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Rehearsing the “Millwork” number from Woodson’s production of “Working” are (top row, from left) Lara Taylor, Elli Cryan and Anna O’Hara and (bottom row, from left) Paula Lavalle, Alison Romig, Jacob Nelson and Athena Kennedy.



# ‘Working’ At Woodson

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# ELECTION 2011

## The Price of Influence

People who have business before the Board of Supervisors contribute to incumbents.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
CONNECTION NEWSPAPERS

**W**hy do people give money to candidates for the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors?

"People give money in politics to get what they want," said Stephen Farnsworth, communications professor at George Mason University. "If they weren't getting what they want they wouldn't keep giving money."

From developers to commercial real estate owners and property management companies, the roster of people who have given money to incumbent members of the Board of Supervisors reads like a Planning Commission docket. It's all legal in Virginia, which has no restrictions on who can give or how much money they can contribute — as long as it's disclosed. But following the money isn't always easy.

"I think what voters are really interested in is transparency," said Lincoln Park Civic Association President Loretta Prencipe. "We really want to understand who is donating. And when campaign contributions are made under entities that aren't transparent. It raises questions for us."

Take an entity known as Tysons West Assemblage LLC. The limited liability company is a group of commercial real-estate developers who own land near the new Tysons West Metro station. Providence District Supervisor Linda Smyth said that she did not accept campaign contributions when the plan for Tysons Corner was being crafted. But now that the only pending business before the Board of Supervisors is a series of rezoning decisions, all bets are off.

"What is going on at Tysons," explained Smyth, "is that there are small land owners who consolidate and set up a partnership."

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE RECORDS** show the limited liability company has given \$5,000 to Supervisor Smyth and \$30,000 to Chairwoman Sharon Bulova. Smyth accepted the money, but says her vote is not for sale.

"They do not get any special favors from me," said Smyth. "Let me put it that way."

Some argue that money does buy influence, or at least access. Sue Tolchin is author of *Pinstripe Patronage: Political Favoritism from the Clubhouse to*



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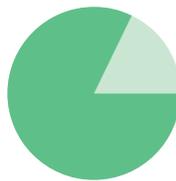
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the White House and Beyond. She says it's unethical for members of the Board of Supervisors to take money from people who have pending or future business in the county.

"On the face of it, it's unethical," said Tolchin. "They are paying in effect to get a certain decision."

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**Democratic Incumbent**  
Stan Barry



**Republican challenger**  
Bill Cooper

## Barry Faces Cooper for County Sheriff

Four-time incumbent Barry faces challenger Bill Cooper.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

**F**airfax County Sheriff Stan Barry (D) will face Republican challenger Bill Cooper this November.

The Fairfax County Sheriff's Office is responsible for maintaining the county's Adult Detention Center, providing courthouse security and serving civil law process. The Fairfax County Sheriff's Office is the largest in Virginia, with more than 600 employees.

**BARRY** was elected in 1999, and is completing his third term in office. He has been a member of the sheriff's office for the past 32 years. Barry said over his past three terms, he has enacted a number of programs that save the county money.

"We save the county millions each year with labor programs that we created and are staffed by inmates," Barry said. "We restructured our training and staffing to save the county more than a million dollars a year in overtime costs. We have had our budget reduced as a result of the recession and still returned \$1.5 million this year, and \$2.5 million last year by being very strict with spending."

Barry says one of his goals if elected for another term would be to further save money by electronically serving certain kinds of civil process. "We have the technology to do it, we just need to get the courts to allow

us to do it," he said. "We would still do some services in person, but many of them could be done electronically, with no deputy driving to a location and physically serving."

Barry has been endorsed by the Virginia Coalition of Police, the Fairfax County Government Employees Union, the Fairfax Coalition of Police and the Fairfax County Deputy Sheriff's Coalition, among others.

More information is available at [www.fairfaxsheriff.com](http://www.fairfaxsheriff.com).

**COOPER** served with the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office since 1988 until his retirement as a lieutenant in March of this year. During his time with the office, he worked in court security, the Adult Detention Center and the Criminal Justice Academy.

He said if elected, one of his first priorities would be to enforce the more than 4,000 outstanding warrants in the county.

"I would work in partnership with the Fairfax County Police Department to get these 4,000 criminals off the streets," he said. "Because of budget issues, we'll also work with the FBI, [Immigration and Customs Enforcement], the U.S. Marshals and combine resources to make it budget neutral."

Cooper says he would make it a goal to increase cooperation with the Fairfax County Police Department to make sure re

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# Companies Go Casual for a Cause

3,000 employees participate in first "Jeans Day" to put the zip on homelessness.

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

**M**ore than 3,000 employees from 100 businesses throughout Fairfax County pulled on a pair of jeans on Friday, Oct. 21, to demonstrate their support for ending homelessness in Fairfax County.

The day of community give-back was hosted by the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce and the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness.

Jeans Day, a popular fundraiser for homelessness and other causes nationwide, is a simple idea: Companies go casual for a cause, inviting employees to wear their jeans to work in exchange for a \$5 contribution to fight homelessness.

"Jeans Day is an especially vibrant example of the meaningful impact we make when businesses, non-profits and government come together to raise awareness about an important issue and take action to help prevent it," said Fairfax Chamber President & CEO Jim Corcoran.

"This was the first Jeans Day in Fairfax County, and we were awed by the response from the business community. In just the past few days, we went from 50 to 100 companies asking to participate," said Dean Klein, director of the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH).

**MORE THAN 1,500** children, women and men currently face homelessness and hunger in Fairfax County, according to the OPEH, which tracks homelessness in the county. The majority of people without homes are children and working families and homelessness affects everyone, Klein said, with social and economic costs to the community, including increased public costs for medical care and education.

Kathy Albarado, CEO and founder of Helios HR in Reston, has been a forceful voice in the county's effort to prevent, and end, homelessness, and was a featured speaker at the Jeans Day ceremony at the government center. An award-winning business executive, Albarado shared her personal story of being a homeless teen.

"I first realized that I had been homeless as a teen when I saw a poster about

homelessness on the wall of my daughter's elementary school. Homelessness is not all about

tent communities and people living on the streets, but includes transitional housing and shelters as well," she said.

As an adolescent, she said her family stayed in transitional housing to escape her mother's abusive husband at that time. She said she wanted to share her story to show that "homelessness is a community issue."

"The business community and its leaders can make an incredible impact on eliminating homelessness and so many other challenges. I am fortunate to now be in a position to support and give back to my community and I view it a privilege to do so," Albarado said.

"Homelessness is an issue we tend to forget in our Fairfax County," said Natalie Oddenino, Helios HR's marketing coordinator. "But this is something fun we can feel good about, and it can have a huge impact." "This brings a whole new meaning to casual Friday," said Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock). "The awareness this creates is important, the contributions are helpful, and it helps serve the county mission to end homelessness. I was happy we could participate along with the many businesses throughout Fairfax."



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

**City of Fairfax Library employees pulled on their jeans for Fairfax County's first Jeans Day 2011, a fundraiser to fight homelessness in the county.**

Michael O'Reilly, who chairs the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to End Homelessness, said the event was an inspiring success.

"We look forward to making more and more partnerships within our business community as we work toward our shared goal of preventing and ending homelessness," O'Reilly said.

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The cast of Woodson High's musical, "Working," rehearses the show's opening number, "I hear America Singing."

# In Celebration of Everyone Who Toils

Woodson presents the musical, 'Working.'

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

Featuring a cast and crew of more than 100, plus a seven-piece pit orchestra, Woodson High presents the musical, "Working."

Show times are Sunday, Nov. 5, and Friday-Sunday, Nov. 10, 11 and 12, at 7:30 p.m. Matinees will be held Nov. 5 and 12 at 2 p.m. (Not recommended for children under 13). Tickets are \$8 at [www.wtdrama.org](http://www.wtdrama.org) or \$10 at the door; \$5, senior citizens.

"This is truly a celebration of anyone who has ever worked a day in their lives," said Director Terri Hobson. "Del. Chap Petersen (D-34th) will be in the Nov. 10 show as a trucker; it's his fifth Woodson show." An American Sign Language interpreter will be there Nov. 11.

"It's a compilation of stories of real people, celebrating the everyday life of the ordinary American worker," said Hobson. "It makes you think differently about these people and about how we're all connected."

**IT'S AN ENSEMBLE PIECE** based on the book by Studs Turkel, who interviewed people about their jobs in 1975. Said Hobson, "It's about the guy who laid the bricks in your house, the guy who parks your

car, the woman who taught your children, the kid who delivers your newspapers, etc."

Knowing that, she said, is motivating her actors. "They see their characters as real humans because they're based on stories about real people," said Hobson. "So it makes the show special to them."

She's also delighted to work with Woodson's music director, Michael Ehrlich, the show's vocal director, plus assistant choral director Lisa Corey, who's the choreographer. "I think the audience will like the visual storytelling with such a wide variety of musical styles," said Hobson. "We're trying to tell the stories in the most beautiful way possible."

Freshman Lara Taylor portrays a young waitress who is outgoing and really proud of her job. "She thinks her job is special because it takes a certain kind of person to do it — and she thinks she's the best," said Taylor. "It's a fun part and I like getting to act with Claire Whitehead and Brianna Weiner, the other waitresses, who are awesome."

Taylor's one of only five freshmen in the show, but she has a solo and a monologue and gets to work on her character's development. She sings "It's an Art" and also dances en pointe to "Millwork" with Ann O'Hara and Elli Cryan.

Taylor said audience members will relate to a personality or job in the show and will also enjoy the big dance number, "All the Livelong Day," at the beginning. "This play pays homage to working," she said. "And that will make the audience feel like they're being honored, too."

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# Woodson Presents 'Working'

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Playing Frank Decker, a trucker, is senior C.J. McCracken. "He's a dedicated worker and his character's based on a man who started his own truckers' union," said McCracken. "He's a middle-class, working father who owns, operates and repairs his own truck and is proud of how far he travels. I love playing him; this is my biggest role here, and it feels good to apply what I've learned the past three years in theater. Truckers have a masculinity and repressed physicality that I express through his movements."

McCracken's favorite number is "Something to Point To." A large group sings it, but Ehrlich reinterpreted it as a march. So, said McCracken, "Our individuality shows through, even while we're cooperating as an ensemble."

Senior Ana Mendelson portrays Kate the housewife and is also head of costumes. "Kate's a young, suburban mother staying home with the kids, but has mixed feelings about how the world perceives housewives," said Mendelson. "She's proud of what she's doing, but knows her success can't be measured until her children grow up."

Mendelson likes singing her songs and playing Kate because "everyone can relate to her since everyone has a mother." She especially likes the number, "I'm Just Movin'," sung by a grocery checker because "it's a fun, upbeat song that gets stuck in your head."

As costume head, Mendelson and Hobson decided how each character would look and then scouted out the clothing for them at various places. "It's a

big cast and most people play more than one role, so they have multiple costumes," said Mendelson. Regarding the play, she said, "The audience will enjoy it because they'll be able to match up people in the show with people they know from their own lives."

Senior David Willmore is the show's technical director; he designed the lighting and sees that all technical elements come together smoothly. "I also work with Mrs. Hobson to make sure the costumes, set design and set decoration achieve the look we want," he said.

**THE SET** is realistic and practical, like a real city. "We've got an 800-square-foot, painted backdrop of Chicago with scaffolding, brick walls and mechanical cogs in front, plus other elements of city life," said Willmore. "Because this show has lots of intricate details and environments we're trying to create, we can do a lot of artistic things with the lights — and the lighting sets the tone for the show."

Calling it a fantastic play, he said, "I think the story will really resonate with the audience. They'll appreciate the message it's delivering that, whether they get credit for it, everyone plays a role in life."

Student director Sophie Friedman, a senior, says helping direct is less stressful than acting. "I'm enjoying giving people acting advice and having them listen and take me seriously," she said. "They trust my opinion, and that's a nice bonus; and it's been great seeing everybody grow and the show build. We have a terrific cast; I couldn't be more honored than to work with such a wonderful group of people. I'm excited to see the finished product."

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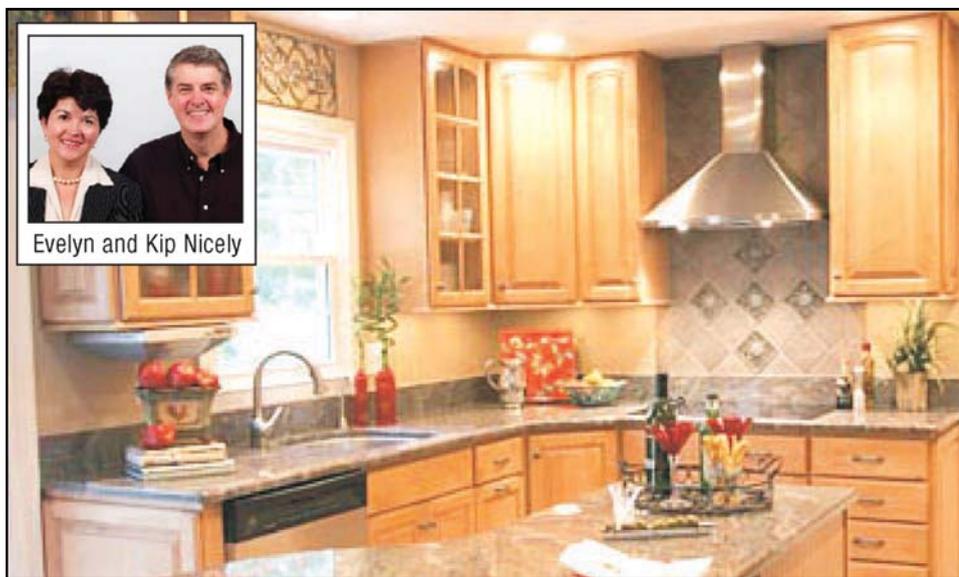
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#### THURSDAY/NOV. 3

**Braddock District Supervisor Candidate Debates.** 7:30 p.m. Bonnie Brae Elementary School, 5420 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. John Cook and Janet Oleszek will engage in a 90 minute debate, featuring each candidate for 30 minute blocks of time. Each candidate can use their 30 minutes in any manner of their choosing between opening/closing statements and questions from the audience. Independent candidate Carey Campbell will be invited to participate. 571-502-5292 or 571-312-7426.

# Sen. Dave Marsden Seeks First Full Term

**Incumbent state senator is a juvenile justice expert.**

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

Friends call Sen. Dave W. Marsden (D-37) a “gentle giant,” and it’s easy to understand why. Standing 6-feet, 4-inches, the lifelong Virginia resident has a genteel manner that is more professorial than political.

A graduate of the private Randolph Macon College, Marsden, 63, is recognized in Richmond for his collegial manner and expertise on juvenile justice issues. He rarely raises his voice when talking about issues; instead, he explains and expounds, citing history, philosophy and statistics.

Marsden’s small campaign office in Fairfax Station, located in a non-descript strip mall on Ox Road, backs up to the historic St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church. Dedicated in 1860, St. Mary’s was the first Catholic Church in the county, and the church where American Red Cross founder Clara Barton got her start. The church sits on a bucolic piece of land that includes an historic churchyard.

Marsden said he walks to the church nearly every day, not for services, but be-

cause it’s a place where his cell phone can get reception. “I guess I like the view, too, and it’s a peaceful place to think,” he said. The juxtaposition between the old Fairfax of St. Mary’s and the new Fairfax of Marsden’s office is reflective of his experiences growing up in Fairfax County.

“I grew up in a small farm house that was the original Woodburn Elementary School,” he said. “I saw the changes that have taken place in the county, and I have a pretty good awareness that things are always in flux. It’s important to adapt to challenges and changes.”

Marsden has lived in Burke since 1977 with his wife of 40 years, Julia, where they raised three sons — Nathan, 41; Stuart, 36; and Connor, 34.

In 1966, Marsden graduated from W.T. Woodson High School. He began a career as a probation officer in Fairfax County after receiving a social work degree from Randolph Macon in 1970.

He went on to establish and operate Fairfax County’s shelter home for youth with severe family problems, and in 1982 became the chief administrator for the Fairfax County Juvenile Detention Center, a 121-



PHOTO BY VICTORIA ROSS/THE CONNECTION

**Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37) often sits at the historic St. Mary of Sorrows Church in Fairfax Station to make campaign calls.**

bed center that served as a model for other centers. He is particularly proud of the fact that during his 17-year tenure, there was never an escape or serious injury.

“We had an orientation unit so that juveniles would be with other new juveniles.

They wouldn’t be exposed to older offenders, or those who were there for more serious crimes,” he said.

He also launched a program with Fairfax County Public Schools to make sure juvenile offenders who were incarcerated for a short time kept up with homework from their base school so they could return to school after incarceration without becoming discouraged for falling behind.

“We wanted to keep them linked to the school system, so they would have less of a reason for dropping out of school. You have to remember, I started this before everything was computerized, so it took a lot of coordination with teachers and staff who had to send us paperwork, and then we would send it back to them. The teachers were great to work with,” Marsden said. Marsden won a National Association of Counties (NACO) award for several of his initiatives during his tenure at the juvenile justice system.

Joseph Fedeli met Marsden in the early 1970s, when they were both working with the Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, and they’ve been friends and colleagues ever since. Fedeli hired Marsden to run the County’s first shelter. Marsden was hired three years later to

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# Candidate Jason Flanary Focuses on Spending Cuts

**Former U.S. Marine sets sights on State Senate seat in Nov. 8 election.**

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

As he walked on a treadmill at Camp David, President Bill Clinton (D) gave Jason Flanary a piece of political advice in 1999 that the then 20-year Marine said he would never forget.

“He told me he was going to share the secret of his success,” Flanary said. “He said if you’re ever going to run for office, you have to remember that 40 percent of the voters will automatically vote for you and 40 percent will automatically vote against you, because of party affiliation. It’s the 20 percent of undecided voters you have to connect with. They want to know if you’re a nice person, do you understand the issues that affect them on a daily basis and if you can relate to them.”

Flanary, 32, is running against incumbent Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37) for the 37th District Senate Seat as a Republican. He said he never thought he would need that advice.

The young U.S. Marine Corps sergeant was chosen to be Clinton’s personal trainer

at presidential retreat Camp David, where the facility is guarded by one of the U.S. Marine Corps’ most elite units, the Marine Corps Security Force Regiment.

Just a few years earlier, Flanary had been crawling through people’s basements and attics as a service technician for his family’s heating and air-conditioning business in Newport News, Va.

“Yeah, it was a surreal experience. I mean, here I am chatting with the President of the United States. As the president’s trainer, I got to teach Chelsea how to skeet shoot, and I also had this amazing opportunity to meet foreign dignitaries, movie stars, you name it,” he said.

At the time, Flanary didn’t think he would go into politics. “I thought I would make a great Virginia State Trooper” Flanary said.

But Flanary has been on the political fast track ever since.

He has worked with numerous Republican candidates and has served as a legislative assistant to Del. Tim Hugo (R-40), U.S. Rep. J. Randy Forbes (R-4) and former U.S. Rep. Bud Shuster (R-9), who was chairman of the House Committee on Transportation

**“Virginia politics is so much more personal.”**

— Jason Flanary



PHOTO BY VICTORIA ROSS/THE CONNECTION

**Candidate Jason Flanary, a Republican newcomer, is challenging Democratic Incumbent Dave Marsden for the 37th District House seat in November.**

and Infrastructure. Flanary has been responsible for handling many key issues, including government reform, transportation and education.

While working as a legislative assistant to Shuster, Flanary earned his bachelor’s degree in government and international

politics from George Mason University. He was the first person in his family to go to college.

“Working for Tim Hugo allowed me to really understand how the Virginia legislature works. Virginia politics is so much more personal. Tim was a great mentor,” Flanary said.

“Jason will make a great legislator,” Hugo said. “He’s a hard worker, and he will take a common-sense business approach to solving problems.”

Flanary said his drive and strong work ethic come from his upbringing. “My dad graduated from high school, got married and by 25 he had four children. He made do with the bare minimum and built a successful business. In my childhood, I learned that the only thing you’re given is opportunity,” he said.

“I don’t worry that I’m going to burn out. I have a lot of energy, and I set realistic goals for myself. Whatever I’m doing, I give 150 percent of myself.

If Flanary unseats Marsden in the Nov. 8 General Election, he said his goal is to get government operating more like a successful business. He lists job growth, education and transportation as priorities.

“We need to really look at our spending. We need to audit state spending annually to identify inefficiencies, and eliminate failing government programs and practices.

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# OPINION

## Research, Think, Vote

General Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 8, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Early voting is still available.

It's just a local election, why does it matter?

Every member of the Virginia House of Delegates and Virginia Senate is up for reelection, with some significant open seats in Northern Virginia.

The Virginia General Assembly decides what to do with the state income tax and other revenue, most of it generated here in Northern Virginia, most of it spent elsewhere. It's fair for wealthier parts of the state to help pay for services in poorer parts of the state, but the Virginia General Assembly denies localities in Northern Virginia the right to make most decisions that affect residents here. In Virginia, local government has only exactly the power given to it by the General Assembly. The right to open schools when it makes sense for each locality? No. The right to regulate safety, like where guns can be carried? No. The right to choose to raise revenue locally through taxes other than real estate and property taxes? Not really.

How about School Board? You say you don't have children in the schools, so why bother to figure out what all the strident posturing and dozens of candidates are talking about? Consider that in Fairfax County, the school system spends about \$2 billion (with a B) a year, more than half of the revenue collected by Fairfax County government overall. Also consider that Fairfax County's reputation for excellent schools is no small factor in its more-vibrant-than-national-average economy.

You can discover more reasons on our website, [www.ConnectionNewspapers.com](http://www.ConnectionNewspapers.com).

You can vote early, "absentee in person," from now until Nov. 5 if you think that there is any chance you could be away from home for 10 hours on Election Day. Remember that some people spent 10 hours on the GW Parkway one

day last winter, and it took nearly as long for many people to make it home on Primary Election Day, which was also the day of the earthquake.

Some important dates to remember:

❖ Tuesday, Nov. 1 is the deadline to apply for an absentee ballot by mail.

❖ Saturday, Nov. 5 is the last day to

EDITORIALS

## Adult Planning for Halloween Parties

Halloween parties for grown-ups often involve alcohol; SoberRide offers safe way home.

Halloween is not just for children any more, apparently. Halloween week end is a time for celebration for adults as well as trick-or-treaters, now a significant holiday, especially for young adults.

So while the adult-sized vampires, zombies and possibly even Mitt Romney look-a-likes will roam our towns this weekend are great fun, "The scary fact is that nearly half of all U.S. traffic deaths occurring during Halloween are caused by drunk drivers," said Kurt Erickson, president of the McLean-based Washington Regional Alcohol Program.

So plan your costume, plan your rendezvous with friends, plan the menu, venue and festivities, but also plan your safe way home if you'll be consuming alcohol. Assign a designated driver, take public transportation, plan your party in a place where friends can stay until they're sober enough to drive.

If all that falls through, the SoberRide program can help keep impaired drivers off the road.

vote early, absentee ballot in-person.

❖ Tuesday, Nov. 8 is Election Day.

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The SoberRide program will offer free cab rides to could-be drunk drivers throughout the Washington-metropolitan area on the evening of Saturday, Oct. 29, beginning at 10 p.m. 6 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 30. During this eight-hour period, area residents ages 21 and older celebrating with alcohol may call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI for a no-cost (up to a \$30 fare), safe way home. Go to [www.soberide.com](http://www.soberide.com).

Since 1993, WRAP's SoberRide program has provided 52,376 free cab rides home to would-be drunk drivers in the Greater Washington area. Through public education, innovative health education programs and advocacy, WRAP is credited with keeping the metro-Washington area's alcohol-related traffic deaths consistently lower than the national average.

— MARY KIMM,

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## A Non-issue In Sheriff Race

To the Editor:

This is what I hate about politics—the exploitation of non-issues to demonize a dedicated public servant. It's an ugly business and it puts another nail in the coffin of good government. That's what the race for Fairfax County sheriff has become.

Let me tell you about my experience. As a Fairfax County Supervisor, I have worked closely with Sheriff Barry over the past four years. He's saved taxpayers millions of dollars through his innovative programs. His Community Labor Force assigns teams of non-violent inmates to work on County public works projects such as graffiti removal, blight abatement,

snow removal, bus stop maintenance, and even mowing of medians. That's saved taxpayers \$1.5 million a year. Sheriff Barry recently expanded this program to the County's Stormwater Management Division to maintain and repair key county storm water structures.

Additionally, Sheriff Barry has made responsible reductions to the Sheriff's Department during the worst recession of our generation, returning \$2.5 million last year and \$1.5 million this year to county taxpayers. His privatizing of the jail and the kitchen has saved us another million. He understands how to respond to the worst recession of this generation.

He's recovered more than \$2 million for the county by booting cars of tax scofflaws and collecting delinquent parking fines and

he's successfully grown our federal grant collections by more than \$8 million.

Sheriff Barry has a history of community involvement. Take a look at just a few of the ways he helps our communities. There's the annual Shop with a Sheriff event to buy school clothes and supplies for underprivileged children and the Project Lifesaver program that helps to locate children with autism or adults with Alzheimer's who have wandered and are lost. Under Sheriff Barry's guidance, deputies partner with local corporate sponsors and community businesses to provide state-of-the-art child identification, fingerprinting, and child safety seat inspections at no cost to parents.

The election of the sheriff is not always on voters' radar screens but

I can tell you that who we elect matters. I hope you will join me on Nov. 8 in voting for our sheriff, Stan Barry.

Jeffrey C. McKay  
Supervisor (D-Lee District)

## Backing Flanary

To the Editor:

With the general election rapidly approaching on Tuesday, Nov. 8, it is time that voters in the Virginia 37th State Senate District race take a harder look at the critical issues facing us — and who we will choose to confront them on our behalf. My vote will go to local businessman, Jason Flanary, who will bring the necessary leadership back to the 37th State Senate District and replace Dave

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# Filler-Corn Ready for Richmond

Roads, education top priority list.

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

“It was like drinking from a fire hose.” That’s how Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) describes her fast-and-furious special election campaign in 2010 that catapulted her into a seat in the Virginia General Assembly after a heated six-week campaign battle.

She won her seat in a special election to replace Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37), who had himself won a special election to the Virginia State Senate the month before. Marsden’s move created a vacuum in the 41st district, which represents Burke, Fairfax, and portions of West Springfield and Fairfax Station.

“As soon as Dave won, I started getting phone calls from people asking me to run. I had about a week to make up my mind,” she said.

“I started campaigning in the middle of Snowmageddon, so I was door-knocking in five feet of snow and there were times I couldn’t even find the door,” she said.

On March 3, the day after her narrow victory by 37 votes — or a margin of three-tenths of a percentage point — she drove to Richmond, was sworn in by noon and was voting 20 minutes later.

“I hit the ground running, but I was prepared to do that,” Filler-Corn said.

**FILLER-CORN** knew her way around state political circles. For 17 years, the Springfield PTA mom and attorney worked at all levels of governments. She served as senior adviser to Gov. Tim Kaine, and was deputy director of the state’s liaison office under Gov. Mark Warner.

Filler-Corn said many of the issues that voters told her were priorities in 2010 still top her legislative agenda, such as increased funding for education, transportation and public safety.

“Education is everyone’s number-one concern. That is why we all moved here, because we have a world-class school system. No one wants to see that put in jeopardy,” she said.

As a member of the legislature’s lower house, Filler-Corn is in the minority on several fronts — as a Democrat, a woman and a mother with children still in school. In this year’s partisan redistricting process, many political observers maintain swing districts across the state have been transformed into GOP safe havens, with increasingly hard-line, anti-tax Republican candidates.

Filler-Corn said she will continue to work with members of both parties to bring back more funding for Fairfax County’s schools and roads.

“People want a delegate who can work across party lines and build alliances, especially now,” she said.



**Incumbent Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) with husband Robert and children Jeremy and Alana.**

## Meet the Candidate

- ❖ Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41)
- ❖ Hometown: Born in New York City in 1964, she moved to Fairfax County in 1989.
- ❖ Family: Married to Robert S. Corn; two children, Alana, 15 and Jeremy, 17
- ❖ Education: Ithaca College (B.A., 1986); American University College of Law (J.D., 1993)
- ❖ Memberships & Affiliations: Congregation Adat Reyim (social action chair) Governor’s Citizens Advisory Committee, Chesapeake Executive Council Jobs for Virginia Graduates (board member) Fairfax County Public Schools

- Business and Community Advisory Council
- ❖ 2011 Endorsements and Awards Solid as a Rock Award from the Virginia Education Association 2011 Legislative Hero from the League of Conservation Voters
- Endorsements include: Fairfax County Fire Fighters; Northern Virginia Realtors; Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce; NVTC Tech PAC
- In her first bid for a full term, Filler-Corn faces a challenge from Libertarian candidate Michael Kane.
- For more information about Eileen Filler-Corn, go to [www.eileenfillercorn.com](http://www.eileenfillercorn.com)

“As a mother of two, I believe that just because times are tough, it doesn’t mean we should give up on the next generation. Some politicians are proposing a \$1.2 billion cut to our schools, which would mean packed classrooms and no personal attention for our students. I’ll strongly oppose any massive cuts...” she said.

Filler-Corn said she takes her role as the voice for her constituents seriously.

“I don’t go to Richmond for 45 to 60 days a year to spin my wheels. Voters want someone who can work well with others, and move the ball forward on issues that impact their lives,” she said.

**DURING HER FIRST TERM**, Filler-Corn introduced several bills, including a bill that expands the class of persons who may be issued a protective order from victims of stalking, sexual battery.

She said her hallmark as a legislator has been her responsiveness. She holds office hours once a month, communicates through e-newsletters, and will always return constituent’s calls.

“One of the things I love most about my job is working with constituents, and helping them problem-solve. I’ve always enjoyed helping people and feeling like I’m making a difference,” she said.

She said she was inspired to go into public service by her parents who taught her to be active in community service.

“I think it’s essential that anyone, especially women, get involved and stay involved with whatever their passion is. You need to have a voice on those things that are important to you,” she said.

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3870 BILLBERRY DR	3	4	1	FAIRFAX		\$805,134	Townhouse	0.10	22033		KENSINGTON MANOR
12810 FALCON WOOD PL	4	3	1	FAIRFAX		\$700,000	Townhouse	0.08	22033		KENSINGTON SQUARE
3912 PENDER SPRING DR	4	2	2	FAIRFAX		\$699,900	Detached	0.39	22033		SMC PENDERBROOK
3826 PARKLAND DR	4	2	1	FAIRFAX		\$615,000	Detached	0.10	22033		PENDERBROOK
4188 LORD CULPEPER LN	3	3	1	FAIRFAX		\$579,000	Townhouse	0.04	22030		CHANCERY SQUARE
12500 LT. NICHOLS RD	4	3	1	FAIRFAX		\$578,000	Detached	0.24	22033		FAIR OAKS ESTATES
3422 WHITE OAK CT #	4	2	1	FAIRFAX		\$560,000	Detached	0.12	22030		GREAT OAKS
3607 CANOE BIRCH CT	3	2	2	FAIRFAX		\$550,000	Detached	0.33	22033		FRANKLIN GLEN
12511 ALEXANDER CORNELL DR	3	3	1	FAIRFAX		\$527,500	Detached	0.25	22033		FAIR OAKS ESTATES
12456 CASBEER DR	3	2	1	FAIRFAX		\$470,000	Townhouse	0.05	22033		FAIR LAKES COURT
12408 STEWART'S FORD CT	4	3	1	FAIRFAX		\$470,000	Detached	0.23	22033		FAIR OAKS ESTATES
4224 MAJESTIC LN	4	2	1	FAIRFAX		\$469,000	Detached	0.25	22033		GREENBRIAR
13161 MADONNA LN	4	2	0	FAIRFAX		\$462,000	Detached	0.31	22033		GREENBRIAR
10416 DARBY ST	5	3	0	FAIRFAX		\$450,000	Detached	0.35	22030		FAIRFAX TOWN ESTATES
10328 SAGER AVE #116	2	2	0	FAIRFAX		\$440,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22030		PROVIDENCE SQUARE
11924 MATTHEWS CT	3	2	2	FAIRFAX		\$435,000	Townhouse	0.05	22033		PENDERBROOK
10316 WOOD RD	5	3	0	FAIRFAX		\$428,900	Detached	0.35	22030		LAYTON HALL
4611 FAIR VALLEY DR	3	2	1	FAIRFAX		\$419,500	Townhouse	0.04	22033		FAIR LAKES
12326 FOX LAKE CT	4	3	1	FAIRFAX		\$414,989	Townhouse	0.04	22033		FAIR RIDGE
4229 MAYPORT LN	4	2	0	FAIRFAX		\$410,000	Detached	0.26	22033		GREENBRIAR
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13119 POPLAR TREE RD	4	2	0	FAIRFAX		\$384,000	Detached	0.26	22033		GREENBRIAR
4307 PERGATE LN	3	2	0	FAIRFAX		\$379,000	Detached	0.22	22033		GREENBRIAR
4229 LINDEN ST	4	2	1	FAIRFAX		\$350,000	Detached	0.26	22030		FAIRFAX TOWN ESTATES
10007 SPRING LAKE TER	3	1	1	FAIRFAX		\$345,000	Detached	0.29	22030		COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
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4272 ALLISON CIR	4	2	0	FAIRFAX		\$279,900	Duplex	0.14	22030		ARDMORE
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**Stephanie D'Souza** was named to the dean's list for academic excellence for the spring 2011 semester at The Johns Hopkins University. To be selected for this honor, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale in a program of at least 14 credits with at least 12 graded credits. D'Souza is the daughter of Robert and Priya D'Souza and attended James W. Robinsone Jr. Secondary School. Stephanie D'Souza, who is majoring in biomedical engineering, will graduate in May 2012.

**Jillian Moran** of Fairfax has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2010, spring 2011 and summer 2011 semesters at Florida State University. A 2009 graduate of Robinsone Secondary School, Jillian is a senior at Florida State and recently completed a semester abroad in Spain.

**Caitlin Campbell** of Fairfax, a sophomore, was named to the dean's 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. **Steven S. Kim**, a resident of Fairfax, has recently been named to the dean's list at Boston University for the fall semester.

**Rebecca Hindman**, a senior from Fairfax, has been named to the dean's list at Marymount University. Hindman is pursuing a degree in nursing.

**Thuy Nguyen**, a senior from Fairfax, has been named to the dean's list at Marymount University. Nguyen is pursuing a degree in nursing.

**Sammy Noman**, a senior from Fairfax, has been named to the dean's list at Marymount University. Noman is pursuing a degree in information technology.

**Lauren Qualizza-Graszer**, a se-

nior from Fairfax, has been named to the dean's list at Marymount University. Qualizza-Graszer is pursuing a degree in nursing.

**Rachel Snyder**, a freshman from Fairfax, has been named to the dean's list at Marymount University. Snyder is pursuing a degree in politics.

**Kelli Cooper**, a junior from Fairfax, has been named to the dean's list at Marymount University. Cooper is pursuing a degree in criminal justice.

**Ngoc Hoang**, a senior from Fairfax, has been named to the dean's list at Marymount University. Hoang is pursuing a degree in business administration.

**Phuong Hoang**, a freshman from Fairfax, has been named to the dean's list at Marymount University. Hoang is pursuing a degree in biology.

**Hanane Paraiso**, a senior from Fairfax, has been named to the dean's list at Marymount University. Paraiso is pursuing a degree in business administration.

**Mohamed Paraiso**, a junior from Fairfax, has been named to the dean's list at Marymount University. Paraiso is pursuing a degree in business administration.

**Tho Pham**, a senior from Fairfax, has been named to the dean's list at Marymount University. Pham is pursuing a degree in communications.

# CALENDAR

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## THURSDAY/OCT. 27

**Dan Bern.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**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.

**Sonny Landreth.** 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolftrap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Slide guitarist from Louisiana. \$25. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

## FRIDAY/OCT. 28

**Ellis Paul, The Michael Clem Trio and Lizanne Knott.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**Sonny Landreth.** 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolftrap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Slide guitarist from Louisiana. \$25. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

## Night of the Living Dead Halloween Show.

7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Featuring Anthony Fiacco, Shane Hines, Todd Wright and Luke Brindley. Costume contest. Tickets \$15. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

## SATURDAY/OCT. 29

**GRREAT 3K Walk.** Registration 9:30 a.m., Walk begins at 10 a.m. Weber's Pet Supermarket, 11201 Lee Highway, Fairfax. A portion of the proceeds of every dog's photo taken by Jim Poor Photography will benefit Golden Retriever Rescue Education and Training Incorporated, a not-for-profit dedicated to finding homes for unwanted, stray, and abandoned Golden Retrievers. \$20 per human walker. Register online at [www.grreat.org/walk](http://www.grreat.org/walk). Includes event t-shirt, refreshments, dog treats and door prizes. [events@grreat.org](mailto:events@grreat.org).

**Air and Scare.** 2-8 p.m. Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air & Space Museum Way, Chantilly. Discover the spooky side of air and space at the Udvar-Hazy Center's seventh annual Air & Scare. Arrive in costume for safe indoor trick-or-treating. Participate in creepy crafts, spooky science experiments, and other Halloween-themed activities. Admission free, parking \$15. 202-633-1000 or <http://airandspace.si.edu/HazyFamilyDays/>.

**Kids Show: Gustafer Yellowgold.** 10:30 a.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**Chuck Prophet** at 7 p.m. and Atomic Tom at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**Robinson Crew Team's 2011 Round Robinson 5K Run.** Race day registration 7:30-8:15 a.m., race begins 8:30 a.m. Robinson Secondary School, 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Sponsorship and registration forms available online at <http://robinsoncrew.com/rr5k.html>. 703-447-1099 or [samantha.madden@ymail.com](mailto:samantha.madden@ymail.com).

**Fall Festival.** 5-7 p.m. Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Games, prizes, crafts, food, and a Haunted Hallway, all in a wholesome and safe environment. Costumes welcome. 703 971-5151, [admin@franconiaumc.org](mailto:admin@franconiaumc.org) or [www.franconiaumc.org](http://www.franconiaumc.org).



Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. East in Vienna, will have a Night of the Living Dead Halloween Show on Friday, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m., featuring Anthony Fiacco, Shane Hines, Todd Wright and Luke Brindley. Compete in the costume contest and enjoy songs by these four singer/songwriters. Tickets are \$15. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

## The Military Bugle during the Civil War.

2 p.m. Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Jari Villanueva will demonstrate and explain the use of bugle calls during the Civil War. An authority on "Taps," Villanueva will discuss the origin of the tune and the myths associated with it. Free. 703-591-0560.

## Burke Lake Park "Ghost Train" Rides.

11:15 a.m.-5:45 p.m. Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. The Burke Lake Ghost Train rolls into town with family-friendly fun. \$4.50 per person. 703-323-6600.

## Lake Braddock Annual Children's Concert.

1 p.m. Lake Braddock Secondary School Little Theatre, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Proceeds benefit ECHO, serving families in need in the Springfield and Burke Communities. Admission is two cans of food or \$2 per person. [www.lakebraddockchorus.org](http://www.lakebraddockchorus.org).

**Meet the Candidates.** 2 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Get to know the candidates on the ballot in this year's election. Cosponsored by the League of Women Voters. Adults. 703-293-6227, TTY: 711.

**Woody's Fall Jubilee.** 1-4 p.m. 10435 North St., Fairfax. Family-friendly live music, moonbounces, games, door prizes, food, classic car show and costume contest.

## Virginia Band and Orchestra Director's Association (VBODA) State Marching Band Assessment.

10 a.m.-4:15 p.m. West Springfield High School, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield. Performances by 20 high school bands from Fairfax and surrounding counties. \$6 for adults, \$4 for students and senior citizens. The concession stand will be open all day. [VBODA.WSHS@wshsband.org](mailto:VBODA.WSHS@wshsband.org).

## SUNDAY/OCT. 30

### Woodlawn Halloween Book Signing: "Ghosts of Alexandria."

3 p.m. Woodlawn, 9000 Richmond Highway, Alexandria. Alexandria resident and author Michael Pope visits Woodlawn for a Halloween book signing and lecture on "Ghosts of Alexandria." 703-780-4000.

### Burke Lake Park "Ghost Train" Rides.

11:15 a.m.-5:45 p.m. Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. The Burke Lake Ghost Train rolls into town with family-friendly fun. \$4.50 per person. 703-323-6600.

**Vicente Fernandez.** 7 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Ranchera music. Tickets are \$63-\$143, available through [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or

703-573-SEAT. Accessible seating is available for patrons with disabilities by calling 703-993-3035. [www.patriotcenter.com](http://www.patriotcenter.com).

## Friends of the Virginia Room Annual Meeting.

2 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Jim Presgraves, owner of the Wytheville book store Book Worms & Silverfish, will do a presentation on old books and an "Antiques' Road Show" type evaluation of books for members of the audience. Adults. 703-293-6227, TTY: 711.

## 18th Annual Goblin Gallop 5K and 1K Fun Run & Walk.

Fairfax Corner Shopping Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. The 1K fun run starts at 8:30 a.m., the 5K race at 9 a.m. and the 5K walk at 9:10 a.m. Costumes encouraged. Refreshments, music, a moonbounce for children and a costume contest. The race begins and ends in front of Coastal Flats restaurant. Entry fees are \$25 for the 5K, \$20 for either the 1K fun run or 5K walk. Register at [www.Active.com](http://www.Active.com).

## MONDAY/OCT. 31

**24th Annual Mall-O-Ween.** 10 a.m. Fair Oaks Mall, 11750 Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax. Dress up to go to participating retailers who will give your children treats. Free admission. 703-359-8300.

## FRIDAY/NOV. 4

**Guitar Masters featuring Andy McKee, Stephen Bennett, and Antoine Dufour.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio with Christy Nockles.** 7 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Christian music. Tickets are \$15-\$32, available through [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or 703-573-SEAT, 202-397-SEAT. [www.christomlin.com](http://www.christomlin.com) or [www.patriotcenter.com](http://www.patriotcenter.com).

## SATURDAY/NOV. 5

**Jeff Dunham: Controlled Chaos.** 8 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Comedy. Tickets \$50.50, available at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or 703-573-SEAT. [www.patriotcenter.com](http://www.patriotcenter.com) or [www.jeffdunham.com](http://www.jeffdunham.com).

### Kids Show: Hope Harris & the Cousins Jamboree.

10:30 a.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**Jackpierce.** 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

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Robinson receiver David Cook (14) runs with the football following a catch during the Rams' Concorde District win at Herndon last Saturday afternoon.



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Tyrek Worrell (4) of Robinson, shown here after taking a handoff from quarterback Patrick Baker, ran for four touchdowns against the Hornets.

## Robinson Football Team Getting Untracked

Rams, following 1-5 start, have now won two straight.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

In what has been a frustrating, transition season, it appears the Robinson Rams are beginning to gain some continuity and putting things together under head coach Trey Taylor.

Robinson, boosted by an outstanding first half of football, won its Concorde District game at Herndon High last Saturday afternoon, 56-38. The victory was the Rams' second in a row and improved their season record to 3-5. It also put a damper on the host Hornets (2-6), who were celebrating their homecoming.

"It's about execution," said Taylor, in his first season as Robinson's coach, following the game. "That's been our battle all year long. Against Centreville we had five turnovers."

Taylor was referring to the Rams' week six, 41-14 district loss at Centreville in which the Rams struggled to hold onto the ball.

But that was not a problem in Saturday's win. The Rams, with senior Patrick Baker at quarterback, were as efficient as they have been all season. They did not turn the ball over and had success moving the football both on the ground and through the air.

Baker, an All-District wide receiver for Robinson last year, was not tabbed to play quarterback this season. But through circumstances and time over the course of the season, he was eventually named starting QB last month prior to the Rams' district game at South County. Robinson lost that week six outing, 13-10 in overtime, as well as the following week's game against Centreville. But the Rams have since won games over Lake Braddock and now the

Hornets.

"We knew he could throw the football a little bit," said Taylor, of Baker. "He can run the ball and has a great arm. The big thing is he's a senior and has been in big games and knows how to make plays."

Baker, who has now started four straight games behind center, said the Rams are making fewer mistakes and protecting the ball better.

"We're really gaining momentum," said Baker, who is getting more and more confident at signal caller with each passing game. "The last two games we've been really focused and eliminated the mistakes and turnovers. We're feeling confident and feel we can beat anybody."

Baker, who is Robinson's third starting quarterback this season, is not new to the position. Prior to last year, he was a varsity backup as a sophomore and saw a little bit of game action that season.

Robinson still has hopes of qualifying for the eight-team Div. 6 Northern Region playoffs. The Rams have two tough district games remaining in the regular season — a home game versus 7-1 Oakton this Friday night, and a road game at 5-3 Chantilly on Nov. 4.

"I think we've just got to continue to get better," said Taylor. "We've got two more Concorde teams to play."

**THE FIRST HALF** of Saturday's game was a highlight reel for Robinson, which scored touchdowns on four of its five first half possessions. The first two touchdowns came on short yardage runs by running back Tyrek Worrell, who would also score second half touchdowns on runs of 65 and 55 yards and finish the game with 203 yards.

Joe Wilson (115 yards, 2 TDs) scored on a 14-yard run for Robinson's third touchdown of the game. Robinson's final touchdown of the first half came on a play action, 24-yard touchdown pass from Baker to David Cook, who caught the ball in the end zone with 2 minutes, 10 seconds remaining. The Rams went into the locker room ahead 28-3.

Robinson broke the game wide open by scoring touchdowns on its first two possessions of the second half on the long runs by Worrell. On the third quarter's first play from scrimmage, he broke free of tackle for the 65-yard touchdown run, to the groans of the home crowd. Later, on the Rams' next possession, Worrell, on a second down play, broke free again into the Herndon secondary and on to the end zone for a 55-yard scoring jaunt. Just like that in the second half, it was 42-3 Robinson.

For the game, Robinson rushed the football for 418 yards. Baker had 100 of those yards on the ground, including a late game, 25-yard scoring run. He also completed all five of his passes for 93 yards.

**WHILE HERNDON**, which trailed by the 42-3 margin in the third quarter, never truly got into striking range to win, the Hornets did give their fans a riveting 20 minutes or so of exciting, big play football in the second half. But in the end, it was another setback for a struggling Herndon team, which fell to 2-6 on the season.

"It was heart-breaking," said Herndon junior quarterback Ky Gilmore-Parrott, of the huge halftime and early third quarter

### Woodson Football Falls Short Against West Potomac

After back-to-back wins, the Woodson football team lost to West Potomac, 31-21, on Oct. 21. The Cavaliers had 21-17 halftime lead but the Wolverines scored a pair of second-half touchdowns to win.

Woodson scored all 21 of its points in the second quarter. Stephen Tapp hit Marcus Dash for a 75-yard touchdown to put the Cavaliers on the board. Nick Peevy scored on a 1-yard run and Jonathan Stokes scored on a 24-yard scamper.

Woodson finished with 300 yards of offense, including 225 on the ground. Stokes carried 19 times for 163 yards.

Defensively, Mike Reaves led Woodson with 10 tackles, including three for a loss and two sacks. Stokes and Zack Monday each had an interception.



RICHARD MARLE

Woodson's Jack Wecker, right, defends against West Potomac's Tyrone Jenkins on Oct. 21. West Potomac defeated Woodson, 31-21.

After a 0-5 start, Woodson defeated T.C. Williams, 14-13, on Oct. 6 and Annandale, 14-7, on Oct. 14. The Cavaliers will travel to face Lake Braddock at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 28.

deficit his team faced. "We come out to play on homecoming and the whole town is here. We wanted to represent the town of Herndon better than that." The Hornet signal caller said Herndon head coach Joe Sheaffer "lit a fire under us at halftime."

"We took it upon ourselves to play better," said Gilmore-Parrott, of Herndon's mentality going into the third quarter.

The Herndon coaching staff, as it had been doing all game, continued to encourage the Hornet players to stay mentally focused and to hang in there despite the score. And the team did. What could have been a game that continued to go downhill like a brakeless car on a steep downward hill instead turned into a shocking turnaround in which the Hornets, over the final 20 minutes, outscored their guests, 35-14.

# Campaign Financing Under Scrutiny

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Supervisors disagree, saying that people contribute to campaigns because they agree with their values. Take developer Theodore Georgelas, who frequently has business before the county. In the last decade, he's contributed more than \$95,000 to a variety of political action committees and candidates. One of those is Braddock District Supervisor John Cook, who received \$1,000 from Georgelas.

"Look, Ted Georgelas as well as other people in the business community want a strong business environment," said Cook. "That's something I ran on."

**ACROSS FAIRFAX COUNTY**, supervisors have taken more than \$2 million this election cycle. Much of that money has come from the real-estate and construction industry, a group of people and businesses that often has business before the county. Some of them, such as Tysons West Assemblage, will have rezoning applications in the future. Others, such as developer Daniel Clemente have had business in the past. Campaign-finance records show that an entity called 8500 CDC LP, which has ties to Clemente, has given \$12,000 to incumbent Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross.

"I worked with Mr. Clemente and his organization on some developments of new housing in the Skyline area of Bailey's Crossroads," said Gross. "It's a wonderful new revitalization."

Her Republican challenger, David Feld has raised questions about Gross' fundraising. When asked

about fundraising numbers during a debate this month hosted by the League of Women Voters, Feld criticized Gross for taking money from people who have had businesses before the Board of Supervisors or will potentially have business in the future.

"I believe it's unethical to take contributions from anybody that you're doing business with," said Feld, who loaned his campaign \$27,000 to fund his race for the Mason District race.

**SOME HAVE CALLED** for reform, although nobody is expecting to see change anytime soon. Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay said he supports imposing limits on how much people could donate, although he's not sure what the limits should be. He also supports some form of public financing for campaigns, although he acknowledged he's not sure how it should work or how much public money should be involved. Until then, he said, he's going to keep working the system.

"Until there's some reform in how you raise money, you would be a fool not to raise significant amounts of money," said McKay.

Not all the money comes from people who have direct businesses before the Board of Supervisors. Sometimes the relationships are indirect.

"The biggest contributor to my campaign was my husband," said Supervisor Smyth.

Was he trying to influence a decision?

"Well," said Smyth. "I'm hoping he'll take me to dinner."

## More

Readers can find more on contributions to candidates at VPAP.org.

# Barry vs. Cooper for Sheriff

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sources are being maximized.

He also said he would institute a deadbeat parent program to track parents who are behind on child support payments. "I don't believe the burden of taking care of their children should fall on the taxpayer," he said.

Cooper said he also hopes to use increased partnerships to combat gang activity, especially in schools and neighborhoods.

Cooper has been endorsed by Governor Bob McDonnell, Del. Dave Albo (R-42), District Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) and Fairfax County Clerk of the Court John Frey.

More information is available at [www.cooperforsheriff.net](http://www.cooperforsheriff.net).

The Fairfax County Republican Committee has launched a website and campaign recently that takes issue with Barry entering the county's Deferred Re-

tirement Option Program, which allows workers at retirement age to defer retiring for three years and continue to earn salary and benefits.

The FCRC claims that since Barry enrolled in the program in 2009, another term would violate the program, resulting in financial gain for Barry.

Barry says the claims that he is abusing the system are factually incorrect. He says DROP is available to anyone in the county's retirement system, which he has been since he was 22 years old.

"[They say] I am getting a \$1 million payout, that is wrong. I am getting nothing if re-elected. No retirement benefits will be collected until I leave county service. The amount received then will be just over \$300,000," he said. "[They say] I am violating county law. That is wrong. I asked the county attorney to review the issue, which they did extensively, and I am in complete compliance with the law."

Cooper declined to comment on the controversy regarding Barry's retirement benefits.

## FAITH NOTES

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

**The Vine Church**, 2501 Gallows Road in Dunn Loring, will be holding a Pumpkinfest through October, Monday-Friday 3-6:30 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Pumpkinfest will benefit The Vine Preschool, coming Fall 2012. Pumpkins for sale, children's activities, crafts, games

and a moon bounce. 703-573-5836.

**Jubilee Christian Center**, 4650 Shirley Gate Road in Fairfax, will host Liberty University's "Sounds of Liberty," their premier traveling ministry team. They will be performing Sunday, Oct. 30 at the 8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. 703-383-1170.

**The Little River United Church of Christ**, 8410 Little River Turnpike in Annandale, will celebrate the 10th anniversary of its voting to become an Open and Affirming congregation on Sunday, Nov. 6, welcoming to all. The

sermon at both the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services will be given by the Rev. Dr. J. Bennett Guess, executive director of Local Church Ministries for the national office of the United Church of Christ. 703-978-3060.

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# Democrat Dave Marsden

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become the founding superintendent of Fairfax County's Juvenile Detention Center.

Fedeli said Marsden showed a grasp of complex issues, as well as ingenuity and flexibility working in a tough emotional and bureaucratic environment.

Fedeli points to a case Marsden oversaw in the 1980s, that of a 16-year-old girl from Great Falls who was on probation for larceny.

"She was a handful, and the family relationships were very strained," Fedeli said. "She would always lock her bedroom door, and her parents didn't like that. It was a very tense situation. Dave said 'you know what, you can go in your room, but why don't we take the door off the hinges.' It was a creative way of handling the situation, and it allowed the girl and her family to feel as if they both got what they needed."

Fedeli, now vice president for Development Services Group, Inc., a Bethesda-based consulting firm specializing in juvenile justice issues, continues to work with Marsden on various projects and services.

"What always impressed me was how Dave would build the programs and services around the needs of the kids, not the other way around," Fedeli said, "He's tough when he needs to be tough, but he's also the kind of person who can laugh at himself. He's compassionate and civil. Those are dying qualities."

Marsden started his political career in 1999, when he left the detention center in 1999 to become the legislative aide for Virginia House of Delegates member Jim Dillard, a Republican, who served as delegate in the 41st District for 32 years. Dillard calls Marsden a good friend and a politician who "never takes anything for granted." The two have remained friends and have gone on whitewater rafting trips together.

In 2000, Gov. Jim Gilmore (R) appointed Marsden chief deputy and then acting director of the 2,700-person Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice. After serving for 6 months in the administration of Gov. Mark Warner (D), Marsden joined Development Services Group, Inc. (DSG), where he now manages a U.S. Department of Justice program that helps localities reduce youth gang activity and violent youth crime.

A two-term delegate representing the 41st District, Marsden won a special election in 2010 to fill now Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli's vacant Senate seat. The 37th District, which covers Lake Barcroft to the Prince William County line, includes a diverse mix of people and politics. Burke, Centreville and West Springfield continue to be the population centers for the district, which is solely contained in Fairfax County.

"The different constituencies make the job tougher, but it's good to represent people of various backgrounds, because it forces compromise and understanding," Marsden said. "You can't just hide behind the majority of voters."

Marsden said he has no desire to run for

higher office, but he does believe that serving another term as a state senator will allow him to help build a better future for Northern Virginia.

"Building a better future means protecting our great schools, investing in transportation, and promoting economic growth. Education is the foundation that makes Fairfax County a special place," Marsden said.

As the father of three sons, Marsden has always been focused on issues that affect youth as well as education.

He recently passed a bill to discourage underage drinking and driving, addressing a discrepancy in Virginia code many legislators had tried and failed to fix.

Before the new law, there was a lesser penalty for drinking and driving than there was for possession of alcohol under the age of 21. The new law makes the penalty for having any alcohol in your system if you're under 21 while operating a motor vehicle equal to possession of alcohol, which is a Class I Misdemeanor. Gov. Robert McDonnell (R) signed the bill into law in June.

"It was one of those status offenses that just didn't make sense. Many people thought the feds would reduce our funding, but I did the research and got the job done, and they didn't reduce our funding," he said.

**IN SEPTEMBER**, Marsden received a Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP) award for his support in the fight against underage drinking and driving.

"I worked closely with the Department of Justice to craft a solution to reduce underage drinking. As a parent, I know this law will go a long way to make our kids think twice before drinking and driving," Marsden said.

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large), a family friend and colleague, said she first met him when he was working for Dillard.

"When Dave decided to run for office, I thought he was a Republican, but he was running as a Democrat," Bulova said. "If there was a centrist party, one who understands the views of both parties, that would be Dave Marsden. He can work across the aisle, and he's a very strong advocate for our schools."

"As a legislator, Dave does his homework," Fedeli said. "He's conscientious, and seeks the truth. He will look at all sides of the problem, and he has the courage to support his convictions. If I didn't live in Maryland, I would vote for him," Fedeli said, laughing.

Marsden said what distinguishes him as a candidate is his experience in running a complex state agency, working with Republican and Democratic administrations, and knowing the system in the Virginia General Assembly.

"But experience is only valuable if you use it to make things happen, and I think I've done that. The bottom line is you bring something to the table," Marsden said.

# Former Marine GOP Candidate

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These are things I've worked on as a businessman," Flanary said. "I think we can use a successful business model to tackle our problems."

Endorsed by the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, where he served as vice president of government relations, Flanary is currently chief operating officer of ccAdvertising.

He said Fairfax County's traffic congestion can be reduced by a number of common-sense solutions, such as synchronizing traffic lights quarterly to increase mobility; opening the shoulder lanes on Interstate 66 outside of the Beltway; and ensuring greater state funding for Northern Virginia's transportation infrastructure.

He wants to improve education by changing the state funding formula to give "Fairfax its fair share," and increasing access to access to state colleges and universities for Fairfax families by limiting out-of-state student access. Flanary said he has been relentlessly campaigning, knocking on doors, telling voters about him and listening to their concerns.

"I'm not taking anything for granted

in this race. I've been knocking on doors all summer, and I think we're up to 17,092," he said.

Flanary said he's willing to talk about anything voters want to discuss, but one thing many potential constituents don't know about him is his passion to try new foods. "I'm not as adventurous as Anthony Bourdain, but I've tried some pretty unusual dishes," he said.

The most unusual?

"I'd have to say the craziest thing I ever ate was at this sushi place in Centreville with a group of businessmen. They ordered octopus, and it was still moving when they cut into it, and yes, I tried it," he said.

If Flanary doesn't win in November, he said he has other plans. "My life doesn't stop and start at politics. I think I might get my MBA, or learn a new language, you never know," he said.

He does have firm plans for New Year's Eve. Dec. 31 is the date he and his fiancée, Jessica DeLoach, have set for their wedding in Las Vegas.

"We're getting friends and family together to celebrate in Last Vegas. We plan to watch the fireworks from the top of the Mandalay Bay hotel. It's something to look forward to," he said.

## WEEK IN FAIRFAX

### Goblin Gallop Sunday, Oct. 30

The 18th annual Valvoline Instant Oil Change Goblin Gallop 5K is on Sunday, Oct. 30, at the Fairfax Corner Shopping Center. The 1K fun run starts at 8:30 a.m.; the 5K race, at 9 a.m.; and the 5K walk, at 9:10 a.m. There's fun for the whole family with a moonbounce, hot dogs, popcorn and a band. Many of the participants and those cheering them on wear Halloween costumes, and prizes are given for the best costumes.

Proceeds go to the John Quadrino Foundation to Benefit Children with Cancer. Rain or shine, the race begins and ends in front of Coastal Flats restaurant. Entry fees are: 5K race, \$25; 1K fun run, \$15; 5K walk, \$20. Register at [www.goblingallop.org](http://www.goblingallop.org).

### Have a Safe Halloween

Fairfax County police are advising parents how to keep their children safe, Monday night, Oct. 31, while they're out trick-or-treating on Halloween. Make sure children cross the street with an adult, walk on sidewalks or paths, cross the street at corners,

obey traffic signals and crosswalk signs, and watch for cars that may be turning or backing up.

Children should also wear reflective costumes or carry lights to make sure motorists can see them. Motorists should drive slowly, stay alert and remember that neighborhoods will be full of young children in both large and small groups.

### Blais Holds Town Hall Meeting

Independent Dianne Blais, running for 40th district delegate against Republican incumbent Tim Hugo, will hold a town hall meeting at the Centreville Regional Library. It's set for Sunday, Nov. 6, from 3-4 p.m. Blais wants to meet 40th-district constituents and explain her campaign.

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# School Facility News from Fairfax County Public Schools

While the teaching and learning processes that take place in a classroom are vitally important, equally critical to the student's success is the learning environment. High performing learning environments are energy efficient, well lit, thermally comfortable, acoustically sound, safe and healthy. Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) builds and renovates its schools to ensure that students are learning in high performance environments.

FCPS maintains 194 schools and centers that serve more than 177,000 students. Just as clothing or equipment wear out over time, so too, do school buildings. Maintaining buildings are a constant challenge. FCPS estimates that it spends nearly 90 percent of its maintenance work order hours making repairs and 10 percent of work order hours on preventative maintenance.

"That's really not the optimum formula, as we should be spending most of our time on preventative maintenance and the

remaining time on repair work. However, that is our reality due to a lack of sufficient resources," said FCPS Chief Operating Officer Dean Tistadt.

As new schools are built and older schools renovated, FCPS expects its schools will be usable for 20 to 25 years from the date of construction. Renovations extend the useful life of a building another 20 years. Since 2007, FCPS has built three new schools, renovated 10 schools and completed three school building additions and eight modular additions. Currently, ten schools are being renovated and two new schools are under construction: a new elementary school at the former Lacey school site and the site of the new south county middle school.

A school bond referendum will be on the general election ballot Tuesday, November 8, 2011. The building and renovation of schools in Fairfax County are not financed through the school

system's operating funds, but through bonds. For a list of school improvement projects included in the 2011 bond please visit [www.fcps.edu](http://www.fcps.edu) and click on Bond Referendum.

FCPS facilities serve as an important community resource benefitting all county residents. FCPS works with the Fairfax County Office of Neighborhood and Community Services, the Fairfax County Park Authority and other groups to ensure that school facilities and athletic fields are available to the public during after school hours for educational, recreational, civic, and cultural activities. More than 2,000 organizations used school facilities in 2010 including athletic recreational leagues, homeowners associations, 4-H, scouting groups, county employee organizations, and religious, cultural, and civic groups.



## Getting To Know Us

### Capacity Architect Susy Lee

FCPS student enrollment increased by more than 2,300 students in 2010. That means more desks, more teachers, and more classroom space to accommodate the additional students.

How does a school system make plans to accommodate more students?

For Susy Lee, capacity architect for FCPS, it is an ongoing challenge for one of the largest school districts in the country.

Lee uses data from an annual survey of schools and then factors in additional data she receives on projected enrollment. From there, she comes up with a ranked list of schools likely to need more space.

"I focus on the schools where interior modifications or additional trailers are the options," said Lee. "Sometimes a minor modification is all that's needed. But an extensive or more costly modification requires me to scrutinize data further to determine an ongoing need, in order to justify the expense. Sometimes trailers can possibly be a more cost- or time-effective option."

Not only does she plan for more students, but she also receives requests from FCPS departments to add programs at schools.

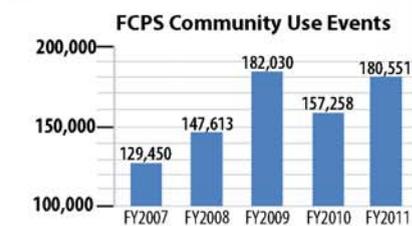
"I try to find schools that have available space and are not projected to have significant enrollment increases. But often those schools aren't in the vicinity of where the programs are needed, so modifications or trailers must be considered."

Lee has a degree in architecture that she says is important for her position. "I have to solve space-related problems and I need to know that an option is feasible to construct and is building code compliant."

"With enrollment and additional program needs increasing, finding capacity solutions will become more of a challenge every year," she said.

### This Just In

The Virginia Department of Education says **91.4 percent** of Fairfax County Public Schools students from the class of 2011 graduated on time. This figure **exceeds the state average of 86.6 percent by 4.8 percentage points** and is up slightly from 91.2 percent for the class of 2010.



## FCPS Goes Green for Environmental Efficiency and Energy Savings

FCPS has had an active and aggressive energy management program since 1978, focusing on minimizing the use and cost of energy. FCPS has been able to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) each of the last three years, despite a growing student enrollment, heating and cooling more building space,

and adding more buses to the fleet. Reducing GHG emissions was achieved in many different ways including using more energy efficient equipment, computerizing heating and air conditioning systems, and using bus route optimization software.

Computers, office equipment, and information technology

are a growing component of the educational process for teachers and students. However, electronic equipment consumes electricity and contributes to GHG emissions. FCPS is working to reduce GHG even more by reducing vehicle travel when employees work collaboratively via email and participate in meetings and training remotely.



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In execution of a Deed of Trust from Randall E. Powers, dated May 23, 2003, and recorded May 27, 2003, in Deed Book 14492 at page 734 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

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FROM PAGE 8

Marsden, a career politician who has failed us in several important areas.

Most disturbing to me was the fact that Marsden betrayed parents and families in our district when he voted to allow Fairfax County Public Schools to detain and question students without notifying their parents. Liberal politicians like Marsden believe parents like me do not have the right to be notified when their child is being disciplined, detained or questioned by Fairfax County school officials. He was the only legislator from Fairfax County, on either side of the aisle, to vote against notifying parents if their child is being questioned or detained for committing major violations that could lead to suspension or expulsion. Like so many others that live and work here in Fairfax County, I am tired of liberal bureaucrats like Marsden who continue to force their progressive agenda on us at the expense of our rights. I am part of a growing section of the American population who wants to think and act for itself, especially when it comes to local education issues, without the guidance and control of big government nannies like Marsden.

Flanary has stated that he favors reforming disciplinary policies by notifying parents of decisions affecting their child's welfare. He also supports issues important to many that live in the district including changing the state funding formula to give Fairfax County its fair share and to increase access to state colleges and universities for Fairfax families by limiting out-of-state student access.

Flanary also will bring the leadership that Marsden lacks on issues that will grow jobs, attract new businesses to Northern Virginia, and lift our sagging economy. I think that it is high time we begin to elect proven and successful, small-business owners like Jason Flanary to repair the damage caused by career politicians who only know how to raise taxes, create more burdensome regulations that stifle growth, and spend more of our money on failing government programs and practices in exchange for votes.

I hope that the voters of the 37th State Senate District will take that harder and more critical look at the choices before us on Nov. 8. It is then that we can make a choice to reject the wasteful and intrusive big government plan for our lives and signal that it is time get serious about government reform, improved transportation, and responsible education policies. I hope they will join me and many others who will reject mediocrity in casting their votes for Jason Flanary on Nov. 8.

**Thomas G. Bognanno**  
Springfield

## Re-elect John Cook

To the Editor:

Braddock District Supervisor John Cook deserves re-election to the Board of Supervisors. I have found him able to clearly articulate his positions on the issues and to

clearly outline his vision for the future. He has been an effective advocate for fiscal responsibility on the Board. His focus has been on maintaining the outstanding quality of life that we enjoy here in Fairfax County. He has a reputation for constituent service and has created several citizen/community initiatives to provide him with policy advice on issues directly affecting the Braddock District.

John Cook has two opponents in this election. I have found his Democrat opponent, Janet Oleszak, incapable of providing the voters with any reason to vote for her. In fact, given the emphasis she has placed on schools and education in her campaign, one could easily believe that she is running for the School Board and not for the Board of Supervisors. The independent candidate, Carey Campbell, appears to have a one-track solution — rail — for every problem.

I live in a precinct that was moved into the Braddock District due to redistricting so neither I or my neighbors were familiar with Mr. Cook and his record. However, I have become very impressed with John Cook and I will gladly vote for him on Nov. 8. I am urging my friends and neighbors to vote for him as well.

**Anne Damon**  
Fairfax

## In Support of School Discipline Reform

To the Editor:

I encourage Braddock residents to support Megan McLaughlin for Braddock District School Board and Janet Oleszek for Braddock District Supervisor in November. Both Janet and Megan have a deep understanding of the complex issues surrounding school discipline in Fairfax County. While on the School Board, Janet Oleszek stood up to Jack Dale and actively pressed for much needed reform of Fairfax County's school discipline policies. As a community leader on school issues, Megan McLaughlin has been a vocal advocate for the need for these same reforms.

It is the duty of all of us in Fairfax County to ensure that we have safe schools and also make certain that no child slips through the cracks. Megan McLaughlin and Janet Oleszek will protect each of our children and make sure parents are involved throughout the process. I'm thrilled that Janet Oleszek and Megan McLaughlin will partner with each other and with the community to ensure the enactment of critical reforms. For the safety of my kids and all the kids in Fairfax County, I ask you to vote for Megan McLaughlin and Janet Oleszek on Nov. 8.

**Bonnie Foreman**  
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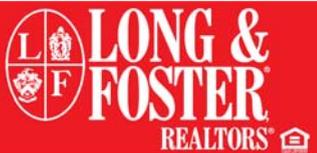
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