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Terry McAuliffe delivers his victory speech Tuesday night.

Democrats Score Narrow Victory

Division in Republican Party cited in loss.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

When Jim Dillard first ran to represent Fairfax County in the House of Delegates in 1965, the Republican Party of Virginia was a different animal. Recalling that race on Election Night 2013, Dillard said that was a time when the party welcomed diversity between moderates and conservatives. He lost that first race, but went on to serve in the House of Delegates for more than 30 years. This year, though, he worked for Democratic gubernatorial candidate Terry McAuliffe in a fierce race for governor against Republican Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli.

"The party has gone so far to the right, and they are trying to shove all these social issues down everybody's throat," said Dillard, who represented House District 41. "That's turned off an awful lot of Republicans who used to vote for me."

Although polls leading up to Election Day showed McAuliffe with an average lead of six percentage points, the actual vote was much closer. McAuliffe narrowly edged out Cuccinelli 48 percent to 45 percent. State Sen. Ralph Northam (D-6) enjoyed a more comfortable lead against Republican E.W. Jackson, 55 percent to 45 percent. That means Northam will resign his state Senate seat, upsetting the balance between 20 Republicans and 20 Democrats. The special election for Northam's seat is expected to become a hotly contested race because the stakes of the outcome could determine which party controls the state Senate.

"That's a seat that has a split between Norfolk and the Eastern Shore," said Clark Mercer, political director of the Democratic Party of Virginia. "So the key to winning that election will be having a candidate that can draw votes from both of those regions."

IN MANY WAYS, the results of the election have yet to play out. Aside from the special election for Northam's seat, the race for attorney general appears to be headed to a recount. Late Tuesday night, state Sen. Mark Obenshain (R-26) had a very narrow lead and Republican Party Chairman Pat Mullins issued a statement congratulating him on winning the election. State Sen. Mark Herring (D-33) appeared before reporters to say he was not conceding the race.

"Right now, it's basically 50-50 and the numbers have been moving in our direction all night," said Herring. "The race is far from over."

The numbers were, in fact, moving in Herring's direction as votes continued to be tallied. By Wednesday morning, Herring had a very narrow lead over Obenshain. Because the margin of victory is likely to be less than 1 percent, a recount in that race seems likely. For many Democrats who gathered at the Sheraton Premiere in Tysons Corner, it was yet another indication that election 2013 turned out to be much closer than many people had anticipated.

"It turned out to be a race that was so close that in the annals of Virginia history it's going to go down as one of the closest races of all time," said Pat McCune of Centerville, saying the race was closer than expected.

ELECTION 2013 was a long and bitter slog for candidates, who spent much of the campaign hurling accusations and counter-accusations. Cuccinelli was dogged by his association with a wealthy businessman who made lavish gifts to the governor and attorney general that went unreported on disclosure forms. McAuliffe was haunted by accusations about his relationship to a troubled green-car company. As the race unfolded, it became increasingly negative — especially in television ads that dominated screens across Northern Virginia.

"Election nights are emotional times," said Gov. Bob McDonnell in a written statement. "For the winner there is the thrill of victory, combined with the recognition that the hard work preceding this moment is but a prelude to the tremendous effort yet to come."



Del. Eileen Filler-Corn



Del. David Bulova

Battleground? Not Exactly

Competitive state races gave Northern Virginia voters more choices, but they stick with incumbents over challengers.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

2011, but the district remains strongly blue.

Every two years, Virginia holds all of its statewide elections. When it's time to elect a new Governor, every member of the Virginia House of Delegates, a 100-seat body currently held by a GOP majority (67 Republicans – 32 Democrats and 1 Independent), is also up for re-election.

While downballot races got the spotlight, Northern Virginia actually saw the most competitive two-party races this year, with 57 contested House seats. This marks only the second time in the last decade where at least half of the 100 House seats had more than one name on the ballot.

"So what?" voters seemed to declare when casting their ballots.

Despite more choices, voters stuck with the politician they knew, giving incumbents in nearly every Fairfax County district a decisive victory.

District 37

Incumbent: David Bulova (D) won a resounding victory with 60.95 percent of the vote (11,521 votes) over Republican challenger Patrice Winter's 38.86 percent (7,345 votes).

District link on VPAP at www.vpap.org/elections/district/

Localities: Fairfax County (69 percent), City of Fairfax (31 percent); 2012 elections: Obama 60 percent/Romney 38 percent/Johnson 1 percent, Kaine 61 percent/Allen 39 percent

Many political watchers considered this district up for grabs in

District 40

Incumbent: Tim Hugo (R) soundly defeated Democrat Jerrold Foltz, a first-time candidate with 60 percent of the vote (14,878 votes) to Foltz' 40 percent (with 9,891 votes)

District link on VPAP at www.vpap.org/elections/district/
Localities: Fairfax County (83 percent), Prince William County (17 percent)

2012 elections: Romney 51 percent/Obama 48 percent, Allen 51 percent/Kaine 49 percent

District 41

Incumbent: Eileen Filler-Corn (D) faced two challengers: Republican Fredy Burgos and frequent candidate Christopher F. DeCarlo (who also threw his hat in the ring for the sheriff's race.) Filler-Corn sailed past both challengers with 57 percent of the vote (15,021 votes) over Burgos' 40 percent (10,388 votes) and DeCarlo's 3.58 percent (944 votes).

District link on VPAP at www.vpap.org/elections/district/
Locality: Fairfax County

2012 elections: Obama 57 percent/Romney 41 percent/Johnson 1 percent, Kaine 59 percent/Allen 40 percent. Filler-Corn ran unopposed in 2011 in what is considered a Democratic-leaning district. After this win, the district may be considered a solid blue.

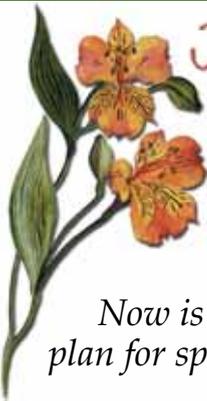
District 42

Incumbent: Dave Albo (R) knocked off Democratic challenger Ed Deitsch with 59.82 percent of the vote (15,232 votes) to Deitsch's 40.07 percent of the vote (10,204 votes).

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'Smooth' Voting at Robinson Secondary

Processing enhancements helped precinct team to stay efficient.

By TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

By 4:15 p.m., the precinct voting station at Robinson Secondary School had already processed 1,432 voters out of those 4,458 registered. Only a few hours from the polls closing, they were well on their way to finishing with 1600-1800, according to Assistant Chief Election Officer and Fairfax resident Teri Ayers.

This was Ayers' third straight year working at the polling station. After some time away from the Fairfax area, she returned and immediately sought out opportunities to get involved with the community. "After doing it the first time," she said, "it's just a really nice way to connect with people and see what's going on."

On Tuesday, Ayers, Chief Election Officer James Emery Jr. and their team kept the steady queue of a slightly larger than expected turnout moving. Thanks to a few

procedural enhancements, they were able to make sure no more than five to ten people were waiting in line throughout most of the day. The first change from previous polling was the sharing of registration laptop duties between two people instead of one. Working in pairs, "one can retrieve the ID and verify what the voter is stating," Ayers said. "Then the one actually on the laptop can find the voter in the registration book." The Fairfax County Election Board suggested the change, though no precinct was required to comply with it. A second improvement in the name of efficiency was the phasing out of touch-screen voting mechanisms in favor of electronic scan ballots that still must be filled out by hand. Surprisingly, it's the touch screens that represent "antiquated technology," according to Seth Stark, Chair of the Fairfax County Election Board. While newer hardware that more accurately scans ballots marked with pen is actually "the wave of the

future." "Just don't try to use lipstick," said Carol Ann Coryell, Former Fairfax County Election Board Secretary.

Regardless of the technology, Ayers and Emery observed hardly any bumps or challenges over the course of the day. "Everything has been pretty smooth," Ayers said. "If anything comes up, a process is in place to handle it."

The calm, steady tempo afforded the volunteers opportunities to reflect on their roles. "I find it extremely gratifying to be here," Ayers said, "to be part of the process." "Our main purpose is to make sure everybody is able to vote," she continued, "It's a long day for us, we have to constantly be on our feet, ready to respond to voter questions, concerns, whatever comes up. But we're a part of something — we make everything run smoothly, so at the end of the night we can get out the results."

The polling station at Robinson Secondary School was well on its way to processing over one-third of its total population of registered voters by day's end.



From left Robinson Secondary School Assistant Chief Election Officer Teri Ayers and Chief Election Officer James Emery Jr. welcome voters.

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OPINION

Be Part of Children's Connection

Call for student artwork and writing; deadline Dec. 6.

During the last week of each year, The Connection devotes its entire issue to the creativity of local students and children. The results are always remarkable, and the editions have won many awards. It is a keepsake edition for many families, and an edition read and praised by readers with and without children.

The annual Children's Connection is a tradition of well over a decade, and we begin getting inquiries from teachers and parents about submitting artwork and writing almost as soon as each school year begins.

We publish artwork, poetry, essays, creative writing, opinion pieces, short stories, photography, photos of sculpture or gardens or other creative efforts.

We ask that all submissions be digital so they can be sent through email or delivered on CD or flash drive. Writing should be submitted in rich text format (.rtf). Artwork should be photographed or scanned and provided in jpeg format.

Identify each piece of writing or art, including the student's full name, age, grade and town of residence, plus the name of the school, name

of teacher and town of school location. Please provide the submissions by Friday, Dec. 6.

Some suggestions:

- ❖ Drawings or paintings or photographs of family, friends, pets or some favorite activity. These should be photographed or scanned and submitted in jpeg format.

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Please send all submissions by Dec. 6. The Children's Connection will publish the week of Dec. 26, 2013.

EDITORIAL

Helping Most Vulnerable Neighbors

Individuals with mental illness represent a disproportionately high percentage of the homeless population.

BY RUSSELL SNYDER

Once in a while you read or hear about mental health illness, probably in this very paper. However, more often than not, mental illness is discussed only when a tragedy occurs that brings it to the forefront of the national dialogue. We should strive, as a community, to change that.

More than 260,000 adults in Virginia live with serious mental illness. In the Fairfax-Falls Church community approximately 1,350 people are homeless; more than half of those individuals suffer from serious mental illness.



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Individuals with mental illness represent a disproportionately high percentage of the homeless population. With statistics like those above, this is an issue that needs our attention all year round.

For readers that do not know, Volunteers of America operates Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter, a 50-bed emergency homeless shelter in Fairfax County for men and women. In our shelter, clients receive case management based on individualized service plans. They attend various life skills groups to empower them to make positive changes. Bailey's also has an outreach partnership

with the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board. A Community Case Manager works directly with our clients who have been identified by staff as having a mental health diagnosis. These individuals receive services and support to build their self-sufficiency, the end goal for all of our clients in every single program we run.

It takes many resources to help homeless individuals with a mental health diagnosis find their way to recovery, but it is possible to accomplish this goal with programs like Bailey's and collaborations among community partners.

If you would like a behind-the-scenes look at the work Volunteers

of America Chesapeake is doing to assist those that are homeless and challenged with mental illness, call Tonya Fulwood, Vice President of Homeless Services, at 240-764-2661. Be an advocate and help us create awareness so we can continue to help our neighbors travel the road to self-sufficiency.

Thank you to the Fairfax community and our partners throughout Northern Virginia for your support as we continue to serve our most vulnerable neighbors in the fight to prevent and end homelessness in our communities.

The writer is President/CEO of Volunteers of America Chesapeake, a faith-based health and human services nonprofit assisting more than 8,000 people each year at 31 programs, many serving the homeless and mentally ill. Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter has been the community's primary emergency homeless shelter since 1994.

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For more information visit www.californiatortilla.com.

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House

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ney 46 percent, Kaine 54 percent/Allen 46 percent

District 42 is often called a swing district, although it's not clear why. Albo, a senior member of the house, has fought off several Democratic challengers in the last several elections. Although Albo may have felt some backdraft over general voter distaste for the tea party agenda, particularly on women's rights, Albo held firm, voting with many Democrats this year for the landmark \$3.5 billion transportation bill.

District 43

Incumbent: Mark Sickles (D) solidly held his seat with 73.56 percent of the vote (14,444) over Republican challenger Gail Parker with 25.28 percent of the vote (4,985 percent)

District link on VPAP at www.vpap.org/elections/district/

Locality: Fairfax County. 2012 elections: Obama 64 percent/Romney 34 percent, Kaine 66 percent/Allen 34 percent. Sickles ran unopposed in 2011 in this strongly Democratic district.

District 44

Incumbent: Scott Surovell(D) overwhelming won reelection with 71.06 percent of the vote (13,177 votes) to Republican challenger Joseph A. Glean's 28.10 percent of the vote (5,210 votes).

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Locality: Fairfax County. 2012 elections: Obama 64 percent/Romney 34 percent, Kaine 65 percent/Allen 35 percent

Surovell ran unopposed in 2011 in this very blue Democratic district.

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From left — West Springfield senior Melissa Lester as Big Snow, Brian Engler as un-costumed Dr. Stahlbaum and Carla Cannonito as Mother Ginger.

Burke Ballet's 20th 'Nutcracker'

Cast of 200 draws heavily from Buffa's Dance Studio, welcomes professionals from Cincinnati, Colorado and Manassas companies.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Just as Clara Stahlbaum's dream of a being whisked away by a living nutcracker prince grows increasingly fantastic over the course of the night, director Buffa Hargett's vision of a perfect performance of "The Nutcracker" ballet has evolved dramatically from mere scenes performed at local shopping malls to a staggering 200-person full production celebrating its 20th anniversary onstage.

"I'm just surprised my mom is able to make it better every year," said Fairfax Station resident Melissa Hargett, Buffa's daughter and co-director. "She instills in the staff nothing is ever perfect. We have to get better little by little, and make it an experience people want to come back to every year."

On Saturday, Nov. 16, the curtain will rise on the Burke Civic Ballet's 20th performance of the famous holiday masterpiece. Buffa opened the 1600-student Buffa's Dance Studio — a primary supplier of dancers and rehearsal resources — 33 years ago, but created the BCB in 1994 as a non-

profit organization to provide a community-minded opportunity for amateur adults and students to learn and perform alongside professional dancers.

The two organizations operate in tandem for mutual benefit and education, especially in the case of a show like "The Nutcracker." "It gives young dancers the experience of a complete production," said Brian Engler of Burke, who plays Dr. Stahlbaum and is the only active cast member who has been in all 20 productions. "Even in a dance recital they only see pieces of it. They go out and do a spot and they leave. For this, everything has to go like clockwork."

THE STUDENT DANCERS, who range from 3 to 18 years old, are up for the challenge. "The strength of these dancers is amazing," said Springfield resident Carla Cannonito, who plays Mother Ginger. "All of these kids are so adaptable — they will jump in and assume a role at any time."

"Coming here, it's check your egos at the door," Cannonito continued. "It's an overarching culture, that everyone looks out for

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(From left)
Brionna
Simmons,
Sarah
Marksteiner,
Spencer Boyd
and Anna
Ready rehearse
a number from
the show.

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BONNIE HOBBS
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Robinson presents
'Little Shop of Horrors.'

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Horror, romance, music — and a hungry, man-eating plant — they're all in Robinson Secondary's production of "Little Shop of Horrors." And for Theater Director Chip Rome, this musical's been a long time coming. "This is a show I've wanted to do since I saw it in England in 1984," he said. "I thought it could be great for high school." But various circumstances intervened, so Robinson didn't do it — until now.

The 21-person cast and crew of 80 have been working hard to make it an unforgettable production. "Having the same stage-management team for three shows in a row makes life easier," Rome said. "And the cast is really talented. Our leads, Jamie and Katie, are a perfect fit for their roles. Jamie oozes a nice, affable innocence and Katie has a solid vulnerability."

Also featured are the Doo Wop Girls — singers who comment on the action. There are three sets of them so more actors can perform. Scenes take place in Mushnik's Florist Shop, the street outside and in a dentist's office.

"It's a really fun horror story," Rome said. "It's Faustian; it's about someone who has to choose how much he's willing to give up to get what he wants — and whether he can make that decision before it's too late."

Senior Jamie Green plays Mushnik's employee, Seymour, who's timid and socially awkward. "He was an orphan and Mushnik took him from the orphanage, but was never kind to him," Green said. "He's in love with fellow employee Audrey, but is too shy to tell her. One day, a plant in the shop turns his life around. The business grows, everyone's happy and Audrey likes him, but he has to feed the plant human blood to keep things that way."

Green loves playing Seymour because "he's so quirky and it's fun to bring out my inner dork. He's unintentionally funny and it's incredible to be able to sing this show's music."

He said the audience will think of Seymour and Audrey as "2013's cutest couple" and will like the rock/R & B/jazzy music. Green added, "We have



Shy Seymour (Jamie Green) has a crush on Audrey (Katie Rogers), while the ominous plant lurks behind them.

really strong group vocals, plus cool plant puppets."

Portraying Audrey is senior Katie Rogers. "She's vulnerable and insecure, has an abusive boyfriend and is a doormat," Rogers said. "She knows how to get boys, but her dream is to have a family and be a housewife in the suburbs."

Senior Spencer Boyd plays Audrey's boyfriend, the dentist. "He's basically a sadist who lives off other people's pain," said Boyd. "He's a terrible human being."

He can be smooth and suave, but is really dark and evil and only cares about himself. It's different from any role I've ever done."

Props master and plant constructor is senior Mary Cate Turgeon. "We decided on the show in June, so all summer I was designing the plants," she said.

She appreciates the cast and crew's help buying and finding the other props needed for this production. "They really stepped up," she said. "We've put in a lot of hard work, and it's going to be a really great show."

The curtain rises Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 14, 15 and 16, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 at the door and via www.RobinsonDrama.org.

NEWS

Voters Pass \$250 Million School Bond

Fairfax County voters overwhelmingly supported a \$250 million school bond. With 239 (100 percent) precincts reporting, the bonds passed with 214,171 yes votes (73.89 percent) over 75,677 no votes (26.11 percent). In a news release, Fairfax County Public School officials said the money will be used to:

- ❖ Build two new elementary schools
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For more information, visit the Fairfax County Public Schools 2013 bond referendum web page at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bond/>

The site includes bond referendum fact booklet, maps and project details, as well as materials printed in Spanish and Korean.

SCHOOL NOTES

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

Rabia Hassan of Fairfax graduated with a master's degree in criminal justice from Boston University.

Hannah L. Moody, of Fairfax Station,

graduated from Boston University with a Master of Science in biomedical forensic sciences.

Martin VanderHoeven, an Earlham College first-year and son of Marianne Marsolais and Edward VanderHoeven of Springfield, has enrolled at Earlham College.

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Yoga Community Lauds New Smithsonian Exhibit Sackler exhibit is first of its kind.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Yoga instructor Luann Fulbright of McLean moved her practice from the mat to a gallery recently when she joined diplomats, philanthropists, artists and fellow yogis at a gala to celebrate the opening of “Yoga: The Art of Transformation” at the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery in Washington, D.C. It is the world’s first exhibition on the art of yoga.

“I couldn’t be more excited to have been able to attend this exhibit,” said Fulbright, a director of Dream Yoga Studio & Wellness Center in McLean. “It’s not only the first of its kind, but it was put together by a team of scholars led by Debra Diamond, an exquisitely studied and curious curator who brings her depth knowledge of Indian and Asian art and yoga together to shed light on the history and fascinating, many missing stories of yoga that are like yoga itself — mind expanding.”

The exhibit, which opened Oct. 19, features temple sculptures, devotional icons, manuscripts and court paintings created in India over the past 2,000 years. With artifacts borrowed from 25 museums and private collections in India, Europe and the United States, the exhibit explores yoga’s



Maryam Ovissi, a sponsor of “Yoga: The Art of Transformation” and the owner of BelovedYoga studio with locations in Reston and Great Falls, attends the exhibit’s opening gala with her student Jean Edelman, also an exhibit sponsor.



Yoga students Teresa Duncan and Jean Edelman attend a gala to celebrate the opening of “Yoga: The Art of Transformation” at the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery.

diverse history.

Museum officials said the exhibit reunites three monumental stone yogini goddesses from a 10th-century Chola temple for the first time, as well 10 folios from the first illustrated compilation of asanas, or yogic postures, made for a Mughal emperor in 1602, which have never before been exhibited together. The exhibit also includes Thomas Edison’s “Hindoo Fakir” (1906), the first movie ever produced about India.

Maryam Ovissi, one of the exhibit’s sponsors and the owner of BelovedYoga studio in Reston and Great Falls, said she appreciates such a comprehensive exploration of the evolution of yoga.

“Yoga has become a very loaded word in our society, and there are many facets to it. You can think of yoga as a gem,” she said. “The exhibit shows that yoga has philosophical roots. It offers an understanding of [yoga] as a healing modality and gives a perspective of how it was introduced to the West and evolved into what has become today. The curator did an excellent job of showing that it’s an entire journey. People will walk away knowing that yoga is rich and has layers to it.”

YOGA INSTRUCTORS said the exhibit will educate people about the practice. “Having an exhibit like this confirms that yoga is so

much more than most folks today think,” said Fulbright. “It’s not a fad. It’s not a particular religion. It’s not just exercise. It’s a constantly developing practice that people from many cultures have embraced for thousands of years to transform and empower themselves and their nations. I’m encouraging all [of my] students to see this exhibit, which can’t help but motivate and deepen their practice.”

Great Falls resident Jean Edelman, an exhibit sponsor and one of Ovissi’s students, hopes those who make the trek to the Sackler Gallery will walk away inspired. “I think it is a wonderful opportunity to bring to light yoga to people who never knew anything about it. It is a great for the mind, body and spirit.”

Dawn Curtis, owner of East Meets West Yoga Center in Vienna, also attended the opening gala. She believes the exhibit will offer attendees “a great education about the vastness of yoga and its practices. It is an amazing exhibit. The most extraordinary room ... is what I would call the Goddess room: three beautiful yoginis brought together in one room,” she said, referring to the Chola goddesses.

Alexandria resident Heather Sutliff, of East Meets West Yoga Center, said the exhibit will make yoga more accessible to a wider audience. SEE YOGA. PAGE 12

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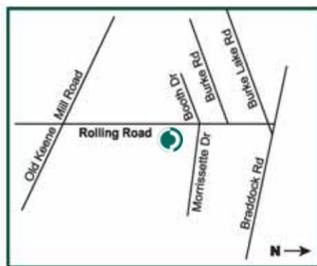
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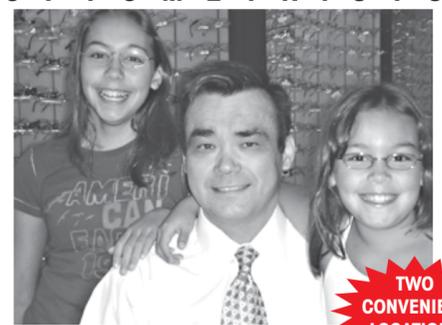
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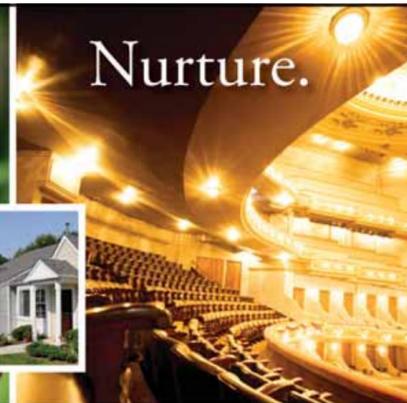
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WELLBEING

Yoga Community Lauds New Smithsonian Exhibit

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ence. “I think the fact that the Smithsonian has dedicated an exhibit to yoga spotlights its growing influence in society,” she said. “It kind of endorses yoga’s legitimacy and makes people sit up and take notice, and think, ‘Hey, maybe I should look into this yoga thing.’”

She also hopes people recognize the health benefits.

“It’s great to have an exhibit that educates people about the roots and origins of yoga and what it can do for their lives and their health”

— Sara VanderGoot of Mind the Mat Pilates & Yoga

“Yoga practice not only helps calm the mind, but has significant

physical benefits that can be realized right after your first yoga

class,” said Sutliff. “There are many medical studies that show consistent yoga practice reduces the risk of heart disease and diabetes and can lower cholesterol levels. I look forward to the day when I can get a prescription for yoga practice as easily as a prescription for a statin or beta-blocker.”

Yoga instructor Sara

VanderGoot, of Mind the Mat Pilates & Yoga in Alexandria and Arlington, said the exhibit will raise awareness about the practice. “The exhibit really means a lot to the yoga community,” said VanderGoot. “It’s great to have an exhibit that educates people about the roots and origins of yoga and what it can do for their lives and their health.”

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THURSDAY/NOV. 7

11th Annual Veterans' Powwow. 1-9 p.m., at the Johnson Center, Dewberry Hall, GMU Fairfax Campus, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. An event held by the Native American and Indigenous Alliance highlighting modern, contemporary and historical Native American culture during Native American Heritage Month through honoring veterans, ceremonial dancing, food and Native American handicrafts, art and jewelry. <https://www.facebook.com/MasonNAIA>.

"The New Black." 4:30 p.m., at the Johnson Center Cinema, 10900 University Blvd., Fairfax. GMU's Visiting Filmmaker Series screens the documentary that explores the African-American community's response to the gay rights movement in Maryland. Following the screening is Q&A with the filmmaker, Yoruba Richen.

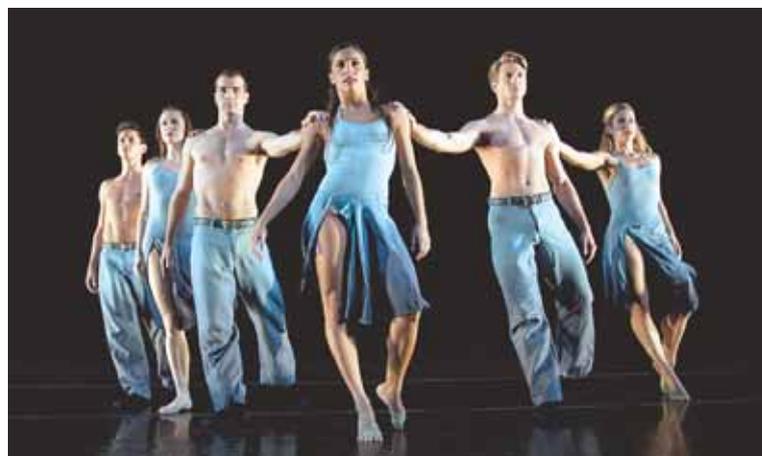
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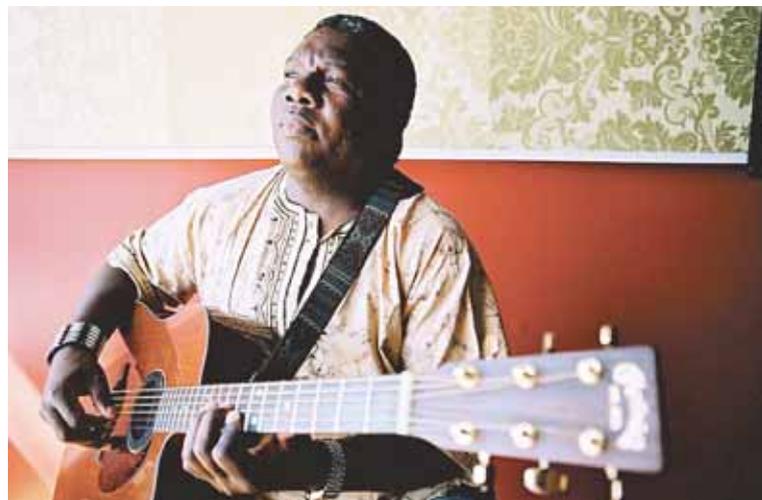
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Burke Civic Ballet to Present 20th 'Nutcracker'

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 everyone else. This is something that's more unique to Buffa."

"We pride ourselves on being the anti-'dance moms'," said Melissa. "We want our dancers to try their best, but realize it's never perfect, there's always something to strive for. Nobody is perfect in anything we do."

That sentiment drives the whole production process forward, and the sense of an educational community is well established among the dancers.

"They'll tell us what to do and then we convey it to the younger kids," said West Springfield senior Melissa Lester, who plays Clara's best friend, Big Snow, Spanish lead and Dew Drop. "I love doing it. You have to have a positive atmosphere to have an amazing Nutcracker. It makes you want to be here, work, be on stage, get the entire experience of it."

TO HELP ENHANCE THE EXPERIENCE for both cast and au-



PHOTO BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

Members of Buffa's Dance Studio and the Burke Civic Ballet for the Nov. 16 premiere of the organization's 20th edition of "The Nutcracker" as co-director Melissa Hargett (third from far right) looks on.

dience, the Hargetts annually enlist the help of professional dancers to both run workshops for the older students and perform key roles in "The Nutcracker." This year, look for Colorado Ballet principal dancers Sharon Wehner as the Sugar Plum Fairy and Jesse Marks as the fairy's cavalier. Aleksey Kudrin is a local pro from the Manassas Ballet playing the Nutcracker prince, and Thomas Bell from the University of Cincinnati will offer his talents as Drosselmeyer.

In addition to the pros onstage, this anniversary production will feature fresh choreography — the Hargetts attend multiple "Nutcracker" productions each year in an ongoing effort to stay fresh and new — brand new Ukrainian costumes for many of the snow scene dancers and a new grandfather clock. All the costumes, set pieces and other backstage work is managed by anywhere from 200-400 parent volunteers.

All told, the production costs roughly \$75,000 to pull off, only a third of which is recouped by ticket revenue. The rest comes from donations, audition fees and two major annual fundraisers — a Spook A Thon and Dance A Thon — that took place in October.

"It's such hard work in such a short amount of time," said Melissa. "But this gives them a way to have an end result, an end goal. It's something to produce and be proud of."

"This is my last Nutcracker, senior year," said Lester, "so I want to go out with a bang. The path I've gone to get to here, this is all I have left — I just want it to be amazing." Giving young performers the opportunity to be stars in a major performance is what the program is all about. "That is truly [Buffa's] vision of bringing the arts to Northern Virginia," said Cannonito, "and making this accessible to all. The children make the Nutcracker come alive."

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Fairfax Baptist Temple, at the corner of Fairfax County Parkway and Burke Lake Roads, holds a bible study fellowship at 9 a.m. Sundays followed by a 10 a.m. worship service. Nursery care and children's church also provided. 6401 Missionary Lane, Fairfax Station, 703-323-8100 or www.fbtministries.org.

The Guhyasamaja Buddhist Center, 10875 Main St., Fairfax City provides free classes to both newcomers and advanced practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism. The center emphasizes working with the mind and learning how to understand the workings of the mind, overcoming inner causes of suffering, while cultivating causes of happiness. Under the direction of Lama Zopa Rinpoche, the center is a place of study, contemplation and meditation. Visit <http://www.guhyasamaja.org> for more information.

Lord of Life Lutheran offers services at two locations, in Fairfax at 5114 Twinbrook Road and in Clifton at 13421 Twin Lakes Drive. Services in Fairfax are held on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 and 10 a.m. Services in Clifton are held on Sundays at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. 703-323-9500 or www.Lordoflifeva.org.

First Baptist Church of Springfield offers Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., followed by a 10:30 a.m. worship service at 7300 Gary St., Springfield. 703-451-1500 or www.fbcspfield.org.

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Dog Adoption. Noon-3 p.m., at Petco, 13053 Greenbiar Towncenter, Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. An event put on by the Homeless Animals Rescue Team. 703-817-9444 or <http://www.hart90.org/>.

College Bound Luncheon. Noon-3 p.m., at the Country Club of Fairfax, 5110 Ox Road, Fairfax. Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated (FCAC-DST) holds a luncheon for minority males and females of Fairfax County and surrounding areas with guidance counselors, safety and emergency preparedness experts, and a representative from the United Negro College Fund to give a presentation on the Gates Scholarship.

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Adventures in Learning. Mondays through Nov. 4, 9:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m. Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax. The Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke sponsors a day designed to exercise the body and mind. \$30; open to adults 50 and older; bring a bag lunch; registration continues throughout the session. www.scfbva.org or at 703-343-4788.

Singers Wanted for the Celebration Singers. The women's show choir is interested in new talent to perform at various Northern Virginia community sites. Practices are Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in Burke. Contact Gayle Parsons, 703-644-4485 or email gparsons3@cox.net.

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At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 12, 2013, Fairfax Water will conduct a public hearing on its proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges. The hearing will be held in Fairfax Water's offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, VA.

The proposed changes, to be effective April 1, 2014, include the following:

1. An increase in the Availability Charge from \$3,850 to \$3,950†.
2. An increase in the Local Facilities Charge from \$9,500 to \$9,750.
3. An increase in the Service Connection Charge from \$1,050 to \$1,090†.
4. An increase in the Account Charge from \$35 to \$36.
5. An increase in the Quarterly Billing Service Charge from \$9.20 to \$9.80†.
6. An increase in the base Commodity Charge from \$2.29 to \$2.42 per 1,000 gallons of water.
7. An increase in the Peak Use Charge from \$3.45 to \$3.55 per 1,000 gallons of water.
8. An increase in the Fees for Use of Fairfax Water Fire Hydrants to include the increase in the Commodity Charge and Peak Use Charge.
9. An increase in the Installation of Sewer Use Meter Charge from \$44 to \$45.
10. An increase in the Returned Payment Charge from \$17 to \$20.

A copy of the proposed changes can be viewed on our Web site at <http://www.fairfaxwater.org/rates/index.htm>. Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed changes should call Ms. Eva Catlin at 703-289-6017. Interested parties also may submit written comments to PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org or mail written comments to:

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All written comments must be received by close of business on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 to be included in the record of the public hearing.

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Lake Braddock quarterback Caleb Henderson crosses the goal line for a touchdown.

Lake Braddock Football Wins Conference Crown

South County first conference team to score on Bruins.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Early in the fourth quarter, Lake Braddock quarterback Caleb Henderson, struggling with a gimped right ankle, floated an incomplete pass toward the left side of the end zone.

"Throw the ball!" Bruins head coach Jim Poythress shouted at his All-American quarterback.

"I can't!" Henderson shouted back in reference to his injured ankle.

Two plays later, Henderson again threw a pass toward the left side of the end zone. This time, he connected with Josh Churchill for a 12-yard touchdown.

The Lake Braddock football team received its first test in more than a month, when the undefeated Bruins hosted one-loss South County on Nov. 1. But much like Henderson's errant end-zone throw on a bum ankle, the Bruins had little difficulty overcoming the challenge.

The Bruins led by 14 at halftime and cruised to a 45-21 victory over South County at Lake Braddock Secondary School. The victory ensured Lake Braddock of at least a share of the Conference 7 championship.

"It's our fifth straight district title, sixth in seven years, so we have something going the right way," Poythress said. "We feel proud about that."

LAKE BRADDOCK entered the contest having outscored conference opponents 271-0 in five games. The last time someone scored a point against the Bruins was during a 28-24 non-conference victory over Westfield on Sept. 20. South County, which averaged more than 48 points per game prior to Friday's contest, ended Lake Braddock's shutout streak with 5:45 remaining in the opening quarter on an 8-yard Ed Kargbo touchdown run, but the Stallions trailed throughout the contest.

"I felt like we played hard and we adjusted," Poythress said. "It's difficult to play the option when you haven't seen it all year. They run several different options and they have some real good athletes and a good quarterback, so that factored in. We knew the shutout streak (was going to end). No one was worried about that. We knew that they would score but we felt like they'd have trouble stopping us and that proved to be true."

Henderson completed 10 of 23 passes for 193 yards and a touchdown. He also ran for 95 yards and three scores. Running back Trevor O'Brien carried 15 times for 170 yards and a touchdown, but left the game in the fourth quarter with a knee injury. Vince Sica had three catches for 99 yards.

Junior safety AJ Alexander intercepted a pair of passes for the Lake Braddock defense.

"It was a close game — we give [credit] to them, that's a great team," Alexander said. "They kept it close the first half, we came out and just played our game in the second half and it shows on the scoreboard."

SOUTH COUNTY running back LeVaughn Davis carried 19 times for 167 yards, including a 77-yard run in the second quarter that helped set up a 4-yard touchdown run by Kargbo, which cut the Lake Braddock lead to 21-14 with 8:20 left in the first half.

Stallions quarterback David Symmes completed 14 of 25 passes for 244 yards, with one touchdown and two interceptions.

Lake Braddock enters the final game of the regular season ranked No. 1 in the VHSL's 6A North region power point poll. The Bruins have a rating of 35.7, followed by Centreville with a rating of 35.1. However, Centreville will pass Lake Braddock for the top seed if the Wildcats beat Chantilly on Friday. The Bruins will close the regular season against Lee, a 5A team with a 2-7 record, while Centreville will face Robinson, a 6A team with a 7-2 mark, meaning Centreville will have more to gain from a victory.

South County (7-2) will travel to face Annandale at 7:30 p.m. on Friday. The Stallions are ranked No. 7.

The top 16 teams in the region make the playoffs.



BY NIKKI CHESHIRE/THE CONNECTION

CDaniel Clemente, Rector of George Mason University (right), stands with Pennsylvania State University President Rodney Erickson in the President's suite at Beaver Stadium for the football game against Illinois.

GMU Rector Visits Penn State

Athletic program explored.

As the Pennsylvania State University community geared up for a busy home football weekend, a visitor from Fairfax was present in the stands: CDaniel Clemente, Rector of George Mason University's Board of Visitors.

Clemente met with University President Rodney Erickson and Athletic Director David Joyner during his visit.

"My official business was that George Mason is the largest university in Virginia, and it does not have a football team," Clemente said. "I was going to the president and athletic director not because we're considering a team, but I think we need to be educated in all values of athletic programs."

Clemente added that it would be important to understand how practical a program would be in interesting to financiers as well as affecting the Northern Virginia area.

"I was impressed with the student spirit, and the total involvement with all the athletic programs," Clemente said. "Penn State has 44,000 students, we have 33,000. They have an arena for just hockey for over \$100 million, a baseball stadium, a football stadium. It's important to understand how a state university grows and affords all of those special facilities."

Clemente went on to say that though he's visited some of the larger Virginia universities — including UVA and Virginia Tech — that "Penn State is the most successful with its athletic programs," especially in how the football program manages to produce enough funds to



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CDaniel Clemente, Rector of George Mason University (left) with Penn State Athletic Director David Joyner at Beaver Stadium.

support other programs within the university.

As the Rector, Clemente is one of 16 governor appointees to the Board of Visitors at George Mason. After the appointment process, the Rector is elected to a position equivalent to a chairman. According to state law, the Rector has certain authorities, including making assignments, working with the university administration to set the agenda, and reporting back to the governor as the board's official spokesperson.

During his visit, Clemente attended the football game against Illinois, which resulted in a tumultuous overtime win by Penn State. "I'd come back again for another football game!" Clemente said.

In the near future, Clemente intends to have Penn State's athletic director "talk to the Board of Visitors in person, as to the pros and cons of a football program."

— NIKKI CHESHIRE

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Dental Associates of Northern Virginia holds an annual Halloween candy exchange to support soldiers through Operation Gratitude. For every child (must be accompanied by an adult), bringing in their unopened candy, Dental Associates of Northern Virginia will "exchange" the candy for a goodie bag that will include a toothbrush, toothpaste, floss and more. Dental Associates of Northern Virginia will also match all candy gifts by donating additional dental supplies to the troops. Children are also encouraged to write letters to the troops. Locations include: 12011 Lee Jackson Highway, Suite 105, Fairfax; 9401 Lee Highway, Suite 200, Fairfax; 5417-D Backlick Road, Springfield; and 8100 Boone Boulevard, Suite 100, Vienna.

Cyclone Anaya's Mexican Kitchen joined the restaurant scene at Fairfax Mosaic in the end of October. Among nine other restaurants at Mosaic, **Ted's Bulletin** is scheduled to open its doors in late 2014. RJ Cooper's newest restaurant concept, **Gypsy Soul**, and the newly announced **True Foods Kitchen** will also open at Mosaic in 2014. www.mosaicdistrict.com.

General Dynamics Information Technology, a Fairfax-based business unit of General Dynamics (NYSE: GD), hired **Jo A. Decker** as vice president of Navy/Marine Corps accounts. In her new role, Decker is responsible for supporting strategic business development and planning for Navy and Marine Corps services.

The Virginia Small Business Partnership (VASBP) brought together over 140 small business leaders and policymakers for its fourth annual Virginia Small Business Summit at George Mason University's Mason Inn. The summit featured candidates for governor Terry McAuliffe and Ken Cuccinelli, who outlined their respective plans for Virginia's future.

Brooke Sides is the owner of the new local ballet-based fitness studio, Pure Barre Fairfax. Pure Barre is a 55-minute workout that is designed to tone your muscles and burn fat. There are over 130 locations throughout the nation. This will be the first Pure Barre studio in Northern Virginia. Pure Barre Fairfax officially opened Sept. 20th and is located on 4201 Ridge Top Road, Fairfax VA 22030. fairfax@purebarre.com or 704-796-2982.

Peterson Companies have announced two new stores will open at Fairfax Corner. Bluemercury, the nation's fastest-growing luxury beauty and spa retail chain, and Mathnasium, a math tutoring center, both opened in September 2013.

Andrew and Jessie Sample were pioneers in successfully establishing the first **Eye Level Learning Centers** in the Washington, D.C. region and are expanding into the Fairfax area this fall. The couple decided to open up a fourth location in Fairfax to satisfy the demand for supplemental education. The Samples opened their second center in Vienna in May of 2011 and the third in Ashburn in January 2013. The company currently works with over 300 children in the combined locations. In addition to Andrew and Jessie, the company has hired two full-time directors and 10 part-time instructors.

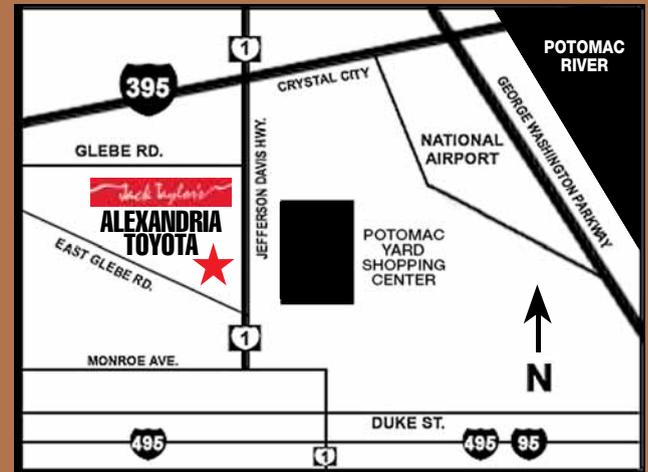
Inova Fair Oaks Hospital has been named one of the "100 Great Hospitals in America" by Becker's Hospital Review. The hospitals included in this list have proven to be innovators for medical treatments, research, technology and care delivery and are home to medical breakthroughs and act as anchors of health within their respective communities.

The Art of Shaving opened in Fairfax at 11750 Fair Oaks Mall. As a leading luxury men's grooming brand, The Art of Shaving aims to induct discerning male consumers into the "Brotherhood of Shaving"; a mission to help men achieve the perfect shave by elevating it from a chore into an enjoyable ritual.

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