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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION
BY COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC.,
FOR AUTHORITY TO AMEND ITS SAVE PLAN
PURSUANT TO § 56-604 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA
CASE NO. PUE-2013-00015

On March 21, 2013, in accordance with 5 VAC 5-20-80 of the State Corporation Commission's ("Commission") Rules of Practice and Procedure and § 56-604 of the Code of Virginia ("Code"), the Steps to Advance Virginia's Energy Plan Act ("SAVE Act"), Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. ("CGV" or "Company"), filed an application ("Application") with the Commission for approval of certain amendments to its SAVE Plan, which was approved by the Commission in Case No. PUE-2011-00049.

In its Application, the Company seeks the following amendments to its Current SAVE Plan ("Amended SAVE Plan" or "Amendments"): (1) the addition of measurement and regulation stations ("M&R Stations") to SAVE eligible infrastructure; (2) authorization to spend an additional \$5 million annually; (3) an increase in annual spending tolerance from 5% to 25%; and (4) the allowance of a 5% total SAVE Plan spending tolerance. The Company filed with its Application the testimonies and exhibits of Robert Horner, Danny G. Cote, and Michael Huwar.

In its Application, the Company states that the proposed Amended SAVE Plan will enhance the safety and reliability of CGV's distribution system and help prevent or reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Specifically, the Company states that the proposed Amended SAVE Plan will continue to result in a distribution system with an enhanced level of safety, resulting from the reduction or elimination of the highest risk/greatest leak rate or low frequency/high consequence segments of the CGV system. Additionally, the Company states that the proposed Amended SAVE Plan will result in a more reliable system for all customers as sections of the system most prone to failure (and thus to interruptions of service) due to corrosion, equipment failures, material failures or natural forces, are replaced with state-of-the-art facilities. With regard to the replacement of aged M&R Station components and control systems, the Company asserts that the proposed Amended SAVE Plan will help to reduce the risk of an uncontrolled release of natural gas or over- or under-pressurization of a natural gas delivery system. The Company states that this, in turn, will reduce the potential of greenhouse gas emissions emanating from the CGV distribution system.

To address the effects of the infrastructure projects proposed in the Application, the Company also proposes revisions to its SAVE Rider, the Infrastructure Reliability and Replacement Adjustment ("IRRA") rates that are currently in effect. As proposed, the SAVE Plan Amendments would increase the authorized annual capital expenditures from \$20 million to \$25 million for the years 2013 through 2016 and would increase the investment over the original five year SAVE Plan period from \$100 million to \$120 million. The Company states that the proposed Amended SAVE Plan does not change the manner of calculating the IRRA approved by the Commission in Case No. PUE-2011-00049. The IRRA is applicable to Rate Schedules RS, RTS, MPS, PDS, SGTS, SGS, ACS, ACTS, LGS1/LGS2, TS1/TS2, and EDS. According to the Company, in 2013 the addition of \$5 million in expenditures, via the proposed Amended SAVE Plan, to the proposed revised IRRA will increase a residential customer's annual bill by \$0.60.

The details of these and other proposals are set forth in the Company's Application. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Company's Application and supporting testimony and exhibits for the details of these proposals.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Comment that, among other things, directed the Company to provide notice to the public and provided interested persons an opportunity to comment on the Company's Application.

A copy of the Company's Application may be obtained at no charge by requesting a copy of the same from the Company's counsel, James S. Copenhaver, Esquire, Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc., 1809 Coyote Drive, Chester, Virginia 23836. The Application and related documents also shall be available for review in the Commission's Document Control Center, Tyler Building, First Floor, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Interested persons may also download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.

On or before June 3, 2013, interested persons may file written comments on CGV's Application with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. Interested persons desiring to submit comments electronically may do so, on or before June 3, 2013, by following the instructions on the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. Comments shall refer to Case No. PUE-2013-00015.

On or before June 3, 2013, interested persons may request that the Commission convene a hearing on the Company's Application by filing a request for hearing with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above. Requests for hearing must refer to Case No. PUE-2013-00015 and include: (i) a precise statement of the filing party's interest in the proceeding; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; (iii) a statement of the legal basis for such action; and (iv) a precise statement why a hearing should be conducted in this matter.

On or before June 3, 2013, any interested person may participate as a respondent in this proceeding by filing a notice of participation in accordance with 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5 20 10 et seq. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of the notice of participation shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUE-2013-00015.

COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC.

WEEK IN RESTON

Reston Farmers Market Opens May 4

It's that time again: Fresh, locally grown veggies and fruits from your favorite farmers are back. So are the wonderful meats, fresh baked goodies, kettle corn, honeys and flowers. In addition, the Reston Farmers Market at Lake Anne will feature for the first time the freshest seafood from the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries; first certified organic vegetable and fruit producer; and, a new soft ice cream and fresh milk vendor. Open Saturdays 8 a.m. until noon at Lake Anne. For more information, go to www.restonfarmersmarket.com. The Reston Farmers Market is sponsored by the Fairfax County Park Authority.

Rescue Reston to Hold Fundraiser

Rescue Reston's Spring into Action Rally will be held on Sunday, May 5, 5-10 p.m., at Hidden Creek Country Club, 1711 Clubhouse Road, Reston. Join fellow rescuers to eat, drink, bid on silent auction items to raise money to save Reston's open space. Silent Auction will provide financial support to Rescue Reston's attorneys to present a written statement before the hearing at the Board of Zoning Appeals hearing. \$65. RSVP required. 571-205-8874 or www.RescueReston.org/events.

Entertainers Sought for the Reston Multicultural Festival

Reston Community Center auditions for performing arts groups of all ages and cultures for the 13th Annual Reston Multicultural Festival, to be held Saturday, Sept. 28, at the Lake Anne Plaza in Reston, are coming on Monday, May 6, and Saturday, May 11. Applicants are allowed to sign up for auditions through May 3.

Interested groups or individuals should fill out an Entertainment

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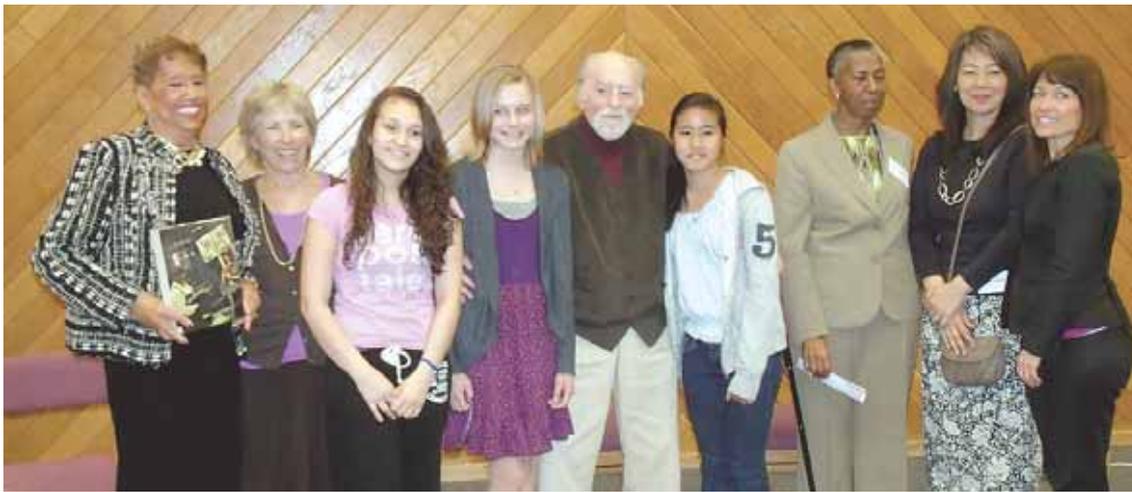


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Ellen Graves, Lynn Lilienthal, Vanessa Chavez, Elli Imel, Robert E. Simon, Kelly Le, Supervisor Cathy Hudgins, Sumi Vintimilla, PTA president and Aimee Monticchio, principal.

Langston Hughes Celebrates Diversity Week

OLUFEMI AKINSITAN
THE CONNECTION

The celebration of Diversity Week at Langston Hughes Middle School came to a peak on Monday, April 29, with speeches by guest speakers, including Robert E. Simon, the founder of Reston. In an event which took place at the school hall, guest speakers spoke on the topic “How does diversity make Reston a special place to live and learn?”

In her speech, Lynn Lilienthal, representing the Reston Museum, said, “Reston is an open and a non-segregated community,” a situation which has been the idea of the founder since December 1964 when the first set of people moved into the city.”

Reston’s founder, Robert E. Simon, spoke about early days of Reston and his encounters with people from different countries and backgrounds on his daily walk along a path near Lake Anne.

Other speakers at the event



Lynn Lilienthal, Robert E. Simon (holding a specially made birthday card from a student), Sup. Cathy Hudgins.

praised Simon’s vision and spoke about what they love about the diversity of the city and why Reston is a special place to live. They included Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) and Ellen Graves, who also represents

the Reston Museum.

Also at the event was a presentation of awards to the winners of the Diversity Week writing contest. Kelly Le, Elli Imel and Vanessa Chavez, all eight graders, were honored for their work.



A cross section of students and teachers of Langston Hughes Middle School listening to the speakers at the event.

Children and Outside Learning

BY KENNETH R. “KEN”
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COMMENTARY

Research highlights the benefits of outdoor and environmental education for children—ranging from increased academic achievement, improved social skills and interest in school, and boosted health, according to environmental education leaders who have organized NoVA Outside: An Alliance of Environmental Educators (www.novaoutside.org). I attended their School Environmental Action Showcase last week at George Mason University, and I was impressed by the students and their projects. The showcase is like a science fair but with the emphasis on environmental science.

I am pleased with the progress that has been made in recent years to incorporate more concepts into children’s learning experiences about the environment. Author Richard Louv sounded the alarm back in 2005 when he wrote about a “nature deficit disorder” negatively affecting children because they were spending less time outdoors and the school curriculum was not dealing with the subject. According to the National Environmental Education Foundation (www.neefusa.org), children have lost 25 percent of playtime and 50 percent of unstructured outdoor activity over recent decades. More than one in three children is overweight or obese with all the associated problems. In children as well as adults, outdoor exercise improves mental and physical well being.

But it is more than just being outdoors; it is also knowing about the earth on which we live. Virginia went through a period about 20 years ago when a very conservative state school board deliberately went about

taking out any “environmentalism” from state science standards of learning. We seemingly are past the worst of

that narrow view and recognize the linkage among science, the world in which we live, and our actions as individuals and their implications. Environmental educators are doing a good job of hitching onto the latest education fad—STEM (science, technology, engineering and math)—and demonstrating how the study of the outdoors and the environment support the emphasis on STEM.

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan offered this perspective in a public service announcement for Environmental Education Week. “We know so many of the jobs of the future are in the STEM fields, and there are so many great ties between STEM education and environmental education,” he said. “If we really want to keep those good jobs in this country, if we want our students prepared—I think there’s no better way to start to get at that, whether it’s in second grade or in 11th or 12th grade, than to get kids out in the outdoors with environmental education.”

Children continue to have a higher level of concern about the earth and the environment than adults often do. The students’ exhibits at the showcase showed that awareness as did their projects that demonstrated what we can do to be good environmental stewards. These students who are learning outdoors will be better leaders in cleaning up the world we adults are leaving them.

SCHOOL NOTES

Send school notes to north@connectionnewspapers.com by Friday.

The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts selected **Jeffrey Ward** of Reston for its internship program. From January to April 2013, he served as the education intern for the National Symphony Orchestra as part of the DeVos Institute of Arts Management. Ward is the son of Katherine and William Ward and he graduated from Ithaca College in 2008 with a bachelor’s degree in performance and music education. He received his master’s degree in music performance from San Francisco Conservatory in 2011, where he was the winner of the

Baroque Concerto Competition. He is also currently interning with Prelude: The Arlington Youth Orchestral Program. Previously, he spent a year teaching at the Community Music Center of Boston.

Achievement Scholar awardees are the finalist candidates judged to have the strongest record of accomplishments and greatest potential for academic success in college. The 2013 National Achievement Scholarship Winners are: **Kenyah T. Calhoun** of South Lakes High School; **Kyannah C. Calhoun** of South Lakes High School; and **Howard A. Small, Jr.**, of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology.

Fairfax County Budget Reflects 'Increasing Needs, Decreasing Revenues'

Supervisors approve one-cent increase in property tax rate.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

By a 9-1 vote, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved a one-cent increase in the property tax rate during its FY2014 budget mark-up session on Tuesday, April 23, which means the average homeowner will pay about \$216 more next fiscal year.

The tax rate increase equals \$20.6 million in additional revenue for Fairfax County.

THE MARKED-UP BUDGET includes a real estate tax rate of \$1.085 per \$100 of assessed value, a one-cent increase from the \$1.075 rate in FY 2013. The increase is less than the two-cent increase proposed by County Executive Edward Long on Feb. 26.

"This budget is a responsible fiscal plan that reflects our current difficult economic situation," said Fairfax County BOS Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-at-large). "It helps to restore structural balance as we continue to struggle with increasing needs, decreasing revenues, and the impacts of sequestration and economic uncertainty."

Braddock Supervisor John Cook joined his colleagues in supporting the "compromise" budget, the first time the Republican has voted for the budget since 2010.

"It was a tough vote. There are no good, simple answers to the position the county is in. We need economic growth to keep what we have and when it stalls out, that's a problem," Cook said after the vote Tuesday.

Cook strongly criticized the Federal Government's inaction, and noted the impact that had on the Fairfax County budget.

"We should have had an 8 percent growth in commercial real estate this year. Instead we had 0 percent. We wouldn't be in this circumstance if that growth had occurred. The commercial drop isn't because our businesses aren't ready to do business, it's because they are waiting for the Federal Government to do something," Cook said. "It is a bipartisan failure of the White House and Congress, of Democrats and Republicans."

Cook called the Fairfax County budget a "true compromise."

"Not one person on the board got everything he or she wanted. In tough economic times it's important for us all to come together and craft a budget together. That's what we did this year and for that reason I voted for it."

But Supervisor Pat Herrity, one of three



Media and the public attend the first FY2014 budget presentation by County Executive Edward L. Long, Jr. on Feb. 26.



Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova

Republicans on the board, said the board could have done better, adding that the one-penny increase translates into a 4.5 percent increase on the average homeowner. He noted that increased assessments for townhouse and condo owners mean those residents will see a \$700 increase in their tax bills.

"For the first time in recent memory, our citizens are seeing significant tax increases at all three levels of government," Herrity said. "Our furloughed residents do not have the option of raising revenue, they must

"This budget is a responsible fiscal plan that reflects our current difficult economic situation."

— Fairfax County BOS Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-at-large)

make difficult cuts in their family's budgets and that is what we should be doing."

Herrity said that many Fairfax County homeowners are struggling as they try to navigate an uncertain future.

"I am disappointed that yet again we have balanced the budget on the backs of our homeowners," Herrity said. "We as a board spend a lot of time talking about helping people in need, I can only say that when it came time to tax them, they were sadly forgotten."

Cook said he advocated to keep the tax rate at FY2013 levels, but decided that he could be more effective working with his colleagues rather than simply voting no on any proposed tax increase.

"Had I voted no, the final rate would have been higher," Cook said. "By being involved, I was able to successfully exert some leverage on the board to help get the final rate reduced by one penny. Despite some misgivings, I believe this budget is a difficult compromise in a difficult year. That is why I supported it."

Highlights of the package include:

- ❖ Increases the Real Estate Tax Rate by one cent, from the current \$1.075 to \$1.085, rather than the advertised two cent increase;
- ❖ Increases property taxes by approximately \$216 on the average household;
- ❖ Closes a projected budget shortfall of \$169 million;
- ❖ Includes \$20.52 million in county agency reductions;
- ❖ Creates an \$8.1 million reserve to address the impact of sequestration and federal cuts;
- ❖ Transfers to Fairfax County Public Schools total \$1.89 billion or 52.7 percent of total county disbursements. The 2 percent increase is less than the school board's budget request, but provides funds to address their projected increase in the student population;
- ❖ Provides no increase in compensation for county employees, with the exception of longevity step increases included in the advertised budget;
- ❖ In addition, the total number of county staff positions will be reduced by 41, which includes the elimination of 83 positions, offset by 42 new positions.

IN THE BUDGET, the board reaffirmed its commitment to work with employee groups to develop and refine an overall pay structure that invests in our workforce and helps in recruiting and retaining high quality employees.

"Our employees have continued to provide quality services to our residents with professionalism and dedication, even in the face of pay freezes and tough economic times," Bulova said. "Their efforts have not gone unnoticed by this body. The creation of a fair and sustainable compensation package for implementation in FY 2015 is a critical element in the long-term stability of the county workforce."

The Board of Supervisors will adopt the FY2014 Budget on April 30. The FY2014 Budget Mark-up as well as other background materials is posted at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/>.

WEEK IN RESTON

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Application Form, available on RCC's website at www.restoncommunitycenter.com.

Auditions will be held at the CenterStage at the Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Groups will have their choice of two audition dates: Monday, May 6, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. or Saturday, May 11 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

To reserve an audition time on one of these two dates, contact Kevin Danaher, community events director at 703-390-6166 or kevin.danaher@fairfaxcounty.gov. Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Each auditioning group will have 10 minutes to present a sample of their work. In lieu of an audition, the Entertainment Committee will also consider applications that include audio/video examples of the groups work.

The auditions are free of charge and open to any organization interested in performing at the Reston Multicultural Festival. Special consideration will be given to Reston-based organizations. For more information about the festival, visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com.

FranNet to Host Franchise Fair

The Capital Area Franchise Fair, the semi-annual learning event hosted by FranNet of Virginia in partnership with the Community Business Partnership and SCORE, will help prospective entrepreneurs explore franchise options that fit with their financial, professional and personal goals. Experts will be sharing advice about: the best franchise fit, industry trends, the franchise business model, local regulations affecting franchises, and how to fund a franchise. FranNet of Virginia is a franchise matchmaking service in Virginia and DC that provides free counseling as well as educational seminars to entrepreneurs through SCORE and the Virginia Small Business Development Centers; government agencies; and local military bases.

The fair will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 1-5:30 p.m. at the Reston Association Conference Center, 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive in Reston. Tickets cost \$35 (\$45 at the door). Register at <http://franchiseairspring2013.eventbrite.com/>. For questions, contact Heather Rosen at 703-291-0939 or hrosen@franet.com.

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OPINION

Springing for Jobs Low-income neighbors face another barrier: sequestration.

BY AMANDA ANDERE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/FACETS

With colorful flowers blooming and the days getting longer and warmer, spring always signals renewal and hope. For those affected by poverty, we may need an extended spring this year in order to fully reap its benefits.

I know we've seen slow and measured progress with the healing of the economy. But for low-income residents in our community, they are often the first and last to feel the effects of a recession. Now they face another barrier: sequestration. Now counties—including Fairfax—are losing federal funding for housing vouchers, threatening to put vulnerable families out in the streets.

This is especially unfortunate since ending homelessness is a top priority in Fairfax and we have made progress in our efforts, with the number of people who are homeless in Fairfax County down 12 percent, according to the annual point-in-time survey. Despite the recessions, we've had real success at helping people stabilize their lives. This latest barrier may be more than we can overcome.

Vouchers are important tools to close the gap between earnings and the high cost of living in our region. The issues facing the most vulnerable are compounded by the lack of afford-



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able housing and the difficulty in finding employment that will cover the costs of living here.

Local nonprofits work mostly with individuals who are low-skilled, have less than a 10th

grade education (and in many cases less than sixth grade), and have limited English proficiency and low literacy levels. We are able, with significant effort, to find employment for many of these individuals. This employment, however, often offers low wages, little or no benefits, and may not last long term. We are all challenged in finding long-term employment with sufficient wages and benefits for the people with whom they work.

In our business, we call this underemployment. Nearly 40 percent of the homeless in our county are employed, but their earnings or their hours aren't enough to pay for housing and the basics. Nationwide, 7.6 million Americans are underemployed, due to the scarcity of full-time employment. Factoring in the 7.6 percent unemployment rate, the outlook does not seem as rosy for our struggling neighbors.

At FACETS, these realities have challenged us to put more emphasis on job placement and career development to help our clients obtain positions that will lead to better incomes and

careers. In tandem with this focus, we are also providing more life skills training to prepare them to manage their finances, set priorities, and be responsible tenants.

But it's still not enough. That's why we are recommending the county create a Workforce Innovation Fund to support a pilot workforce program, designed in conjunction with the county's nonprofit partners to achieve:

- ❖ Better coordination among all entities providing workforce development services in the county;

- ❖ An improved system for connecting people to available jobs, particularly in growth industries;

- ❖ An improved system to ensure more people complete community college and certification programs and obtain employment when they are done; and

- ❖ A plan for moving people from low-pay, low-skill entry level jobs along a career path to jobs with better pay.

Our individual programs along with this fund will be life changing for residents that are extremely low-income, enhancing their ability to move into jobs with sufficient salary. A renewed community commitment to helping get people sustainable employment will make this a season to remember.

FACETS, a nonprofit serving those suffering from the effects of poverty in Fairfax County/City. www.FacetsCares.org.

Five Myths About Public Libraries

BY SARAH TALLEY
SOUTHER

The Digital Age is well past its dawn and budgets are tight, leaving many people to question why we continue to fund libraries. After all, don't

they just house a bunch of old books in print and everything you need is online ... right? Here's a few common myths about libraries:

1. Google and other search engines meet everyone's information needs.

Search engines can find amazing things, but only if you have access to the Internet. For many, the Fairfax County Public Library is their only means of access. Even in a wealthy area like Northern Virginia, almost 20 percent of families make less than \$50,000 per year, and depend on libraries for access to the Internet.

Not everything's online, or if it is, it's not free or it might be inaccurate. There's another hurdle: Not everyone uses search engines well enough to get to what they



need. Fairfax library staff teach people how to find and evaluate information sources all while protecting their privacy.

2. Books are becoming obsolete

Just as television and DVDs haven't killed movies, e-books haven't killed print. Over 13 million items were checked out from Fairfax libraries last year and most of them were books. Despite the uptick in demand for e-books, there are plenty of popular titles that aren't available because many publishers refuse to sell e-books to libraries.

3. The library is a quiet warehouse for books.

Odds are, no one will "shush!" you unless you're yelling on your cellphone in speaker mode. The library is a vibrant place that provides people with more than information. Early literacy story times, homework support, classes, book discussions, tax preparation assistance, tutoring, and other activities that support information literacy happen at the library. More

than 172,000 people took advantage of these events last year in Fairfax.

The Internet can bring people together, but libraries reinforce real-world communities because they are "bridging spaces" where people from many walks of life meet. Walk into a Fairfax library today, and you'll find a variety of new programs that bring people together, ranging from genealogy workshops to creative writing classes to one-on-one social media training.

4. This could all be done by volunteers.

While volunteers donated nearly 145,000 hours to the library last year, there is a limit to what volunteers can do. Staff members review collections for completeness and accuracy, present early literacy storytimes, make sure public computers run properly, and read extensively so they can provide book suggestions to all kinds of readers (including staunchly reluctant ones).

Library workers follow ethical codes that state they must try to make available accurate and complete information without bias and

protect your privacy. Much is asked of library workers, and information service expertise is necessary to provide customers with the services that they demand.

5. Public libraries are a drain on public coffers.

Libraries provide services to job seekers, businesses, consumers, and investors. Studies in Pennsylvania and Florida show that for every \$1 a community invests in its public libraries, it sees a return of about \$4.

When Thomas Jefferson said "Information is the currency of democracy," he did not envision the increasing gap between the technology "haves" and "have-nots." Access to the Internet is essential if you want to do homework, search for jobs, and interact with the government. For many in Fairfax, the library is their only means of access.

We invest resources in libraries and schools because they provide a public good in the form of educated, informed citizens during all stages of their lives. The fact that Fairfax County sees a monetary return on this investment is a wonderful bonus.

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South Lakes Takes on the 80s

Drama department presents "Xanadu" May 2-4.

South Lakes High School opened up its production of "Xanadu" Thursday, April 25, with the first of six shows dedicated to the 1980s nostalgia musical. For Terri Goldberg of Reston, it brought out memories of times past.

"My daughters looked at it the same way they look at 'Grease,' a story about people who live in a completely different time. But I was alive for the 80s, and I might have had a pair of legwarmers, so it made me feel a little old," she said. "They kept nudging me during the play, 'what's a roller disco?' 'Why would a character want to have an Australian accent?' I had a lot of explaining to do."

"Xanadu" tells the story of Sonny, played by Ben Peter, a down-on-his-luck artist who meets Kira, played by Natalie Pernick, a Greek muse who inspires him. She dons leg warmers, roller skates and the accent to keep herself disguised as they work to turn an old theater into the perfect combination of athletics and art: a roller disco.

"If you didn't know anything about the

80s, it would be easy to believe the play takes place in some faraway fantasy land with the getups they had on," said Sarah Grant, a South Lakes graduate now attending George Mason University. "Visually it was a striking play, the costumes, the lighting, the way the songs were choreographed around the set, it's clear a lot of hard work went into the production."

Throughout the play, Kira and Sonny must survive the machinations of Kira's older sisters, greedy real estate developers, and even the Greek gods themselves to achieve their goal, all while maintaining a light tone.

"The students, particularly Sonny, were very funny with their dialogue and timing, something you wouldn't necessarily expect with 'Xanadu,'" said Scott Klein of Sterling, who came to see some friends in the play. "Instead of just relying on laughs related to the ridiculous clothes, which they did get, they also had a great delivery with the lines, which got some big laughs from the crowd, me included."

While the acting, singing and choreogra-



Sonny, played by Ben Peter, and Kira, played by Natalie Pernick, are subject to the machinations of Melpomene and Calliope, played by Michelle and Helen Silvinski in South Lakes High School's production of "Xanadu."

phy impressed many in the crowd, Maggie Hernandez of Reston was impressed by something else entirely.

"I can't believe how much they had to do while wearing the old school kind of roller skates," she said. "To stay on their feet at all

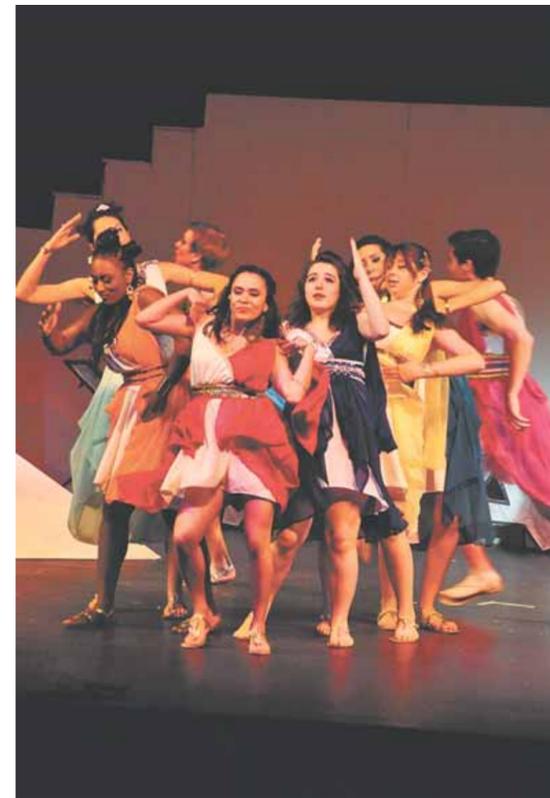


Sonny, played by Ben Peter, and Kira, played by Natalie Pernick, discuss starting a roller disco during South Lakes High School's production of "Xanadu."

is very impressive."

South Lakes will present "Xanadu" May 2, 3 and 4 at 7 p.m.

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Patty Larkin at Wolf Trap. 8 p.m., at the Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Songstress and master guitarist Parry Larking brings her bluesy jazz-infused urban sound to the Barns at Wolf Trap. \$22. 1-877-WOLFTRAP or www.wolftrap.org.

FRIDAY/MAY 3

Sun, Sand, Surf and Song. 7:30 p.m., at the Elden Street Player's Industrial Strength Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. The music of the islands as sung by the Herndon Town Square Singers, with selections from "South Pacific," "The Little Mermaid," the Beach Boys and other favorites. \$12. 703-787-7300.

26th Annual Evening of Comedy. 8 p.m., at the Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Comedians Jimmie "JJ" Walker, Kelly Monteith, Mitchell Walters bring their stand-up performances to the Barns of Wolf Trap. \$25. 1-877-WOLFTRAP or

SATURDAY/MAY 4

Fourth Annual Courtney Schilling Memorial 5K. 8 a.m., at Forest Edge Elementary School, 1501 Becontree Lane, Reston. Race in memory of a teacher who died of cancer, with proceeds going to educational programs at the school. JFKenney@fcps.edu or www.courtneyschilling5k.com.

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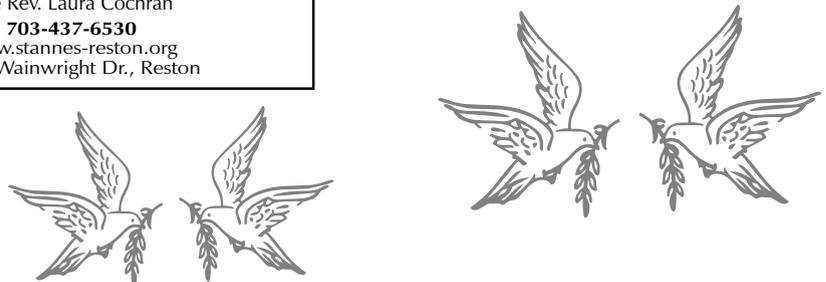
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SUNDAY/MAY 5

Cinco de Mayo MdDS Fundraiser/Party. 11:30 a.m., at Carpool, 208 Elden St., Herndon. Join for food and drink specials, a silent raffle and t-shirt sale for the MdDS Balance Disorder Foundation. \$10. www.mddsfoundation.org.

Rescue Reston Spring into Action BBQ and Rally. 5-10 p.m., at Hidden Creek Country Club, 1711 Clubhouse Road, Reston. Dancing to music from a live band with dinner, a drink ticket and access to a silent auction included; benefits Rescue Reston, the organization dedicated to defending 166 acres of Reston's permanent open space on Reston National Golf Course. \$65. 571-449-6060 or www.rescuereston.org/events.

FRIDAY/MAY 10

129th Edition of Cole Bros. Circus of the Stars. 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., at Dulles Town Center, 21100 Dulles Town Circle, Dulles. An American-style circus complete with elephants, tigers, aerialists and acrobats, magic and clowns. \$16. www.gotothecircus.com.

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SUNDAY/MAY 5

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SATURDAY/MAY 11

Life Without Attachment Buddhist Class. 10-11:30 a.m., at Unitarian Universalist Church, 1625 Wiehle Ave., Reston. Each class includes two guided meditations, a teaching and time for Q&A. \$12. 202-986-2257 or www.meditation-dc.org.

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Herndon boys' basketball coach Gary Hall, center, was the head coach of the Capital All-Stars during the 40th Annual Capital Classic on Sunday, April 28, at T.C. Williams High School.



Herndon head coach Gary Hall, far right, and senior Will Ferguson, third from right, were part of the Capital All-Stars during the 40th Annual Capital Classic on Sunday, April 28, at T.C. Williams High School.

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Herndon's Ferguson Represents Northern Region at Capital Classic

Ferguson scores three points in main event.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Being selected to compete in the 40th Annual Capital Classic was a testament to Khory Moore's talent as a basketball player. Still, the Wakefield senior wanted to leave his mark.

He wanted to stand out.

While all-star games can at times be marred by lackluster effort, Moore hustled around the court, looking to make a difference. He snatched rebounds. He leaped on defense to disrupt a pass. He even took a charge—an unusual sight during an exhibition game.

"I don't like to lose," Moore said. "When they were going on a run, I had to do something different than everybody else was. I had to stand out [in case] a college coach was here."

Sunday's Capital Classic consisted of two contests. The opener was an all-local matchup between the Suburban All-Stars and the District All-Stars. The main event matched some of the best players in the area (Capital All-Stars) against some of the top talent from around the country (United States All-Stars).

ONE OF FOUR ATHLETES from the Northern Region competing for the Suburban All-Stars, Moore made his presence known during Sunday's opening contest. Moore led all Northern Region players with 12 points, including a pair of 3-pointers, but the Suburban All-Stars came up short against the District All-Stars, 118-88. Moore said participating in the event was a "great" experience, but it also served as a wake-up call.

"It made me realize that I'm not as good as I thought I was," Moore said about competing against the talented District team. "I've got to keep working every day in the gym and stay humble. That just humbled me a lot."

Moore led Wakefield to the 2013 National District championship. The Warriors finished Northern Region runner-up and advanced to the state semifinals. Moore said he is leaning toward attending Virginia Wesleyan College.

West Potomac point guard Brandon Pressley, Woodson forward Tommy Stepka and Fairfax guard Zack Burnett also played for the Suburban squad. The

four Northern Region players came off the bench, entering the game together for the first time with 5:37 remaining in the first quarter.

Pressley finished with nine points.

"It was a really good experience," he said. "It opened my eyes up to the type of competition that I'm going to be seeing next year trying to play on the next level."

Pressley, who is listed at 5-foot-7, said practicing against Suburban teammates JJ Epps (5-7 Magruder guard) and Magic Harris (5-11 Oxon Hill guard) was unlike anything he faced in the Northern Region.

"Both of those guys are about my size, extremely quick, extremely athletic and I haven't seen anything like that in our region," Pressley said. "I'm always used to being the quickest guy. It really makes me see that I have to work more on my skill and not just depend on getting by guys [with] quickness."

Pressley said he is undecided on where



Herndon senior Will Ferguson shoots during the main event of the 40th Annual Capital Classic on Sunday, April 28, at T.C. Williams High School.

Wakefield in overtime in the Northern Region championship game on Feb. 23. After capturing the school's first outright region title, the Cavaliers beat Battlefield in the state quarterfinals before losing to eventual state champion Henrico in the semifinals.

"Playing in the state semifinals, winning the region and playing in this all-star game," Stepka said, "I couldn't ask for a better senior year."

Stepka said he is undecided where he will attend college or if he will continue his basketball career.

Burnett finished with four points. He helped Fairfax advance to the 2013 Northern Region tournament.

IN THE MAIN EVENT, Herndon's Will Ferguson was the lone Northern Region representative to suit up for the Capital All-Stars, who lost to the United States All-Stars, 126-120. The Capital team was coached by Herndon head coach Gary Hall.

"It was good to play for him one last time," Ferguson said.

Ferguson, who said the opportunity to play in the game was a "blessing," finished with

three points. He led Herndon to the 2013 Concorde District championship and will attend Massanutten Military Academy next season.

Bishop O'Connell's junior Etou finished with 11 points for the Capital team. Etou helped O'Connell win the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference championship.

he will play college basketball.

Stepka finished with four points.

"It's great to play in an all-star game because it shows how much you worked throughout your high school career," Stepka said. "It's not really about the game. It's just more what you did to get to the game."

Stepka helped Woodson overcome a 19-point fourth-quarter deficit to beat

WELLBEING

Yoga Week Comes to the Area

Local effort offers budding yogis a chance to improve their minds, bodies and spirits with free or \$5 classes.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Amanda Shipe presses the palms of her hands into the back of one of her students. The student's body forms a triangle, her head dangling upside down, the balls of her feet squeezing against the coarseness of the yoga mat beneath her. Shipe's touch sends the student's sitting bones skyward.

"[This] is called 'downward facing dog.' We do a lot of hands on alignment in our yoga classes to make sure students are doing their asanas [postures] correctly," said Shipe, who runs Mind Your Body Oasis yoga studio in Arlington.

Shipe and other area yoga studio directors are welcoming new students into their doors this week as part of the eighth annual D.C.

Yoga Week, an effort by the Washington-area community of yogis to raise awareness about the practice.

Participating yoga studios are offering free and \$5 classes along with discounts on merchandise and workshops. The weeklong event began April 26 and culminates with Yoga on the Mall, an

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— Amanda Shipe, Mind Your Body Oasis, Arlington

outdoor yoga class of more than 1,000 yoga enthusiasts of all skill levels that will be held this Sunday, May 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"There are a lot of people who are afraid to take yoga. Some people have a misconstrued perception of what yoga is. This week they can take a class without mak-

ing a large investment and become more familiar with yoga," said Dawn Curtis of East Meets West Yoga Center in Vienna.

Shipe believes rampant misinformation fuels the trepidation that keeps some people at bay. "There are so many fears about yoga and so much talk out there in social media," said Shipe. "This event will raise awareness about how great yoga is for your mind, body and spirit. It will bring new people into yoga classes and remind people that yoga is pretty mainstream and very available at many studios."

Jatin P. Ambegaonkar, Ph.D., an associate professor in George Mason University's College of Education and Human Development in Fairfax, says the week-long focus on yoga is an opportunity to educate those who are unfamiliar with the practice.

"Scientific evidence has shown



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Amanda Shipe, of Mind Your Body Oasis yoga studio in Arlington, assists a student with a downward facing dog yoga pose. Mind Your Body Oasis is one of several area studios offering free and \$5 classes during D.C. Yoga Week.

that the clear benefits of yoga include a sense of relaxation, a sense of well-being, a sense of cardiovascular wellness and musculoskeletal wellness," said Ambegaonkar, who lives in Centreville. "The problem with yoga is that in the last eight to 10 years, there have been a lot of hybrids that have branched out from the original Indian art form of yoga, like power yoga and hot yoga, that are somewhat of a fad."

Ambegaonkar added that while such popular forms of yoga are not necessarily harmful, more research is needed. He also offered a caveat. "One of the basic tenets of yoga is the focus on the body and recognizing it as being a temple," he said.

"People who practice yoga regularly know when they have reached their limit."

According to its co-founder, Annie Mahon of Circle Yoga in Washington, D.C., Yoga Week began as a way to expand the yoga community and increase cohesiveness. "One goal is to make yoga accessible to a wider audience," she said. "We'd like to be able to do more community-based yoga, like therapeutic yoga and support yoga in different areas of the [region]. We want to create more community in the yoga world."

For more information about D.C. Yoga Week, Yoga on the Mall or to find a list of participating studios, visit <http://dccy.org/>.



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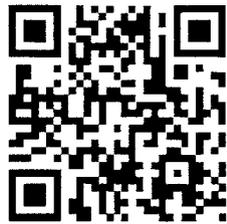
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