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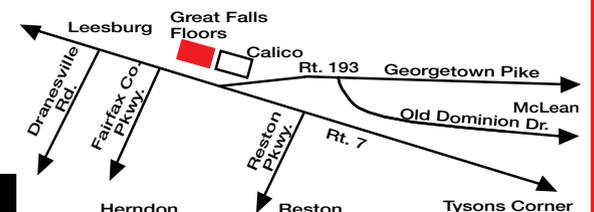
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Volunteer firefighter Ashraf shakes hands with the children.

Station's Farewell Open House

Volunteer Fire Department hosted strong turnout for final open house in soon-to-be-replaced station.

Hundreds turned out for the Great Falls Volunteer Fire Department's annual open house last Saturday. Department President Jerry Smith said the station had put out especially heavy marketing for the event, which coincided with National Fire Prevention Week, "because this is going to be the last open house we have at this station, hopefully." The facility is to be demolished in the spring, and a new station built in its place.

Smith said it was unlikely there would be an open house next year, as the firefighters will be housed in trailers and apparatus will be stored elsewhere.

Historic photos of the building were on display at the event, as well as the floor plans for the future fire station.

Also featured were demonstrations of "EMS packaging" — the way emergency medical personnel get an injured person onto a stretcher and to the hospital — and how a firefighter dons clothes and gear. A "smoke crawl" was set up in the station's bunk room, where the room was filled with fog from a fog machine and children were taught to crawl under smoke to the door, touching the door to see if it's hot.

Outside, where the weather was pleasant, children practiced hitting a target with a blast from a fire hose. A children's fire engine, as well as the station's real engines, were out for children to investigate.

Smith said the station collected about \$500 in donations that day.

— MIKE DiCICCO



The crew at the fire station lined up all of their equipment in the driveway for viewing.



Ethan and Elizabeth Rowles and Jessica and Max Bolkcom are joined by more neighbors to watch Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Michael Frames through a 70 ft rope.



PHOTO BY AL REITAN

Laura Nichols will demonstrate raku firing at her studio, Pig Pen Pottery.

Tour d'Arte Great Falls Art Studios Tour exhibits 38 artists this weekend.

Great Falls artists will open their studios to the public this Saturday and Sunday for the fifth annual Great Falls Art Studios Tour, with 38 artists showing their work in 19 different locations.

Plenty of painters will be participating, as well as a number of photographers and potters, some jewelers, and one man who makes modern, wooden wall pieces he calls "wood weavings," Great Falls Studios President Laura Nichols said. She said about half a dozen of the artists would be new to the tour, which is unguided and free.

New this year will be a kickoff party Friday evening at the Art Atelier in its new location in the Colvin Run area. Activities there will include a raffle for "art bucks" — good toward the purchase of any art on the tour — and other prizes. The party is also free. A number of artists will be demonstrating their craft during the tour, Nichols said. She will demonstrate raku firing at her studio, Pig Pen Pottery. "I fire the pots in an outside grill, and it's pretty dramatic," she said. In the Old Brogue Irish Pub, painter John McCabe will work on a painting of people eating at the Old Brogue.

The restaurant will offer reduced-cost lunches from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. both days, available with a coupon that can be picked up at any tour location. Conveniently, Katie's Coffee House, an extension of the Old Brogue, is one of three businesses participating in the tour and housing exhibits. The other two are Seneca Hill Animal Hospital and RE/MAX Gateway.

Nichols said RE/MAX might make a good starting point for anyone's tour, as all of the artists are displayed there, so tourists can decide which ones they want to visit. That exhibit is already open. Links to many of the artists' Web sites are also available on the Great Falls Studios Web site.

Ten percent of the proceeds from art sales will be donated to the new Great Falls Foundation for the Arts. "That's sort of the fundraising side of the studio," Nichols said. "We hope to have an arts center one day in Great Falls."

— MIKE DiCICCO



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/CONNECTION

State Del. Margaret Vanderhye and Fairfax County Supervisor John Foust listen as McLean Citizens Association President Rob Jackson addresses the group.

Making 'Green Choice\$'

Community forum presents resources and workshops.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Maybe it was the presidential debate that kept the crowd down, but the citizens who did come to the "Green Choice\$" forum on Oct. 7 at the McLean Community Center were committed to making an environmental difference.

They asked questions, picked up literature from the tables, and sat in on workshops. Many practiced environmentally-friendly routines at home.

"Turn off the lights, recycle any stuff you can," said 11-year-old

Michelle Coy of McLean. "Even a child can be helping." Michelle and her friend, Renee Wah, both sixth-graders, are in Spring Hill Elementary School's robotics club and were at the green forum to do research on global warming.

"If I broke a CFL bulb, I'd call my mom or dad for help," said Renee

Spread over two large rooms at the McLean Community Center, the energy forum presented a diversity of programs, services, products and resources to arm citizens with the tools they need to make informed energy decisions in their homes, workplaces, and lives.

"Every step that each of us takes, regardless of its size or cost, makes a difference in achieving energy bill savings and a cleaner, greener environment," Del. Margaret Vanderhye (D-34) said in her welcome address.

Vanderhye said the committee chose this date because it was

"Every step that each of us takes, regardless of its size or cost, makes a difference in achieving energy bill savings and a cleaner, greener environment."

— Del. Margaret Vanderhye

prior to Virginia's energy-efficiency tax holiday from Oct. 10 – 13.

Esma Akin Losee of McLean said she was motivated to come to the green choices forum because she wanted to see if she could "be a

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The American Plant's Haunted House features ghosts, bats, skeletons, and other Halloween décor, all illuminated with lighting powered by clean, renewable wind energy.

Wind-Powered Magic in Great Falls

American Plant presents Haunted House using wind energy.

During October, families can experience the magic of Halloween and wind power at American Plant, a locally owned garden center with a new location at 10106 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls and two locations in Bethesda, Md. American Plant uses 100 percent wind power for all of its operations including its magical Halloween attractions. At its Great Falls location, open since April, a Haunted

House features ghosts, bats, skeletons, and other Halloween décor, all illuminated with lighting powered by clean, renewable wind energy.

"Halloween is the perfect time to introduce the community to our commitment to eco-friendly practices, including wind energy and our complete line of organic gardening products," said Mitch Baker, American Plant's horticultural

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Great Falls Student Attends NASA Academy

Langley High School senior Alexander Greenfield was one of 43 students who took part in the Virginia Aerospace Science and Technology Scholars (VASTS) Academy July 27 to August 1 hosted by NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va. in a partnership with the Virginia Space Grant Consortium.

Prior to the academy, Greenfield completed a three-month interactive online program that challenged him to help create a plan for sustaining a human presence on Mars.

Greenfield worked with a team that dealt with a spe-

cific challenge of operating an outpost on the red planet. "This will help with decision-making and with engineering in general," said Greenfield.

Greenfield and his teammates also built, programmed and tested robots, toured NASA labs and facilities, and interacted with NASA researchers, scientists and astronaut D. Thomas Jones. Greenfield said he will apply what he learned at the academy to a career in engineering.

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NEWS

Forum Promotes 'Green Living'

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little more energy-efficient" in her own house. "I want to teach the kids more than just turning off lights when they leave the room."

Akin Losee, who is a physician, said her children know not to touch CFLs because of the mercury. "They know to call me or another adult. It should say on the packaging, 'if you break it, don't touch it.'" Akin Losee said the family does "simple" things around the house. "We turn off the tap when we're brushing our teeth, turn off the lights when we leave a room. We always drink tap water, no plastic bottles. We make our own window cleaning solution, and try to use bar soap. And we recycle bags."

THE "GREEN CHOICES" FORUM had roots in Vanderhye's bid for a seat in Virginia's General Assembly. "When I walked around the neighborhoods, energy and the environment were on the top of list," Vanderhye said.

"Rob [Abbot, Vanderhye's legislative assistant] and I sat down late summer and talked about how we would do this and who we would invite to present energy

programs. Everyone we asked responded positively."

Fairfax County Soil and Water Conservation Board conducts rain barrel workshops a couple of times a year. The collected rain water is recycled for use on the lawn and garden. Residents buy the barrels from the county for \$45 - \$65 a barrel. The next workshop, approximately two - three hours, is scheduled for March, 2009.

Supervisor John Foust highlighted Fairfax County's environmental improvement program as a means to educate citizens to what the county is doing in that arena. McLean Citizens' Association's president, Rob Jackson, previewed the workshops.

From rain barrels to energy auditing devices, representatives from municipal and private businesses described the breadth of green choices Americans now have. From strings of LED Christmas lights to bags recycled from plastic bottles, consumers can readily make choices that benefit the environment, according to the tips participants freely offered. Representatives from businesses and public agencies suggested the

use of low VOC paints, turning off electronic equipment via a surge protector, and landscaping that puts nature to good-use.

"We must demand our leaders be part of the solution," said workshop presenter Beth Ritchie Chung of McLean, environmental consultant at "My Green Expert." We can produce positive change. We can control a portion of our own emissions. We cannot be neutral on the importance of carbon emissions."

Green Choice\$ was sponsored and organized by Vanderhye, Foust, the McLean Citizens Association, the Sierra Club, McLean Citizens Foundation, My Green Expert LLC, Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce and Great Falls Citizens Association.

"Americans consume a disproportionate share of the world's resources," said Chung. "Therefore, it's essential for individuals to commit to voluntary conservation actions. If we act now, we can help stave off the most drastic consequences of climate change."

Chung repeated a quote she had read once. "There are no passengers on space earth. We're all crew."



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Eco-Friendly Haunted House

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tural specialist and an expert on natural gardening. "Going green is really harnessing the magical powers of nature to renew itself without damaging the environment with pollutants," Baker added.

Visitors to American Plant in October can receive a handout, "The Magic of Wind Power," that explains the basics of wind energy with illustrations and games for kids. "As the only garden center in the Washington Metropolitan Area that is powered by wind, and as a

leader in organic gardening, we welcome the opportunity to answer questions and speak to community groups about our sustainable energy and gardening practices," Baker said.

American Plant purchases its wind power from Clean Currents, a local wind energy supplier that enables area businesses and homeowners to convert to wind power by purchasing renewable energy credits from wind farms. The impact of American Plant's annual wind power purchase for Halloween and its everyday operations is comparable to:

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VDOT Virginia Department of Transportation

I-66 spot improvements

PUBLIC HEARING

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The three spot improvements will extend and connect acceleration and deceleration lanes on I-66 westbound from Spout Run to Glebe Road, from Fairfax Drive to Sycamore Street, and from Washington Boulevard to the Dulles Connector. These spots were identified in earlier studies as the most congested locations.

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Mark Warner for Senate

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Mark Warner faces another former governor, Jim Gilmore (R) in the race to replace retiring U.S. Sen. John Warner (R).

EDITORIAL John Warner has been a remarkable leader for Virginia, and his leadership along with Northern Virginia's congressional delegation, has made a difference for all residents here. The retirement of John Warner along with U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R-11), will mean more challenges for local projects and initiatives.

That's why it's critical to send Mark Warner to the Senate, a man who has demonstrated his appeal and ability to work across party lines perhaps more than any other elected official ever in Virginia. Warner successfully took on some of the toughest issues, budget shortfalls and transportation gridlock, and made significant progress. He faced problems with business sense and courage.

Jim Gilmore's tenure as governor left the state with a massive shortfall and his leadership resulted in bitterness and bad blood that remains to this day. The last thing we need in the Senate right now is Gilmore's style of partisan nastiness and dogmatic inflexibility.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keeping Focus On 'Green Choice\$'

To the Editor:
As organizers of the Green Choice\$ forum on Oct. 7, the McLean Citizens Association, Supervisor John Foust, and I would like to extend our thanks to the sponsors, participants, and 17 exhibitors who helped make the evening such a success. There is a real interest in saving energy among the residents of McLean, Great Falls, Vienna and the rest of our region, and the forum included a diverse group of participants committed to making energy conservation a priority. I believe that people are willing to make changes in their approaches to energy conservation and environmental protection if they are given the direction and the opportunity to succeed. Everyone wants to be a part of something that makes a real difference — we are an informed and engaged citizenry — and last Tuesday's forum proved that point!

Ivy Main of McLean, one of the presenters at the forum gave a talk entitled "The Lazy Cheapskate's Guide to Going Green." All of us, as busy and stressed as we are in these difficult economic times, can appreciate the sentiment behind her title! She made three important points in her talk. First, it is better to invest than to spend when trying to save on energy. In other words, whatever you pay to insulate or to have energy saving appliances should be recovered by your energy cost savings. Second, it's easier to make one decision than 10. For example, investing in an energy audit may be a good way to prioritize projects; start with decisions that give you real value for your investment. Finally, habits are easier than decisions. If you (and your children) have good habits about saving energy at home, you don't even have to think about turning off the TV when you leave the room or turning down the thermostat when everyone leaves for work and school.

Following up on the energy forum, scheduled in conjunction with last weekend's sales tax holi-

If elected, Mark Warner will join Sen. Jim Webb in representing Virginia. It's hard to imagine a better team.

Will Virginia Republicans second-guess their decision to use a convention rather than a primary to nominate their candidate for Senate if Virginia votes Democratic for president on Nov. 4 for the first time since 1964? It is almost certain that a small number of votes state-

wide will determine which presidential candidate carries Virginia. Would it help the Republicans if the top of the ticket statewide were someone more appealing to a broader number of Republicans, who might appeal to some Democrats? Say someone like Tom Davis?

Endorsements in Congressional races will appear next week.

— MARY KIMM

Consider Voting Early

Every vote will count in Virginia this year. No matter whom you are planning to support, a small number of votes could make all the difference.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 4, and polling places in Virginia will be open 13 hours on that day, from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m. With record turnout expected, and large numbers of first-time voters, lines could be long. Be sure to allow plenty of time on Election Day. And consider voting ahead of time.

Many voters in Northern Virginia who have full-time jobs qualify to cast an absentee ballot. If you might be at work for nine hours, and your commute has ever taken an hour each way, you qualify to vote absentee.

Virginia voters who might spend 11 hours or more commuting and working on Election Day, between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m., qualify

to vote by absentee ballot.

IN FAIRFAX COUNTY, the Office of Elections offers in-person absentee voting at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 323, Fairfax, now through Saturday, Nov. 1, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and at seven satellite locations throughout the county, Wednesday, Oct. 15, through Saturday, Nov. 1. Satellite times and locations are available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb. Call Office of Elections at 703-222-0776, TTY 711.

Oct. 15-Nov. 1, extended hours for in-person absentee voting are Monday-Friday, until 8 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Satellite Locations in our area include McLean Governmental Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean, 22101.

day for products with the EPA's EnergyStar and WaterSense designation, we will include an ongoing effort to provide information online about home energy conservation. You can access a list of energy efficiency and conservation resources at www.vanderhye.com and a list of related resources at Supervisor Foust's Web site, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dranesville. We look forward to working together with all our citizens to make even more progress toward energy conservation in our community. Thank you all for caring.

Margaret Vanderhye
Member, Virginia House of Delegates (D-34)

Wolf Has Served Constituents Well

To the Editor:
Judy Feder is running again. In the 1990s, she supported the national health care program bill. It failed in Congress because of the

overwhelming time and costs needed for building government agency operations to replace the existing private sector health care insurance financial and policy service operations.

Now, Feder supports Senator Obama's version of this program; and proposes new mega billion dollar health care maintenance programs.

They offer rough order of magnitude guesstimates of tax revenues needed for government program operations; and suggest possible patient treatment cost reductions that might occur in the future. If cost reductions happen, the government will apply the saving to covering 45 or so million uninsured. More than likely, tax-payers would be left to pick up both the extremely expensive new health care maintenance programs and the uninsured coverage costs for 45 or so million people.

Although Feder does not have any elected government oversight, management or budget legislative position background and experience, she is again running for Congressman Frank Wolf's congres-

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FAITH

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

Chili Cook-off and Community Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Pumpkin carving and decorating competition, old-fashioned midway games, music, crafts and more. If you plan to enter the chili cook-off or want to rent a vendor table, contact the church by Oct. 15. The **United Methodist Church of the Good Shepherd**, 2351 Hunter Mill Road. www.GoodShepherdVA.com or 703-281-3987.

Church Seminar: Understanding the Building and

Development Process. Saturday, Oct. 18, from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. For church building committee members and churches considering expansion. Ministry needs assessment, programming, master planning, site development, municipal permits and approvals, architectural services, budgeting, fund-raising and financing, contracting and construction. At **Vienna Presbyterian Church**, Vienna. Presented by Scott Long Construction, LeMay Erickson Willcox Architects. Jackie Ryan, 703-802-7633 or jryan@scottlong.com.

Intensive Centering Prayer Retreat, from Tuesday, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m.-Sunday, Nov. 2 at 11 a.m. Fr. Bill

Sheehan will speak on Centering Prayer and some follow-up practices that support prayer in secret, e.g. Forgiveness Practice, Welcoming Prayer, Lectio Divina and how they help awaken within the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit. Fr. Sheehan and the Sisters will be available for private conversations throughout the retreat. Introductory sessions on the practice of Centering Prayer will not be offered; it is required that you have a well-established centering prayer practice for more than 6 months, and preferably at least a year. Cost for the 6-day retreat is \$425 with a \$100 deposit. Call Michele Litton at 703-669-6255 or mglitton@aol.com. The **Dominican Retreat House**, 7103 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. 703-356-4243.

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- 3:00 p.m. Performance by J & B Blues Project
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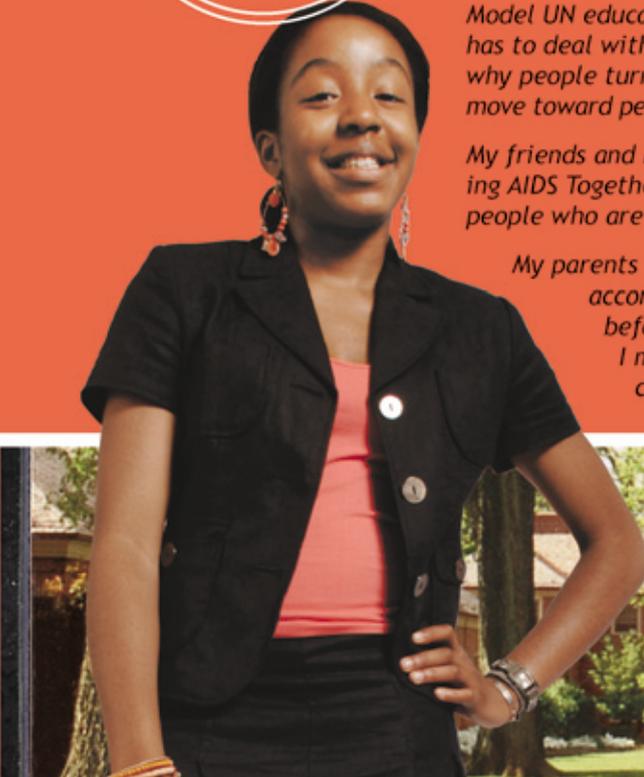
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This is the first time I've lived in the States—I'm from Nigeria. I have found America to be a wonderful place. There are so many different opinions. People have a viewpoint on just about everything.

Madeira has awakened a whole new political side in me. For my Co-Curriculum placement this year, I work on Capitol Hill for Representative Jesse Jackson, Jr., of Illinois. I run errands and stuff envelopes, but I've also learned how government works. The American congressional system has earned my respect because it really takes into account the feelings of its constituents.

So much has happened globally in the past few years. I believe we need to do whatever we can to understand each other.

Model UN educates me. It teaches me to be aware. To be conscious of what is going on in the world, what everyone else has to deal with. When you understand why major problems are occurring in other places in the world, it helps explain why people turn to radical acts or protest or even overthrow their governments. I think understanding is the best way to move toward peace.

My friends and I back home in Nigeria got together to do something about AIDS in our country. We created FAT, Fighting AIDS Together. It is a grassroots nonprofit that we believe can grow into a major charitable organization for helping people who are living with AIDS.

My parents don't want me to get disappointed. They say be realistic and optimistic about what you can accomplish. I figure this is my time—the time before I have to start dealing with the real world, before I realize all of the challenges I have to face. I say, let me take a leap now. In five years I might think that an endeavor like this would be impossible. But not today. Today I think we can make a real difference. I am undaunted.

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“Any actor dreams of being a part of an NYU film, and the fact that it was basically in my backyard was wonderful.”

— Paul Fahrenkopf

‘Home-Made’ Film at Fairfax Festival

Richard Bates Jr. directs short film in McLean-area settings.

BY DANIELLE LANDAU

THE CONNECTION

Excision”, a short film written and directed by McLean native and Langley High graduate Richard Bates Jr. — filmed in locations around McLean — is receiving applause from critics across the country. Bates, who graduated from the New York University’s Tisch School of the Arts, feels that McLean was “the perfect place for filming this story.”

Bates explained the synopsis as, “A 16-minute drama concerning the main character, Pauline, and her sick sister Grace, who suffers from cystic fibrosis and occupies most of her parents’ attention. Compelled by the dream of a life without a suffering sister, Pauline stops looking at Grace as a human, and sees her as an opportunity to steal back the devotion of her parents. Aware that Grace will one day need a lung transplant because of her condition, and drawing from her fascination with surgery and anatomy, Pauline convinces herself she can perform the operation. The story explores a strained relationship between a mother and daughter. It is a story of neglect, obsession, jealousy and loneliness told through a blurring of suburbia and terror.”

MANY LOCAL ACTORS and actresses jumped at the opportunity to work on a film. Paul Fahrenkopf, a local actor who plays Pauline’s father in the film says, “Any actor dreams of being a part of an NYU film, and the fact that it was basically in my backyard was wonderful.” Fahrenkopf had only positive things to say about Bates’ ability to get his vision across in such a short film.

Twelve-year-old Carly Hobson, who plays



Richard Bates Jr.’s “Excision” was filmed in locations around the area, including Dolley Madison Library.

PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED



Film crew at work at Great Falls Park.

Pauline’s younger sister Grace, makes her screen debut with this film and mentions that she had fun with the “cool” filming experience. Hobson said, “I thought the director would be weird because of the scary plot but he turned out to be really fun.” Hobson’s mother in real life, Terri Hobson, thought Bates treated her daughter like family, and described the cast and crew as “fantastic.” The first time she saw the finished film, some of the scenes made her question whether she should permit her daughter to see it as she describes it as “not for the faint of heart.” She eventually allowed her daughter, who was only 10-years-old during filming, see the film that she helped create.

MUCH OF THE FILMING took place at Jay and Betsy Howell’s house on Churchill Road in McLean. Betsy Howell has known Bates since he was born and volun-

teered her home for the film. Howell said, “Moving out for a little while was no problem, and everyone was so considerate and polite.” After seeing the final product, Howell was impressed with the “entertaining and dark piece of art that Bates created.” Having known Bates as a child and adolescent, she especially enjoyed his mature professionalism.

The still photographer, Matthias Martin, took photos of filming at the many scene locations including the Dolley Madison Library and Great Falls Park. Martin feels, “for a short film, it is much more engaging and meaningful than I ever expected.” “Excision” has been nominated for “best short film award” at the Shockerfest International Film Festival.

The film, “Excision” will be screening at Spooky Movie: 2008 The 3rd Annual Washington D.C. International Horror Film Festival on Oct. 17 in Fairfax. To learn more about the film visit www.excisionfilm.com.

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WEDNESDAY/OCT. 15

W. Dudley Oakes, organist and choirmaster at Saint John Episcopal Church in Georgetown who also teaches at several Virginia and Washington DC universities. 1 p.m. Free lunchtime recital. Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. 703-356-0670 or www.musicinmclean.org.

Bryan Greenberg, Acoustic. 7:30 p.m. \$10. Jammin’ Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

THURSDAY/OCT. 16

Tyrone Wells and Jason Reeves. Pop/rock. 8 p.m. \$12. Jammin’ Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

Riders in the Sky. 8 p.m. Cowboy/western at The Barns. Tickets \$30. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts | 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

FRIDAY/OCT. 17

Choralis, directed by Gretchen Kuhrmann, presents “German Romantics”. Beethoven’s Choral Fantasy, Rheinberger’s Cantus Missae, and music by Mendelssohn, Brahms, Schumann, Schubert, and Wolff. 8 p.m., at The Falls Church, 115 E. Fairfax St., Falls Church. Tickets \$5-\$25. www.choralis.org or 703-237-2499.

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Katharine Weymouth interviewed on CEO Chick Chat. 7:30-10 a.m. Live at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP, 2300 N Street, NW, Washington, DC, and by video feed at Pillsbury’s Tysons Corner office, 1650 Tysons Blvd., 14th Floor, McLean. Breakfast included. \$35 for members; non-members \$55. Register on www.successinthecity.org.

SATURDAY, OCT. 18

Friends of Homeless Animals Benefit Sale. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free admission. Antiques, collectibles, jewelry, china, art, furniture, toys, books, crafts, small appliances and more. Donations accepted Friday, Oct. 17 from 1-9 p.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, Vienna. 703-765-2475 or www.foha.org.

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Brave and Todesbonden. Rock. 6 p.m. \$10. Jammin’ Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

Chris Merritt and Kingsfoil. Pop/rock. 9:30 p.m. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Jammin’ Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League (MAGDRL) Meet & Greets. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Come meet some Danes, and ask volunteers any questions you may have. MAGDRL helps find homes for abandoned or homeless Great Danes; educational information will be available and donations appreciated. PetSmart, 46220 Potomac Run Plaza, Sterling. 703-444-6500. MAGDRL will be at the Sterling PetSmart on the 3rd Saturday of every month.

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SCHOOLS

Weekly Challenge at Forestville Elementary

BY ANDREW JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

Kristin Sloan, a teacher at Forestville Elementary School in Great Falls, has created the character named Priscilla for the school's afternoon news program this past summer. "Perfectly Perplexed Priscilla" has become so popular that some might even say she's Sloan's alter ego.



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Kristin Sloan as "Perfectly Perplexed Priscilla."

received the grant. Seven teachers and the administrators presented ideas on how to engage the student population in developing "higher order thinking skills such as problem solving, critical thinking, and creativity."

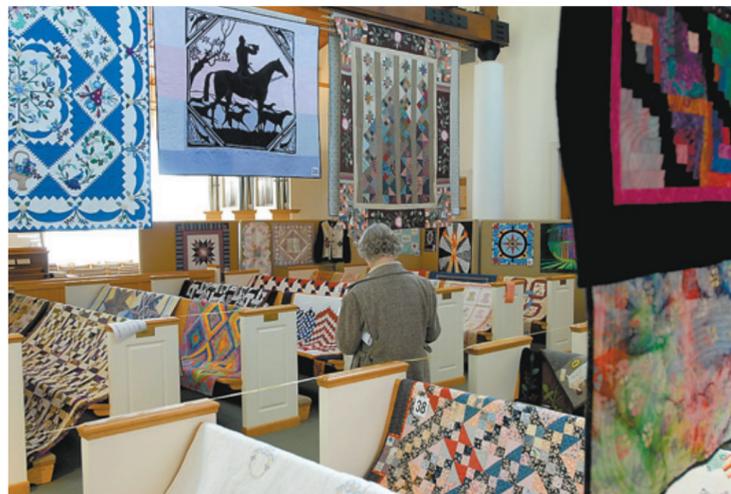
THROUGH FORESTVILLE'S PROGRAM

called Building Learning through Original and Optimal Means, or BLOOM, the Teacher Leadership team came up with several activities that included all members of the school's community. Sloan joined BLOOM over the summer and came up with the idea for Priscilla right away.

Sloan spent the summer learning about neurology and that played a major part in developing Priscilla. Her variety of questions are meant to force the students to use different parts of their brains. While a question on one week may have a definitive answer, such as a math problem, the following week's task may be one that is intended to stretch the student's imagination like "Draw a 'spider's-eye' view of your classroom from the point of view of a spider in its web in the corner of the room." She presents the challenges on Monday and the student's have until the end of the lunch period on Wednesday to complete them.

SLOAN also offers a quarterly challenge to the students. For example, at the end of the month, the students can compete in a contest to see who can build an aluminum foil boat no larger than 6 x 6 inches that can hold the most paper clips. "I heard that one student already made one that can hold about 300," says Sloan.

"I would say that roughly half the students submit something every week, which is very good for a school of about 700 kids," she said. Sloan credits the teachers' support in encouraging their students to take part in the weekly challenges.



The St. Francis Episcopal Church in Great Falls held its annual Country Fair with a variety of activities on Saturday, Oct. 4. Several quilts were on display and for auction at Fair.



Madison DeCaro, 2, of Great Falls.

"There are still some students who don't realize that it's me"

— Kristin Sloan

"There are still some students who don't realize that it's me," she said. Every week, Sloan dons a dark wig and white feathered boa and presents the students a question. She asks separate questions for the primary and elementary grades based on the level of difficulty, which can range from anything to word problems to brainteasers to original design projects. All of Priscilla's challenges come as a result of the school's Teacher Leadership Development Grant.

In the spring of 2006, Forestville was one of 22 schools in Fairfax County that

Country Fair Attracts Community



Claire Carmi, 8, of Great Falls.



Shea Gillespie, 4, of Great Falls, takes her turn at one of many activities for children at the Country Fair.

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SUNDAY/OCT. 19

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Knife at a Gunfight and All Access. Rock. 2 p.m. \$8. Jammin' Java, 227

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The Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League (MAGDRL) will hold a Meet & Greet at the Sterling PetSmart on Saturday, Oct. 18, and on the third Saturday of every month.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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sional seat.

In fact, some of Feder's campaign material reflect her limited understanding of the congressional, senatorial, and presidential responsibilities in identifying, working on and resolving local, national, and international security, economic stability and prosperity problems and opportunities.

In comparison, during his congressional career, Congressman Wolf is known to have served his constituents well. He supports individual, family, and community interest and leads legislative efforts on their behalf. Congressman Wolf serves on the House Appropriations Committee, which funds federal government operations, and the Transportation Subcommittee, critically important to the 10th District.

On Sept. 30, 2008, the House brought the crisis Emergency Economic Stabilization Act (H.R. 3997) to a vote. Congressman Wolf understood that a freeze of the country's critical financial credit markets would create economic problems substantially impacting his constituents. He led the way and voted for this legislation that begins the process of resolving this crisis, restoring confidence in our country's credit markets, stabilizing the American economy, and setting the country's financial institutions on sound footing.

Rep. Wolf understands that the American people have made it clear Congress needs to pass a comprehensive "all of the above" energy package to get us on the road to energy independence. Congressman Wolf has voted to allow environmentally friendly oil and gas exploration, drilling off our coasts and in remote areas of Alaska; and is examining every option including wind, solar, nuclear, clean coal and biofuels. He recognizes the serious impact that rising fuel prices are having on the everyday lives and on our economic strength.

Congressman Wolf noted that the Sept. 2008 Democratic energy bill, (H.R.6899), did not respond to what the American people want. This bill did not effectively address our need to increase the nation's energy supply and decrease our dependence on foreign oil.

In fact, the Democrat "No Energy" bill permanently locks up 80 percent of American energy on the Continental Shelf and more than 10 million barrels of oil on Alaska's remote North Slope; and it doesn't provide for any new refineries to be built on American soil. Although it provides for a little bit of offshore drilling, Virginia and other coastal states are blocked from sharing in the tax revenue as federal law now

allows for other states.

Congressman Wolf is cosponsor of the American Energy Act, H.R. 6566, to provide comprehensive renewable energy strategy, improve conservation and efficiency and promote new and expanding energy technologies to reduce America's increasingly costly and dangerous dependence on foreign oil. These "all of the above" energy sources are what the American people want.

Regrettably, the House majority leadership will not let Congressman Wolf's bill come to the floor.

Jerry Manetti
Oakton

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Majors Edge Saxons, 2-1

Langley struggles to get shots off in non-district affair.

BY NICK CAFFERKY
SPECIAL TO THE CONNECTION

As the regular season girls' high school field hockey schedule nears an end with district tournaments set to begin this week, momentum becomes a key to any team's success.

For the Mount Vernon Majors, momentum was truly on their side following a 2-1

FIELD HOCKEY

overtime victory against Langley last Saturday morning. The non-district, regular season contest took place at Langley. Mount Vernon, with the win, improved to 9-4.

Following a win in its previous game against Liberty District rival South Lakes, Langley came out strong against what looked like a sluggish Major team. The Saxons had the ball for the majority of the first half and seemed dominant. However, despite out-possessing Mount Vernon, the Saxons failed to get off a single shot in the first half, which led to a 0-0 tie at the half.

The beginning of the second half started out much like the end of the first with the Saxons controlling the ball; however, the difference was that this time, junior Brenna Hill was able to score to put Langley up 1-0.

"At the half, we talked about really keeping up our intensity. There wasn't one thing that we needed to work on, we just needed to continue to talk to each other," said Mount Vernon coach Jessica Hebel.

Following the Saxon goal, the Majors seemed to wake up as they began to take control and threaten on the offensive end. It was such a drastic turn around that Langley coach Jennifer Robb was forced to call a timeout to calm her girls down. As it turned out, the timeout was not enough as Mount Vernon would respond with a goal by junior Marcy Hoath less than two minutes after the Saxons took the lead.

IN OVERTIME, the Majors showed that they were the faster team as they broke away several times only to be stopped by junior Saxon goalie Natasha Constantine. Nevertheless, after a failed clear attempt by the Saxons, senior Danielle Home found herself with the ball in front of the goal and took advantage with the game winning goal.

The win was the third straight for Mount Vernon and fourth over its last five games.

"We haven't been playing as well as we would like so with districts starting soon, this is a good win for us," said Home.

For Langley, the game will go down as a missed opportunity. Despite possessing the ball for the majority of the game and getting the ball in the circle several times, the Saxons managed just one shot throughout the entire game.

"We possessed the ball a lot, we just couldn't get it into the circle enough and



COURTESY PHOTO

Langley High's Eunice Yoon (4), a junior midfielder, goes hard for the ball as McLean's Caitlin Baker defends during an earlier season girls' field hockey contest. Both the Saxons and Highlanders begin play in the Liberty District tournament this week.

take shots...we have been working on shooting until we are blue in the face in practice and then we come out here and only take one shot. We were able to take advantage of it and put it in, but we didn't make their goalie make any saves," Coach Robb said.

With just one game left before the regular season against Stuart on Oct. 14 (results were not available at time of press), the Majors turn to the National District tournament.

"Of course I would like to win the district, but I definitely want to make it to the [Northern] Regional tournament, and most importantly, see them play the best they have played all season," said coach Hebel.

ROUNDUPS

The Langley High freshman football team racked up a 7-0 shutout victory against Stone Bridge High in a tough fought battle on Oct. 7. Stone Bridge played an aggressive game, attacking with a strong pass game and multiple running plays but could not reach the end zone. Twice, Langley's defense held Stone Bridge from scoring within the 20 yard line. The Saxons mounted an impressive 80 yard offensive drive in the third quarter to score the game's only touchdown.

The Vanessa Penn VIP Memorial Soccer Tournament in Great Falls took place this past holiday weekend. Seventy-four teams were scheduled to participate with 120 games taking place overall. Fifty games were to take place at the new Bermuda grass Nike fields on Utterback Store Road. Other games were to take place at Leo/Grange (off Georgetown Pike), as well as in Reston at Lake Fairfax and Baron Cameron, and at Hutchinson in Herndon. The special Columbus Day weekend event was put on by the Vanessa Pean Foundation and Great Falls Soccer Association.

The McLean High girls' volleyball squad's winning ways continued on Oct. 6 with a non-district win over the Edison Eagles. The Highlanders defeated Edison in three straight games (25-19,25-18,25-14). With the match win, McLean's overall record improved to 9-2. Earlier this week, McLean, which is 2-0 in Liberty District play, was scheduled to host district and local rival Langley on Tuesday. The two teams were celebrating the "Dig Pink" event on that night, a fund raiser for the Side-Out Foundation for breast cancer research. McLean has raised over \$900 through donations and a bake sale and was hoping to exceed its \$1,500 goal through the sale of pink t-shirts at Tuesday's game. McLean will travel to Stone Bridge High in Ashburn on Thursday for another district match.

Roy Amps was recently named the new head coach of the Herndon High girls' softball team. Amps replaces Bonnie O'Hearn, who stepped down last spring following a long run as the program's head coach. Last spring, O'Hearn led the Hornets to their first-ever state AAA appearance. Amps is the former head coach at Paul VI High. He has also been a JV assistant coach at Marshall, Handley (Winchester) and Robinson High Schools.

Langley Has No Answers for Stone Bridge

Bulldogs celebrate Homecoming with 38-0 win over the Saxons.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

From the perspective of the Stone Bridge High football faithful, there was little to be displeased about in the Bulldogs' 38-0 Liberty District win over Langley last Friday night. On a festive evening in which the Ashburn school was celebrating its Homecoming, the school's supportive community displayed its football allegiance in grandeur and enthusiastic fashion as the Bulldogs easily defeated their guests from Great Falls.

From the perspective of the Stone Bridge coaching staff, however, there is still plenty of room for improvement for the 7-0 Bull-

dogs, whose season probably will not be looked upon as a complete success if they do not ultimately defend last year's Div. 5 state AAA title. That's the sort of expectations the Bulldogs have created for themselves after winning the program's first ever state crown in 2007 and following that up with decisive wins throughout the first seven games of the current season.

"I don't think we played very well," said Stone Bridge coach Mickey Thompson, in no way disrespecting Langley, but instead looking at his team's 15 penalties and two lost fumbles as a barometer of his squad's play from a coaching perspective. "Mentally, we were out of it."

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PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Langley quarterback Patrick Kelly threw for 170 yards against Stone Bridge last Friday night.

SPORTS

Langley Hosts South Lakes

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Thompson realizes his team will not necessarily get away with such a sloppy game when it is playing some of the better teams in the Northern Region and possibly the state playoffs during the upcoming postseason.

On the other hand, who is to say? As talented and well coached as the Liberty District powerhouse team is, maybe no other opponent will come close to touching them this year. But while fans can afford to think that way, coaches cannot.

"Hopefully, this will be a wake-up call," said Thompson, who is going to have to find a way to get his team to stay focused over the final three regular season district games against Madison, Jefferson and Woodson teams most people assume the Bulldogs will easily rout.

FROM A LANGLEY perspective, the loss was a downer because it was the 3-4 Saxons' third straight defeat and second lopsided setback in three weeks. Coach John Howerton's team fell at Oakton, 42-3, on Sept. 26 before playing Madison close in an 18-14 loss two weeks ago.

The Saxons understood they were not going to have an easy time against a Stone Bridge team that is easily the best squad in the region right now. The Bulldogs, in fact, scored on each of their five first half possessions last Friday, building an insurmountable 31-0 halftime lead.

"Physically, we handled them," said Prince. "We just got the key plays and blocks."

Langley, a team that has always been known as a

strong, grind-it-out running team that is big and physical on both sides of the line of scrimmage, has broadened its offense this season. The Saxons have passed the ball with more frequency. Although Langley did not score against Stone Bridge, it did find some success through the air behind quarterback Patrick Kelly, who completed 13-of-27 passes for 170 yards. He did throw three interceptions, but many QBs have struggled against a Stone Bridge defense that boasts five starters who have already earned Div. 1 college scholarships. The Saxons had no success running the ball against the Bulldogs, with running back David Helmer (16 yards) finding little space on 18 carries. So Langley had to open things up. Kelly's primary targets were senior receivers Alex Devlin (6 catches, 72 yards) and Matt Evans (3 catches, 52 yards).

"The kid was passing a good ball," said coach Thompson, of Kelly.

Langley will try to even its record at home this Friday night against South Lakes.

GAME NOTES: Stone Bridge QB Patrick Thompson completed 13-of-23 passes for 261 yards, including a 30-yard scoring strike to Nick Sheehan to open the game's scoring. Two of Thompson's passes went to brother Zach Thompson, who left the game with an injury in the second half.

*The Bulldogs got interceptions from Allen, John Bladel and Zack Miller. Mike Olson had a quarterback sack. Andrew Ansell caught five passes for 120 yards. The Bulldogs accumulated 555 yards of offense to Langley's 188.



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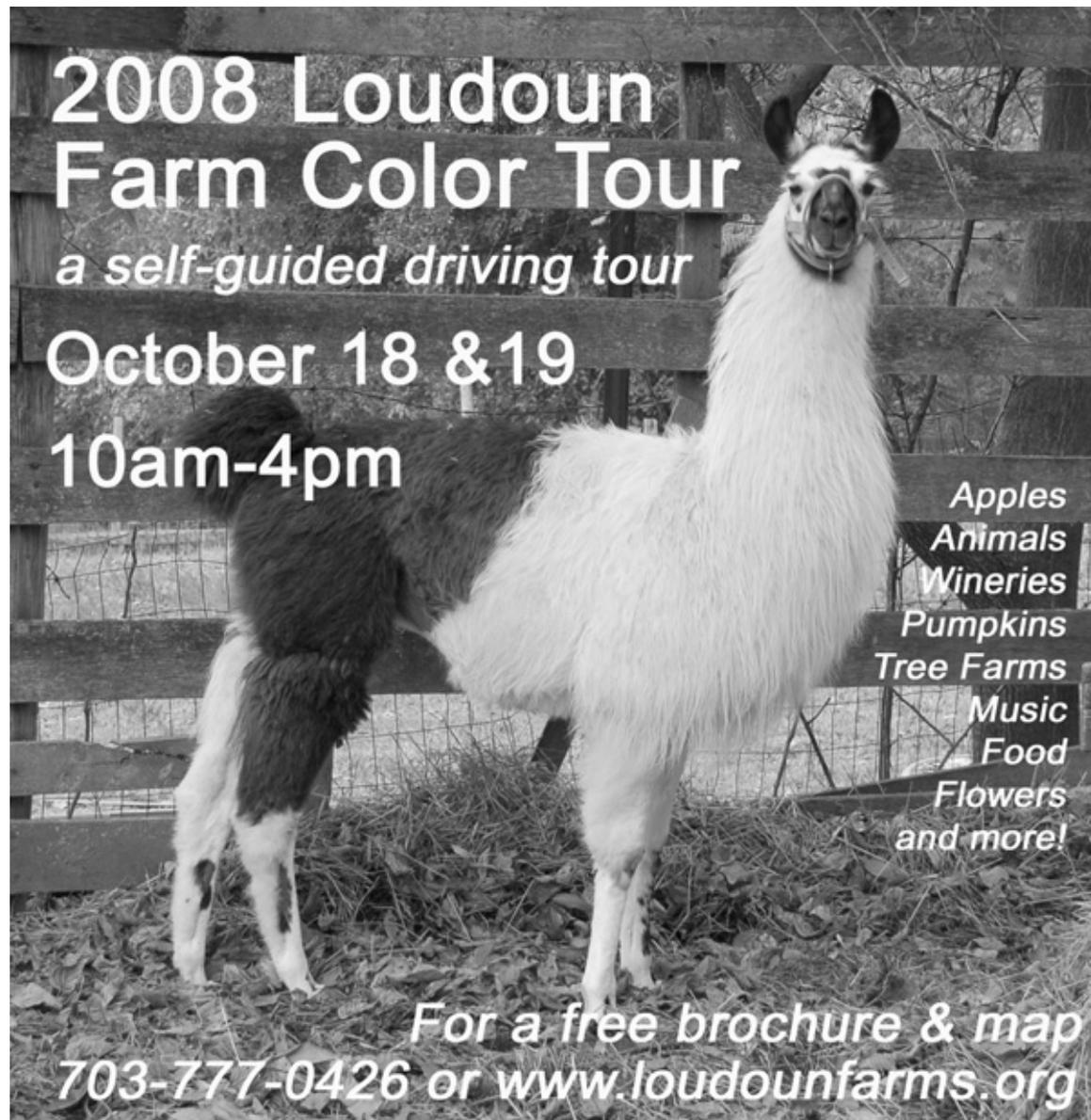
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Senior Housing Tops Agenda

Brainstorming session on Tuesday, Oct. 21 at library.

BY KATHLEEN J. MURPHY
SPECIAL TO THE CONNECTION

As you may recall, during the North County Area Plan Review this spring, GFCFA nominated two potential properties on which to locate senior independent living facilities — one of which was quickly shot down by neighbors as potentially adding too much traffic and altering the character of their neighborhood.

To our delight and surprise, another property has been brought to our attention that meets the desires of seniors to be within walking distance to the village center. Even more surprising, the property owner is willing to listen to the interested seniors' requirements with respect to the design of such a site. For example, are garages important? Does each unit need its own garden, or would a shared community garden be better? Do the interested parties want to buy into the project before it is built or after, etc.

To explore the level of interest and brainstorm about potential design possibilities, GFCFA's Long-Range Planning Committee is holding an idea session with the property owner and all interested potential residents of such a Senior Cluster on Tuesday, Oct. 21 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Great Falls Library Meeting Room. Senior housing is designated for people 55 years or older.

If you are currently living alone in Great Falls and find your home to be too much for you to manage on your own, this is a way to downsize while continuing to live in Great Falls. Come learn more about the possibilities and share your requirements with others. Let's create a concept of senior housing that is unique to the needs of our community.

Kathleen J. Murphy is Chair of the GFCFA Long-Range Planning, Development & Outreach Committee.

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Not that I want — or need — the Federal Government to understand the kinds of financial choices I regularly make but I was somewhat amused, after the passage of the "Bailout" bill, to learn that the Federal Government (meaning Treasury Secretary Henry M. Paulsen, Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben S. Bernanke, among others above and below their respective pay grades) haven't quite figured out exactly how and what "toxic" mortgage-related securities and/or non-performing debt they're actually going to buy/assume. To summarize, they don't know what the heck they're going to pay for first. And according to some economists/talking heads/pundits/government officials, the bailout, such as it has presently been passed, may not even have enough money in it to pay for the obligations that the Congress has just legislated a responsibility to do so. Gee, that's too bad. Welcome to my world and don't let the door hit you on the way out.

If I understand what news reports I've heard and some of the articles and opinions I've read, it all sounds personally very familiar: not enough money to pay too many bills. I wouldn't say I feel sorry for the federal Government though, but I can certainly relate. As to the specific causes and underlying policies that actually contributed to this current Wall Street/Main Street melting downturn, I can only listen and learn, and there appear to be no shortage of opinions. Many reasoned and well thought out, others infused with partisan poison.

As for us middle class survivors, it's not a pretty sight, nor is it, unfortunately, a road less traveled. Hardly. I'm on that road every day and to make matters worse, the gas that I need to stay on that road has been, up until recently, extremely expensive. Moreover, trying to figure out how — and where — the money is going to be spent: food, water, home, heat, cold, gasoline; health, life, disability and long term care insurances; parent, child, self and spouse, retirement, investment, etc., has been challenging, to say the least, and to say the most, downright impossible. Not that I'm a drinker, but I am beginning to feel the urge to start.

Sometimes, as I sit at my desk, checkbook in hand, pondering, it feels as if allocating dwindling dollars in a planned and prudent way is my vocation and the actual job I do have (the one for which I get paid) is my avocation. It's all mixed up. Granted, I need to work at my job in order to get paid so that I can pay my bills. However, given the responsibility and difficulty of juggling incoming versus outgoing, it almost feels like I'm paying bills just so that I can continue to work. Because if the bills aren't paid (in a timely fashion), I might not be in the mood, shall we say, to present myself as an employee worth keeping (meaning one who gets paid). I might be unable to keep my financial circumstances from getting the best of me. After all, I'm only human. I have feelings and frailties and not having enough money to meet my obligations will make Kenny a dull and depressed boy. And if I understand correctly, it looks like the Federal Government is, at least on paper, and at present, in the same kind of boat.

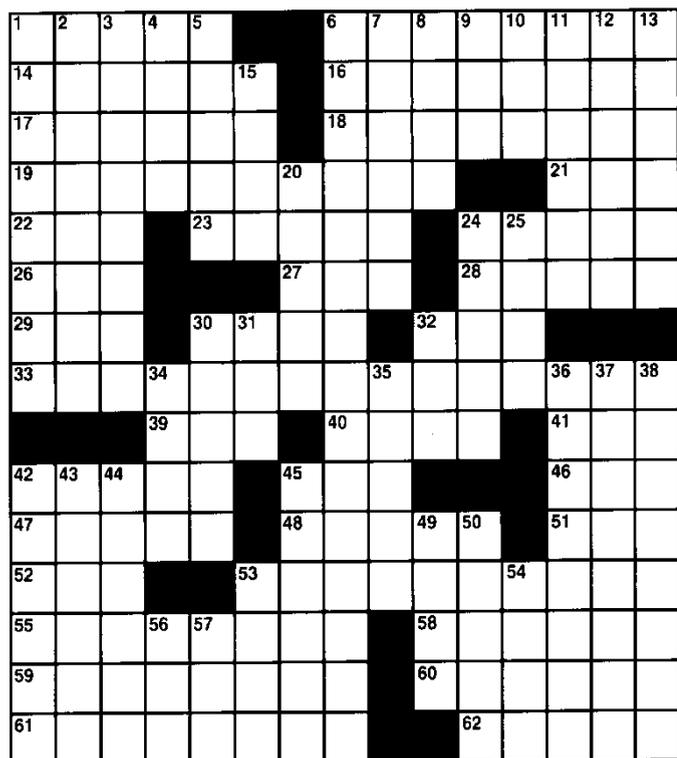
A boat that probably won't sink, but one that is definitely taking on water (no wonder it's called a "bailout" bill). We're not sunk, yet, by any means. We are listing, though, and there appear to be rough seas ahead. But it's nothing that many Americans haven't been faced with before, in some way or another. We'll make it. We may be changed by the experience but so what, sometimes change can be a good thing, especially if citizens weren't expecting any money back from their \$700 billion Government bailout.

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- 1 Like a leading wind
- 6 Search me!
- 14 Yellow
- 16 Revelatory cry
- 17 Slot spot
- 18 It may be a lifesaver
- 19 Gymnastic event
- 21 Year in Henry II's reign
- 22 Cold war abbr.
- 23 Oozing
- 24 Hearing shower
- 26 Cape _____
- 27 Music collector's stack
- 28 Take-_____
- 29 Reveal, with "out"
- 30 Missouri's ally, once
- 32 Heading abbr.
- 33 Sideshow performers
- 39 Emerson writing
- 40 Storm production
- 41 Storm producer
- 42 Occurring every 60 minutes
- 45 Owen Wister's "_____ McLean"
- 46 Fed. property manager

- 47 Them
- 48 Conclude by
- 51 Great deal
- 52 Jimjams
- 53 Trails
- 55 Tab, e.g.
- 58 Personas' counterparts
- 59 Of the embryo sac
- 60 Start going for
- 61 Situation in which service is important
- 62 Parts of familles

DOWN

- 1 Charges
- 2 Never before seen
- 3 Become familiar with gradually
- 4 Tel _____
- 5 First Egyptian king
- 6 Illusionist's feat
- 7 Brooks and others
- 8 Some are green
- 9 Insurance co. employee
- 10 Tiny Tim's dad
- 11 In time, to Ozawa
- 12 Wooded: Var.

- 13 Her theme song was "Love Me or Leave Me"
- 15 All's alternative
- 20 Word in some temperatures
- 24 Contrapuntal composition
- 25 Great deal
- 30 Not as expected
- 31 Ki _____ (legendary founder of Korea)
- 32 Clinton or Bush, once
- 34 Knock about

- 35 Makes a touchdown
- 36 One might flip it while making breakfast
- 37 Ring
- 38 Jerks
- 42 Hopper and others
- 43 Like some arrivals
- 44 Begrudge
- 45 Opener
- 49 Blind as _____
- 50 Rush hour's end, roughly
- 53 French novelist Pierre
- 54 It's a snap
- 56 Stockbroker's freebie
- 57 Jack of "Flower Drum Song"

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Celtic Concerts at Old Broogue

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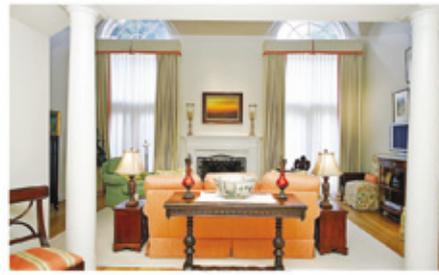
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