn't reimbursed [by insurance companies]," said Blue. Most concierge practices accept insurance, and the membership fee is specifically for services that are not covered.

Blue said that although no official tracking of concierge practices is available in the Washington, D.C., area, he estimated that there about 200. Among the largest and most well-known companies offering such services are MDVIP and Privia Health.

**"We have so much more paperwork to do because of the insurance companies. Unfortunately, some of the doctor-patient relationship gets lost."**

— Dr. Janice Ragland, MD, Herndon Family Medicine



**In a concierge medical practice, patients pay a membership fee ranging from \$900 to \$3,600. In exchange, they avoid long waits in crowded waiting rooms and spend more time with their physician during visits.**

Concierge medical practices offer benefits for doctors, too, like a caseload reduction from as many as 3,000 to as few as 600 patients. Dr. Janice Ragland, M.D., a family practice physician with Herndon Family Medicine and former president of the Virginia Academy of Family Physicians says that fewer patients mean a stronger doctor-patient relationship.

"We have so much more paperwork to do because of the insurance companies," said Ragland, who has chosen to remain in a traditional practice. "Unfortunately,



**Dr. M. Anthony Casolaro of Virginia Hospital in Arlington says executive health clinics allow patients to get efficient, personalized attention and early detection of diseases, which can lead to more successful treatments.**

some of the doctor-patient relationship gets lost."

The salary of family physicians, who are among the lowest-paid doctors, can increase when they transition to a concierge practice. "Often [doctors] have extremely significant debt that they've incurred through medical school, and they are looking at how they can make the amount of money they need to pay their bills off," said Ragland.

Concierge medicine came about in 1996, but the focus on finding innovative strategies to improve doctor-patient relationships is much older. In 1948, executive health programs emerged as a way to benefit both patient and physician. Since that time, other executive health clinics have sprouted up around the country including locally at Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington.

**"We need to figure out ways to make the clinician's life more rewarding, and this is one of them."**

— Len Nichols, Ph.D., director of the Center for Health Policy Research and Ethics at George Mason University

Like in concierge practices, patients pay a fee to join and get extensive, personalized physical examinations that include tests running the gamut from electrocardiograms and stress tests to CT scans and bone density tests. The tests are all performed in one appointment, and the doctor delivers the results to the patient at the end of the session.

"They do in one [visit] what you would need four or five visits to different physicians to accomplish," said Dr. M. Anthony Casolaro, M.D., medical director of Executive Health at Virginia Hospital in Arlington.

While concierge services replace tradi-

tional primary care doctors, executive health services are meant to work in concert with a primary care doctor. Rates at Executive Health at Virginia Hospital in Arlington start at \$2,200.

"It is really designed for people [for whom] time is [the] biggest constraint," said Casolaro.

One such person is Marc Wallace, an Arlington business owner who says he was dissatisfied with the hurried pace of the physical examinations he received from his primary care doctor. At the suggestion of a friend, he tried Executive Health at Virginia Hospital Center.

"I was able to ask [the doctor] any questions and not feel pressured like he had to run off to see somebody else quickly," said Wallace.

Some health care experts say that such personalized services cater to the elite and put additional stress on an already overburdened health care system. Baby Boomers

begin turning 65 this year and will require increased medical care. At the same time, the American Academy of Family Physicians says the number of medical students entering family practice is declining, with the current environment driving them into subspecialties like radiology and anesthesiology.

"The med student who is choosing family practice

now is pretty much in the single digits per year," said Len Nichols, Ph.D., director of the Center for Health Policy Research and Ethics at George Mason University. "We're not even replacing the [family practice doctors] we have, and we don't have enough now."

Nichols said the field of concierge medicine is not yet large enough to pose a serious threat to the health care system. In fact, he said there are aspects of the model that health policy experts would be wise to emulate. "I certainly wouldn't want to nip this innovation in the bud," he said. "We need to figure out ways to make the clinician's life more rewarding, and this is one of them."

# Bulova, Schoeneman in 37th

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Anthony Bedell, chair of Fairfax County Republican Party, noted that the Schoeneman just received \$75,000 from the GOP Leadership in the House of Delegates. "They would not have put the money there if they didn't think the seat had play. That was an unexpected boon, recognition that the seat is vulnerable," Bedell said.

Bulova responded that "We've never taken the district for granted. Quite frankly, Democracy is strongest when it's a team sport. ... One of the things I am proud of in this area is that we are a swing district."

While Schoeneman said the infusion of cash "tells me we're not completely off the radar, that we're doing the right things," he also thinks voters in the district don't want a campaign full of partisan mudslinging.

"The folks we represent are not ideologues. It's a very educated and diverse district. David and I agreed at the beginning of the race that you can disagree without being disagreeable," Schoeneman said.

The candidates both agree that door-knock-

ing is the "fun" part of campaigning.

"I've knocked on thousands of doors, and it still surprises me how

gracious folks have been," said Schoeneman. "I know I'm imposing on folks ... some have been in the middle of Christening parties, or getting ready to go to a swim meet, but people have been willing to talk," he said.

"The last six years I've worked really hard to let my constituents, whether they are old district or new district, get to know who I am and always feel comfortable approaching me," Bulova said.

Schoeneman served in President George W. Bush's administration, but this is his first experience as a candidate. He has been expressing his political views as a contributor to the conservative political blog Bearing Drift.

"Blogs play an important role. People around here are smart, and they like to know what's going on behind the scenes," Schoeneman said. "In the election, it gives me an outlet to provide insights, and gives people a chance to know my philosophy."

Some Democratic leaders have minimized the value of that experience, but Bulova doesn't choose to make it an issue. He acknowledged that Schoeneman has built a record of his views through his blogging, and said voters can judge those against Bulova's experience and accomplishments in Richmond.

Those who don't vote along strict party lines will have many opportunities before the Nov. 8 general election to meet the candidates at various community forums. While both profess a love of Revolutionary War history — and both have cats — they are not political clones.

## Del. David Bulova (D-37)

\* Hometown: Lifelong Fairfax County resident  
 \* Education: Graduate of Robinson Secondary School; Bachelor's degree from The College of William & Mary, 1991; Virginia Tech, Master's in Public Administration, 1996.

\* Family: Married to Gretchen, 3 children.  
 \* Elected Office: Delegate in the 37th District since 2006; Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors, 2004-2006

\* Profession: Senior Planner at AMEC Earth & Environmental, Inc. and works to help local governments comply with state and federal environmental regulations.

\* Membership & Affiliation: St. Mary's of Sorrows Catholic Church; Former chairman, Fairfax County Consumer Protection Commission; Board of Directors, Center for Watershed Protection a Master's in Public Administration from Virginia Tech, and is a graduate of the Sorenson Institute of Political Leadership at the University of Virginia. He is also a member of the State Water Commission, Housing Commission, and the Joint Commission on Health Care, and recently served on the Governor's Climate Change Commission. He is currently on the Board of Trustees of Brain Injury Services, Inc., which provides support to survivors of brain injuries and their families, and the Board of the City of Fairfax Band. Other community service includes: former coach with Fairfax Little League and Burke Athletic Club soccer.

"Two things people should know about me is that I have a passion for public service, and my family is most important to me. For me, running is about maintaining our quality of life in this community."

— DAVID BULOVA

## Brian Schoeneman

\* Hometown: Born in Baltimore, Maryland Born in Baltimore and raised in Pennsylvania, Brian came to the DC metropolitan area to attend The George Washington University, where he earned two degrees. He moved to Fairfax County in 2007.

\* Education: B.A. in political science, George Washington University, 2001. Master's degree in political management, George Washington University, 2004; Law degree, Catholic University School of Law, 2011

\* Family: Married, one child

\* Public Office: A former Bush Administration official, he was special assistant and senior speechwriter to Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao from 2008 to 2009. In that capacity, he served as the Secretary's lead liaison to organized labor and as a member of her senior staff.

\* Profession: Schoeneman earned his law degree at Catholic University earlier this year. He now is the legislative director for the Seafarers International Union of North America, a maritime labor union.

\* Membership & Affiliations: Member of St. John's Episcopal Church on Lafayette Square; Catholic University Law Review, published "The Scarlet 'L' - Have Recent Developments in Lobbying Regulation Gone Too Far?"; Vice President of the Wescott Ridge Homeowners Association; an active freemason, he has served as an officer in John Blair Lodge #187; member of the Propeller Club of the United States, where he serves on the Board of Governors of the D.C. Chapter; founding member of the GW Graduate School of Political Management Alumni Association, and served as its first President; Communications Director for the Fairfax County Republican Committee in 2010. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Fairfax Bar Association and the Federalist Society.

"To make a long story short, the biggest difference between the two of us is our priorities. I think David's priorities don't fit our district, where the voters want to know that Richmond is working to improve the economy, help the private sector create jobs, solve our transportation problems and ensure the education system is performing well and is educating our kids. David has spent his time in the legislature focusing on other priorities and I think it's time for a change. I believe my priorities fit the district better and my background and experience makes me the better choice for delegate in the 37th."

— BRIAN SCHOENEMAN

Schoeneman admitted to a weakness for cola Slurpees, saying that he knows where "every 7-Eleven is in his district." Bulova admitted to a fondness of B-comedies like the "Airplane" series, and he prefers barbecue.

"Hey, I like barbecue too," said Schoeneman.

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# Strong Start Not Enough for Robinson

## Rams fall short against one-loss Oakton Cougars.

It would be safe to say the Robinson field hockey team entered its Oct. 4 matchup with Oakton as an underdog. The Rams were 3-9 and traveled to face an 8-1 Cougars team that had surrendered just six goals during the season.

Neither records nor statistics, however, kept Robinson from getting off to a strong start.

Robinson forward Lauren Stapleton, surrounded by confused-looking Oakton defenders, scored less than 4 minutes into the Concorde District contest, giving the Rams a 1-0 lead.

"I'm still kind of stunned," someone from the Oakton bench said after the goal.

"Amanda [Honeycutt] brought the ball down and she passed it in from the top corner and I hit in from stroke," Stapleton said. "I'm not sure [why the Oakton players froze]. They were kind of a little off key because there were a bunch of us in there."



Robinson senior forward Lauren Stapleton scored the Rams' lone goal during a 4-1 loss to Oakton on Oct. 4.

Robinson held the lead until the final two minutes of the opening half, when Oakton senior Jackie Rupp's goal tied the score at 1-1. From there, the Cougars dominated the second half en route to a 4-1 victory.

"Oakton gained momentum," Robinson head coach Jennifer DePoto said. "We didn't know how to stop their momentum."

Robinson goalkeeper Ally Robins made several saves, but Oakton's attack was too

"I think we're coming out of every game stronger. We're just trying to improve for postseason."

— Robinson senior forward Lauren Stapleton

much. Adelle Clinton scored to give the Cougars a 2-1 lead with less than 20 minutes remaining in the game and Kara Leonard added the final two goals.

"They're really good," Stapleton said about Oakton. "We were definitely improving on going together and working in pairs. I think we're coming out of every game stronger. We're just trying to improve for postseason."

Robinson will host Herndon on Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 4 p.m. The district tournament begins Oct. 18.

"We definitely have a lot potential," Stapleton said. "We just have to work together and make sure we go in pairs and string passes together."

— JON ROETMAN

# Ram Boys Place Second at Glory Days

## Schweikert leads Robinson girls with second-place finish.

Robinson's cross country program made a strong showing at the Glory Days Grill Invitational at Bull Run Regional Park on Oct. 1.

The Rams boys finished second with 105 points, 47 behind meet winner and fellow Concorde District member Chantilly. Loudoun County finished third with 140 points.

Patrick Spahn was Robinson's top finisher, placing fifth with a time of 16 minutes, 12 seconds. Nathan Schulte finished 14th (16:35), Luke Sharkey was 17th (16:42), John Tolbert finished 41st (17:16) and Leif Van Acker was 43rd (17:16).

Chantilly's Sean McGorty won the meet with a time of 15:28. Fellow Charger Logan Miller took second (15:38), Loudoun County's Patrick Joseph finished third (15:39) and South County's Dylan Morgan placed fourth (16:09).

The Robinson girls finished 10th out of 13 teams, but Macey Schweikert had a strong individual showing with a second-place finish. Schweikert's time of 18:31 was 2 seconds behind meet winner Kaila Blackburn of Mo-



Robinson's Patrick Spahn placed fifth at the Glory Days Grill Invitational on Oct. 1, helping the Rams to a second-place team finish.

nacan. Washington-Lee's Isabel Amend placed third (18:41), West Potomac's Sarah Jane Underwood finished fourth (18:57) and Thomas Jefferson's Katherine Sheridan took fifth (19:13).

Robinson's Erina Ishita finished 44th (20:47), Katelyn Mueller was 65th (21:31),



Robinson's Macey Schweikert finished second at the Glory Days Grill Invitational on Oct. 1 at Bull Run Regional Park.

Rachel Gaal was 75th (22:00) and Ariana Grundvig was 78th (22:11).

West Potomac won the event with 54 points, followed by Osbourn Park (86) and Thomas Jefferson (94). Chantilly finished fourth with 128 points.

— JON ROETMAN

## First Loss For Rebels

### Westfield clobbers Fairfax, 48-0.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax High School's football team had a rough go of it during week five on Friday night, Sept. 30. Fairfax lost its first game of the season.

Fairfax, under head coach Kevin Simonds, went into its non-district home game versus Westfield with a 4-0 record. But the Bulldogs, also unbeaten, won convincingly over the home team Rebels, 48-0.

Fairfax fell behind 21-0 in the first quarter and trailed 35-0 at halftime. Westfield running back Kendell Anderson rushed for over 100 yards and four touchdowns. Quarterback Matt Pisarcik completed 13-of-17 passes for 133 yards and tossed two touchdown passes. Fairfax was held to less than 100 yards of total offense.

Kyle Simmons, Westfield's first year head coach, said Fairfax is a

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# SPORTS

## Westfield Hands Rebels First Loss

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good football team despite what the scoreboard said.

"I think they're very well coached and their kids play hard," said Simmons. "They have come a long way over the last four or five years."

Fairfax, which qualified for the Div. 6 region playoffs in Simonds' first year at the helm in 2010, won its first four games this season – victories over Annandale, Washington-Lee, McLean, and South Lakes.

Now, after getting their first loss, the Rebels will look to bounce back on Thursday night when they play a Liberty District game at Marshall (1-4).



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**Fairfax High senior defensive lineman/linebacker Matt Frank (64) and his Rebels' teammates will look to get back into the win column when they play at Marshall High School this week.**

### COLLEGE NOTES

**Caitlin Campbell** of Fairfax, a sophomore, was named to the deans' honor list at Gettysburg College for outstanding academic achievement in fall 2010. College students with a quality point average of 3.60 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) for a semester's work are placed on the college's deans' honor list.

**Jessica Weathers** of Fairfax, a first-year student, was named to the deans'

honor list at Gettysburg College for outstanding academic achievement in fall 2010. College students with a quality point average of 3.60 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) for a semester's work are placed on the college's deans' honor list.

**Graham Brouder** of Fairfax, a senior, was placed on the deans' commendation list at Gettysburg College for the 2010 fall semester. College

students with a quality point average of 3.33 or higher for a semester's work are placed on the deans' commendation list.

**Michael Smitsky** of Fairfax, a senior, was placed on the deans' commendation list at Gettysburg College for the 2010 fall semester. College students with a quality point average of 3.33 or higher for a semester's work are placed on the deans' commendation list.

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# Hugo Seeks Sixth Term

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29 and 50. "He brought VDOT and all pertinent players together in order to quickly resolve the dangerous problem," she said.

Furthermore, said Tweddle. "Tim continues to be accessible and responsive to constituents in the 40th District while presenting legislation affecting all Virginians, such as the Higher Education Bill. His ability to transcend political party and represent all his constituents makes him an exceptional delegate. That's why he has my vote."

More recently, Hugo is pleased that the General Assembly passed a \$3 billion transportation bond for new construction and did an audit yielding \$800 million toward road maintenance. He also said projects should be prioritized so money is spent first on key roadways and intersections where the most difference can be made to mitigate traffic.

"I'll work with [Del.] Jim LeMunyon (R-67) and others [to do this]," said Hugo. "We've got to focus on where we can get the most bang for the buck with our limited funds."

This year, he's particularly proud of two pieces of legislation he worked on. One obtained insurance coverage so families with autistic children under 6 could receive

behavioral therapy "to help them escape autism," said Hugo. The other, a bipartisan bill, increased the penalties for sex traffickers.

He's focusing on transportation, education, public safety and mental health. And he'd also like to simplify the tax code to get rid of loopholes and lower tax rates.

In education, he's heard from parents about their children "being accused of things and interrogated for hours by school officials without their parents knowing. So we need parental notification and involvement, and we're going to look at legislation this year to do that." He also wants only 25 percent out-of-state students admitted to Virginia's public colleges and universities.

"It's not fair that we're kicking kids from Northern Virginia and elsewhere in Virginia out of state," Hugo said.

He and his wife of 17 years, Paula, are parents of Katie, 13; Christopher, 11; Matthew, 6 and Jackie, 4. Hugo is executive director of the Free File Alliance, a public/private partnership with the IRS. It provides some 3 million free, federal income-tax returns a year to low and moderate-income residents.

If reelected, he said, "I'll focus on the important, core services of government and I won't raise your taxes."

# Blais Runs as Independent

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can Association of University Women (AAUW) and is currently vice president of public policy for AAUW Virginia, so she knows people throughout the state.

She's also on two Fairfax County advisory boards. The Community Action Advisory Board makes positive differences in the lives of low-income residents and oversees the distribution of Community Services Block Grants in the county. And the Local Emergency Planning Committee is a community focal point for information about hazardous-substance emergency planning, health and environmental risks, and natural-disaster planning.

So why should voters elect Blais as the 40th District delegate? "I'm a fresh, independent voice and I'm going to do better," she said. "I think I have a different perspective on the issues and it's needed. I have a business background, instead of a lobbyist

background, and I'm going to be working for people, instead of corporations. And I'm pro-environment and solar energy, so that's also a little different direction than Hugo."

Annandale's Nancy O'Day met Blais 11 years ago through AAUW, and they have been friends ever since. She said Blais listens to people, pays attention to their needs and knows the issues. "She stays informed and committed and follows through with her ideals," said O'Day. "And I like her position [favoring] light rail mass transit, instead of adding more lanes to the interstates."

Sarah Brady of Vienna has known Blais since 1987 when they both lived in Springfield. She called Blais a community leader who cares about women, families, schools, her community and county. "She's trustworthy and a woman of her word," said Brady. "And since she's an Independent who didn't get bogged down raising money, she won't owe anything to anybody."

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**FAITH NOTES**

The Little River United Church of Christ, 8410 Little River Turnpike in Annandale, will host "**Shower of Stoles**," an exhibit featuring liturgical stoles and other sacred items representing the lives of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people of faith. Each stole contains the story of a GLBT person who is or was active in the life and leadership of their faith community. The exhibit is open through October, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. rslingo@verizon.net.

**Calvary Hill Baptist Church**, 9301 Little River Turnpike in Fairfax, conducts practice in the Sanctuary every Wednesday at 7 p.m. All are welcome. 703-323-1347

**Jubilee Christian Center**, 4650 Shirley Gate Road in Fairfax, will hold Fall Women's Bible Study on Tuesdays through Nov. 15 at 9:45 a.m. There will be no study on Nov. 8. The cost is \$10. Register at 703-383-1170.

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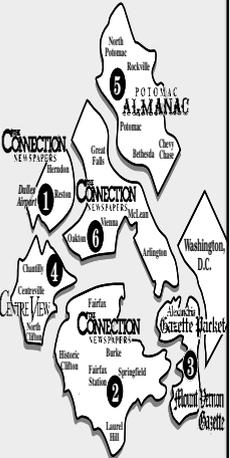
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**NOTICE OF WATER RATE PUBLIC HEARING**

At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2011, Fairfax Water will conduct a public hearing on its proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges. The hearing will be held in Fairfax Water's offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, VA.

The proposed changes, to be effective April 1, 2012, include the following:

1. An increase in the Availability Charge from \$3,600 to \$3,700†.
2. An increase in the Local Facilities Charge from \$8,500 to \$9,000.
3. An increase in the Account Charge from \$32 to \$33.
4. An increase in the base Commodity Charge from \$2.04 to \$2.16 per 1,000 gallons of water.
5. An increase in the Peak Use Charge from \$2.95 to \$3.20 per 1,000 gallons of water.
6. An increase in the Fees for Use of Fairfax Water Fire Hydrants to include the increase in the Commodity Charge and Peak Use Charge.

A copy of the proposed changes can be viewed on our Web site at <http://www.fairfaxwater.org/rates/index.htm>. Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed changes should call Ms. Eva Catlin at 703-289-6017. Interested parties may submit written comments to [PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org](mailto:PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org) or mail written comments to:

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All written comments must be received by close of business on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 to be included in the record of the public hearing.

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO FILE A PETITION PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE SECTION 8.01-324**

American Community Newspapers II, LLC doing business as the Sun Gazette (for Mclean, Vienna, Oakton and Great Falls) a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Fairfax, Virginia, will petition the Circuit Court of the County of Fairfax for the authority to publish ordinances, resolutions, notices or advertisements in accordance with Virginia Code Ann. Section 8.01-324

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**TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE**

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In execution of a Deed of Trust from Nazim Dag and Fidan Dag, dated November 19, 2007, and recorded November 26, 2007, in Deed Book 19671 at page 150 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

Friday, October 14, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Lot 15, Block 15, Section 9, Lynbrook, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 1396 at page 35, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Commonly known as 5803 Channing Road, Springfield, Virginia 22150.

**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of \$40,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 2.0 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

Any defaulting purchaser shall forfeit the deposit and stand the risk and cost of resale.

Sale shall be made subject to all existing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the real estate. Sale is further subject to mechanic's and/or materialman's liens of record and not of record. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, covenants, restrictions, rights of redemption of federal lienholders or encumbrances, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any.

In the event the undersigned trustee is unable to convey to the purchaser good title, then purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy shall be in the refund of the deposit paid at the time of sale.

The subject property and all improvements thereon will be sold in "as is" condition without warranty of any kind. Purchaser shall be responsible for any and all building and/or zoning code violations whether of record or not of record, as well as for all unpaid and enforceable homeowners' or condominium owners' association dues and assessments, if any. Purchaser also shall be responsible for obtaining possession of the property at his/her expense. Purchaser shall assume the risk of loss and shall be responsible for any damage, vandalism, theft, destruction, or the like, of or to the property occurring after the time of sale. Conveyance will be by special warranty deed. Conveyancing, recording, transfer taxes, notary fees, examination of title, state stamps, and all other costs of conveyance are to be at the expense of purchaser. State and local taxes, public charges, and special or regular assessments, if any, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter shall be assumed by the purchaser.

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