

Sharon Bulova takes the stage at The Waterford at Fair Oaks to cheers and shouts of "Sharon, Sharon." More than 250 Democratic supporters attended the party hosted by the Fairfax County Democratic Committee.



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Fairfax Dems Celebrate Victory

Concerns remain over statewide Republican gains.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County's Democratic incumbents in the Virginia General Assembly continued to be the "firewall" against complete Republican control of the legislature, despite Republican gains elsewhere in the state. Fairfax County's nine incumbent State senators, all Democrats, were re-elected, despite the GOP targeting their seats, contributing cash to local Republican challengers, and bringing high-wattage Republicans to stump for those candidates.

State Sen. Dick Saslaw (D-35), who was first elected to the House of Delegates in 1976, announced the Democratic winners at the Waterford at Fair Oaks last night.

"Guess what? The Republican money just went down the drain. We kept our Fairfax team," Saslaw said to loud applause and cheers. A Virginia legislator since 1976, Saslaw said the main reason he ran this year is "to restore cuts in education and social service...I just don't want to see the lunatics take over the asylum. That's the reason I'm still in it."

DESPITE LOCAL Democratic victories, the Democrats effectively lost control of the Virginia Senate because the 22-18 majority is now a 20-20 tie with the lieutenant governor, a Republican, able to cast any necessary tie-breaking votes. The GOP already held a substantial majority in the Virginia House of Delegates.

However Fairfax County, the state's most economically powerful and populous jurisdiction, continues to be in the Democratic column, with a seven-member majority on the Board of Supervisors and nine Democratic State Senators.

"It's kind of a pyrrhic victory," Senator Dave Marsden (D-37) said last night, after announcing that his Republican opponent, Jason Flanary, had just conceded. "What I'm hoping is that we send out a message to Republicans to pay attention to what voters here just said. A 20-20 split is not a license to do whatever you want. I hope they recognize that this is not a



Senator Dave Marsden greets Jane Barker, Chair of the Clifton Women's Democratic Club, at Tuesday's Democratic victory party at the Waterford.

mandate."

Marsden received 16,338 votes (53.35 percent) compared to Flanary's 14,279 votes (46.62 percent).

When State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) took the stage, he drew laughter from the crowd with the line: "I'm Chap Petersen, and I approve of this message."

Petersen received 59.7 percent of the vote compared to 40.5 percent of the vote garnered by his Republican challenger, Gerarda Culipher.

"First, we have to see who is left in the Senate, and when we go back to Richmond, it will be time to strategically game-plan for the state budget," Petersen said. "But right now, I just look forward to spending more time with my family."

DEL. DAVID BULOVA (D-37) fended off a challenge from newcomer Brian Schoeneman, a Republican attorney who contributes to the conservative blog Bearing Drift. The Republican Caucus pumped \$75,000 into Schoeneman's campaign in September, a clear indication they

thought the seat had play. Bulova received 3,842 votes (56.2 percent) compared to Schoeneman's 2,982 votes (43.6 percent).

"Let me just say that democracy is best when it's a team sport," Bulova said. "From the beginning, I never took anything for granted in this race. I know things are kind of up in the air, but I'm happy people seem to agree with the message that we invest in tomorrow, and that future quality of life of our children depends on our willingness to make investments today..."

Bulova said he was looking forward to "buying a new pair of shoes," and spending more time with his family.

Rex Simmons, chair of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee, was not so willing to play nice with the state Republicans.

"The current Democratic majority has vigorously fought for funding for our schools, advocated for additional revenue to pay for transportation improvements that attract new jobs to Virginia, and generally held extremist policies of the McDonnell-Cuccinelli administration in check," Simmons said.

Northern Virginia Remains Blue

Republicans poised to take state Senate even though Democrats maintained control in contested races.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

Republicans experienced all the seasons Tuesday night. First there was the spring of excitement as they gathered at the Fairview Park Marriott eager to see election returns they hoped would see them take control of the Virginia state Senate. Then there was the long summer of anticipation, with election returns slowly arriving from far-flung precincts across the commonwealth. That was followed by a troublesome autumn, a time when Republicans watched one targeted state Senate seat after another maintained by Democratic control. By the winter of discontent, the camera crews packed up and left the ballroom. Fairfax County Republican chairman Anthony Bedell was almost ready to throw in the towel and admit the G.O.P. failed in its attempt to take control of the Virginia state Senate.

Then everything changed. As if spring were arriving yet again, the final precincts were posted bringing new life to their efforts. Although none of the targeted Democratic seats in Northern Virginia fell to Republican challengers, a seat in southwest Virginia moved into the red category when Republican challenger Bill Stanley was declared the winner over Democratic incumbent state Sen. Roscoe Reynolds (D-20). Then Republican Bryce Reeves had an 86-vote margin of victory against incumbent state

Sen. Edd Houck (D-17), prompting a recount in a district that stretches from Fredericksburg to Charlottesville. Shortly before midnight, Bedell declared Republican control of the state Senate pending a recount.

"A win is a win, and that's how you have to look at it," said Bedell. "As Al Davis used to say, Just win, baby."

REPUBLICANS SCORED the narrowest win possible, achieving an evenly divided state Senate with 20 Democratic votes and 20 Republican votes — pending the results of the recount, although recounts almost always go to the candidate with the majority heading into the recount. With Republican Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling expected to break the tie in organizational votes for naming committee chairmen, the G.O.P. will likely take control of the state Senate and have full control over the executive and legislative branches of the commonwealth headed into the 2012 presidential election.

"Virginia is the canary in Barack Obama's coal mine," said Del. Tim Hugo (D-40). "There are very few Democrats left south of the Rappahannock River once this is done, and I think that makes it a tough dynamic for the president to win in 2012."

Fair or not, the Virginia election will be viewed as a dual referendum on Democratic President Barack Obama and Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell. Republicans view the potential control of the state Senate as an indication that Virginia is likely to flip in 2012, voting Republican even though the commonwealth was one of the states that went with Obama in 2008. Perhaps more importantly, with Republicans in control of the state Senate, the congressional redistricting process will be controlled by the G.O.P. heading into the next year's key election.

"Folks are riled up and upset

SEE GOP, PAGE 7

Results

| RACE | CANDIDATE | VOTE | PERCENT |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------|
| State Senate District 39 | Democrat George Barker | 21,093 | 53 percent |
| | Republican Miller Baker | 18,679 | 47 percent |
| State Senate District 36 | Democrat Toddy Puller | 15,558 | 55 percent |
| | Republican Jeff Frederick | 12,531 | 45 percent |
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Cook Wins Second Term

Republicans hold on to Braddock district and three seats on Board of Supervisors

After a 10-week pitched battle, Republican incumbent John Cook declared victory last night in one of the most hotly-contested races in Fairfax County.

Cook and his Democratic opponent, Janet Oleszek, were neck and neck throughout the night, with Cook winning by a slim margin of 372 votes: With 93 percent of the precincts reporting at 11:30 p.m., Cook received 12,489 votes (49.28 percent) compared to Oleszek's 12,117 votes (47.81 percent).

Calling himself the "Lone Ranger" of the night for being one of the few Republican winners, Cook, a trial attorney, said he was "grateful for the confidence in me expressed by the Braddock District voters and look forward to serving them for the next four years."

The campaign for the Braddock Board of Supervisors seat was one of the most closely-watched contests in the county. Republicans made it clear that they wanted Cook to hang on to the seat that had been in the Democrats' column for nearly 30 years. The Democrats were equally determined that Oleszek, a former Fairfax County School Board member, could win it back.

But with Cook's win, the Board of Supervisors remains a seven-three Democratic majority.

"It's not what we wanted," said Anthony Bedell, chair of the Fairfax County Republican Committee, "but [three Republican members] still allows us to have a voice. John Cook and Pat Herryty should get a lot of credit for slowing down the rate of tax increases."

The race was marked by a record number of debates, verbal jabs, snide mailers and outbreaks of point-counterpoint news releases.

Immediately after Oleszek won a divisive primary in August, Cook called for a series of 10 debates, and Oleszek quickly agreed. Each debate, however, seemed to frustrate Cook, who maintained that Oleszek lacked substance.

"I'd rather have a policy debate, but it takes two people who can debate policy," Cook said after the fourth debate with Oleszek.

The candidates repeatedly clashed over issues large and small. By mid-October, Cook issued a news release calling Oleszek the "Candidate of No," saying



PHOTO BY VICTORIA ROSS/THE CONNECTION

Supervisor John Cook went door-knocking on Monday afternoon in the Oak Hill precinct. Although resident Lynne Barnsback said she and her husband will vote mostly Democratic, they are Cook supporters. "He has been a good Supervisor. He came to speak at our son's Boy Scout Troop meeting, and he cares about the issues that affect us," Barnsback said.

that she opposed local control of local roads, one of Cook's signature issues, and offered no solution for pot holes or tall grass.

"We are in the middle of a number of neighborhood focused initiatives that will improve the Braddock District."

— Supervisor John Cook

During the final week of the campaign, Oleszek's team sent mailers photo-shopping Cook's image to appear as a part-time "Super-Mart" employee, claiming that Braddock needed more than a "part-time supervisor." The Board of Supervisors position is, in fact, part-time. Cook called the mailer "a new low."

On Monday, after several hours of door-knocking, Cook

said he was ready to move forward on the issues that got him elected two years ago. He said he plans to continue his neighborhood-focused initiatives during his next term.

"We are in the middle of a number of neighborhood focused initiatives that will improve the Braddock District," Cook said. "It is important that these projects are completed with the same emphasis on engaging and involving the community as when they began. That has been the hallmark of my tenure. That's what I look forward to."



Chairman Sharon Bulova spent the afternoon on Election Day visiting voters at Greenspring Retirement Community in Springfield. She is pictured greeting supporter Al Wiecejorek, 88.

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Spike Williams addresses gathered Republican supporters.

PHOTO BY DEB COBB/THE CONNECTION

Bulova Wins Second Term

Democrats retain control of County Board of Supervisors.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Election Day 2011 was a good one for incumbents, which meant it was a good night for Fairfax County Democrats.

One of the stars of the night was Sharon Bulova, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, who took the stage to chants of “Sharon, Sharon, Sharon” from the crowd of 250-plus Democrats gathered at the Waterford Inn in Fairfax. The party was hosted by the Fairfax County Democratic Committee (FCDC).

“I want you to know that local and state elections matter,” Bulova said. “These are the people who are taking care of business. These are the people who are maintaining the roads, keeping our schools great and keeping up our quality of life in Fairfax County.”

Bulova held a commanding lead over Republican challenger Michael “Spike” Williams throughout the evening: She won with 59.4 percent of the vote (113,769 votes) to Williams’ 35.59 percent (68,167 votes.)

“This is a big win for Fairfax County Democrats,” FCDC chair Rex Simmons said. “It shows the diversity in our county. Voters are very educated here, and they have clearly embraced our great education system and our terrific leadership. Sharon has shown over and over again that she is a leader who is committed to keeping the county one of the best places to live in the country.”

BULOVA, active in local Democratic politics for more than 20 years, ran on a record of accomplishments as leader of the most powerful governing body in the County. She was endorsed by almost every major organization, from the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce to The Fairfax Deputy Sheriff’s Coalition. Praised for her skillful handling of county finances in tough economic times, she is known as a

consensus-builder on the Board of Supervisors.

Bulova won the at-large seat in a 2009 special election after her predecessor, U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), moved on to Congress.

At numerous debates, meet-the-candidates forums and fundraisers, Bulova maintained that she is a strong leader who, despite the economic free-fall of the past few years, has preserved Fairfax County’s quality-of-life standards with a first-rate school system and progressive transportation plans.

“Fairfax County is an exceptional place to live, work and play and grow older comfortably. It’s not that way by accident,” she said at a recent candidate’s forum. “Our quality of life is protected, fostered and enhanced by an engaged community... Fairfax County’s quality of life remains intact with vibrant parks, libraries and recreational amenities, as well as compassionate human services that are the envy of the region.”

Bulova said she will continue to use “smart-growth” strategies to help the county move forward on a number of transportation issues, including Tysons Corner redevelopment and the Dulles Metro-Rail project.

“During my next term, I’d like to increase transit options by looking at light rail opportunities and completion of rail to Dulles,” she said.

ANOTHER PRIORITY is rebuilding the relationship between the Board of Supervisors and the Fairfax County School Board, which currently absorbs 53 percent of the County’s \$3.3 billion budget.

“You know, one of the first things I’d like to do is have a retreat in February with the new School Board,” she said. “It will be an opportunity for new members of the School Board to step back and look at where we’re going and how best to collaborate.”

“She is fair and competent,” said supporter Dorothy Massie, a resident of Greenspring Retirement Community in Springfield, where Bulova spent the afternoon on Election Day.



Democratic-endorsed candidates, from left: Ilyong Moon, Ted Velkoff and Ryan McElveen, won all three at-large School Board seats.

Voters Say No to ‘Reform’ Candidates

Democratic-endorsed candidates sweep at-large School Board seats.

Voters made it clear they think Fairfax County Public Schools is moving in the right direction by electing the Democratic-endorsed slate of candidates for three at-large seats.

Four-term incumbent Ilyong Moon, and newcomers Ted Velkoff and Ryan McElveen got the top spots in one of the most closely-watched and contested School Board races in the board’s 19-year history.

AT 12:30 A.M. WEDNESDAY, with 100 percent of the precincts reporting, Moon received the most votes with 91,588 votes (17.85 percent). Velkoff received 84,611 votes (16.49 percent), and McElveen received 86,268 votes or (16.81 percent).

“We have a great school system. I’m not saying we can’t improve, but why would you want such radical reform and budget-slashing as some of the candidates were proposing,” said Evangelia Ifantides, an ESOL technology specialist with the school system.

A graduate of Harvard University, Moon, an attorney with two sons who graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, immigrated to the United States from Korea as a teenager. He said his experiences as an immigrant, and as a long-term member of the school board, will serve the needs of the schools in the future.

“The current school board has been very successful putting in place budget cuts and adjustments that did not impede our school system’s continuing academic improvement,” Moon said. “So while our per-pupil cost has fallen, test scores and other indicators of academic achievement have been on the rise.”

After his victory last night,

McElveen, who, at 25, is the youngest candidate in any of the races, said he wanted to sleep first. “Then I will continue doing what I’ve been doing: listening to the concerns of parents, teachers and students. We will continue making Fairfax County Schools the ‘shining school-houses on the hill,’” he said.

“I think McElveen offers a fresh perspective and Moon provides the continuity the School Board needs,” said Catherin Read, a member of the Fairfax City Democrats.

BORN AND RAISED in Vienna, McElveen attended Marshall High School, where he served as class president and graduated with an International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate from The University of Virginia, he currently works in the International Operations and Policy Office of the Boeing Company, and is a Mandarin Chinese tutor.

“In the coming term we will also have the opportunity to make the school system more transparent and accountable,” McElveen said. “We can employ an independent auditor...and hire an ombudsmen for teachers and parents [so that] we can ensure that the concerns of both groups are heard.”

Ted Velkoff, a Rocky Run resident who has been active in several PTAs, said one of his first priorities as a new School Board member is to “complete a thorough review and revision of its values and goals...the newly-elected School Board must establish the values and goals that will guide its work during the upcoming term look forward to creating a shared vision with the new Board and with input from FCPS’s constituents.”

— VICTORIA ROSS

Shakespeare Meets 'Jersey Shore'

Robinson's Cappies play is its world premiere.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Cross Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream" and MTV's "Jersey Shore" and the result is Robinson Secondary's Cappies play.

It'll perform playwright Ken Ludwig's "Midsummer/Jersey" Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 17, 18 and 19, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at www.robinsondrama.org or \$12 at the door.

Using modern language, it follows Shakespeare's story, but sets it in contemporary New Jersey. Four "Guido" and "Guidette" teens in love are on a wooded beach near where hairdressers are rehearsing "Romeo and Juliet," which they hope to perform at the governor's wedding.

In the same place are two groups of magical fairies feuding with each other. When the fairy Puck meddles in the lives of both the lovers and the actors, mad mix-ups and hilarity ensue.

THE PLAY BEGINS when reality-TV stars Cookie and The Understatement return to their high school to tell the students how they met and fell in love. The story then unfolds in flashbacks. There's a cast and crew of 70, and Director Chip Rome called it "enormous fun" working with the playwright to develop it.

"The publisher called us, looking for a D.C.-area school to try his new piece," explained

"This is a cool, new take on an old story that we can all relate to. It deals with our culture."

— Junior Ethan Malamud

Rome. "And we're excited to pilot this new and most-intriguing play."

The students started creating the set last June. Scenes will feature the governor's mansion, the boardwalk and the hair salon. Junior Emily Rowson designed the set, working on it all summer until her 14th version was just right. "The long boardwalk is tall enough for a forest to be underneath," she said. "Steps lead to the beach, and the audience is the ocean."

As Jersey teen Helene, Rowson loves her boyfriend Dennis. "She's smart and likes business, but pretends to be stupid to impress her guy friends," said Rowson. "It's my first lead and a great experience playing her; the role fits me well and I can pull off her attitude. I think the story will appeal to both teens and adults, and



Sarah Irving (center) as Titiana and her band of fairies in Robinson's production of "Midsummer/Jersey."

PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/THE CONNECTION

little kids will enjoy the mystical fairies."

Sophomore Sarah Irving portrays fairy queen Titiana, married to fairy king Oberon. "The fairies are ethereal, flowery and natural," said Irving. "Titiana's emotions are all extreme and also control the weather. She and Oberon are arguing, so he has his servant, Puck, put a spell in her so she'll fall in love with the first thing she sees — a donkey."

Delighted with her role, Irving likes Titiana's beauty, intense emotions, makeup and costumes. She says the show's sound, lighting, props and set are all so special that the audience will enjoy its appearance, as well as story.

PLAYING NIKKI BOTTOM, a hair stylist at the Hair & Gone Salon, is junior Carys Meyer, whose character Puck turns into a donkey.

"Nikki's really over-the-top, with all the Jersey stuff added in — accent, attitude, makeup and hair," said Meyer. "So it's a tough part, but high energy and fun. And the story is 'Midsummer Night's Dream' with contemporary references the audience will understand."

Junior Ethan Malamud plays Lyle, "The Situation" character called "The Understatement" here. "He's not the brightest, he's vain and gets confused about girls," said Malamud. "But in the end, he knows where his heart lies."

Malamud's enjoying portraying someone he's seen on TV; and, he added, "Lyle's loud and obnoxious, and that's always fun to play." Overall, he said, "This is a cool, new take on an old story that we can all relate to. It deals with our culture."

Greenspring resident Freda Burner, chair of the annual Greenspring Pet Parade, with her Yorkshire Terrier Itsy. (She has another Yorkie named Bitsy.)



PHOTOS BY JESSICA MCKAY

Pooches Parade and Prance at Greenspring

Annual pet parade features service dogs.

Residents and staff of Greenspring Retirement Community in Springfield got a special treat last weekend when nearly 40 dogs romped and pranced through the center's clubhouse during the community's annual Parade of Pets. The parade, sponsored by the Dogs of Greenspring (D.O.G.) club, featured a variety of breeds, from Shelties to Cavachons. Greenspring resident Jan Madden, president of the D.O.G. club, sponsors the annual Parade of Pets.

"It's a standing-room only event," said Madden. "The residents always have a lot of fun."

Sharon Tarlono, an advocate for Canine Partners for Life, gave residents a presentation on service dogs with her dog, Chuck Wagon. Tarlono, who received Chuck Wagon through the non-profit organization, demonstrated how service dogs provide companionship and assistance to individuals with a wide range of physical and cognitive disabilities. She said that Chuck Wagon helps her with everyday activities such as putting her shoes on.

Several local businesses, including Felix and Oscar's, PetSmart, Shampooch Mobile Spa and Weber's Pet Supermarket, donated toys and treats. Greenspring, a full-service retirement community, is located on a 108-acre campus in Springfield, and has 2000 residents.

— VICTORIA ROSS



Sharon Tarlono, an advocate for Canine Partners for Life, demonstrated how Chuck Wagon, her service dog, helps her perform everyday activities at the annual Greenspring Pet Parade.

NEWS

Recycle During Electric Sunday

Residents may recycle old TVs, computers, peripheral electronic devices – such as keyboards, speakers, printers and scanners, as well as household hazardous wastes – including fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, for free, during Fairfax County's "Electric Sunday" events. The next one is slated for Sunday, Nov. 20, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road in Fairfax. For more information, call 703-324-5052.

Adopt a Shelter Animal

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter has launched "Operation Empty Cage" as part of its two-month-long "Home 4 the Holidays" adoption push. One of the goals is to empty the shelter's cages by finding a home for each animal available for adoption.

As part of this event, the shelter – at 4500 West Ox Road in Fairfax – will offer free spay/neuter for the first 100 dogs and cats adopted from it until Dec. 31. Animals available for adoption at the shelter may be seen Tuesdays through Fridays, noon-7 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, call 703-830-1100.

Thanksgiving Food Sought for Local Families

Salon Antoine in Fairfax is collecting food donations, now through Nov. 19, at its salon and spa for the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive of the Knights of Columbus, Father Julius J. Cilinski Council 10947. Salon Antoine is at 11092 Lee Highway, 101-A.

Donations will be delivered, Nov. 20, to Saint Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church in Clifton for pick-up by the Knights of Co-

lumbus. The food will then be assembled into complete Thanksgiving-dinner boxes for the needy of Saint Andrew Parish and the surrounding communities.

Residents and businesses wishing to donate food may bring any of the following items to Salon Antoine: Canned gravy, corn, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, peas and green beans; packaged stuffing and dinner rolls; instant mashed potatoes; oranges and apples; holiday cookies; apple juice or cider; and fresh pumpkin or fruit pies.

To donate a 10-12-pound frozen turkey, either contact Auwaerter at james.auwaerter@gmail.com or bring it to St. Andrew Catholic Church, 6720 Union Mill Road, on Sunday, Nov. 20, between 8-11:30 a.m.

VATF-1 Receives DHS "Concrete Buster" Tool

On Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011 at approximately 1 p.m., Virginia Task Force 1 will demonstrate and formally transfer a new Controlled Impact Rescue Tool (CIRT) from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The presentation and demonstration will take place at the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department Academy, 4600 West Ox Road, Fairfax.

CIRT is a new concrete buster that could mean the difference between life and death to those trapped under collapsed concrete caused by natural and manmade disasters.

In development since 2007, the 36-inch long, 100-pound tool is capable of breaching reinforced concrete and works up to four times faster than traditional methods which require drilling, chipping, or sawing. VATF-1 will receive two CIRT tools for evaluation, training, and use in actual emergency responses. Developed in partnership with Raytheon, the CIRT is now commercially available for federal and military agencies.

GOP Takes State Senate

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with what's going on in Washington," said former Republican Gov. George Allen, who is engaged in a campaign to reclaim his U.S. Senate seat. "And so you have the energy on independents and conservatives and Republicans with us."

ALTHOUGH REPUBLICANS were eager to declare victory, the party failed to make the sweep many were predicting. In what may have been the most hotly contested race in Virginia, freshman incumbent state Sen. George Barker (D-39) was able to fend off Republican Miller Baker. The race became a target for both parties, and television viewers were besieged with advertisements in the race. In the end, Barker beat Baker 53 percent to 47 percent.

Other key Northern Virginia races that Republicans were targeting included the open seat created by the retirement of state Sen. Mary Margaret Whipple (D-31). After emerging from a bruising primary, Arlington County Board member Barbara Favola beat Republican businesswoman Caren Merrick 58 percent to 42 percent. And former Republican Party of Virginia chairman Jeff Frederick was unable to beat longtime incumbent Toddy Puller (D-36), with the incumbent Democrat beating the Republican challenger 55 percent to 45 percent.

"We certainly need to look at doing better in other areas," said Bedell. "We are very competitive in Fairfax County, but we weren't in Arlington and Alexandria and we need to figure that puzzle out."

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OPINION

On Veterans Day 2011

Honoring those in military service.

More than 6,000 U.S. military service men and women have died in Iraq and Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001. More than 50,000 have been wounded.

On Veterans Day, we honor and thank all those who have served in the military, in times of war and peace. It's an important moment to evaluate how we are serving the needs of veterans as well. The Post-9/11 GI Bill dramatically increases the educational benefits extended to members of the military who have served at least three months of active duty since Sept. 11, 2001. Steps to provide better, faster and more responsive health care to veterans, including mental health care are underway, but have a long way to go. Here, we must commit the resources to do better.

More than 175 U.S. military service personnel from Virginia have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, including several in the last year.

Aaron Carson Vaughn, 30, was one of 30 American service members and 22 Navy SEALs killed Aug. 6, 2011 when their Chinook helicopter was shot down in Afghanistan. Vaughn's family has ties to McLean and Burke. He is survived by his wife, Kimberly, and their two small children.

Spc. Douglas Jay Green, 23 of Sterling, died Aug. 28, 2011. when insurgents attacked his unit using a roadside bomb in Kandahar province, Afghanistan. Green enlisted in 2007, after attending Potomac Falls High School.

OTHER RECENT Virginia deaths:

Staff Sgt. James Ronald Leep Jr., 44 of Richmond, died Oct. 17, 2011 at Forward Operating Base Kalsu near Iskandariya in Babil province, Iraq.

Spc. Levi Efrain Nuncio, 24 of Harrisonburg, died June 22, 2011 when enemy forces attacked his unit with small-arms fire in the Narang district of Kunar province, Afghanistan.

Capt. Michael Wray Newton, 30 of Newport News, died June 11, 2011 in Meymaneh, Faryab province, Afghanistan.

Capt. Charles A. Ransom, 31, of Midlothian was one of eight airmen who died April 27, 2011, at the Kabul International Airport, Afghanistan, from gunfire. Sgt. Sean T. Callahan, 23, of Warrenton was one of two Marines who died April 23, 2011 in combat in Helmand, Afghanistan:

Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Venetz Jr., 30, of Prince William died Jan. 28, 2011 in Afghanistan, in a non-combat incident. Venetz had been seriously wounded months before.

Spc. Sean R. Cutsforth, 22, of Radford died Dec. 15, 2010 in Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked his unit using small arms fire.

Spc. William K. Middleton, 26, of Norfolk, was one of two soldiers who died Nov. 22 in Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked with an improvised explosive device.

Staff Sgt. Christopher F. Cabacoy, 30, of Virginia Beach, was one of two soldiers who died July 5, 2010, in Kandahar, Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked their vehicle with an improvised explosive device.

Pfc. Benjamin J. Park, 25, of Fairfax Station, Va., died June 18, 2010 at Zhari district, Kandahar, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device.

May 12, 2010, Donald J. Lamar II, 23 of Fredericksburg, was killed in Afghanistan. Christopher D. Worrell, 35 of Virginia Beach, was killed

in Iraq on April 22, 2010. Steven J. Bishop, 29 of Christianburg, was killed March 13, 2010 in Iraq. Kielin T. Dunn, 19 of Chesapeake, was killed Feb. 18, 2010 in Afghanistan. Brandon T. Islip, 23 of Richmond, was killed Nov. 29, 2009, in Afghanistan. Stephan L. Mace, 21 of Lovettsville, died Oct. 3, 2009 in Afghanistan.

Bill Cahir, 40 of Alexandria, died Aug. 13, 2009 of a gunshot wound while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. After 9/11, Cahir left his career as a journalist to join the Marine Corps, and got a special exemption from Congress after his application to become a Marine was denied because of his age.

Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq Oct. 29, 2005.

Lance Cpl. Daniel Ryan Bennett, 23 of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand province, Afghanistan. "He loved his country, and we're so proud of him," said his mother.

2nd Lt. Sean P. O'Connor of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008 while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Ga. O'Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington.

Pfc. David Sharrett, 27 of Oakton, died Jan. 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand along with former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R) as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son.

Four months after the knock on the door that notified David Sharrett Sr. that his son had been killed fighting in Iraq came a second knock, informing him his son might have been killed by friendly fire. The father's four-year efforts to learn the truth about his son's death are part of a movie titled, "A Second Knock At The Door."

Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq. His unit came under small arms fire, and Brown, 26, died from his wounds.

HERE ARE the names of some of the local men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. We repeat these names at least twice a year on Memorial Day and Veterans Day to honor their service and to keep their memories in our consciousness.

If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, calls him the "warrior poet," and he and his wife help injured vets at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon fund (www.yellowribbonfund.org).

Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Spc. Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb while serving in Baghdad, Iraq. He was 22. Since her brother's death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (www.taps.org), which provides emotional support and other services for families of the fallen.

Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his

vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007. Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, when an IED exploded near his vehicle.

Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, of wounds received during combat in Anbar province in Iraq. Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed by enemy fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6, 2006.

Airman 1st Class LeeBernard E. Chavis, 21, was killed Oct. 14, 2006, by sniper fire in Iraq, trying to protect civilians from a roadside bomb.

Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, a 2003 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

U.S. Army Specialist Felipe J. Garcia Villareal, 26 of Burke, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washington Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006. He was a graduate of Herndon High School.

Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children. His parents live in Alexandria.

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11. Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005.

Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded. Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

Staff Sgt. George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Samarra, Iraq, Oct. 17.

Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005. Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32 of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq.

1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan. CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005 in Buhriz, Iraq.

Operations Officer Helge Boes of Fairfax was killed on Feb. 5, 2003, while participating in counterterrorism efforts in eastern Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Lance Cpl. Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; 1st Lt. Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; 1st Lt. Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Coast Guard Petty Officer Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Army Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Command Sgt. Maj. James D. Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Capt. James F. Adamowski, 29, of Springfield; Sgt. DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Staff Sgt. Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria; Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunner Sgt. Javier Obleas-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church; Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington; Maj. Joseph McCloud, of Alexandria, and Major Gloria D. Davis, 47 of Lorton.

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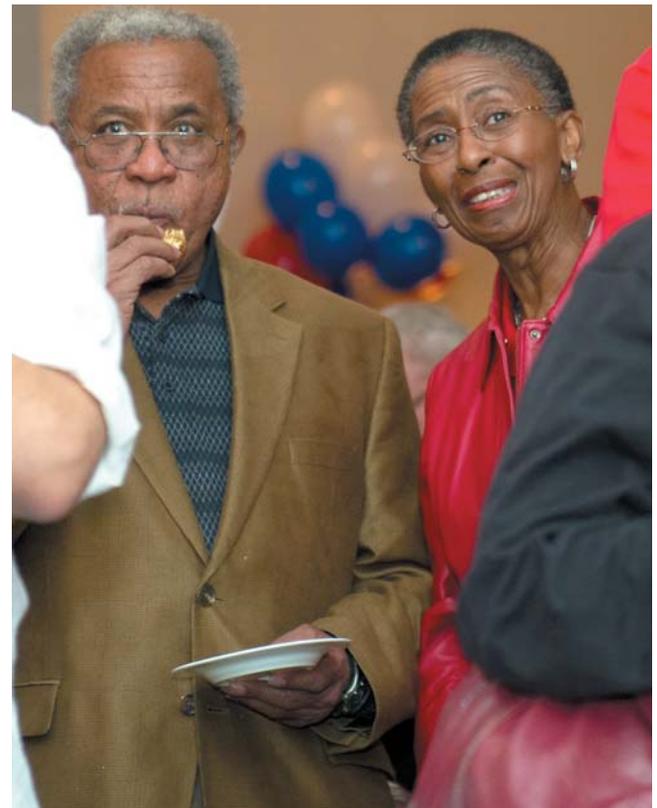


Pat Herryty addressed the crowd at the election night event sponsored by the Fairfax County Republican Committee on Nov. 8.

Celebrating Election Night



At the event sponsored by the Fairfax County Republican Committee at the Fairview Park Marriott, the weather was on the big screen while supporters turned to personal electronic devices for results.



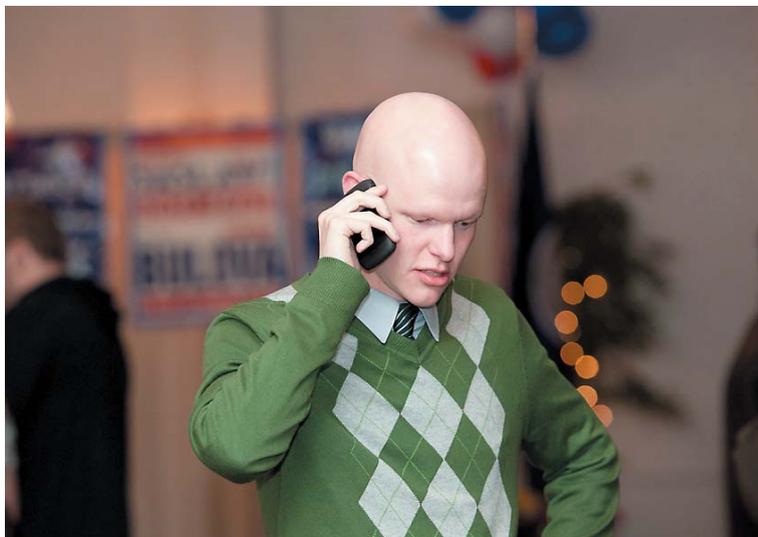
Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) ran unopposed.



M. Timothy Firebaugh of Springfield and Ray Davenport of Glen Allen watch election returns at the election night sponsored by the Fairfax County Democratic Party at The Waterford at Fair Oaks on Nov. 8.

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THE CONNECTION

Ryan McElveen, 25, of Vienna, was the youngest candidate in any of the races. Democrat-supported McElveen won one of the three at-large School Board seats.



Kitchen Confidential

Many approaches, most include green-design elements.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Whether used to sip morning coffee or to host a large dinner party, the kitchen is often the most occupied room in a home. Local interior designers and the National Kitchen and Bath Association say the trendiest kitchen design elements of 2011 and 2012 are glass, cabinetry with dark finishes, energy-efficient lighting and accessories, double-wall ovens, walk-in pantries and induction cook tops.



PHOTO COURTESY 2 IVY LANE INTERIORS

This Fairfax County kitchen, designed by Alex Deringer and Courtney Cox of 2 Ivy Lane Interiors, has a dramatic skylight and large windows to let in natural light.

WHEN PASSIONATE COOKS with a flair for coordinating colors and a commitment to energy efficiency collaborate on a kitchen design project, it is no surprise that the end result incorporates current trends. That is what happened when David Bauer, an environmental consultant, and Joanne Bauer, a museum curator and artist, hired Alexandria-based architect Laura Campbell to remodel their Reston home.

The couple had lived in their home for 20 years when they decided to do a major renovation.

"The kitchen was so small that you could only open one appliance at a time," said Joanne Bauer. "I cook

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Home Life Style

Creating Dream Kitchens

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a lot, and we entertain a lot. When we had a lot of people over, I was always holed up in the kitchen while everyone else was having a good time [in another part of the house].”

The Bauers wanted their kitchen to be a spacious room in which family and friends could flow in and out freely.

“[Our new kitchen] is the kind of kitchen where [there is room for] people to help with cooking. It has an open floor plan and works well for entertaining,” said Bauer. “Now what was once our kitchen is a walk-in pantry.”

Because their appliances can be seen from the living room, the Bauers covered them with flat-faced cherry wood cabinet fronts and attached brushed stainless steel pulls for opening and closing.

Their choice of an induction cooktop as well as their lighting selection underscores the couple’s desire for energy efficiency. Campbell put in LED under-counter lights that provide drama and task lighting without adding heat or using much energy.

“They have a beautiful, wooded yard,” said Campbell. “... [W]e placed the sink and island to take advantage of [the view], adding a skylight over the island.”

The couple, who are hikers, chose colors that are reminiscent of their outdoor treks. “The granite countertops remind us of stone we’ve seen on our hikes. We love the integrated colors.”

Campbell created a niche just outside the kitchen where Joanne Bauer could display art, including her own.

“The kitchen is open, and it flows,” said Bauer. “But it’s like a cooking show; if I screw up, everyone will know.”

LET THERE BE LIGHT (AND GLASS)

When Alexandria-based designers Alex Deringer and Courtney Cox of 2 Ivy Lane Interiors designed a kitchen in Fairfax County recently, they took a light approach.



PHOTO BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

The homeowners wanted a spacious and elegant room for entertaining that also accommodated their children.

The result was a kitchen with white marble counters and white, custom-designed, painted wood cabinets, including some glass-front cabinets with interior lighting. The island has a rosewood counter surface, creating a dramatic contrast against the light-hued wood.

“The appliances have cabinet overlays, so they blend in with the rest of the cabinetry,” said Cox. “Custom cabinets give you a more refined look.”

The most dramatic feature in this room is the colossal skylight above the island. Other large windows add additional natural light.

“[This owner] is a very light-driven person,” said Deringer.

GO GREEN

When Holly and Rick Wolff bought a second home in their North Arlington neighborhood, they gutted and remodeled it. Having lived across the street in a smaller home for 30 years, they wanted more space, especially in the kitchen.

“[Our previous house] had a tiny kitchen, and I wanted a big kitchen with an island where our family could congregate and talk and relax,” said Holly Wolff.



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When remodeling their Reston home, Joanne and David Bauer chose an induction cooktop as well as LED lighting. Alexandria Architect Laura Campbell designed a spacious room in which family and friends could flow in and out freely.

Environmentally active since they started a paper recycling program as students at George Washington University, the Wolffs hired green architect David Peabody, to design the new kitchen.

“Almost everything in the kitchen is green,” said Holly Wolff. “Our cabinets are bamboo. We have a cork floor that is sustainable. Our counters are Riverstone concrete.”

Peabody, an Alexandria-based architect,

added a long wall of windows and placed the sink in the middle. The breakfast room, which was once a screened porch, is now enclosed in glass and adjoins the kitchen.

“What we decided to do was to expand the kitchen out in the back about six feet and then enclose the porch so it is one streaming room,” said Holly Wolff. “It added all this light to the back end of the house. We put windows everywhere we could. Now we have light everywhere: sun tubes, skylights. David is a firm believer in light.”



PHOTO BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

Alexandria based interior designer Sarah Pak used custom cherry wood cabinets and honed black granite counters when she remodeled the kitchen of this Old Town Alexandria home. The homeowner wanted the kitchen to be an open, flowing workspace with a large island and room for a family dining table.

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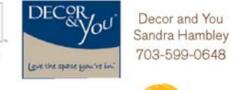
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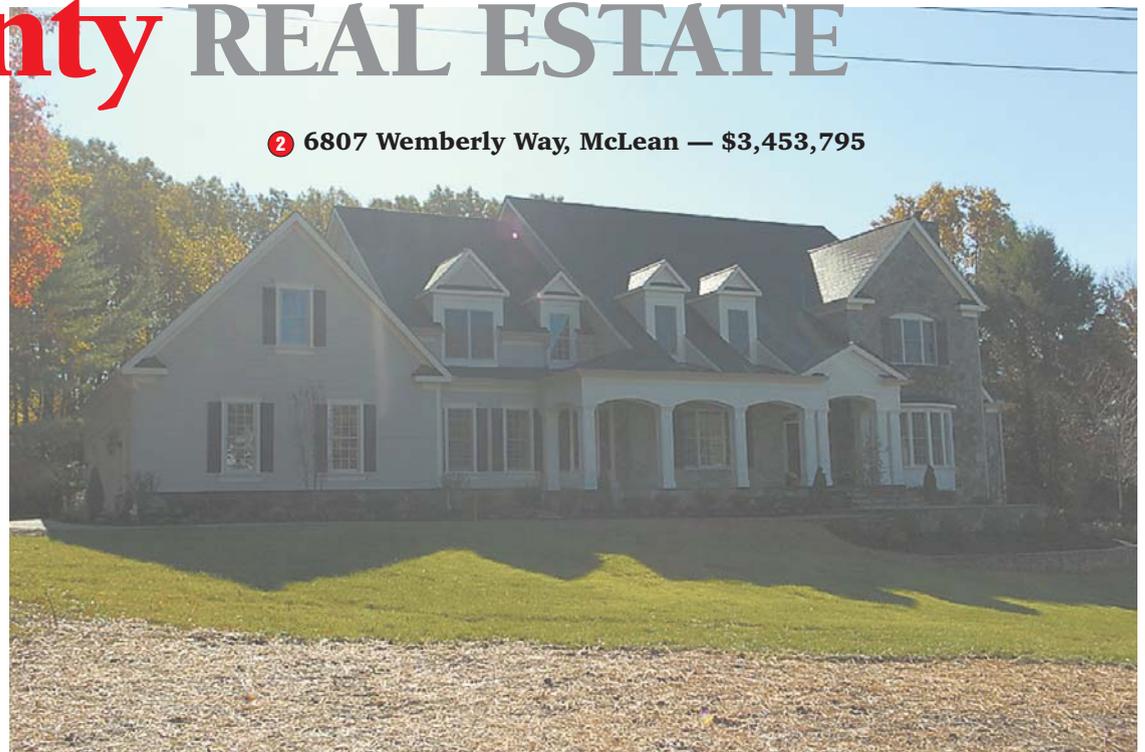
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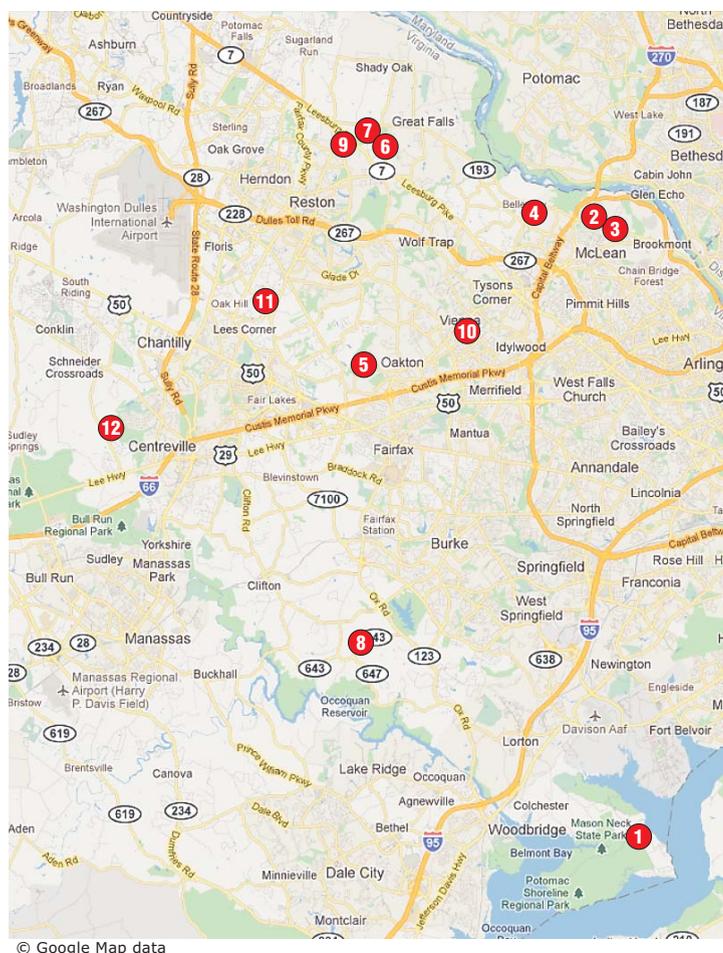
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| 11201 GUNSTON RD | 6 | .8 | .2 | MASON NECK | ... | \$6,100,000 | Detached | .513 | 22079 | STONE MANOR | 09/01/11 |
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| 872 CENTRILLION DR | 6 | .5 | .3 | MCLEAN | ... | \$2,620,000 | Detached | 1.61 | 22102 | GARFIELD PARK | 09/29/11 |
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| 11314 STONES THROW DR | 5 | .4 | .1 | RESTON | ... | \$1,380,000 | Detached | 0.58 | 20194 | ESTATES@WYNDHAM HILLS | 09/07/11 |
| 500 SPRING ST SE | 5 | .5 | .1 | VIENNA | ... | \$1,340,960 | Detached | 0.27 | 22180 | NONE | 09/30/11 |
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This home, purchased by former Hewlett Packard chief executive Carly Fiorina sits on 5.1 acres and has six bedrooms, eight bathrooms and two half-bathrooms. It has spectacular views of the river from virtually every room.

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\$6.1 Million for Waterfront Home

High profile buyers acquire top properties.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Some waterfront and Alexandria real estate gems have been scooped up recently. Former Hewlett Packard chief executive Carly Fiorina shelled out \$6.1 million for a home along the Potomac River on Gunston Road in the Mason Neck section of Alexandria.

The house, which originally listed for \$7.7 million, sits on 5.1 acres and has six bedrooms, eight bathrooms and two half-bathrooms. It sold in September.

"This home is located on a particularly beautiful part of the Potomac River," said listing agent Sue Goodheart of McEneaney Associates. "The lot was leveled so that you can have direct access to the water. In every room you have a spectacular view of the river. There are a lot of open areas and open stairwells." Goodheart says the home is in a gated community, offering privacy.

Ferry Point is the location of another Alexandria waterfront property which sold recently. Originally listed at \$10.7 million, the 7,000-square-foot home sold in August for \$8.2 million. It sits on 11.7 acres and has six bedrooms, five bathrooms and one half-bathroom. A winding, tree-lined driveway leads visitors through the lush grounds to the main house. The property includes a carriage house with a two-bedroom, one-bathroom guest apartment.

The main house features four fireplaces including one outdoor fireplace, a pool, a green house, stables



and a boat dock.

In Old Town, a five-bedroom, four-and-a-half-bathroom home in the historic district sold for \$3.5 million, originally listed at \$4 million. The four-story home includes a pool, 12-foot ceilings and eight fireplaces. It still has the original woodwork and floors. Ideal for entertaining, the home has a library and a large library that overlooks the gardens.

"It was built in 1870 and has ... eight fireplaces and beautiful gardens," said Goodheart. She says the double lot, large for the area, was another attraction for buyers.

While those homes are no longer on the market, Goodheart says there are others that are just as spectacular. She names, a \$4.85 million home on Fairfax Street in the heart of Old Town with six bedrooms, four bathrooms, two half-bathrooms and an air-conditioned two-car garage.

Originally built in 1770, it is an 8,000-square-foot home on a quarter-acre lot. The home has built-in book cases, antique limestone mantels on six fireplaces and ceramic tile in the bathrooms. It has grand rooms for entertaining. Other amenities include an historic smokehouse and a chef's kitchen with an adjoining breakfast room.

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THURSDAY/NOV. 10

9th Annual Veterans' Powwow at GMU. 12-10 p.m. George Mason University Johnson Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. The Native American/Indigenous Alliance at GMU honor American veterans and celebrate Native American culture. Traditional art and crafts available for purchase. With Host Drum Stoney Creek and Buffalo Hill. Master of Ceremonies Clayton Old Elk (Crow) and Keith Colston (Tuscarora-Lumbee); arena director Manuel Rodriguez (Comanche & Cheyenne); head dancers Mary Phillips (Laguna Pueblo & Omaha) and Jason Warwick (Lumbee & Eastern Cherokee); head junior dancers Alexander Firewalker (Cherokee) and Alexis Hill (Seneca & Ojibwa). Free admission, open to the public. 703-993-2700.

"Working." 7:30 p.m. W.T. Woodson High School, 9525 Main St., Fairfax. Based on Studs Terkel's book "Working: People Talk About What They Do All Day and How They Feel About What They Do." \$5-\$10. <http://wtwdrama.org>.

Jonathan Tyler & The Northern Lights and Robert Ellis. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Eric Brace & Last Train Home. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolftrap, 1635 Trap road, Vienna. Roots rock. \$20. www.wolftrap.org.

Gifts from the Kitchen. 4 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Create gingerbread cookie and hot chocolate holiday gift jars for family and friends. Maximum attendance is 15 children age 9-12 years. Register at 703-249-1520.

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

Toddler Time. 10:30 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Stories, songs, fingerplays and activities. Age 2-3 with adult. 703-293-6227.

Stories for Fours and Fives: Rhyme Time.



The Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac will hold a Lab Rescue event on Sunday, Nov. 13 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Petco, 9230 Old Keene Mill Road in Burke. Available in all colors and ages, the Labs come from shelters and humane societies as well as owners who no longer can care for their dogs. Each Adopt-A-Lab event features 20-30 of the 50-60 Labs available for adoption at any time. If you bring your whole family, human and canine, you may be able to adopt that day. 703-455-2007 or www.lab-rescue.org.

10:30 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Stories, songs, and activities about rhyming. Age 4-5 with adult. 703-644-7333.

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

FRIDAY/NOV. 11

"Working." 7:30 p.m. W.T. Woodson High School, 9525 Main St., Fairfax. Based on Studs Terkel's book "Working: People Talk About What They Do All Day and How They Feel About What They Do." \$5-\$10. <http://wtwdrama.org>.

"Kicking It." 7:30 p.m. Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10215 Lakehaven Court, Burke. Five years after its inauguration, the annual Homeless World Cup has become an internationally recognized sports competition. This film kicks off Accotink's Help for the Homeless, 2011 Social Justice Focus program. Discussion follows the film. 703-503-4579 or www.accotinkuuc.org.

Charlie Mars and Nate Ihara (solo acoustic). 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Wolf Trap Debut Artist: Robert Belinic. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolftrap, 1635 Trap road, Vienna. Croatian guitarist performing classic works from Bach, Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco, Antonio Lauro and more. \$35. www.wolftrap.org.

The 10th Annual Jazz 4 Justice: Celebrating the Music of WWI. 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. With selections from George and Ira Gershwin, Sholom Secunda, Sammy Cahn, Woody Herman and Joe Bishop, Wycliffe Gordon, Jerry Bock and Larry Holofcener. \$20, \$15 students and seniors. www.music@gmu.edu.

SATURDAY/NOV. 12

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra. 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. With harpist Yolanda Kondonassis. Mozart's Symphony No. 10, Barber's Adagio for Strings, Ginastera's Harp Concerto, Barber's First Essay for Orchestra, and Schubert's Symphony No. 5. Free pre-concert discussion for ticketholders at 7 p.m. Tickets \$25-\$55. info@fairfaxsymphony.org.

7th Annual Fairfax County History Conference. 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. With the theme of "Fairfax Divided" the Fairfax County History Commission in 2011 will focus on Fairfax County's Civil War heritage. With Steve Potter on Civil War Archaeology, Gar Schulin on Gen. Robert E. Lee, Susan Hellman on Woodlawn & Quaker life at the onset of the Civil War, and David Blake on Buckland, early skirmishes of the war, and preservation of present day Buckland. Breakfast and lunch provided. Admission \$25. 703-293-6227 ext. 6.

Bobby Long and Rayland Baxter at 8 p.m.; **Aziatix and SNRG** at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Rock Band Daughtry. 7:30 p.m. American Freedom Festival Washington, Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets range from \$39.50-\$139.50, available at www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. Military tickets will be available at a discount through www.patriotcenter.com.

Robinson Marketplace. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. J.W. Robinson Jr. Secondary School, 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Over 70 vendors, make and take crafts for the family and raffles. Free admission. www.robinsonpsa.org or 703-426-2100.

Holiday Express Boutique. 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m. St. Mary of Sorrows Parish Hall, 5222 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Holiday craft and gift sale, sweet shop, silent auction and raffle. 703-978-4141.

Annual Bazaar for the Icelandic Association of Washington, D.C. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. American Legion Post 177, 3939 Oak St., Fairfax. Handmade Icelandic woolens, imported crafts, Icelandic holiday decorations, traditional Icelandic foods. jt6543a@student.american.edu.

"Working." 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. W.T. Woodson High School, 9525 Main St., Fairfax. Based on Studs Terkel's book "Working: People Talk About What They Do All Day and How They Feel About What They Do." \$5-\$10. <http://wtwdrama.org>.

Holiday Happenings Craft Show. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Woodson High School, 9525 Main St., Fairfax. Fused glass, ceramics, jewelry, scarves, embroidery, handbags, paintings, decorations, giftware, pet accessories, a bake sale and more. Free Admission. woodsoncraftshow@gmail.com.

20th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. George Mason University, Student Union Bldg II, Route 123 and Braddock Road, Fairfax. Dealers selling minerals, fossils, crystals, gems, carvings, meteorites and more. Demonstrations, exhibits, door prizes and children's activities. Sponsored by the Northern Virginia Mineral Club. Adults \$5, seniors \$3, age 13-17 \$3, age 12 and under free. Scouts in uniform or GMU students free. 703-281-3767 or www.novaminerclub.org.

The Bobs. 7:30 p.m. The Barns at Wolftrap, 1635 Trap road, Vienna. A cappella madness. \$22. www.wolftrap.org.

Holiday Marketplace. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. J.W. Robinson Jr. Secondary School, 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Over 70 vendors, student entertainment and Make and Take crafts. Raffle prizes include Disney tickets. Free admission. www.robinsonpsa.org or 703-426-2100.

Wheels to Africa Bike Collection. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. South County Secondary School, 8501 Silverbrook Road, Fairfax. Used bicycles are collected and shipped to developing countries. alisher6@gmail.com.

Microsoft PowerPoint. 2:30 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Learn how to put together a presentation using Microsoft PowerPoint. Adults. 703-293-6227.

SUNDAY/NOV. 13

Day of Thanks. 5-8 p.m. Northern Virginia Bha'i 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. priscillamtz@gmail.com or 703-622-8984.

Songs of Peace and Freedom: Honoring Our Veterans. 4 p.m. Christ Presbyterian Church, 12410 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. With the NoVA Lights Chorale, artistic director Barbara Stefan, pianist Anna EunJoung Ko and violinist Chuck Gambrell. Free, wheelchair accessible. Reception to follow. novalightschorale@gmail.com or www.novalightschorale.jigsaw.com.

Arlington Cemetery Talk. 2 p.m. Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main St., Fairfax. National Park Service historians Brad Berger and Michael Kelly will present an illustrated talk on the history of Arlington National Cemetery. Once owned by George Washington Parke Custis, then home to Confederate General Robert E. Lee, Arlington House and the surrounding land became a burying ground for Union soldiers during the Civil War. Free. 703-385-8414.

Holiday Express Boutique. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. St. Mary of Sorrows Parish Hall, 5222 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Holiday craft and gift sale, sweet shop, silent auction and raffle. 703-978-4141.

Talmud: The Art of Marc Chagall and Ben-Zion Gallery Reception. 7 p.m. Truro Church, 10520 Main St., Fairfax. An exhibit of Ben-Zion and Marc Chagall's full color lithographs and etchings, commentaries on the text of Scripture in the Talmudic tradition. 703-272-1300.

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NEWS

Siemens Honors Young Scientists

By MAYA HOROWITZ
THE CONNECTION

Four students from Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, Luo Qian, Ye (Eric) Tao, Marvin Qian and Yon (Daniel) Jang, have been named regional finalists for the prestigious Siemens Competition

in math, science and technology. "We've got a strong tradition of students coming from Northern Virginia, specifically from Thomas Jefferson," said Jeniffer Harper-Taylor, president of the Siemens Foundation.

The Siemens Competition in math, science and technology, which is open to all high school students, was established in 1999.

"It was specifically created to recognize high school students for original research projects," said Harper-Taylor.

Siemens partners with the College Board for the competition.

"Siemens is the sole funder," said Harper-Taylor. "College Board is the sole interface."

Finalists are selected via a blind read.

Four Thomas Jefferson Students Named Regional Finalists for Siemens Competition.

"65-70 judges in the major disciplines look at the students work without name, geographical location or gender," said Harper-Taylor. "The blind read has definitely been the platinum standard. Students are not judged on extracurricular activities or grade point average, just their work."

Regional finalists advance to competitions at one of six colleges:

Georgia Institute of Technology, California Institute of Technology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the University of Texas at Austin, University of Notre Dame and Carnegie Melon.

Luo Qian, Tao and Marvin Qian competed at Georgia Institute of Technology. Jang, because his

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Young Scientists Honored

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project involved team members from other areas, will compete at Carnegie Melon.

"Every person at regionals gets a \$1,000 scholarship," said Harper-Taylor. The top prize at regionals is \$3,000 for individuals and \$6,000 for teams.

This year, an all-time record of 2,436 students competed for a total of 1,541 projects.

"Students are becoming more engaged in original research," said Harper-Taylor. "It's become a very popular topic among American educators. It's been a big topic on the president's agenda. It's brought a lot visibility to STEM. It's become a more attractive field to consider."

LUO QIAN, a senior at Thomas Jefferson, said he had been working on his project for about three years. He found the Siemens Competition and thought it was a good medium to present his work. His project examines iron at the Earth's core.

"Iron is the major component of the Earth's core," said Luo Qian. "By knowing and studying extensively under temperatures and pressures we can get a guesstimate of how the inner core works. This gives us a greater understanding of our Earth as a whole."

He hopes to study computer science and possibly chemistry in college. In his free time, he codes, builds websites and works on computer science.

Luo Qian lives in Springfield. "It's an interesting place I suppose," said Luo Qian. "There's not much that goes on there. It's not really a big city, just sort of an area."

YE (ERIC) TAO AND MARVIN QIAN, a junior and senior, respectively, from Thomas Jefferson, worked together. Both said they had heard of the competition before and aspired to participate.

"The Siemens competition is very prestigious," said Tao. "Even since I was young, my friends and family were mentioning it."

"It's pretty popular at our school," said Marvin Qian, who is no relation to fellow finalist Luo Qian. "Even when I was a freshman I would hear from the upperclassmen. It made a pretty big impact on us and we wanted to enter."

They chose an interdisciplinary project because Tao was interested in computer science and Marvin Qian was interested in biology. They created a computational approach to detect a special class of proteins. Using computers makes studying these proteins more cost effective and accessible for smaller laboratories.

"Proteins have a large impact," said



Luo Qian



Marvin Qian



Ye (Eric) Tao



Yon (Daniel) Jang

Marvin Qian. "They facilitate any biological process in your body. The type of proteins we study bind to more different molecules and they're more versatile. Our methods use computer programs so it's fast and cheap to obtain that information."

Tao plans to study computer science or electrical engineering in college. In his spare time he likes to participate in math competitions or do programming.

Marvin Qian plans to study biomedical engineering in college. He practices martial arts, trains and competes at the O-mei Wushu center and enjoys visual arts.

Tao lives in Fairfax. "It's a pretty nice place," said Tao. "I live in the suburbs. There's just nothing wrong with it."

Marvin Qian lives in Herndon. "It's pretty nice," said Marvin Qian. "It's safe. It's got interesting people. It's a good suburban area."

YON (DANIEL) JANG, a senior at Thomas Jefferson, started working on his project at a summer program at Stony Brook University. He has two team members, one from New York and another from Califor-

nia.

His project deals with hydrogen fuel cells. "We found we could increase their fuel output by modifying their proton exchange membrane," said Jang. "The long term application of our project is ultra efficient hydrogen fuel cells. Fuel cells that can power cars and help America solve its energy crisis."

Most of the work was done in the summer, but over the year, the team members communicated via Skype.

"Scheduling was sometimes tricky but we managed," said Jang.

Jang plans to study chemical engineering or material science with a focus on sustainable engineering in college "in large part due to my research on fuel cells. It got me interested in the field of clean energy."

Extracurricularly, he is the president of the environmental impact club and he enjoys taekwondo and ultimate frisbee.

Jang lives in Alexandria. "It is a very good environment for living," said Jang. "I like it, I guess."

Regionals at Georgia Institute of Technology took place Nov. 4-5. Regionals at Carnegie Melon will occur on Nov. 18-19.

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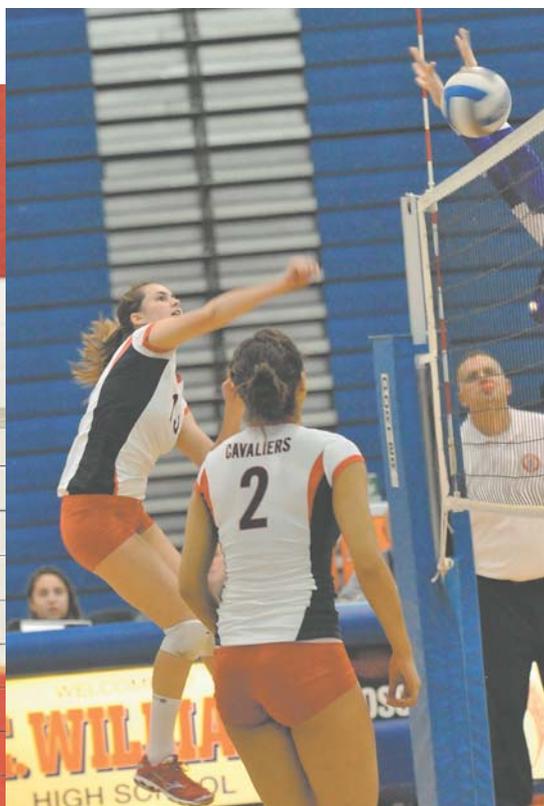
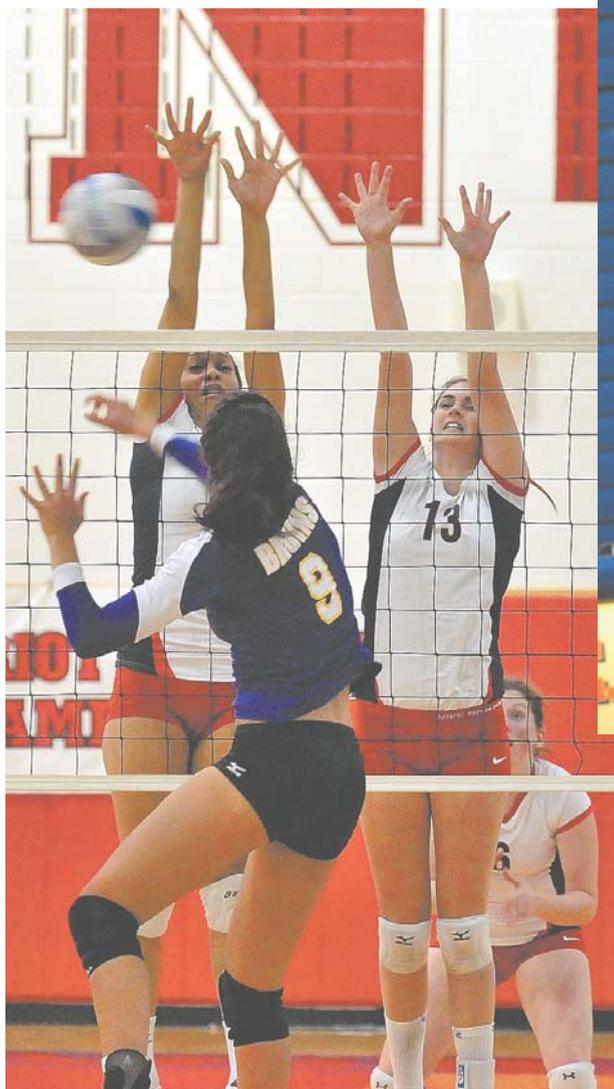
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SPORTS



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Woodson's Caitlynn King finished with 14 kills against Lake Braddock in the Patriot District final on Nov. 3 and was named tournament MVP.

Woodson's Jordan Jackson, left, and Caitlynn King block against Lake Braddock's Kyra Rodi during the Patriot District championship match on Nov. 3 at T.C. Williams High School.

Woodson Wins Volleyball Title

Cavaliers edge Lake Braddock in five-game thriller.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

While the Woodson volleyball team celebrated, senior captain Rachel Conway provided insight into how the Cavaliers defeated Lake Braddock to earn the program's first district title.

"Everyone played their butts off," she said. "We knew we were going to win as soon as we walked on the court."

The Cavaliers might have been confident in their ability to get the job done, but they sure made things interesting.

Woodson fell behind Lake Braddock early, dropping the first game before winning the next two and taking control. Then the Cavaliers let an

eight-point lead slip through their fingers in game four and trailed early in the deciding fifth frame before pulling away. The final result was a 3-2 (20-25, 25-22, 25-16, 23-25, 15-10) victory in the Patriot District final on Nov. 3 at T.C. Williams High School.

After winning games two and three, Woodson, the

No. 2 seed, led 17-9 in game four before No. 4 Lake Braddock came storming back. The Bruins scored the next seven points and 16 of the final 22 to swipe the game and even led briefly in game five. But Woodson maintained its composure and pulled out the win.

"We just stayed positive," junior Caitlynn King said. "We kept the energy up [and] supported each other. If there was a mistake, we all got back up and we said, 'OK, one mistake, keep going, get the next point.'"

King, a junior setter and outside hitter, finished with 14 kills, 17 assists, 17 digs, two aces and a block in the championship match, including four kills and an ace in game five. King, a second-team all-district selection, earned the tournament MVP award.

Conway had eight kills, 19 assists and 10 digs, Maggie Price finished with eight kills and 12 digs and Jordan Jackson recorded seven kills. Ally Landers totaled 19 digs, Erica Opatz recorded 17 digs and Hannah Dallman and Eliza Fisher each had five kills.

"Our girls, they wanted this bad," Woodson head coach Len Palaschak said. "We've been fighting for this for about five years now. We've had some great teams and we just have never been able to finish and we finally finished it tonight. It feels good."

Jackson, the district MVP, and Conway, a first-team all-district selection at setter and outside hitter, were also named to the all-tournament team. Dallman, a middle, and freshman libero McKenzie Reed garnered all-district honorable mention.

"Everyone played their butts off. We knew we were going to win as soon as we walked on the court."

— Rachel Conway, Woodson senior

Woodson's Paul Gates placed fifth at the Northern Region cross country championship meet on Nov. 3 at Burke Lake Park.



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Third at Districts, Fifth at Regionals

Woodson's Paul Gates and teammates celebrate successes.

Woodson's Paul Gates earned his fourth trip to the Northern Region cross country championship meet with his performance at districts on Oct. 26.

His teammates made sure Gates wouldn't celebrate alone.

Gates placed third at the Patriot District championship meet at Burke Lake Park, posting a time of 15 minutes, 20 seconds. The Cavaliers also finished third as a team, qualifying Woodson for regionals.

Gates assured he would qualify for the regional meet each year of his high school career. Other than his sophomore season, when he competed as an individual, Gates made his third regional appearance as part of a team.

"As an individual it's good, but it definitely means something different when it's your team going," Gates said. "... It's just a different atmosphere knowing you have your guys next to you."

Colin Chartier finished eighth for Woodson at districts with a time of 16:00. Brian Yudkin

(16:33) finished 23rd and Yonel Admasu (16:33) was 24th. Sean Maraia (16:56) completed the Cavaliers' top five, finishing 32nd.

At regionals on Nov. 3 at Burke Lake Park, Gates placed fifth with a time of 15:27. The Cavaliers finished with seventh with 207 points. Oakton won the meet with 72 points, followed by Robinson (87), Chantilly (101) and Thomas Jefferson (126).

Gates was diagnosed with tendonitis in each of his Achilles tendons around a month ago, but battled back for a strong postseason performance.

"When I got the diagnosis, I definitely thought my season was in jeopardy," Gates said. "I just took a week off, got the mileage back slowly. [I] did some extra stretching, extra icing, just took care of it for a couple weeks and now it's good to go."

Gates will compete at the state meet on Saturday, Nov. 12 at Great Meadows.

"As an individual it's good, but it definitely means something different when it's your team going."

— Paul Gates, Woodson High

— JON ROETMAN



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Chamber Challenge check presentation. Pictured from left to right are: Glen Petitt, South County Secondary School's Athletic Booster President; Mike Pflugrath, SC Activities Director; Jennifer MacDonald, SC PTSO President; Dr. Jane Lipp, SC Principal; and Jess Brindisi, Vulcan Materials.

Chamber Challenge Check Presentation

On Tuesday, Nov. 2, Jess Brindisi from Vulcan Materials Company, presented a check for \$11,141.99 to the South County Secondary Athletic Boosters Club and the South County PTSO. The \$11,141.99 donation was the result of a collaborative effort between the South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, Vulcan Materials

Company and South County Secondary School who worked in partnership to produce the annual Chamber Challenge 10K Event held at South County Secondary on Sept. 18. Proceeds from the event are split 50/50 between the Athletic Boosters and PTSO and will benefit the athletic and academic programs at South County.

SCHOOLS



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(From left) The four main characters of Paul VI's "Heaven Can Wait," Mickey Sheridan, Sean Pugerude, Shannon Rockett and Connor McAlevy.

'Happy Hour' at Weichert Realtors Fair Oaks Office

Weichert Realtors Fair Oaks Office hosted the Halloween party with the participants dressed up for "Happy Hour" enjoying a banquet with games such as the cake walk and office Halloween Pictionary. From left: Pam Stream, Judy De Sio, Mary Paget, Jeremy Lopynski, Lynne Jones, Janet Stewart and Bob Paget.



Paul VI Presents 'Heaven Can Wait'

At the beginning of Paul VI's production of "Heaven Can Wait," boxer Joe Pendleton is killed in a plane crash.

But when his soul is taken to heaven prematurely and his body is cremated, the angel who took Pendleton too soon must find him a new body. So he's placed into the body of Jonathan Farnsworth, a wealthy financier who's just been drowned in his bathtub by his philandering wife and her lover.

The curtain rises Thursday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, Nov. 11-12, at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 13, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10, adults; and \$5, students and senior citizens, at the door. For more information, e-mail pviproducers@gmail.com.

The cast and crew of about 75 have been rehearsing since early September, and Director Katherine Miller says things are going well. "The show is double-cast because we have a lot of good kids and I wanted as many as possible to participate," she said.

"The play's entertaining and is a familiar story because the movie's been remade so many times," she said. "But this is based on the 1940s version, 'Here Comes Mr. Jordan.' It's got quick dialogue, lots of physical humor, a tremendous amount of energy and pretty fine acting."

Technical Director Ken Kelleher built a set featuring heaven's waiting room, the Farnsworth living room and a boxing ring's locker room. Student costumers Casey Enochs and Patty Kelleher clothed the actors in the styles of the late 1930s-early 1940s. And teacher Joe Sebastian taught the boys to box.

SHARING THE ROLE of Pendleton are seniors Connor McAlevy and Mickey Sheridan. "Joe's energetic, rambunctious and full of life," said McAlevy. "He's a fighter, but a lovable character. The story's about doing the right thing and overcoming obstacles

to reach your goal."

Sheridan said Pendleton has a good work ethic. "He doesn't want Farnsworth's money handed to him; he wants to become a boxing champ. The audience will love Joe because he's such a good guy. It's a great story, and every character big and small brings something special."

Seniors Sean Pugerude and Shannon Rockett portray Miss Jordan — a twist on a traditionally male role. She's a head angel advising Pendleton while he acclimates to his new life as Farnsworth.

"She's knowledgeable and always in control," said Pugerude. "In the beginning, she's a little cold. But then she becomes excited by the challenge of getting Joe into his new body; and as she becomes more compassionate and friendly, I enjoy her more. She's almost a narrator, guiding the audience along the storyline. The play's whimsical and lighthearted, but also thought-provoking at the end."

"Jordan's above petty, human troubles," said Rockett. "But as she gets closer to Joe, she sees the best of humanity through him. That changes her whole perspective, so she eventually becomes warmer and takes on more-human qualities." Rockett's proud that Jordan's "the plot-changer — the one who makes everything happen." She said this show contains "great character development and personality and will pull at your heartstrings."

Senior Andrew Shea and sophomore Will Holley play Pendleton's trainer, Max Levene.

"He's sarcastic, but a decent person," said Shea. "It's a fun role, especially when he's by himself, trying to talk to Jordan like Joe does."

"He's known Joe awhile and really cares about him," said Holley.

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

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

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

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

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

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