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The Price of Influence

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

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
CONNECTION NEWSPAPERS

Why 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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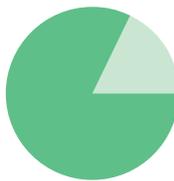
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total money raised: \$59,341
construction and real estate: \$3,625

2008 to 2011 campaign finance information from the Virginia Public Access Project

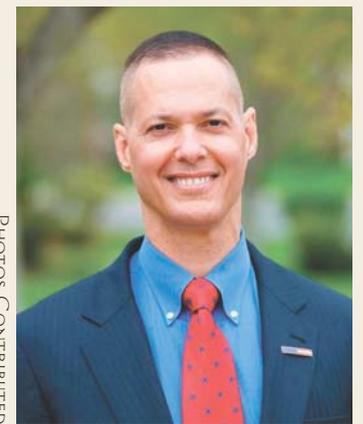
the White House and Beyond. She says it's unethical for members of the Board of Supervisors to take money from people who have pending or future business in the county.

"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

Fairfax 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.

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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School Bond Facts, Figures

The \$252 million school bond referendum is on the ballot Nov. 8. Historically, school bonds have a high passage rate in Fairfax County. Each year, the School Board and staff members work with the community to develop an updated five-year capital improvement program (CIP) for schools.

To develop the CIP, the school system looks at changes in expected enrollment, academic programs and facility conditions to determine priorities for new construction, renovations and other capital projects. During the school year, approximately 175,000 students use FCPS facilities daily for academic and extracurricular activities.

Community organizations, such as scouting groups and cultural and civic organizations also use school facilities.

Several factors were considered in determining which schools to include in this year's bond referendum, including:

- ❖ Sustained high enrollment
- ❖ Continued need for temporary classrooms
- ❖ School located in high growth areas
- ❖ Strong growth at kindergarten and primary
- ❖ Demographic characteristics

What is a bond?

The sale of municipal bonds is a form of long-term borrowing that spreads the cost of major capital improvements over the years facilities are used. This method of financing ensures that current and future users help pay for the improvements.

Why are bonds needed?

The building and renovation of schools are not financed through the school system's operating funds, but through bonds. Bonds are similar to someone obtaining a mortgage on a residence to spread the cost of home-buying over a number of years.

Why a referendum?

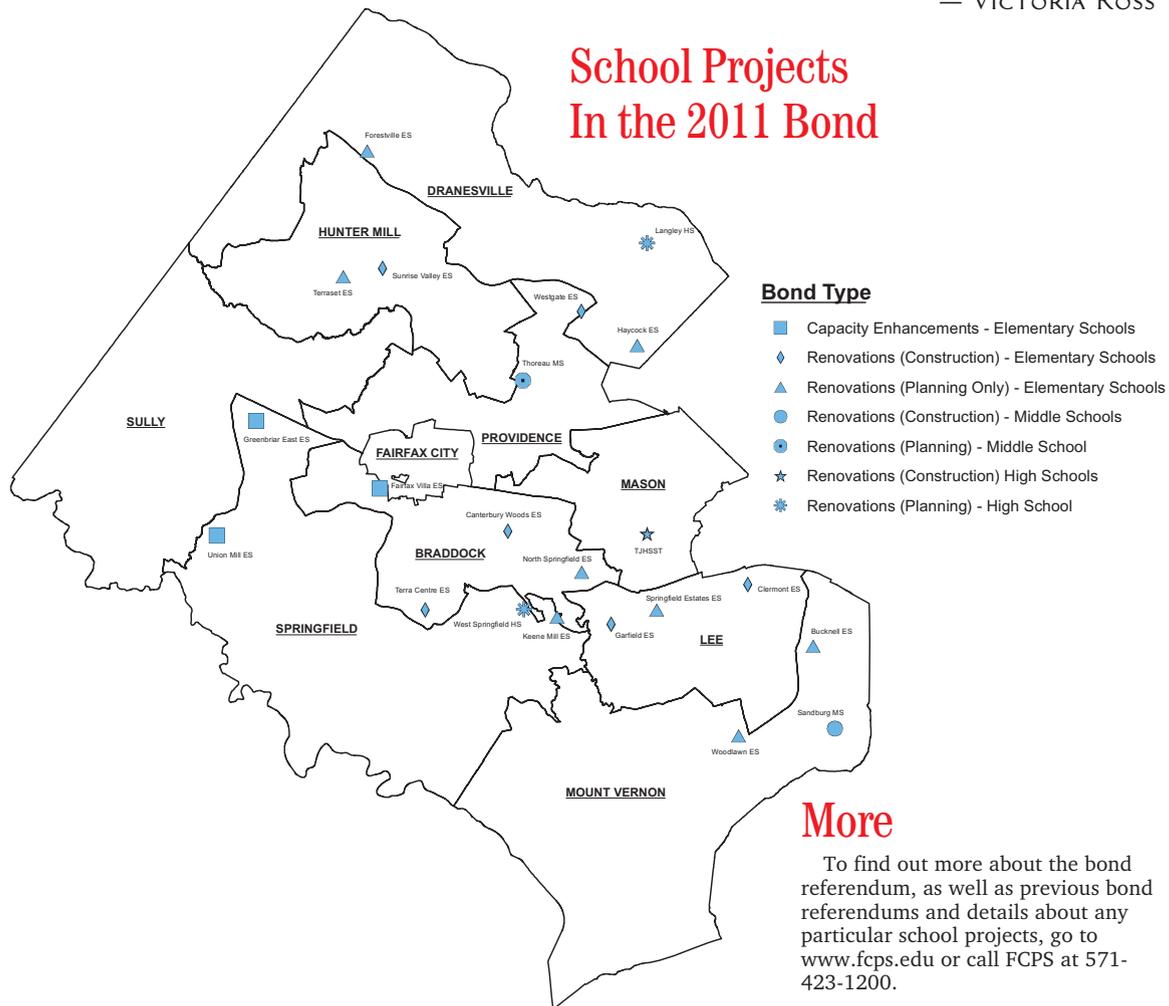
The law requires that voters approve bonds since they are a future obligation for taxpayers.

Why renovate our schools?

School facilities wear out over time, and they also become outdated, both technologically and instructionally. Funding for the renovation at Thomas Jefferson High School is included in the bond as well as planning funds for the renovation of Langley and West Springfield High Schools.

— VICTORIA ROSS

School Projects In the 2011 Bond



More

To find out more about the bond referendum, as well as previous bond referendums and details about any particular school projects, go to www.fcps.edu or call FCPS at 571-423-1200.

Category	Total Cost	Item	Cost
Capacity Enhancements (Additions and other modifications)	\$13,688,696	Fairfax Villa Elementary School, Fairfax	\$3,129,294
		Greenbrier East Elementary School, Fairfax	\$3,889,687
		Union Mill Elementary School, Clifton	\$3,419,725
		Modular Relocations	\$3,250,000
		High School Renovation	\$90,575,065
		West Springfield, Springfield (planning)	\$5,950,000
Middle School Renovation	\$96,225,065	Sandburg, Mount Vernon (construction)	\$44,293,958
		Thoreau, Vienna (planning)	\$2,175,000
Elementary School Renovations	\$97,744,389	Canterbury Woods, Annandale (Construction)	\$14,894,268
		Clemmont, Alexandria (Planning/Construction)	\$13,608,872
		Sunrise Valley, Reston (Planning/Construction)	\$16,215,447
		Garfield, Springfield (Planning/Construction)	\$14,158,593
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		Terraset, Reston (Planning)	\$1,053,799
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		Woodlawn, Mount Vernon (Planning)	\$1,189,450
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Celebrating Langley High School's Homecoming last week are, from left: Don Wood, Ivy Kenton (student), Candace Campbell, LeAnne Krop (student), Chris Bass, Principial Matt Ragone, Bryan Even (student), Nika Rahini (student), Stacey Wood, Julie Casso, Claire Abbott, Sandra Even, Sina Rahini (student)

WEEK IN GREAT FALLS

Annual Spooktacular, Pet Parade Set for Oct. 31.

A Pet Costume Parade will take place at the Great Falls Village Green Monday, Oct. 31 from 4 to 4:45 p.m. Leashed pets dressed up in a favorite costume are welcome. Parade begins at the East Parking Lot near Grandmother's Back Room. Judging will be at 4:30, there will be prizes for Special Categories. Pets must be cleared from the area by 4:50 p.m.

The annual Great Falls Spooktacular will wake place Oct. 31 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. There will be a haunted house, as well as hamburgers, hot dogs, popcorn, cider and glow necklaces available for sale.

Donations for this community event are greatly appreciated. Recommended for children through Grade 6. Hill Signature Portraits will be taking pictures at the gazebo for \$20.

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Students at Village Green Day School create a dinosaur mural during the school's "Dino Dig" Friday, Oct. 21.

From left, Preston Brown, 6, and Clark Misener, 6, try to "excavate" a dinosaur skull during the school's "Dino Dig" event Friday, Oct. 21.

Students Dig For Dinosaurs

Village Green Day School caps dinosaur unit with 'Dino Dig.'

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Students at the Village Green Day School in Great Falls wrapped up their unit in dinosaurs with a chance to discover their own Friday, Oct. 21. The school held a "Dino Dig," where students could search and dig for di-

nosaurus, among other activities.

"During our two-week dinosaur unit, we went to the Natural History Museum, made fossils and a timeline for all the periods when dinosaurs existed," said kindergarten teacher Sylvia Ghorbani, who designed the day's event with junior kindergarten teacher Michelle Cabral and their co-teachers Lori Fitzgerald and Nancy Gustafson.

At one station students used shovels and other digging instruments to find the dinosaurs that were "buried" in the sandbox.

"Looking for dinosaurs in the sandbox was my favorite part," said Zach Morgan, 4. "I think I found about one hundred of them."

Will Costello, 6, agreed, saying "finding

dinosaurs was awesome, and we found a ton of them."

Students also learned about the plants eaten by herbivorous dinosaurs and search the nearby bushes for plastic dinosaurs and dinosaur eggs. At another station, they could make fossils out of berries, leaves and other plants that dinosaurs ate.



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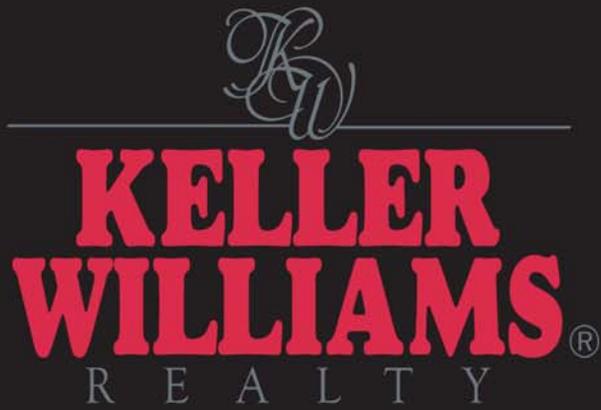
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OPINION

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.

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.

For more election information:

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Fairfax County Board of Elections, 703-324-4700, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/

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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.

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— MARY KIMM,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why Not Go Ape?

To the Editor:

I have often thought it strange that Riverbend Park is as underutilized as it is, but attributed that to its location at such a distant point in Fairfax County.

Occasionally, however, I am stricken with a kind of paranoia, and imagine that powerful forces have conspired to reduce traffic to the County's most special park. What kind of money does it take to keep everybody from finding out about this jewel?

Then, something like Go Ape comes along, and I realize that it is just NIMBYism at its most privileged and articulate. The right voices speak up, and good ideas

get swept under the rug.

We live in Great Falls, but, oddly enough, this is not our park and these are not our roads. We have to share, and unless we are willing to support these parks with our own money, we can't keep them to ourselves. Parks are one of the first dominoes to fall at budget cut time. If not for The Go Apes, the parks could close.

Jeffrey Road has been the doorway to a park longer than most houses have been on it. Ditto for Riverbend Road. Meanwhile, nobody is asking to bring Disney World into the neighborhood. A few more cars per hour is not going to break the camel's back, and it will do a lot more than most locals to support keeping the park open.

Hold the bake sale, support the

native plant sale, wash cars, batter the legislators for more budget allocations, push for local taxes, write checks, think of a few innovative ways to support the parks or go with this plan and shut up. It isn't terribly onerous, and it could make a crucial difference.

Lynn Mobley
Great Falls

Facts About Go Ape Endorsement

To the Editor:

In her Letter to the Editor ["Why Is Go Ape Needed?"] Great Falls Connection, October 19-25, 2011] Friends of Riverbend (FORB) President Serena Wilson claims

that she "is writing to clear up the many distorted facts about the Go Ape contract with Riverbend Park." I deeply respect the efforts that Ms. Wilson has made over the years on behalf of Riverbend Park, but on both her interpretation of the "facts" on the Go Ape matter as well as her overall handling of this issue, she is wrong.

By signing her Letter to the Editor as "President of Friends of Riverbend," Ms. Wilson implies that the FORB board of directors and the membership have acted to approve and endorse the Go Ape commercialization of Riverbend Park. During a public meeting at the Riverbend Nature Center on Oct. 4, 2011, Ms. Wilson was di

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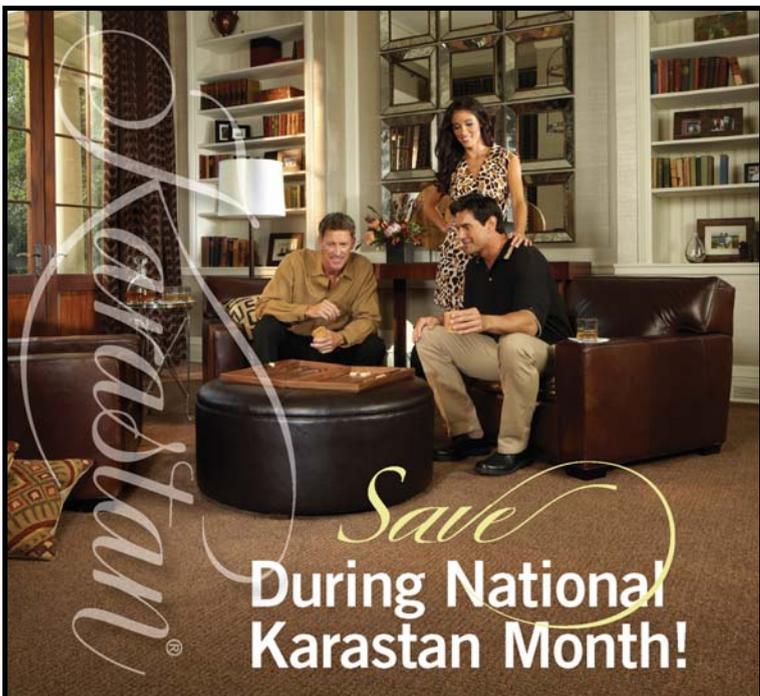
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Campaign Financing Under Scrutiny

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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

FROM PAGE 3

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.

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

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

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. There will be pumpkins for sale, children's activities, crafts, games and a moon bounce. 703-573-5836.

Epiphany United Methodist Church, 1014 Country Club Dr., N.E. in Vienna, will hold its Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, Nov. 20 at 11 a.m. The sermon topic is "Why Me, Lord." office@epiphanyumc.com or 703-938-3494.

Holy Transfiguration Church, 8501 Lewinsville Road in McLean, has announced their Annual Arabic Christmas Sweets Sale. The Holy Transfiguration Church Ladies Guild bakes Arabic pastries including various baklava varieties, date and nut-filled butter ma'amoul, pistachio-filled butter ma'amoul, anise and coconut

ma'kroon, pecan babouleh, and ghrabeh, and packages them in attractive see-through trays. Orders must be received by Oct. 30, to be picked up on Sunday, Dec. 4, 12-1 p.m. at the church. Proceeds contribute to the parish's needs as well as to charitable endeavors supported by the Ladies Guild. www.holytransfiguration.org.

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From right, Havana Vintage owner Nolkis Roman and her aunt Ana Rodriguez.



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Havana Vintage Comes to Great Falls

Nolkis Roman fulfills lifelong dream by opening consignment shop.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Growing up in Cuba, Nolkis Roman always dreamed of being able to open her own clothing shop. Under current circumstances, it wasn't possible, but it didn't stop her from going to nearby towns and looking into store windows and dream of a day when she could open her own.

Her dream came true Oct. 1, with the grand opening of Havana Vintage, a high-end consignment shop located in Great Falls.

"It's what I've always wanted, and this store is the perfect fit for me," Roman said. "As soon as I walked into the store, I said 'this is it,' and I knew that Great Falls was a perfect community for me."

Roman left Cuba in 1987, and after a year in Panama, she arrived in the U.S. in January 1988. While she left her homeland behind to follow her dream, the store contains an atmosphere carefully designed to capture Roman's fondest memories of home.

A WAGON WHEEL on one wall reminds her of the farming grandparents she grew up with, a basin in another corner reminds her of some neighbors she was close with growing up. An old Royal typewriter sits on a table, a replica of the exact typewriter Roman learned to type on as a young girl.

Even the colors and walls were designed by Roman to bring a feel of Havana to the store. Roman used wax and other materials to give the walls a worn building feel, and the pastel blues and greens were also carefully chosen.

"When people talk about Cuba it's mostly about the political situation, but there's so much more to the culture," she said. "We're a people who love to hug and laugh, we have our food, our music."

Roman said she thought about opening a regular clothing store, but the idea of a consignment store

appealed more to her values.

"I've been recycling all my life, because in Cuba you don't have the luxury of buying new things when you want," she said. "This lets people clean out things they might not want, as well as offer high-end clothing at a cheaper price."

Sellers can bring items to Roman, and if approved, they have 90 days to sell the item, then Roman and the seller split the price 50-50. The store carries brand names such as Armani, Burberry, Diesel, Ralph Lauren and more.

In addition to clothing, the store also sells antiques, handmade jewelry by local craftsmen, organic soaps and candles, as well as other accessories.

"The people of Great Falls have already been so warm and welcoming," she said. "I've already ordered another rack for the clothes coming in."

GINNY Washington of McLean happened by the store while visiting some friends a few weekends back, and said she was immediately struck by it's concept and design.

"I don't know that I've ever walked into a retail store with such personality. The colors, the decoration, it all makes you feel like you've stepped into another world," she said. "Plus I like the idea of using the high-end expensive clothes that would otherwise sit in a closet go to help a business, and help people in an affordable way."

ROMAN, who also works full time and participates with her husband in a prison ministry program through their church, says she hopes the store will be around for a long time to come.

"Hopefully the store will grow and I'll be able to support my family with it," she said. "I want them to grow up better than I did, but also to learn the value of recycling and what hard work can get you."

Havana Vintage is located at 1137 Walker Road in Great Falls, at the corner of Colvin Run Road and Walker Road. They can be reached at 703-438-7770, at havanavintage@gmail.com, or on Facebook by searching "Havana Vintage Consignment Shop."



From left, Genesis, 7, Victoria, 8, and Noah Roman, 6, at Havana Vintage in Great Falls. Their mother, Nolkis Roman, a native of Cuba, opened the women's consignment shop Oct. 1, fulfilling a lifelong dream.

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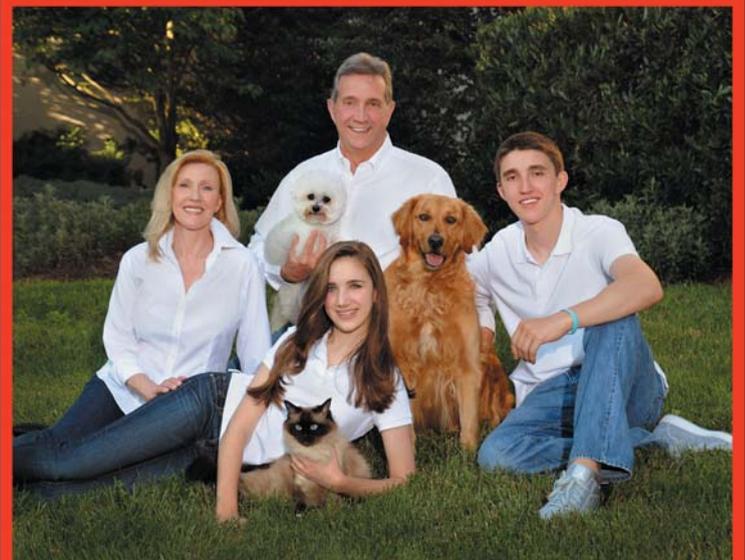
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Partisan Messages Loud and Clear in School Board Race

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

In heavily-Democratic Montgomery County, Md., there is a joke that the only way a Republican can get elected is to run for the School Board, since there are no party endorsements and ballots don't identify party affiliation.

Fairfax County also has a non-partisan school board, but party politics and endorsements have been a traditional and powerful part of the election process.

Six of the School Board's current members are not seeking reelection, and all 12 seats are up for reelection (one from each of the eight magisterial districts, three elected at-large and one student member). With at least a 50 percent turnover on the school board and the coming retirement of Superintendent Jack Dale, there is a lot at

into easily-identifiable factions. "If this were a presidential election, these terms would be a huge information problem for voters," said Jeremy Mayer, associate professor of George Mason University's School of Public Policy. "But the electorate that bothers to come out for a race like this is comparatively highly-politicized and well-informed."

"It has gone beyond partisan messaging to the point where the facts are getting obscured, and frankly it's getting insulting to our parents who say that they don't want to be lumped in with one group or another," said Jane K. Strauss, the Democratic-endorsed 18-year-School Board veteran, who is facing challenger Louise K. Epstein in a heated race for the Dranesville District seat.

"I'm hearing it loud and strong from parents that they want us to move forward in a reasonable way," Strauss said.

Epstein, a Republican-endorsed parent activist who helped launch Fairgrade, said she thinks the race

"Long-time incumbents want this election to be partisan ... They recognize how close they are to losing their long-time grip on power. ... They are willing to say or do anything to prevent a landslide loss on Election Day."

- Catherine Lorenze, Republican campaign strategist

stake, and many observers say strident partisan messaging has been loud, insistent and effective.

Just who is framing the message is up for debate, but at every candidate's forum, voters hear issues reduced to the vernacular of partisan politics: "Reform vs. status quo" argues against Democratic incumbents; "needs-based funding," invokes concerns that schools with poorer students have smaller class sizes and more resources than schools in wealthier neighborhoods.

IN AN OFF-YEAR ELECTION, when there are no presidential or mid-term races to draw voters, many political analysts say it's practical to bundle the candidates

is more about identifying the candidates for reform, and she maintains that reform candidates exist in both parties.

"I hope people will vote because they care about issues that affect the quality of our children's instruction. For example, FCPS bureaucrats increasingly have required teachers to teach to SOL tests, and incumbents have voted annually to fund SOL-prep projects. That's one reason why the teacher's associations endorsed few incumbents, regardless of their political affiliation," Epstein said. Catherine Lorenze, a McLean mother of three who writes the blog Red Apple Mom, is advising several of the GOP-endorsed candidates.

"Right now, we have a situation where Gatehouse administrators sit in beautiful plush buildings, while kids sit in trailers," Lorenze

School board race

CANDIDATES FOR THREE AT-LARGE SEATS



Iryong Moon
the only incumbent running in the at-large race (Democrat-endorsed)



Lolita Mancheno-Smoak
(Republican-endorsed)



Theodore Velkoff
(Democrat-endorsed)



Sheree Brown-Kaplan
(Republican-endorsed)



Ryan McElveen
(Democrat-endorsed)



Lin-Dai Kendall
(Republican-endorsed)



Steve Stuban
(Independent)

said. "We have a situation where administrators say there is no money to reduce class sizes in areas like Springfield, Great Falls, Vienna, McLean and Sully district with 30-plus students to a class even through administrators have just proposed paying some \$3.5 million to put security cameras in all the high schools. ...The reality is that the incumbents have a dismal record to defend."

Sheree Brown-Kaplan, a GOP-endorsed candidate running for one of the three at-large seats, acknowledged the Republicans are emphasizing a message of reform, which she defines as "accounting for decision-making and valuing community input."

"I haven't heard any overarching message from the Democratic-endorsed candidates," Brown-Kaplan said. "It does seem as if they are

"It has gone beyond partisan messaging to the point where the facts are getting obscured, and frankly it's getting insulting to our parents."

- Jane Strauss, Democratic-endorsed incumbent representing the Dranesville District

more supportive of the status quo and will continue a School Board leadership that works against parents and teachers, not with them."

"I find it unfortunate that the vocal critics who claim they want school reform lack an understanding of the many complex and varied needs of all of our diverse student body," said Tamara Kaufax, the Democratic-endorsed candidate for the Lee district.

Rex Simmons, chair of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee said the Democrats running for the School Board are not to blame for the polarizing politics, and points to the efforts of Republican strategist Lorenze.

"The concern that I have that Republican strategist Catherine Lorenze is using these Republican candidates like they are her puppets. She prefers single-issue candidates, and that's not what Fairfax County is about," Simmons said.

But Simmons pulls out his own partisan red flags, calling Lorenze divisive and comparing her to Rush Limbaugh. "Lorenze's parochial and partisan approach to school board elections is the antithesis of the highly successful 'Fairfax Way' of investing in a world class public education system," Simmons said.

Iryong Moon, a Democratic-endorsed at-large school board member who is running for his fourth term, said he is proud of his record and not intimidated by partisan rhetoric.

"I have always supported the needs-based staffing formula and will resist any effort to dismantle it," Moon said. "This is about believing every single one of our students should have the opportunity to succeed, even those who have special circumstances that require more educational resources."

IT'S THE DEMOCRATS who are injecting partisan-politics into the race, not Republicans, said Lorenze.

"Long-time incumbents want this election to be partisan so that they can energize their base vote with red-meat, partisan rhetoric," Lorenze said. "They recognize how

close they are to losing their long-time grip on power. ... They are willing to say or do anything to prevent a landslide loss on Election Day."

Lorenze said her politically-savvy messaging has been effective at getting attention because parents want reform.

But Brown-Kaplan said that those who vote straight-party tickets have not done their homework.

"There are important concerns that parents and teachers have been addressing. Look at the endorsements of teacher organizations and parent groups like the Fairfax County Federation of Teachers and FairfaxCAPS. They have studied the issues and endorsed candidates based on their stands on the issues. It's these organizations that should guide voters' decisions," she said.

Ted Velkoff, another Democratic-endorsed at-large candidate, said Democratic candidates best represent the sentiments and core values of Fairfax County voters.

"I think there is a competition in defining the real issues, but it doesn't always fall down the party line. I would say the activists are focused on shortcomings, failings and controversies, and the other candidates are focused on academic achievement and 21st century."

Steve Greenburg, president of the Fairfax County Federation of Teachers, one of two teacher's unions that represent 4,000 teachers, said FCFT members have endorsed candidates on both sides of the aisle.

"Right now, there's a lot of propaganda, but I would hope that the one common thread is that all of the candidates want to get more people out to vote. That is certainly our goal, and we won't really know how effective any partisan (messages) have been until Nov. 9," Greenburg said.

For information on FCFT-endorsed candidates, go to www.fcft.org.

For information on candidates endorsed by the Fairfax Education Association, go to www.fairfaxea.org.

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Neil Hurley
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Incumbent
(Democrat-endorsed)



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Langley High quarterback Nick Casso hands the ball off to fullback A.J. Holtberg during the Saxons' home game loss to Yorktown on Oct. 14. This past Friday night, Oct. 21, the Saxons won their Liberty District game at South Lakes, 35-3, to improve their season record to 4-4. Langley will be at home this Friday night for a district game versus Fairfax at 7:30.

Week 8 High School Football Wrap-up

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

In Northern Region high school football week eight action last Friday night, Madison High was a 17-7 winner at Liberty District opponent Fairfax. Meanwhile, in other Liberty District games, McLean lost to visiting Stone Bridge, 38-6; Langley defeated host team South Lakes, 35-3; and Marshall defeated visiting Jefferson, 17-7. Meanwhile, Oakton fell from the unbeaten ranks with a 35-10 Concorde District home loss to Westfield.

Oakton was 7-0 going into its game versus Westfield, which was also unbeaten. After falling behind, a first quarter field goal by Cougars' kicker Eric Goins got Oakton within 7-3. But the Bulldogs scored 14 second quarter points to take a 21-3 halftime lead. Oakton quarterback Tuck Masker threw a 38-yard touchdown pass to Kyle Downer in the third quarter, but the Bulldogs scored touchdowns in both the third and fourth quarters to secure the win.

Oakton will play at Robinson this Friday night. The improved Rams (3-5), who were 1-5 at one time, are coming off a win over Herndon last Saturday. Westfield, meanwhile, will play at unbeaten Centreville. The Concorde title will be on the line in that affair.

Madison High, which was 1-2 earlier this season,

extended its win streak to five games last week with a 17-7 Liberty win at Fairfax. Grant Hoffman ran for a pair of scores in the Warhawks' win and Nick Dorka added a field goal in a game the Warhawks led at halftime 10-0. Madison, 5-0 in the district, will play at Stone Bridge (7-1), also 5-0 in the district, this Friday night with the Liberty District title on the line.

Stone Bridge won at district opponent McLean, 38-6, last week. The Highlanders, who trailed 21-0 after one quarter, scored on a long pass play in the third quarter from Daniel Hecht to Samer Abdelmoty. McLean (4-4) will look to snap a two-game losing streak when it travels to Jefferson for a district game this Friday. A victory there will put the Highlanders in position to have a winning season if they can also defeat cross-town rival Langley at home in week 10.

Langley High got to the .500 mark last Friday by defeating Liberty opponent South Lakes, 35-3, on the road. Philip Mun rushed for 167 yards and three touchdowns and A.J. Holtberg rushed for 72 yards. Saxon QB Nick Casso tossed a short touchdown pass to Kevin Wood. South Lakes will be looking for its first win when it plays at district opponent Marshall this Friday night. The Statesmen won their second game of the season last Friday over guest team Jefferson, 17-7.

Langley will be at home this Friday night against Fairfax.

Saxons Volleyball Peaking at the Right Time

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

With the postseason set to begin next week, the Langley High girls' volleyball team is in a good place — the Saxons are playing well, focused on wrapping up the regular season in strong fashion, and excited about the upcoming district and regional tournaments.

"This team has really progressed throughout the season," said Langley head coach Susan Shifflett, whose team was riding an eight-match win streak going into this week. "They are increasingly confident with each

match."

Going into the season, Langley's roster was a young one overall. Shifflett anticipated it would take time for her team to begin to jell and come together as a strong, cohesive unit on the floor.

Over the weeks the Saxons have gotten better and better and are currently playing at a high level.

"As a group, they were young and 'green' and it has taken the course of the season for them to grasp and perform the style of offense that we like to use," said Shifflett.

"Watching game film from the beginning of the season to now, I see quite a differ-

ence."

Langley has benefitted from a marvelous season from senior outside hitter Julia Weeks, who has proven to be a nice surprise for the Saxons.

"She has both exceeded my expectations as an offensive threat and has been a great leader on and off the court," said Shifflett, of what Weeks has brought to the squad.

"I credit her with bringing this team together."

Other solid seasons have come from junior middle blocker Madeline Osburn and sophomore setter/outside hitter Alex Andrejev.

Meanwhile, junior setter Jenna Dean has proven to be a vocal, uplifting floor leader for the Saxons.

"She is our voice on the court and keeps the girls loose," said Shifflett. "She really understands my philosophy and how I want things run on the floor."

Langley was 6-0 in district matches going into this week. The Saxons are scheduled to wrap up the regular season with district meetings versus visiting Fairfax on Tuesday, Oct. 25, and at Stone Bridge on Thursday night, Oct. 27 at 7:15.

The district tournament is set to begin on Halloween evening, Oct. 31.

McLean Field Hockey Reaches District Finals

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

McLean High's strong bid to capture the Liberty District tournament title last Friday evening fell just short when the Highlanders lost a 1-0 decision to Fairfax in the game played at Madison High School in Vienna.

Both McLean (12-6) and Fairfax (also 12-6) were set to begin play in the 16-team Northern Region playoffs earlier this week on Tuesday, Oct. 25 versus opponents from the National District.

McLean reached the Liberty District tournament championship game with wins over South Lakes, 3-2 in overtime, in a quarterfinals game last Monday, Oct. 17, and Marshall, 2-1, in a semifinals affair last Wednesday, Oct. 19, at Madison.

In the quarterfinals home win over South Lakes (7-9), sophomore forward/midfielder Christin Geisler scored two goals to lead the Highlanders, while Sofia Andreoli, a junior forward, scored one.

Also in the victory, senior forward/midfielder Becca Latimer had two assists for the winners and Leandi Venter, a senior forward/midfielder, had one.

In Friday's finals lost to Fairfax, the game's lone goal came from the Rebels' Cassidy Tammara.

Following her team's first round playoff win over South Lakes, McLean head coach Summer Vanni talked about her team's pursuit of the district title.

"Our goals have not yet been achieved," said Vanni, who earlier this month gave birth to a baby on Oct. 3.

"We want a district title. We believe in taking it one game at a time from this point on. We refuse to lose by being out-hustled. The girls are ready to have some fun and leave everything they've got

on the field."

While the Highlanders' pursuit of the district tournament crown fell barely short, the team certainly gave it their best effort.

That has been the case throughout the season as McLean has consistently been among the top tier of teams across the region.

The Highlanders, earlier this fall, put together a solid third place showing at the Sun Devil Tournament in Virginia Beach Sept. 9-10. There, the Highlanders won three of their four games over two days, the wins coming over Green Run (Va. Beach), 6-0, Grassfield (Chesapeake), 4-0, and Kempsville (Va. Beach), 1-0. The loss came to St. Catherine's, 3-0.

Key wins over fellow Northern Region teams this fall came over such opponents as host team South County, 2-0, in the Highlanders' season opener on Aug. 30; home team Lake Braddock, 4-0, in a contest played Sept. 20; and a home win over district foe Fairfax, 1-0, the following day.

In district games over the regular season, McLean went 4-2. The wins came over Langley, 5-3, in a road game on Sept. 15; Fairfax, 1-0, on Sept. 21; South Lakes, 4-0, at home on Sept. 27; and Jefferson High, 1-0, at home on Oct. 12. The district losses came at Marshall, 3-2, on Oct. 4; and at Madison, 1-0, on Oct. 26.

THE LIBERTY DISTRICT coach's recently met to make All-Liberty District selections and the Highlanders were well represented with eight McLean players being recognized.

Those McLean players to earn First Team All-District honors were: Kristen Ahearn, Becca Latimer, Leandi Venter, and Allison Wilhelm. Second Team selections were: Sophie Andreoli, Ava Mirzadegan, and Amelia Dutrow. And being named Honorable Mention was Jacki Kleger.



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 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.

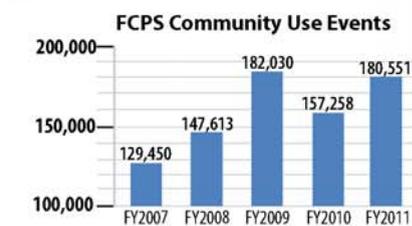
"I try to find schools that have available space and are not projected to have significant enrollment increases. But often those schools aren't in the vicinity of where the programs are needed, so modifications or trailers must be considered."

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.



Did You Know ?

Did you know that FCPS school buildings and athletic fields are used **more hours** by community organizations than students use them for instruction?



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HOME SALES

In September 2011, 21 Great Falls homes sold between \$2,043,500-\$399,000.

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	Postal Code	Subdivision
1008 SPRINGVALE RD	5	5	3		GREAT FALLS	\$2,043,500	Detached	0.92	22066	IRENE C BETTUS
10912 SHALLOW CREEK DR	5	4	1		GREAT FALLS	\$1,965,000	Detached	1.38	22066	ESTATES AT LONGWOOD
10347 CAROL ST	5	4	2		GREAT FALLS	\$1,556,000	Detached	0.70	22066	GREEN ACRES
9305 MORISON LN	4	3	2		GREAT FALLS	\$1,515,000	Detached	1.72	22066	MORISON ESTATE
10300 ELIZABETH ST	5	5	2		GREAT FALLS	\$1,511,250	Detached	0.91	22066	GREEN ACRES
9603 TACKROOM LN	5	4	1		GREAT FALLS	\$1,465,000	Detached	1.32	22066	DEEP GLEN
11549 TRALEE DR	5	4	1		GREAT FALLS	\$1,425,000	Detached	2.19	22066	TRALEE ESTATES
991 FALLS CHASE CT	4	5	1		GREAT FALLS	\$1,300,000	Detached	1.01	22066	FALLS RUN
811 SHERLIN LN	5	4	1		GREAT FALLS	\$1,230,000	Detached	2.00	22066	TIMBERLAKE ESTATES NORTH
10203 WALKER LAKE DR	4	4	1		GREAT FALLS	\$1,125,000	Detached	1.97	22066	WALKER LAKE
703 CROWN MEADOW DR	4	3	1		GREAT FALLS	\$1,100,000	Detached	1.77	22066	RICHLAND MEADOWS
509 LOST ACRE LN	4	3	2		GREAT FALLS	\$990,000	Detached	5.00	22066	OLD DOMINION ESTATES
600 UTTERBACK STORE RD	6	5	1		GREAT FALLS	\$953,000	Detached	2.87	22066	UTTERBACK STORE
9712 MILL RUN DR	4	4	0		GREAT FALLS	\$920,000	Detached	1.07	22066	MILL RUN ACRES
801 FOLLIN FARM LN	4	2	1		GREAT FALLS	\$900,000	Detached	0.52	22066	HICKORY CREEK
932 WELHAM GREEN RD	4	2	1		GREAT FALLS	\$869,000	Detached	0.93	22066	WINDERMERE
908 GOLDEN ARROW ST	4	4	0		GREAT FALLS	\$789,500	Detached	3.47	22066	OLIVER ESTATES
9509 WATTS RD	4	3	1		GREAT FALLS	\$775,000	Detached	1.87	22066	BOUNDBROOK
10305 HICKORY CREEK CT	4	4	1		GREAT FALLS	\$750,000	Detached	0.57	22066	HICKORY CREEK
1273 LYONS ST	3	2	1		GREAT FALLS	\$639,000	Detached	0.93	22066	KENMORE
20035 GREAT FALLS FOREST DR	4	3	0		GREAT FALLS	\$399,000	Detached	0.24	22066	GREAT FALLS FOREST

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REAL ESTATE

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REACS, Inc., a minority owned commercial real estate company in Tysons Corner (Vienna) has been named the property management company for Soapstone Center in Reston and Pemberton Square Shopping Center in South Riding. REACS, Inc. is a full service commercial management company providing brokerage, property management, construction and maintenance services to commercial property owners in Virginia, Maryland, and Washington D.C. For more information contact Steve Anderson at (703) 734-0880.

Bruce Green, regional vice president of Weichert, Realtors

announced that the McLean/Old Dominion office was recognized for outstanding results and industry success in 2010. In 2010, the McLean/Old Dominion office, managed by Steve Gaskins, led the region for new homes dollar volume, sales and resales. The region consists of offices throughout Virginia. The Weichert's McLean/Old Dominion office can be reached at 703-821-8300 at 6257 Old Dominion Drive.

Harper McDaniel, associate broker with the CENTURY 21 New Millennium McLean office recently earned the CENTURY 21® System's CENTURION Producer, President's and Quality Service Pinnacle Awards again this year following her 2010 sales success.

"Harper is a leader and innovator in delivering powerful home buying and selling choices to her clients because she

knows the community she serves," said Todd Hetherington, CEO and co-owner of CENTURY 21 New Millennium.

Harper McDaniel has more than 10 years of experience in the real estate industry.

"Achieving CENTURION, President's and Quality Service Pinnacle Producer status is a great milestone in my professional career and with a continued effort and focus on my clients, I hope to continue on this path of success," said Harper, associate broker with CENTURY 21 New Millennium.

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in McLean has announced its sales associates who have earned the company's International President's awards. The winners include - Individual Achievements: President's Club - Linda Knowles and Sue Jin Song.

The Challenges & Opportunities for Kids in Our Community:

A Conversation with
Peggy Fox

**Thursday, November 3, 2011
7:30pm until 8:30pm**

**Dolley Madison Library
1244 Oak Ridge Avenue • McLean, VA**

The Safe Community Coalition (SCC) is honored to welcome WUSA Channel 9 News Reporter, Peggy Fox, as the guest speaker for our Fall Community Meeting. She is a three-time Emmy award winning correspondent, a Fairfax County native and long-time resident of McLean. Please join us as we explore our community as seen through the eyes of a concerned parent, journalist, and an active participant in our neighborhood.



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LETTERS

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rectly asked if her FORB board had considered and voted to endorse the Go Ape project. Her response was "No." Ms. Wilson was then asked if the membership of FORB had been provided with an opportunity to approve or reject FORB endorsement of Go Ape in Riverbend Park. Again, Ms. Wilson's answer was "No."

The presumption of official FORB endorsement of Go Ape in Riverbend Park through Ms. Wilson's letter to the Great Falls Connection is not supported by the facts on the public record. Ms. Wilson is speaking only for herself and perhaps some of her fellow FORB members, but she should not assert that FORB has officially endorsed the Go Ape commercial enterprise in Riverbend Park.

Sandra Stephenson Krivit
Great Falls

School Board Needs a Steady Hand

To the Editor:

By this point in the election cycle, everyone is aware that this year there will be a larger than normal turnover on the Fairfax County Public School Board, with many incumbents electing not to return. But you might not realize that these departures will result in the loss of almost 100 years of collective institutional knowledge from the School Board. This tremendous loss of experience creates an urgent need for a steady hand on the rudder. Janie Strauss is the person who has the experience the new School Board will need to face the challenges ahead, and we need to reelect her this November.

We have come through a recession that rivaled that of the 1930s. Under Janie Strauss' leadership and because of her fiscal management, the School Board managed

to accommodate 12,000 new students without raising taxes; to end a two year pay freeze for teachers; and to give all our schools Full Day Kindergarten. At the same time, our schools have maintained their level of excellence. Student achievement continues to improve, and last year we were proud to produce a record number of National Merit Scholars.

The future will only bring more challenges. The recession is not over. Money will continue to be tight, as the school age population continues to grow. The Budget for Fiscal Year 2012 adopted by the School Board totals \$2.2 billion. Many companies listed on the NASDAQ don't have operating budgets that large. These challenges ahead make the need for skilled, experienced leadership more urgent than ever. Janie Strauss is a skilled, experienced, consensus-building leader on the School Board. She has been the School Board Budget Chair ten times. She has proven her ability to manage a budget this size and to plan for the future.

We will lose a lot of experience from the School Board this November. Let us not decimate the Board: keep Janie Strauss on the Board and working for Dranesville students and their families.

Shirley Bloomquist
Great Falls

New Leadership Needed

To the Editor:

Jane Strauss — an 18-year incumbent on the Fairfax County School Board — may be a lot of things, but fiscally responsible is not one of them.

What is fiscally responsible about Strauss' 2007 vote for the now infamous "Gatehouse II" proposal that sparked taxpayer and Board of Supervisor outrage for months?

While kids sat in trailers, 18-year incumbent Jane Strauss voted

twice for a second, multi-million dollar, administrative building for FCPS administrators.

Fairfax County children sat in trailers and Strauss felt it was just fine to spend up to the \$130 million on administrators like herself.

This isn't how Fairfax County wants their precious education resources directed. Administrators in granite filled buildings have little to no direct impact on the education of our children.

As a member of the parent advocacy group, FairfaxCAPS (Fairfax Coalition of Advocates for Public Schools), I was part of the team who assembled the research against the Gatehouse II proposal. We successfully demonstrated to the Board of Supervisors that FCPS' business case was flawed with gaping holes in their budget assumptions.

Gatehouse II was a bad idea that Strauss supported twice. The Board of Supervisors rightfully rejected voted FCPS' proposal. It is time for voters to do the same with Strauss.

Louise Epstein has the fiscal experience we need to ensure efficient use of taxpayer resources. As a Harvard-trained tax attorney, she'll tell taxpayers what is going on behind the scenes. She won't hide the ball like Strauss and the Superintendent have done.

On Nov. 8, vote Louise Epstein for School Board. It's time for a new generation of responsible leadership for our schools.

Kim Farrell
FairfaxCAPS Director
Vienna

Deer in Backyard

To the Editor:

Since the closing of Beach Mill Rd. it has been possible to walk along that road in peaceful safety. The other night, after dinner, I was on the downhill slope from Springvale Road, where I was able to stand still and count, without moving, 25 deer on one road open hillside. They were females and young deer only.

Yes it was quite beautiful, but when I thought of the devastation back in my own yard, where the hosta are already gone, along with much else, I wondered what they would be eating when December came, and the long winter months? Pretty scary, really. I am sure the coyotes will catch on soon enough, and be here in droves. Otherwise, it looks grim for the deer...

Lynn Mobley
Great Falls

BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 26

McLean Community Center Governing Board Meeting. 7:30 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Tax district residents (Small District One A-Dranesville) who wish to speak must the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711 to be placed on the agenda. Open to the public. www.mcleancenter.org/contact/governing.asp.

VTRCC Halloween Parade Mixer. 5-7 p.m. SunTrust Bank, 515 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Join VTRCC members, Halloween parade sponsors and community representatives to kick-off festivities before the 65th Annual Vienna Halloween Parade. www.vtrcc.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 29

Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Information Session. 11 a.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Learn about advocating for abused or neglected children. 703-273-3526, x22 or ekosarin@casafairfax.org.
Real Assistive Technology for Everyone (R.A.T.E.) Conference. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Rachel Carson Middle School, 13618 McLearen Road, Herndon. Sessions will address the use of a variety of assistive technology in classrooms as well as the use and integration of software programs and devices. Registration required at www.fcps.edu/dss/sei/ats/rate/.

MONDAY/OCT. 31

Life Line Screening. Smith Chapel Methodist Church, 11321 Beach Mill Road, Great Falls. Screenings for bone density and osteoporosis, cholesterol and glucose, blocked arteries and more. Packages from \$139. Registration required at 1-800-697-9721 or www.lifelinescreening.com.

TUESDAY/NOV. 1

Senior Fall Prevention Classes. The Woodlands Retirement Community, 4320 Forest Hill Drive, Fairfax. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30-2:30 p.m., Mondays and Fridays from 2-3 p.m. Classes are held in a heated indoor pool and are designed to work on balance and core muscles in order to prevent injuries and falls. Instructor now certified in Back and Hip Rehab. \$10 per class. Pre-registration required at 703-667-9800.

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Meeting. 9:30 a.m. Fairfax County Government Center, Board Auditorium, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-3151, TTY 703-324-3903.

THURSDAY/NOV. 3

Fairfax County School Board Candidate Forum. 7 p.m. American Legion Post 180, 303 Center St., N., Vienna. The Hunter Mill candidates will be featured. 703-242-7651.

SUNDAY/NOV. 6

November Volunteers for Change Orientation. 12 p.m. Volunteer Fairfax Office, 10530 Page Ave., Fairfax. Choose from more than 50 community service projects, including planting trees,

bagging food for homeless families, tutoring adult ESL students, playing bingo with the disabled, special community-wide events throughout the year and more. Reservations required at 703-246-3895 or jktivlin@vlunteerfairfax.org.

TUESDAY/NOV. 8

Safe Driving Program for Mature Adults. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna. The AARP driver safety program for motorists age 50 and older will be held Tuesday and Thursday, Nov. 8 and 10. The course will cover the effects of aging and medications on driving, basic driving rules, license renewal, local traffic hazards, adverse road conditions and accident prevention measures. \$12 AARP members, \$14 non-members. Veterans and their spouses free. Registration required at 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?nid=552.

Vienna Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce TIPS Luncheon. 12:15 p.m. Shula's Steakhouse, 8028 Leesburg Pike, in the Tysons Corner Marriott. Every Tuesday. 703-862-4895.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 9

Virginia Chronic Pain Support Group Meeting. 1:30 p.m. at Kaplan Center for Integrative Medicine, 6829 Elm St., Suite 300, McLean. Group leader, Jodi Brayton, LCSW. 703-532-4892.

SATURDAY/NOV. 12

Veterans Hiring Event in Conjunction with the American Freedom Festival. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Attending veterans will have the chance to talk with employers, submit qualifications, and even participate in job interviews on the spot. Security Financial, TRAX International, NJVC, Northrop Grumman, Accenture and Microsoft, the Veterans Administration (VA), U.S. Office of Personnel Management Veterans Services, Department of Defense Civilian Personnel Management System, Department of Labor and Department of Energy will participate and make veterans aware of services available to them. Attendance is free and open to veterans and active duty military. 703-218-1600.

SUNDAY/NOV. 13

Day of Thanks. 5-8 p.m. Northern Virginia Bhai Center, 21415 Cardinal Glen Circle, Sterling. Loudoun Interfaith BRIDGES (Building Relationships for Interfaith Dialogue, Goodwill, Education and Service), an association of congregations of Baha'i, Buddhist, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Quaker, Sikh and Unitarian faiths, invites all faiths to celebrate cultural and religious diversity. Multicultural buffet dinner, musical performances and honoring of Interfaith BRIDGES award recipients. \$15 adult, \$10 child, \$40 family of four or more. Under age 6 free. www.loudouninterfaithbridges.org.

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Sunday Afternoon Soiree Series

3-5 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 30

Halloween Masquerade

\$5 at the door



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WEDNESDAY/OCT. 26

Annual Town of Vienna Halloween Parade. 7 p.m. On Maple Ave. from Berry St. to Center St. "Celebrating 65 Years of Tradition: The Vienna Halloween Parade Through the Decades, 1946-2011." Guests include the Washington Redskins Marching Band. Children are invited to walk in the parade in their Halloween costumes. No registration required, meet at 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot of Virginia Commerce Bank, 374 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Children must be accompanied by an adult. www.viennava.gov or 703-255-6360.

Foster & Lloyd. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolftrap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. The country crossover duo. \$22. www.wolftrap.org.

THURSDAY/OCT. 27

Dan Bern. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 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.

Sonny Landreth. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolftrap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Slide guitarist from Louisiana. \$25. www.wolftrap.org.

Encaustic Art Talk. 7 p.m. McLean Project for the Arts, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Georgia Nassikas will discuss the encaustic process and what inspires her. Free and open to the public. info@mpaart.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.

Friday Afternoon Chess Group. 1 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Players of all levels welcome. No registration necessary. All ages. 703-757-8560, TTY: 711.

Sonny Landreth. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolftrap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Slide guitarist from Louisiana. \$25. www.wolftrap.org.

Trick or Treat Through the Haunted Woods. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Ghosts and goblins are back, along with two new scary treat stations. Ages 6 to 14 accompanied by a parent. \$10, \$7 Meadowlark members, pre-paid at 703-255-3631 x 0.

"The How and the Why." 8 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tyson's Corner. On the eve of a prestigious conference, an up-and-coming evolutionary biologist wrestles for the truth with an established leader in the field. Tickets \$25. www.1ststagetysons.org or 703-854-1856.

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.

SATURDAY/OCT. 29

Scott Ainslie in Concert. 8 p.m. Alden Theater, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Blues. \$20. sabrina.anwah@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Kids Show: Gustafer Yellowgold. 10:30 a.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna.



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Music: An Insider's Guide Lecture. 4 p.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. The French Choral Tradition: Calm amid Chaos, with A. Scott Wood, conductor of the Amadeus Orchestra. Adults. 703-356-0770, TTY: 711.

Pumpkin Tales. 10 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Storyteller Gary Lloyd presents stories for the season, more funny than scary. All ages. 703-757-8560, TTY: 711.

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Moonshine And Mayhem. 9 a.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. A 2.5-mile hike reveals how Riverbend was a hideout from local authorities during Prohibition. For age 13 and up. \$8. 703-759-9018.

SUNDAY/OCT. 30

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 or 703-573-SEAT. Accessible seating is available for patrons with disabilities by calling 703-993-3035. www.patriotcenter.com.

Julie Fowlis: Music of the Scottish Isles. 4 p.m. Alden Theater, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Celtic music. \$25. sabrina.anwah@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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Amadeus Concerts. 4 p.m. Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. With the Reston Chorale, Saint Francis Choir, Saint Luke Choir and Amadeus Community Singers. Amadeus Orchestra, A. Scott Wood, conductor. Maurice Duruflé's Requiem, op. 9 and Bach's Suite No. 3. Reception to follow. \$25, age 17 and under free. www.amadeusconcerts.com.

Virginia Wind Energy: Plentiful, Renewable, Affordable. 11:45 a.m. Temple Rodef Shalom, 2100 Westmoreland St., Falls Church. Lecture and discussion with Ivy Main of the Sierra Club and the Virginia4Wind Coalition. Admission free. gerianjackmaskell@gmail.com.

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.

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 or 703-573-SEAT, 202-397-SEAT. www.christomlin.com or www.patriotcenter.com.

SCHOOLS

Forestville Adapts to Full-Day Kindergarten

BY DAVE KROEGER

When Forestville Elementary moved to full-day kindergarten this fall, the school was forced to hire two new teachers and adjust its curricula.

If the transition has been difficult, it is hard to tell.

On a Tuesday morning, Jill Graney's class has just completed an interactive lecture, and children are taking their places at learning stations. One of these is the new fire engine exhibit where children don firefighter outfits and prowl inside a play engine. By evening, they will be reciting "911" to their parents.

"When Assistant Principal Marietta Arbach and I observe the teachers, we are constantly impressed with how well the classes are run," says Forestville Principal Matt Harris.

Much of the success has been attributed to the instructors' ability to work together. "We plan together, we attend staff developments together and we work to build a program that specifically meets Forestville's needs," Graney says of her fellow kindergarten teachers.

Graney emphasizes colleague Diana Early's 31 years as a kindergarten teacher at Forestville: "One of our greatest challenges is meeting the expectations of the Forestville community. Ms. Early has been invaluable in helping us with that."

Graney herself brings varied and upbeat curricula from her position at Clearview Elementary in Herndon as well as a resume that includes winning the national Sallie Mae First Year Teacher of the Year Award.

None of the teachers attribute full days with making the transition difficult. Early points out that under half-day kindergarten, she was responsible for about 50 children for shorter amounts of time. "It is a lot easier to prepare for 24 children, and we have more specialists," says Early.

Sophie Glover, who is in her first year of teaching, says that she trained for full-day kindergarten when she student-taught in North Carolina. "At Wake Forest, our curricula were designed around full-day kindergarten. I also have excellent support from my team."

Graney also credits administrators for sound placement deci-



Diana Early in the classroom.



Jill Graney stresses the importance of 'meeting the expectations of the Forestville community.'



Sophie Glover is in her first year of teaching.



Shera Nobakht's children attended Forestville.

sions. Her assistant, Shera Nobakht has children who attended Forestville. This helps newcomer Graney connect with the community. Fredda Regen brings 10 years of kindergarten experience to assist Glover in her new career.

Responsibility for success also resides with the children. Most Forestville kindergartners have attended preschool, have actively involved parents and are familiar with their routines. "The children at Forestville were ready for full-day," adds Graney.



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THE COUNTY LINE

Companies Go Casual for Cause

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

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

More 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



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The staff of Helios HR in Reston dressed down for Jeans Day 2011. (Back row, from left) Stephanie Eberhart, Andrea Parker, Sarah Smith, Ellyn Krause, Judy-Ann McKenzie, Kathy Albarado, Stephanie Kotch, Stacey Holst (Front Row, from left) Natalie Oddenino, Michele Wooding, Dean Klein, Amy Levin-Murchie (on the stool).

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."

FOR MORE about homelessness in Fairfax County, and the partnership to end it, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/.

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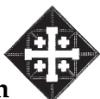
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ACSF seeks a Clean Power Program Director to manage a cutting edge project in Alexandria, VA (see www.potomacrivergreen.com) and similar initiatives in other states. Candidates should be entrepreneurial with outstanding organizational and communication skills. Knowledge of local metropolitan Washington, D.C. zoning processes, local energy and environmental authorities, real estate development practices, and the National Park Service, are preferable. Experience working on clean power/coal retirement issues, experience with one or more aspects of the nation's electric grid and one or more advanced degrees (MBA, MPP, MPA), a plus. The Program Director reports directly to the CEO of the American Clean Skies Foundation (ACSF). The Program Director may help recruit additional staff for the Program. Some travel may be required.

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Legal Notice	PUBLIC NOTICE		
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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE

Improved by the premises known as
4600 South Four Mile Run, #1242, Arlington, Virginia

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Linda Faye Johnson, also known of record as Linda Faye North and Linda F. Johnson, dated May 31, 2006, and recorded June 5, 2006, in Deed Book 3987 at page 2577 among the Land Records of Arlington County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Court House for Arlington County, at 1425 N. Courthouse Road, Arlington, Virginia, on

Monday, November 7, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

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

Unit 1242, The Carlton, a Condominium
RPC No. 28034987

Commonly known as 4600 South Four Mile Run,
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TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$15,000.00 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 6.50 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.

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Michael McConnell, a senior at Langley High School who lives in Great Falls, mentors a Forestville student by providing one-on-one science enrichment that builds on classroom instruction.



Natalie Koppiier (left) works with Forestville students as part of the ALUM program founded by her friend and fellow Kilmer Middle School student Madeline Thompson (right).

Forestville Alumni Assist By Mentoring

Kilmer, Cooper and Langley Students are ALUMs.

BY JEAN T. JIANOS
THE CONNECTION

Last year as a seventh grader at Kilmer Middle School in Vienna, Madeline Thompson thought back on the positive experience that she had at Forestville Elementary School in Great Falls and decided to approach Forestville principal Matthew Harris about establishing a mentoring and tutoring program that would pair Forestville alumni with existing Forestville students. In speaking of her daughter Madeline, Amy Thompson said,

"She started doing this because of her admiration of Mr. Matt Harris, the principal. She wanted to give back to him for the many years he impacted her life. We need more role models like him."

Harris says that Madeline and the other tutors are good role models for Forestville students. Each of them is "just that type of person, someone who helps out in her community," Harris said. "There are multiple gains from the program: mentorship, instructional and tutoring. It is great to see the relationship building that is going on."

THOMPSON named the program "Assisting Learners Using Mentors," and it is known by the acronym "ALUM." Many of the tutors who participated last year have volunteered again this year. The tutors for the 2011-2012 school year are: Kitty Ascrizzi, Madeline Thompson, Natalie Koppiier, Quinn Chu, Ria Chakrabarti and Rumika Imdad, all from Kilmer; Sarah Eyob and Andal Paul from Cooper Middle School; and Teo Chu, Tiffany Lok and Michael McConnell from Langley High School.

While enrollment in the program for this school year is just getting started, 20 Forestville students were enrolled last year.



Andal Paul, a Cooper Middle School student from Reston, assists Forestville students with math homework, and then projects and other homework as time allows.

The classroom teacher at Forestville identifies a student for the program and talks first with the student's parents. Mrs. Huong Tran, who works in the office at Forestville with Harris, is administering the program and has developed a parent permission form that when signed and returned enables the student to be paired with one of the Forestville alumni. Forestville Assistant Principal Marietta Arbach is also involved with the program administration and says that the program "encompassed everyone last year," including a student with special needs and students in Forestville's Advanced Academic Program classrooms (AAP, formerly known as GT). To date, girls in 6th grade Advanced Mathematics groups (formerly known as compacted math) or from the 5th and 6th grade AAP classrooms make up the majority of Forestville students who are enrolled this year.

Andal Paul, now in eighth grade at Cooper, heard about Forestville ALUM last year. She contacted Tran and said that she was particularly interested in assisting students

with math. She feels that it is "a good experience to work with younger kids, and nice to see familiar faces here because we all went to Forestville." Madeline Thompson was also interested in using her math expertise as a tutor. She said, "I've always liked math. Math has been a strong subject for me, so I like to help others with it."

Gloria Allen, PreK-12 Math Coordinator with Fairfax County Public Schools, recently said that, "The new Elementary Mathematics Instructional Sequence will provide a more rigorous curriculum which will build stronger foundations for students to be academically successful in Algebra 1 in grade 8."

Natalie Koppiier, an eighth grader at Kilmer, said that she remembered how stressful challenging work in elementary school could be and that, "I wanted to help relieve that stress in younger students." Michael McConnell, a senior at Langley who is in his second year with Forestville ALUM, agrees, "I wanted to do some community service, I wanted to give back, but I also wanted to do this for fun."



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