

# Homecoming Queen

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Sarah Brasington was honored as the Herndon High Homecoming Queen during halftime ceremonies of the Hornets' home football game versus Robinson last Saturday afternoon. See the Homecoming Game report on page 12.

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# ELECTION 2011

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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

**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*



**Sharon Bulova**  
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors  
total money raised: \$1,016,755  
construction and real estate: \$220,426



**Pat Herrity**  
Springfield District  
total money raised: \$198,887  
construction and real estate: \$54,900



**Jeff McKay**  
Lee District  
total money raised: \$122,018  
construction and real estate: \$49,517



**John Cook**  
Braddock District  
total money raised: \$216,681  
construction and real estate: \$46,300



**Penny Gross**  
Mason District  
total money raised: \$152,558  
construction and real estate: \$42,885



**Gerry Hyland**  
Mount Vernon District  
total money raised: \$219,561  
construction and real estate: \$40,743



**Michael Frey**  
Sully District  
total money raised: \$147,237  
construction and real estate: \$35,473



**John Foust**  
Dranesville District  
total money raised: \$222,106  
construction and real estate: \$34,784



**Linda Smyth**  
Providence District  
total money raised: \$139,765  
construction and real estate: \$14,250



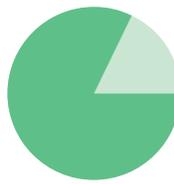
**Catherine Hudgins**  
Hunter Mill  
total money raised: \$59,341  
construction and real estate: \$3,625

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

**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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## NEWS

# 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?

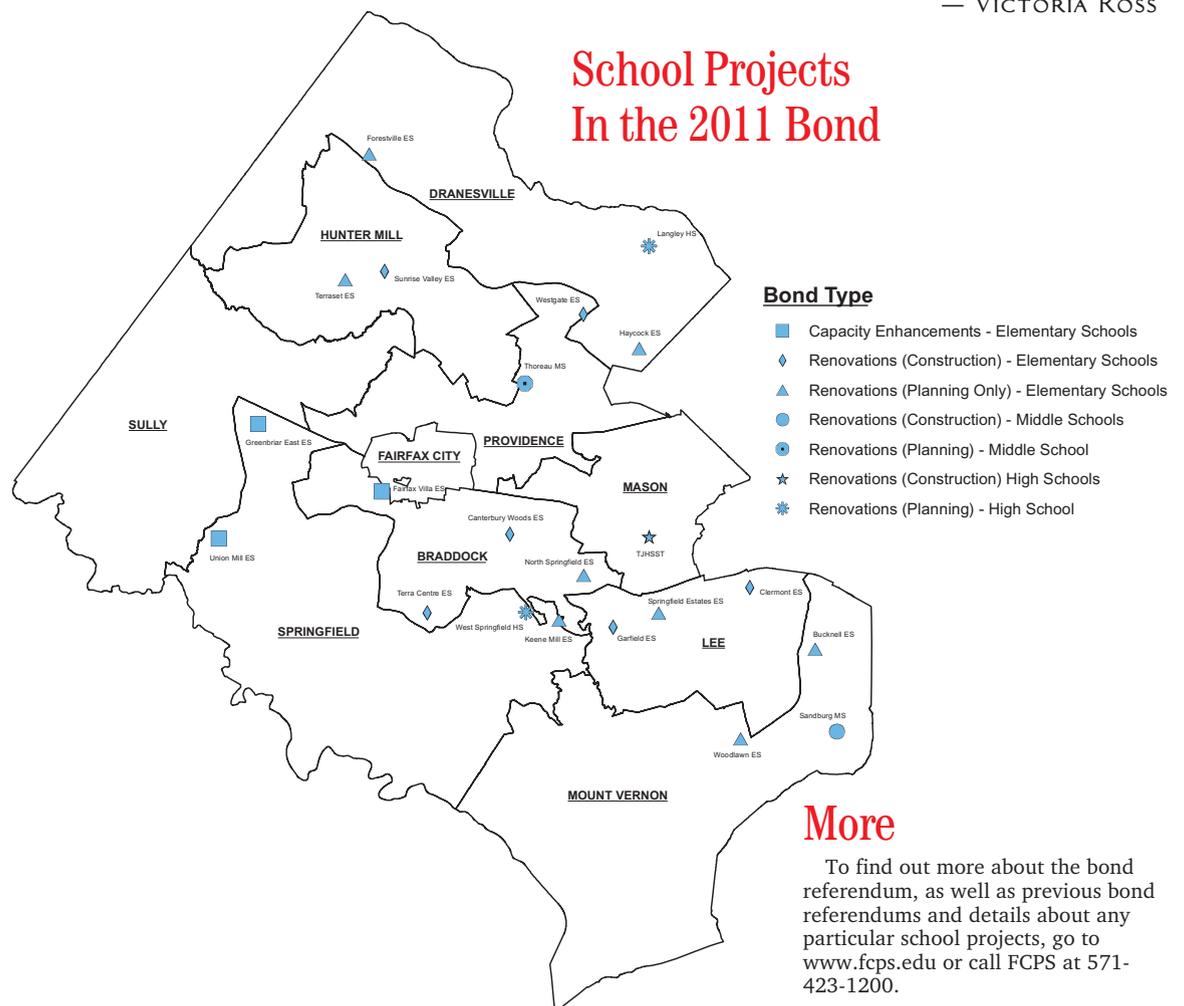
The law requires that voters approve bonds since they are a future obligation for taxpayers.

### 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](http://www.fcps.edu) or call FCPS at 571-423-1200.

Category	Total Amount	Item	Amount
<b>Capacity Enhancements (Additions and other modifications)</b>	<b>\$13,688,696</b>		
		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
<b>High School Renovation</b>	<b>\$90,575,065</b>		
		Thomas Jefferson, Alexandria (construction)	\$84,625,065
		West Springfield, Springfield (planning)	\$5,950,000
<b>Middle School Renovation</b>	<b>\$96,225,065</b>		
		Sandburg, Mount Vernon (construction)	\$44,293,958
		Thoreau, Vienna (planning)	\$2,175,000
<b>Elementary School Renovations</b>	<b>\$97,744,389</b>		
		Canterbury Woods, Annandale (Construction)	\$14,894,268
		Clermont, Alexandria (Planning/Construction)	\$13,608,872
		Sunrise Valley, Reston (Planning/Construction)	\$16,215,447
		Garfield, Springfield (Planning/Construction)	\$14,158,593
		Terra Centre, Burke (Planning/Construction)	\$16,614,596
		Westgate, McLean (Planning/Construction)	\$14,221,431
		Terraset, Reston (Planning)	\$1,053,799
		Haycock, Fall Church (Planning)	\$960,703
		Woodlawn, Mount Vernon (Planning)	\$1,189,450
		Forestville, Great Falls (Planning)	\$1,165,000
		North Springfield, Springfield (Planning)	\$899,000
		Springfield Estates, Springfield (Planning)	\$723,444
		Keene Mill, Springfield (Planning)	\$908,010
		Bucknell, Mount Vernon (Planning)	\$1,131,776

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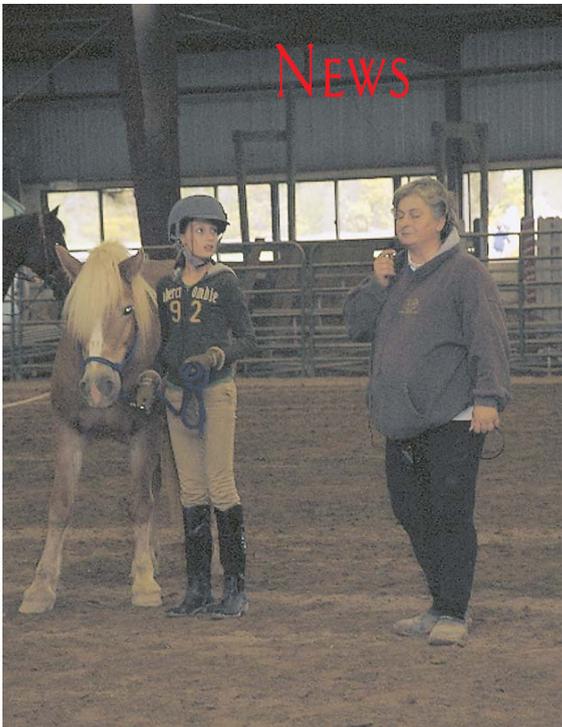
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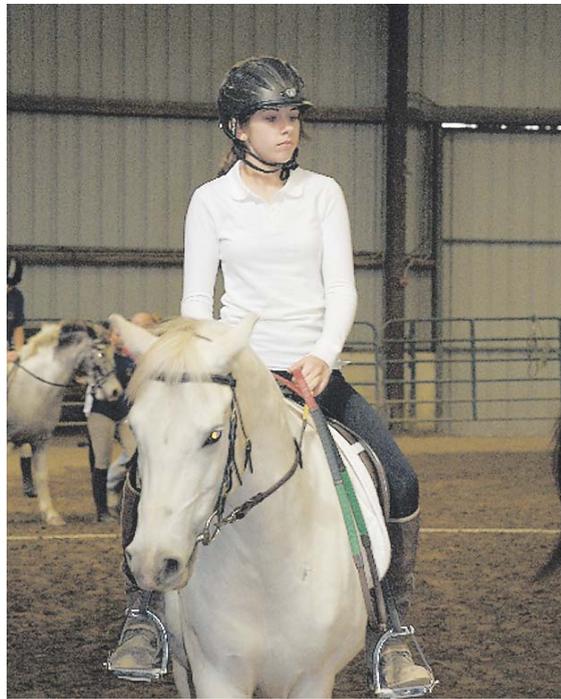
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Davorka "Dada" Suvak with a rider during the Spirit Open Equestrian Exhibition.



PHOTOS BY AMIEE FREEMAN

A rider participates in synchronized riding during the Spirit Open Equestrian Exhibition held at Frying Pan Park.

# Courage on Display

## Therapeutic riding exhibition at Frying Pan Park.

BY AMIEE FREEMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**M**ore than 30 riders presented their skill on horseback Saturday, Oct. 22 as part of Spirit Open Equestrian's exhibition to raise awareness about the benefits of therapeutic riding. Riders demonstrated their abilities in the areas of dressage, synchronized riding and general horsemanship.

Therapeutic riding instructor and Spirit Open program director, Davorka Suvak, known to her students as Dada, explained that the goal of the program is to assist in "improving life skills through equine-assisted activities."

This exhibition provides public visibility for therapeutic riding and is part of the therapy for the participants. So often, said Suvak, children with developmental disabilities are not included in exhibition events such as this one. "This type of exhibition includes them as part of the community and gives them a goal to work toward," said Suvak.

**THERAPEUTIC RIDING** improves muscle memory and balance, helps with social communication and improves self-confidence for riders with developmental delays. Working with horses develops empathy for another living creature, said Suvak, and also encourages riders to communicate, if not with a person, then with their horse. This skill is especially useful for children with autism, said Suvak.

In addition to riders with disabilities, Suvak teaches riders without disabilities and has a large group of volunteers who help with classes. Suvak believes that mixing riders of all ability levels helps raise the awareness of those without disabilities and teach acceptance.

"We are working to erase the boundaries between kids with disabilities and kids without," said Suvak.

"Dada works so hard. It's an excellently run program," said Cy Sinonsgaard, whose daughter Griffin



Griffin Sinonsgaard, with her mom, Cy Sinonsgaard, shows off her trophy for "Around the World," a horseback riding maneuver, won at the Spirit Open Equestrian Exhibition held at Frying Pan Park.

participated in the exhibition. Sinonsgaard and her daughter travel from Falls Church to work with Suvak, even though as Sinonsgaard said, there are programs closer to their home.

"The program is amazing. Dada is so gifted with horses, but more gifted with our kids. There is no low bar with her because the bar is always set high. Dada manages the kids so well to do their best."

Sinonsgaard said that the therapeutic riding program helped her daughter with her vision issues and improved her self-confidence. "It challenged her to do her best," said Sinonsgaard.

Wendy Shugal, of Centreville and a 1984 Paralympic gold medal winner in dressage, has been working with Suvak for three or four years, she said. Shugal has high regard for the benefits of the program and work that Suvak does.

"This program is different from other programs. It expects a lot of the participants, and it gets results. This program builds confidence and serves as physical therapy. Riding has kept me off the operating table for over a year now. It helps me relax and at the same time increases muscle coordination and tone," said Shugal.

**SINCE FEBRUARY 2011**, Spirit Open Equestrian has been holding classes at Frying Pan Park in Herndon. Interested participants can sign up through Fairfax County Parks Authority for eight, 90-minute classes, held weekly.

## WEEK IN HERNDON

### Three Sentenced in Motel Robbery Case

Three local men charged in connection with a Nov. 27, 2010, armed robbery in Fairfax have been sentenced to prison in Fairfax County Circuit Court. The three — two from Centreville and one from Herndon — had entered guilty pleas earlier this year to multiple felony charges.

The adult victims, two men and a woman, were accosted at gunpoint in their room at the Breezeway Motel at 10829 Fairfax Blvd. and one was assaulted during the course of the robbery. Following investigation by City of Fairfax police, the three suspects were arrested in December 2010.

David Gordon Adams Jr. of Centreville pleaded guilty to one count each of robbery and unlawful wounding and was sentenced to four years in prison followed by five years supervised probation.

Centreville's Randall C. Colville, 17 — who was previously certified as an adult for prosecution purposes — pleaded guilty to one count each of robbery and maiming. He was sentenced to four years to be served in the Youth Offender Program. After that, he'll be on supervised probation for 20 years, unless released earlier by the court or probation office.

Ross David Reynolds, 22, of Herndon, entered guilty pleas to one count each of robbery and abduction and was sentenced to six years in prison followed by five years supervised probation.

### Herndon Man Sets Apartment Fire

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department fire investigators charged a 64-year-old Herndon resident, of 2300 block of Rolling Fork Circle, with setting a fire inside an apartment building, Thursday, Oct. 21, 2011.

The fire was started in a second floor apartment located in the 2300 block of Rolling Fork Circle at approximately 6:50 p.m., and was extinguished by an overhead sprinkler. There was minor fire and water damage to the apartment of origin and the apartment below. Residents from five nearby apartments were temporarily displaced. Red Cross support was declined. The call was initiated by an automatic fire alarm activating and bringing firefighters to the scene. There were no injuries.

The man is charged with the burning of an occupied dwelling (Virginia Code 18.2-77, Class 4 Felony). Damage is estimated at \$10,000.

### Food Donations Accepted

The Hunter Mill District Supervisor's Office, in conjunction with Connections for Hope, is collecting food items through Oct. 30 for the Helping Hungry Kids Backpack Food Program. This program provides nutritious, kid-friendly food items to children in the area who don't get enough to eat on the weekends. Many children rely on school breakfasts and lunches for the majority of their nutrition. On the weekends, many go hungry.

One of the schools in the Hunter Mill District distributes 100 food backpacks each week to its students, and this year, more schools have asked to be included in the distribution.

Items may be dropped off at the North County Government Center, 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston; Connections for Hope, 13525 Dulles Technology Drive, Herndon; or Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Call 703-478-0283, TTY 711.

### Town Schedules Leaf Collection

Annual collection of leaves. Residents should rake leaves as close to the curb as possible without blocking storm drains, sidewalks or mailboxes and without impeding vehicular traffic. During leaf collection, grass clippings, shrub clippings and weeds must be placed in 30-gallon kraft, recyclable bags and should continue to be placed out only on your regular trash day.

A map that shows areas north and south of the bike trail is available on the Town Services page of the website at [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov).

# 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 weekend 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:

Alexandria Board of Elections, 703-746-4050, <http://alexandriava.gov/Elections>

Fairfax County Board of Elections, 703-324-4700, [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/)

Arlington Board of Elections, 703-228-3456, <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/voterregistration/voterregistrationmain.aspx>

City of Fairfax General Registrar, 703-385-7890, <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/Registrar/GeneralRegistrar.asp>

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.soberride.com](http://www.soberride.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

## Foust Helped with Turf Field

To the Editor:

There is a lot of misinformation being spread regarding who was responsible for getting synthetic turf for the Herndon High School stadium and practice fields. I was intimately involved in the entire process, as were Rick Thoesen, Terry Petty, Jodi Rameta, Jennifer Boysko, Mike Mahoney, Director of Student Activities, and Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust. It is now campaign season and a group that supports Supervisor Foust's opponent is distributing a flyer that claims he "did not provide or secure any financing for the project." That is not true and, in fact, those of us who worked on the project know that Supervisor

John Foust was instrumental in obtaining a significant portion of the funding needed for the fields.

I, along with the Herndon High School Sports Boosters, the Herndon Optimists, and Herndon Youth Soccer decided to see if a synthetic turf field project could work at Herndon High School. We went to Supervisor Foust's office for assistance. Supervisor Foust agreed that if the community groups were able to fund a portion of it he would go to the Park Authority to ask them to invest \$400,000 from the 2008 Park Authority bond. Prior to this, the Park Authority had never invested money in an FCPS high school field. It was not their policy to assist in funding improvements at high schools because of concern for adequate community use.

I found a funding source for the

community groups, and negotiated a very favorable loan with VA Heritage Bank. Community use would be secured with a Memorandum of Use that guaranteed the civic groups 55 hours of community usage.

Supervisor Foust went to the Park Authority for funding. He also worked with CRS (now Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services), which provided a generous grant to the Optimists to help with the funding. The Park Authority resisted and deferred through the spring. Supervisor Foust and the president of the Optimists, Rick Thoesen (who used to serve on the Park Authority) continued to lobby the members. There was considerable work at the staff level and at the officials' level.

Finally in May 2010, the Park

Authority agreed to change Park Authority policy, making Herndon High School the very first high school in the County granted money for field improvements. By Aug. 10, 2010, both fields were complete — on time and under budget. HHS students and children from the Herndon community have been playing on them every day, rain or shine, year round.

We are grateful to Supervisor Foust for his support of this project. Mr. Foust's opponent, Dennis Husch, was on the Herndon Town Council at the time the financing was arranged. He did not attend a single meeting on the project and he did not obtain any financial support for the project from the Town.

**Arthur Nachman**, Member, Herndon Turf Committee

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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

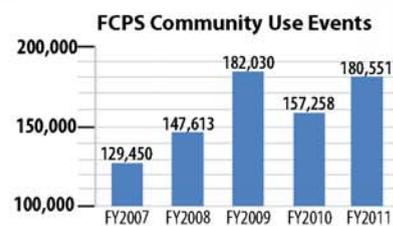
remaining time on repair work. However, that is our reality due to a lack of sufficient resources," said FCPS Chief Operating Officer Dean Tistadt.

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.

## 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 ?

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# ELECTION 2011

## 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

### School board race

#### CANDIDATES FOR THREE AT-LARGE SEATS



**Ilyong 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.

Ilyong 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](http://www.fcft.org).

For information on candidates endorsed by the Fairfax Education Association, go to [www.fairfaxea.org](http://www.fairfaxea.org).

#### BRADDOCK DISTRICT



**Megan McLaughlin**  
(Democrat-endorsed)



**Nell Hurley**  
(Republican-endorsed)

#### DRANESVILLE DISTRICT



**Jane K. Strauss**  
Incumbent  
(Democrat-endorsed)



**Louise Epstein**  
(Republican-endorsed)

#### HUNTER MILL DISTRICT



**Pat Hynes**  
(Democrat-endorsed)



**Nancy Linton**  
(Republican-endorsed)

#### MOUNT VERNON DISTRICT



**Daniel Storck**  
incumbent  
(Democrat-endorsed)



**Michelle Nellenbach**  
(Republican-endorsed)

#### SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT



**John Wittman**  
(Democrat-endorsed)



**Elizabeth Schultz**  
(Republican-endorsed)

#### SULLY DISTRICT



**Kathy Smith**  
incumbent  
(Democrat-endorsed)



**Sheila Ratnam**  
(Republican-endorsed)

#### LEE DISTRICT



**Tamara Kaufax**  
running unopposed to replace Brad Center  
(Democrat-endorsed)

#### MASON DISTRICT



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## ELECTION 2011

# 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.

### BULLETIN BOARD

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#### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 26

**Volunteer Dentists Needed.** 7:30 p.m. St. John Neumann Church, 11900 Lawyers Road, Reston. Information session for dentists concerning volunteer opportunities at a new dental clinic in Sterling. Sponsored by the Northern Virginia Dental Clinic, operating two dental clinics and providing oral health care for low-income residents throughout Northern Virginia. Dentists who

volunteer can receive VA tax credits, liability insurance is provided. [joankasprow@yahoo.com](mailto:joankasprow@yahoo.com), [scolyer@saintjn.org](mailto:scolyer@saintjn.org) or 703-860-6149.

#### THURSDAY/OCT. 27

**Virginia General Assembly Candidates Meet and Greet.** 8-10 a.m. Reston Association, 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. Each candidate will be given two minutes to address the audience at 8:30 a.m., followed by informal conversation between candidates and community members. Co-hosted by the Reston Chamber of Commerce and the Reston Association. Register at <http://bit.ly/oVCTeB>. Candidates

confirmed to attend include:

- ♦ Janet Howell and Patrick Forrest, candidates for Senate 32nd District.
- ♦ Mark Herring, candidate for Senate 33rd District.
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- ♦ Ken Plum and Mac Cannon, candidates for House of Delegates 36th District.
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## THURSDAY/OCT. 27

**Martin Indyk at NVHC.** 8 p.m. Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation, 1441 Wiehle Ave., Reston. The former Ambassador to Israel and Assistant Secretary of State for the Near East and current Vice President of the Brookings Institution will speak on Consequences of the Arab Spring for the Middle East, Israel and U.S. Free and open to the public. [ruthseldon@comcast.net](mailto:ruthseldon@comcast.net).

**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).



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## FRIDAY/OCT. 28

**Bradley Farm Haunted House.** 6-10 p.m. Bradley Farm Barn, 13159 New Parkland Drive, Herndon. A Halloween destination appropriate for the entire family, with no gross-out gory haunts. Admission \$3.

**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).

**"The Drowsy Chaperone."** 8 p.m. Reston Community Players, 266 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. Tickets \$15-\$21. 703-476-4500 or [restonplayers.org](http://restonplayers.org).

**Gretchen DeGraff Newman, CJ Capen and LouAnna Notargiacomo. Voce Chamber Singers, under the direction of Artistic Director Dr. Kenneth Nafziger, present a Soprano Duet Recital Benefit on Saturday, Nov. 5 at 7:30 p.m. at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 11900 Lawyers Road in Reston. Proceeds will benefit Voce Chamber Singers, a non-profit arts organization based in Reston. Admission is free, and tax-deductible contributions will be accepted. A reception will follow. [info@voce.org](mailto:info@voce.org) or 703-277-7772. [www.voce.org](http://www.voce.org).**

## SATURDAY/OCT. 29

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**2011 Reston Fall Festival.** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza, 1609 Washington Plaza N, Reston. Local craft breweries, Reston-based restaurants, a corn hole tournament and local music. The Reston Jaycees will organize a costume contest and scavenger hunt. Sponsored by Reston Challenge, Inc. Net proceeds benefit the 4Paws Rescue Team. [www.fourpaws.org](http://www.fourpaws.org).

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**Meet the Candidates.** 2 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Get to know the candidates on the ballot in this year's election for your local voting district. Cosponsored by the League of Women Voters. Adults. 703-689-2700, TTY: 711.

**Pumpkins in the Park.** Lake Fairfax Park, 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lakefairfax](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lakefairfax).

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❖ Fall Festival. 12-6 p.m. Hayrides and carousel rides, pumpkin painting, a giant slide, moonbounce, an inflatable basketball game, a portable miniature-golf greens and face painting. Rides on the antique carousel are included with admission. Food available for purchase. Compete for prizes in a costume contest at 3 p.m. \$10 includes a small pumpkin to paint, \$8 without a pumpkin.

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**Vicente Fernandez.** 7 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Ranchera music. Tickets \$63-\$143, available at [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).

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# Herndon Saves Homecoming Luster With Big Second Half

Hornets lose to Robinson but lift fans' spirits with latter half scoring fest.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

There was, understandably, a toned-down demeanor from the Herndon High School crowd during halftime of last Saturday afternoon's homecoming football game between the Hornets and visiting Robinson Rams.

Robinson, at the intermission, held a huge lead on the scoreboard and the Herndon faithful, while still enjoying the halftime festivities, which included the crowning of the new Homecoming Queen, was somewhat downcast at the Concorde District game's lopsided nature.

But the home team's on-field excitement level would pick up in the second half. While Herndon, which trailed by 25 points at halftime and by as many as 39 points several minutes into 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 in a high scoring 56-38 loss.

In the end, it was another setback for a struggling Herndon team which fell to 2-6 on the season. Nevertheless, the Hornets, on Saturday, displayed their heart and perseverance after falling into a 42-3 hole which few probably believed they could even begin to climb out of.

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

But the second half started off shaky. Robinson running back Tyrek Worrell, on the third quarter's first play from scrimmage, broke free off tackle for a 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 45-yard scoring jaunt. Just like that in the second half, it was



Herndon High quarterback Ky Gilmore-Parrott throws deep during the Hornets' Homecoming game versus Robinson last Saturday.

42-3 Robinson.

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 incline instead turned into a shocking turnaround in which the Hornets, over the final 20 minutes, outscored their guests, 35-14.

Herndon simply kept fighting hard and, on offense, came up with big play after big play the remainder of the game. Running back Josh Schow, who rushed for 15 yards on seven carries in the first half, exploded for 159 yards and four touchdowns in the second half. The Hornets' offensive line, throughout much of the third and entire fourth quarters, surged off the line and opened up enormous holes for the 5-foot-9, 180-pound Schow, who took full advantage, out running the Rams' secondary on scoring runs of 39, 28, and 31 yards. To cap it off, Schow, with just three seconds remaining in the game, scored on a two-yard quick hitter off the right side for his fourth touchdown and the team's fifth of the second half.

**HERNDON SIMPLY** looked like a renewed team in the second half — a squad determined that it did not want to continue getting embarrassed on its own homecoming. One play, which epitomized that spirit, came on a Robinson third quarter punt. Denzel Weaver, a Herndon junior who caught three passes in the game, received the 44-yard punt at his own 21 yard line and blasted forward right up the middle for a determined 25-yard gain. Weaver, on the special

## Three Seahawks Compete at Girls' Golf Regionals

The South Lakes High girls' golf team competed at the Northern Regional Golf Tournament held at Twin Lakes Golf Course in Clifton on Oct. 18. Forty-nine high school girls' golfers from around the Northern Virginia area participated in the tournament. Participating schools included South Lakes, Herndon, Chantilly, Centreville, W.T. Woodson, and Thomas Jefferson.

The top 20 percent of the playing field — 11 golfers in all - qualified for this week's Virginia High School League state tournament.

The Regionals tournament took place on Twin Lakes' Oaks Course, which measures at 5,400 yards.

South Lakes, under head coach Carol Molesky, had three student-athletes compete at the region event — senior Anne Marie Lloyd, junior Eugenia Witherow, and freshman Gina Valentino. Although the Seahawks did not have a state qualifier, coach Molesky was proud of her three region qualifiers.

"I was very proud that three girls from South Lakes qualified for the regional event," said Molesky. "It is the most [qualifiers] we have had from South Lakes."

— RICH SANDERS



Josh Show, Herndon's top running back, was held in check during the first half against the Rams but broke out for four second half touchdowns.

teams play, ran right at the heart of the Rams' cover team on the run back.

Three plays later, Schow took a handoff right, broke through a gaping hole, then made a couple of shifty moves to evade Rams' defenders before racing for his 28-yard score. On a two-point extra point try, Gilmore-Parrott hit Weaver on a pass play in the left side of the end zone, getting Herndon within 42-17.

One play before the Schow touchdown run, Herndon running back Darrius Hicks picked up 26 yards on a carry off the right side.

Another big second half play which seemed to characterize Herndon's determination came on a spectacular 75-yard scramble and run by QB Gilmore-Parrott, who on a first down play found running room and raced down the field all the way to the Rams' four yard line.

Gilmore-Parrott, who had struggled in the first half with two early interceptions, would finish the game with 90-plus rushing yards and seven completions for over 50 passing yards.

Three plays following his long run, Herndon scored a touchdown when backup quarterback Zach Goldsby, on a third-and-goal from the three, connected with Hicks in

the right side of the end zone as the Hornets got within 56-31 midway through the final quarter.

Later, on its final possession of the game, Herndon would continue its second half scoring bonanza on Schow's short scoring run in the final seconds. On the prior two plays before that, Schow broke off runs of 37 and 11 yards.

Herndon's lone first half points came on a 32-yard field goal from senior Alex Bednarek to get his team within 21-3 with just under five minutes left in the first half. The kicker would go on to convert three-of-four extra point kicks in the second half — the lone miss the result of a kick block by the Rams.

**YES, IT WAS** a game that belonged to Robinson, but Herndon fans could find the silver lining in its team's all-out play and never quit mentality in the second half. One area Robinson played especially well was in holding onto the ball. The Rams made no turnovers in the game. Rams' quarterback Patrick Baker, making his fourth consecutive start behind the center, played outstanding in running the Robinson offense. He also rushed for 100 yards and a touchdown while completing all five of his passes for 93 yards.

Robinson, under new head coach Trey Taylor this season, is now 3-5 following a 1-3 start. One week prior to defeating Herndon, the Rams bested Lake Braddock 24-7. Taylor has been pleased with Baker's play at quarterback. He is the team's third starting signal caller this fall after having played wide receiver for the Rams last year.

"We knew he could throw the football a little bit," said Taylor. "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 said the Rams had a tendency to turn the ball over too often earlier in the season. The past two games against the Bruins and Hornets have seen Robinson protect the ball better.

"We're really gaining momentum," said Baker. "The last two games we've been really focused and eliminated the mistakes and turnovers."

While Robinson will host 7-1 Oakton this Friday night, Herndon High will celebrate its Senior Night game with a home meeting versus district opponent Chantilly. The Chargers, after beginning the season 5-0, are now 5-3 following losses to Westfield, Oakton, and Centreville.

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# Scanning the Horizon



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

"Scans don't cure." Those were the final words to last week's column and an appropriate segue for this week's follow-up column. The reason being, after re-reading "Ascance," I don't think I really made the point I had intended when I first put pen to paper. The point being – in my mind anyway, good news is temporary, but bad news is permanent, so sometimes I take the good with bad, sort of for granted – until further notice, that is. Scans are the present (maybe even a little bit of the past), but they are not the future. A future which, a diagnosis of stage IV lung cancer no longer guarantees. Whatever positive result (meaning the scans/lab work were negative – which is good) I receive, however reassuring, is only good for that day. For all I know, and I know very little, the next day the tumors could be growing and/or spreading. The uncertainty is the killer, emotionally speaking.

Similar in some respects to Christopher Columbus' voyage to the New World in 1492 when he discovered America (like that wouldn't have happened anyway, as the joke goes). During his time, many thought the world was flat and once a ship reached the horizon, it reached the end of the world and would simply fall off the edge, its inhabitants' death to follow. Columbus thought differently. To him, the horizon represented a beginning. Given the technology of the day however, it was hardly guaranteed. As you might imagine, Columbus Day has become my new favorite holiday; synonymous with hope and all things positive.

To me, the next scan represents the horizon. Like Columbus, I want to get there, but I don't know what I'll find or rather what that next scan will indicate. Moreover, the technology of today – and understanding/cure-rate for lung cancer is as limited as Columbus' knowledge of the oceans – beyond what he could see, presumably. Doctors, researchers may know how and why lung cancer presents, but exactly what to do to actually cure the patient is still unknown, at present. But the present is all I have. As much as I may hope and pray and make leaps of faith – and joke, I can never know about tomorrow. I only know about today.

Today (the every-four months CT scan), the results show "no change;" as exciting as health news can get – for me. (Obviously shrinkage and/or total remission would be better news, but I try to live in the real/most-likely-scenario world.) And as the news continues to be good, it almost becomes expected – which would be short-sighted. Cancer is not temporary. Hopefully, the upheaval and insanity it causes to your life is. But the rest of it is permanent ("It ain't over 'til it's over" has taken on a new non-sports meaning for me). Once a cancer patient, specifically a terminal one – like myself, always a cancer patient. And as much as I want to look to the future and see the horizon/ endless possibilities yet to come, there is a part of me that probably would have thought Columbus was crazy for venturing out to sea, risking his life and his crew on a wing and a prayer – and on three ships as he did.

The scan results I received recently were definitely results with which I can live (Duh!). Unfortunately, they may very well be results with which I can die as well. That dichotomy rules my roost every day. I wanted the results to be what they were and when they are, I sometimes take them for granted (talk about being naive). Being a cancer patient is one big definite-maybe. Columbus definitely took a chance. Maybe I should too.

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Rehearsing a scene from "Steel Magnolias" are (from left) Ruth MacBean, Kate Ives, Kathy Young, Amanda Harvey, Suzy McCarthy and Catherine Kyriakakis.

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## 'Steel Magnolias' at Lord of Life

### Two Herndon actresses to perform in Clifton.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

**B**efore "Steel Magnolias" became a hit movie, it was a play, and the Lord of Life Players are bringing it to local audiences.

It'll be performed Friday-Saturday, Nov. 4-5, at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 6, at 3 p.m., at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive (off Union Mill Road) in Clifton. Tickets are \$10 at 703-425-1306 and at the door, if any are left then. Homemade refreshments will be served during intermission.

"This play takes you on a rollercoaster between tears and gut-wrenching laughter," said Director Paul Denfeld. "Because playwright Robert Harling based his brilliantly written script on his sister's experience and involves the whole gamut of emotion, it's incumbent upon the actors to portray that genuinely and realistically."

And with the six actresses in this show, he said, it's no problem. "They're a talented group that's made my job easy," said Denfeld. "They're not amateurs. The other night, I got goose bumps listening to them rehearse."

**THE PLAY** is set in 1980s Louisiana and takes place in Truvy's Beauty Spot over a span of two years. "Lots of people know the movie, so they'll be able to relate to it," said Denfeld. "They'll see these six women grow, develop and each conquer their own, personal issue. Through birth, death and their friendship with each other, the audience will see them support each other through life."

Little Rocky Run's Suzy McCarthy portrays Truvy. "She's a beauty-shop philosopher," said McCarthy. "She knows everybody in town and their business, and she dispenses advice to everyone. Her husband enclosed their carport so she could run her beauty shop and support him. She's the eternal optimist and romantic, and she's the glue that holds everyone together."

McCarthy's enjoying her role and "working with all these wonderful people. It's challenging because I have a lot of lines and I really have to focus. But Truvy's just a happy person and an interesting character. She's full of fun and likes to see the good in everyone."

The play differs from the movie in that the husbands and boyfriends aren't in this version. Instead, the women talk about them. "We have to paint the picture of them through the dialogue," said McCarthy. "It's a beloved story that touches everyone's hearts; it's a slice of life about 'steel magnolias' who find the strength they need through friends and family."

Amanda Harvey of Herndon plays Annelle, Truvy's young assistant. "She's been through some tough

things and goes through an extraordinary transformation, over the course of the play, in an attempt to deal with them," said Harvey. "She comes off as submissive and skittish, but has a definite strength that comes out when necessary. And it does so in such a way as to really change the course of things for her."

Harvey likes how Annelle goes from "being twitchy and anxious to comfortable with herself to pregnant and preoccupied with her religion." She said the audience will like the fact that, "even in the depth of despair, the characters are able to find levity in their situation."

Portraying Shelby is Herndon's Catherine Kyriakakis. "She's bright, sassy and fiercely independent, but extremely close to her mother and longs for her approval and support," said Kyriakakis. "She has diabetes, but longs to be a mother and is willing to risk her life to give birth, despite her doctor's warning."

"I love this part; it's been such a fun experience," said Kyriakakis. "Working with Ruth, who plays Shelby's mother, has really helped me grow as an actor. And because of that, we'll portray a genuine mother-daughter relationship."

Ruth MacBean of Burke plays Shelby's mother, M'Lynn. "She's a professional business woman, very together, and protective of her daughter," said MacBean. "She holds her feelings in and is always worrying about her daughter's health."

**OF ALL THE CHARACTERS**, said MacBean, "M'Lynn gets to go really deep into her emotions. And it's great doing an ensemble like this with six people; it's rewarding because you get to know them and the characters so well."

Portraying Ouiser (Weezer), the town grump, is Springfield's Kate Ives. "She's in her late 60s and wealthy, and she's known her best friend, Clairee, her whole life," said Ives. "She's had 'two worthless husbands and the three most ungrateful children ever conceived.' Like many crusty people, deep down she's got a soft heart and will do anything for the people she loves."

Ives is enjoying playing her because "she has some of the best lines in the play. She says things that others are thinking, but are too polite to say. She's also not a fashion plate, so I've had fun putting together gloriously frumpy outfits."

Kathy Young of Little Rocky Run plays Clairee. "She's the smart aleck of the bunch," said Young. "She's the wealthy, eccentric widow of the mayor, and she loved being the mayor's wife. But when she was, she had to hold her tongue; but now, she doesn't have to. She's warm and goodhearted, and she and Ouiser have a lovely friendship."

Young loves playing Clairee because of her witty lines. For example, said Young, "At one point Clairee says, 'The only thing that separates us from the animals is our ability to accessorize.' When things get too serious, she's the comic relief. Paul [Denfeld] put so much thought into the characters, and I love working with these fantastic women."

## Au Pair Picnic at Frying Pan Park

**O**n Saturday, Oct. 22, Au Pair Care, a national au pair agency, hosted its annual picnic at Frying Pan Park in Herndon. Families and au pairs from across the region enjoyed a buffet lunch, carved pumpkins and visited with other families. Au Pair Care places young women and men from around the world with families in the D.C. area and nation-wide. Au pairs are placed

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— AMIEE FREEMAN

### In Their Own Words



**Ana Bezerra, 21, from Brazil**

Looks after a 3-year-old boy in Herndon.  
"I like it here. It's totally different from where I came from."



**Marina Martins, 21, from Brazil**

Looks after a 5-year-old boy and a 5-year-old girl in Herndon.  
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**Kim Thomann, 21, from Germany**

Looks after three children, ages 12, 10, and 7 in Arlington.  
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**Juliet Faure, 21, from France**

Looks after two boys, ages 8 and 6, in Arlington.  
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**Jalise Du Plessis, 20, from South Africa**

Looks after four children in Fairfax.  
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