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Chesterbrook Elementary School students met real-life heroes last Friday when USS Carl Vinson crew members visited the school. In this photo, Claire finishes up with the last question.

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

Search for 'Creative Solutions'

Decrease in transportation funding cancels improvement projects.

BY MIRZA KURSPAHIĆ
THE CONNECTION

Declining revenue streams, rising construction costs, anticipated population growth and near collapse of credit markets all affect near-term Northern Virginia transportation needs. Area residents and business people have much to think about while stuck in gridlock on a local roads.

"It continues to be a very large thorn to all businesses," said Eileen Curtis, the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce president. Realities of gridlock, pollution and loss of quality time are contributing to employee dissatisfaction, which could lead to loss of productivity or loss of employment. "The inability to predict arrival times for meetings" is another concern, said Curtis.

Pierce Homer, the Commonwealth's Transportation Secretary, drove from Richmond after meetings about necessary budget cuts to deliver a presentation in McLean on Thursday.

"Choices will be made" on which transportation projects would be funded, said Homer. "Those choices are not easy. They will be profound and they will have considerable effect," he said.

Homer presented a slide depicting the drastic drop in Northern Virginia highway construction and transit funding forecasts. A scenario possible after Gov. Tim Kaine's (D) budget cuts shows the projected funds available for Northern Virginia's six-year improvement plan dropping from \$1 billion, for fiscal years 2008 to 2013, to \$500 million for fiscal years 2009 to 2014. Homer said revenue reduction for transportation would be far worse, on percentage basis, than that of the general fund.

SUPERVISOR JOHN FOUST (D-Dranesville) said he was surprised Homer and other speakers at Thursday's presentation at the Capital One auditorium in McLean did not mention the widening of Route 7 from Loudoun County to Reston Avenue during the seminar.

"Weak as the transportation right now may be, we cannot quit," said Bob Chase, president of the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance, the organizer of the

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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 in-

formed 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

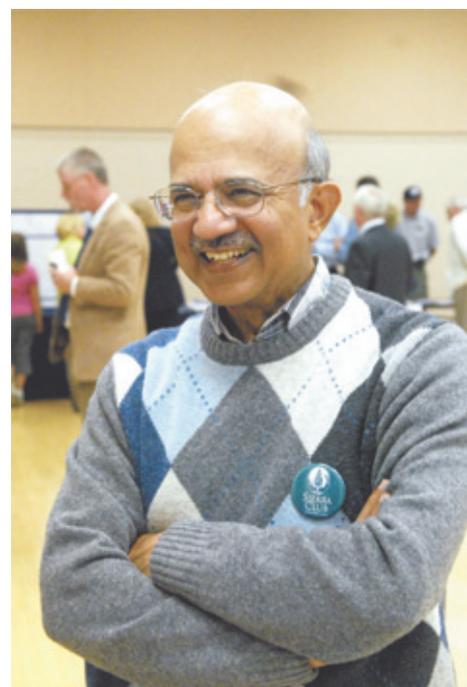
date because it was prior to Virginia's energy-efficiency tax holiday from Oct. 10 - 13.

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 little more energy-efficient" in her own

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Darren Ewing looks over concrete permeable pavers that could be used in the county.



Sierra Club volunteer Prakash Nadkarni.

Forum Promotes 'Green Living'

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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."

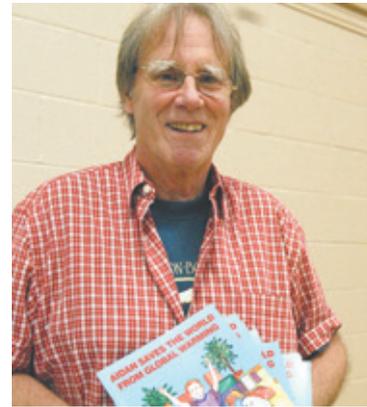


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Children's author Edward Allen Faine with his book "Aiden Saves the World from Global Warming." The book is available at Whole Foods in Vienna.



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Edythe Kelleher, Vienna Town Councilwoman, Supervisor John Foust and Del. Margaret Vanderhye (D-34) discuss environmental concerns.



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Michelle Coy and Renee Wah, Spring Hill ES 6th-graders, visited the "Green Choice\$ Forum" to do research on global warming.



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Dr. Esma Akin Losee of McLean practices conserving energy in her home. Her children know not to pick up broken CFL fragments.

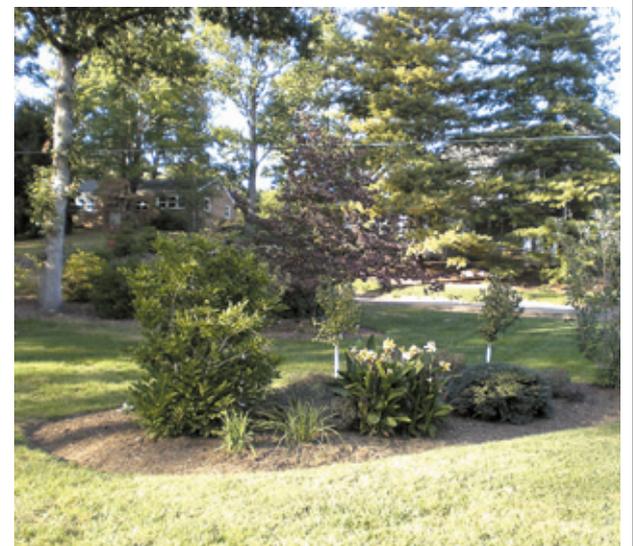
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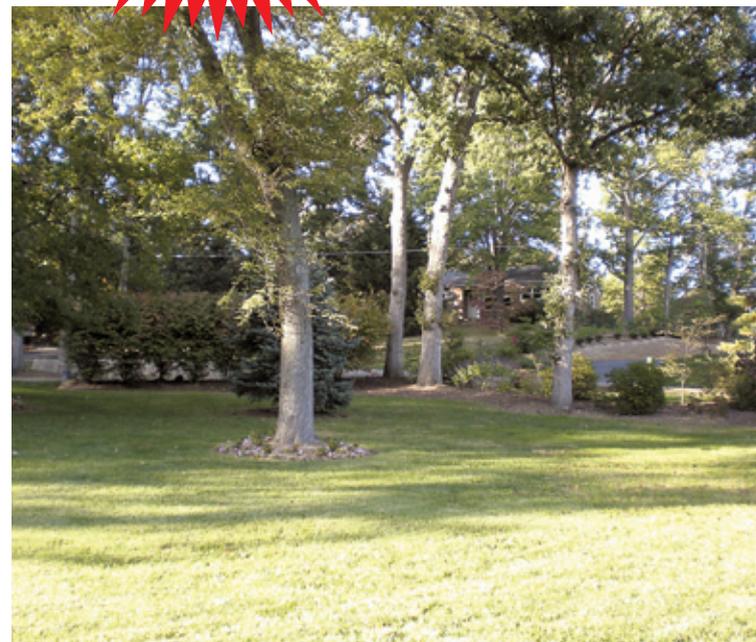
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THURSDAY/OCT. 16

Vienna Board of Architectural Review meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. For information, call 703-255-6341.

VTRCC Board Nomination/Legislative Luncheon, from 11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. at the Monterey Bay Fish Grotto, 1800 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Come hear Gerry Connolly, Democratic nominee, and Keith Fimian, Republican nominee, for Virginia's 11th District seat in the US House of Representatives, speak

about their platforms and the hot local and national issues.

SATURDAY/OCT. 18

The Vienna Farmers' Market hosts the Vienna Women's Club and Our Daily Bread, a volunteer-based organization that serves Fairfax County through weekly deliveries of food and household supplies to families in need, an emergency food pantry, financial and literacy skills, emergency financial assistance, back-to-school supplies and holiday adopt-a-family programs. The Vienna Farmers Market runs through Saturday, Nov. 1, on Church St. between Mill St. and Dominion Road in the caboose parking lot. 703-200-7806.

TUESDAY/OCT. 21

Fairfax County Government and Fairfax County Public Schools community dialogue sessions. 7-9:30 p.m. Register to participate in shaping the FY 2010 Budget. 703-324-9400 or 703-324-2391, TTY 711.
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 *Herndon High School, 700 Bennett St., Herndon.
Mamie Eisenhower Republican Women's Club Meeting, with Congressional Candidate Keith Fimian. 11:30 a.m. Army-Navy

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PEOPLE



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Chesterbrook principal Bob Fuqua; president of Vinson Hall Residents Association, Lt. Col. Fotenot, ret.; Vinson Hall resident and editor of newsletter Luella Morgan; Vinson Hall administrator Judy Bowes; Navy Mass Communication Specialist Dan Wolsey; U.S. Navy Petty Officer Second Class Refugio Carrillo; Vinson Hall Director of Special Events Fred Johnson and Chesterbrook assistant principal Michelle Sansone. Front row, Chesterbrook students Nick and Claire.

Students Meet Real-Life Heroes

USS Carl Vinson crew members visit Chesterbrook Elementary.

BY ANDREW JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

Last week, the crew of the USS Carl Vinson visited the Vinson Hall Retirement Community (VHRC) and Chesterbrook Elementary School.

VHRC serves as a home to many of the region's military veterans and their spouses and has received national attention for its innovative methods and technologies for serving seniors. As part of an oral history program, crew members of the aircraft carrier visited VHRC on Thursday afternoon to record interviews and speak with residents including Pearl Harbor survivor John Budzik. Sharing the namesake of the late Georgia Congressman Carl Vinson, VHRC and the ship have a longstanding tradition

that has included several visits to the community over the years. After "adopting" the neighboring Chesterbrook three years ago, VHRC wanted to pass on this relationship onto the students.

On Friday morning, Chief Petty Officer Dan Wolsey and Petty Officer Second Class Refugio Carrillo, both multi-media specialists, appeared on Chesterbrook's closed-circuit morning news station, WCH-TV. The students then went on to interview the two crew members. The second-graders and crew members also started a pen-pal program through the Internet where both parties will be able to send each other updates and pictures on their lives.

Commissioned in 1982, the USS Carl Vinson is one of only a handful of ships named after a person who was still alive at the time of its christening. Carl Vinson was a Georgian Congressman for 50 years and served as the chairman of the House Naval Affairs and Armed Services Committee for 29 of them, so naming the Nimitz class supercarrier after him was a fitting tribute. With Norfolk as its homeport, the USS Carl

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THE CONNECTION

Manassas resident Mike Fobes is hoping to break the Guinness Book record for consecutive days behind a bar with friend and fellow bartender Ray "Gizmo" Ward at Tysons Corner's Chics n Wings.



Ray "Gizmo" Ward, a 1991 Herndon High graduate, is raising money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital while attempting to break the Guinness Book record for consecutive days behind a bar with friend and fellow bartender Mike Fobes.

Making Bartending History

Chics n Wings bartenders aim to make history while benefiting children's cause.

BY MIRZA KURSPAHIC
THE CONNECTION

Ray "Gizmo" Ward and Mike Fobes, bartenders at Tysons Corner's Chics n Wings restaurant, are hoping to make history while raising funds for a children's cause. Ward and Fobes are aiming to spend 17 days behind a bar and return a Guinness Book World Record to Northern Virginia while raising money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

"I've been wanting to do this," said Ward, a 1991 Herndon High School graduate and Manassas resident. Ward has bartended in the Manassas area for about 15 years, but has been at Chics n Wings for a year now. "I hope to make it to the bartender hall of fame some day," he said.

Ward, 35, decided to raise funds for St. Jude after speaking to his mother, a two-time cancer survivor. Fobes, 31, was more than happy to join his friend in the adventure. "I wanted to shake things up," said Fobes.

The Guinness record for days behind a bar is nothing new to Northern Virginia. Jimmy Cirrito, then a bartender at K.C.'s in Manassas and now the owner of Jimmy's Old Town Tavern in Herndon, set the record in 1991, spending 12 days behind a bar. In 2000, Jesse Mass and Justin Fedorchak,

bartenders at Jimmy's, spent 14 days behind a bar.

Since then the record has been broken twice, leaving Virginia for Ohio and then Canada.

The two bartenders are allowed five minutes of personal time per hour, but everything else is done behind the bar. Eating, sleeping and

lots of work are combined with fundraisers such as the plunger ring toss on Ward's head. On Monday, Oct. 13, the sixth day of the adventure, Fobes said that the experience — sleeping on a cot behind the bar, Ward is sleeping on an air-mattress on the bar, and showering at the restaurant when not working — has not been exhausting and has been business as usual. "It's alright, it's only day six," he said.

Several special events have been scheduled for the record-breaking attempt. PS GameGear, a sports memorabilia company, will auction off jerseys and autographed memorabilia on Friday evening at the restaurant. Washington Redskins wide receiver Santana Moss is scheduled to attend the event.

Ward and Fobes will set the record if they stay behind the bar until 9 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24. Chics n Wings is located at 8119 Watson Street in Tysons Corner.

"I've been wanting to do this."

— Ray "Gizmo" Ward

"I wanted to shake things up."

— Mike Fobes



Crew members from the USS Vinson, Navy Mass Communication Specialist Dan Wolsey and U.S. Navy Petty Officer Second Class Refugio Carrillo introduce themselves to the students in the morning broadcast.



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Fall Harvest Festival Celebrated

Children's Entertainer Robbie Schaefer entertains the crowd at the McLean Community Center's Fall Harvest Festival on Saturday, Oct. 4.

Less Money, More Problems

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Thursday, Oct. 9, seminar in McLean.

Frustrations experienced on the road are not the only ones Northern Virginians are feeling when it comes to transportation. "On top of that, in my mind, is a psychological anger that the voice of Northern Virginia is not being heard [in Richmond]," said Curtis.

Homer said it is at times hard to explain to leaders of jurisdictions in other parts of the state that "the equivalent of the City of Richmond moved to Northern Virginia in this decade alone. And we're only seven years into the decade."

According to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments figures, the metropolitan area will see a population increase of 32 percent, to more than 6.5 million people, from 2005 to 2030. The same analysis estimates that vehicle miles of travel will increase by 28 percent.

PRIORITAZING ROAD improvements in the region is something Homer hears about often. However, he said, "One of the reasons we are not getting serious about prioritization is because we are still working on priorities from 1991." Homer listed five projects, including the Interstates 66 and 95 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes and completion of the Fairfax County Parkway, as priorities stated more than 15 years ago. Two major projects, one under construction and another still facing a hurdle until approval, have also been in the works for a long time. Homer said the Capital Beltway High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes project is 20 years in the making. The Rail to Dulles land was reserved for rail 40 years ago, he said.

A Richmond Circuit Court judge is scheduled to rule by Oct. 17 on a challenge that the transfer of the Dulles Toll Road to the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) was illegal without the consent of the General Assembly. "Once we clear that threshold, we have one more threshold," he said, referring to the release of federal funding for the rail line. On a question of whether a contingency plan exists if the court decides the toll road should not have been transferred to MWAA — and therefore it cannot be used as a revenue for rail construction — Homer said, "The short answer is yes," without elaborating on what that plan is.

WHILE VDOT and its administrators face tough choices ahead, and Northern Virginia's residents and businesses face more of the same traffic woes they have faced for years, ways are available to mitigate some of the burdens. Homer said that of the projects spoken about at Thursday's seminar — Fairfax County Parkway Extension, the Capital Beltway interchange with Telegraph Road, improvements on Interstate 66 in Prince William County, Dulles Rail and HOT lanes — only the addition of the fourth lane on Interstate 95 is under construction because of traditional funding. "Everything else has been achieved through financial and political creativity," said Homer.

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Judy Feder

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Congressional candidate Judy Feder talks with Dorothy McAuliffe at a fundraiser at the McLean home of Dorothy and Terry McAuliffe.

Second Round

Feder takes on incumbent Wolf again in 10th congressional district.

By JULIA O'DONOGHUE
 THE CONNECTION

During the 2006 election cycle, Democratic activist Eve Wilson agreed to throw her weight behind fellow McLean resident Judy Feder in Virginia's 10th congressional district race on one condition.

"I had to be willing to run twice," said Feder, who ended up losing to Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) by 16 percentage points two years ago.

Wilson, who died in 2007, was chair of the Democratic Party's 10th congressional district committee for approximately 15 years. Her candidates had a difficult time gaining traction against Wolf, a 28-year incumbent, in part because they would only run once and had low name recognition, said several local political activists.

Wilson and other Democrats were looking for a candidate who would be willing to run against Wolf multiple times and gain momentum. They pointed out that Wolf, himself, had to run for congress twice before winning his seat on the third try in 1980.

"IN THE past, we have had candidates who

would run and then quit, run and then quit. We needed someone to run and run again," said Sue Rosenberg, chair of the Dranesville District Democratic committee in Fairfax County.

Feder, stepped down as dean of Georgetown University's Public Policy Institute last year and kept her promise. She will face Wolf for a second time Nov. 4.

"I really want to do this. ... I am taking it all the way," she said.

The Democrat, who has lived in Northern Virginia for 30 years, said she never considered running for public office until shortly before the 2006 campaign. Frustrations with President George W. Bush's policies and Wolf's support of the administration lead her to run for office, she said.

"Our nation was moving in the wrong direction and our member of congress was not supporting what needed to be done," she said.

FEDER is one of the nation's top health policy analysts and was worked with then-First Lady Hillary Clinton's failed health care reform plan in the 1990s.

Feder was staff director for a bipartisan congressional commission on comprehensive health care, the Pepper Commission, which directly informed the debate over the health care during the Clinton administra-

tion. In 1993, President Bill Clinton appointed her to a high-level position in the Department of Health and Human Services, where she focused on how to expand health care coverage and make Medicare and Medicaid programs more effective.

In addition to teaching at Georgetown University, Feder has also worked at policy think tanks, the Brookings Institution and the Urban Institute. She is considered an expert on the nation's health insurance programs.

Feder's peers in the academic and public policy arenas are among the largest supporters of her congressional bid. Faculty and staff from Georgetown, George Washington, Harvard and Columbia universities are among her largest financial contributors.

"She is very well known and very well respected,"

said Linda Blumberg, who does health care policy research for the Urban Institute.

FEDER'S expertise coincides with rising importance of health care; voters in several polls have listed rising health care costs as their second biggest concern next to the

"I really want to do this. ... I am taking it all the way"

— Congressional candidate Judy Feder



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Congressional candidate Judy Feder

economy, said Blumberg, who worked with Feder when she was a member of the Clinton administration.

"She has the ability to discriminate between different options and know what is going to work and what is not going to work. ... There are lots of different analyses of health care reform and a real variance in the quality of those analyses. She can tell the difference between what is good work and what is not good quality work," said Blumberg.

Feder's analytic background could also be useful when tackling public policy issues other than health care, said several of her supporters.

"We need people who know how to think. ... Judy worked in government and understands government," said Sen. Jim Webb (D-Va.) at a McLean fundraiser for Feder.

McLean resident Nancy Fateni used to work for New Jersey Rep. Frank Pallone (D-

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The McLean Branch of the American Association of University Women, 7 p.m. at the McLean Community Center. "Selecting and Planning for Transportation Projects in Virginia—How the System Works," with Margaret Vanderhye and Thomas Rust. Vanderhye was a member of the Northern Virginia State Transportation Authority before becoming a state delegate. 703-830-6503 or www.mcleanaauw.org.



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I-66 spot improvements

PUBLIC HEARING

I-66 Westbound Spot Improvements

Arlington & Fairfax Counties

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is holding a public hearing on the preliminary design of spot improvements on I-66 westbound inside the Capital Beltway.

Monday, October 27, 2008, 7–9 p.m.
Presentation begins at 7:15 p.m.
Washington-Lee High School (cafeteria)
1300 N. Quincy Street, Arlington, VA

The school is located on the corner of Washington Blvd. and N. Quincy Street. Park on the parking deck and use the pedestrian bridge that connects the parking lot to the building at Entrance #7. The nearest Metro station is Ballston-MU.

The public is encouraged to attend and participate in the hearing. Throughout the hearing, the public will have the opportunity to make written comments, leave public comments with court reporters, and ask questions and discuss any concerns with the design team. The proposed project plans depicting the design features and the environmental documentation in the form of a Categorical Exclusion will be available for review at the public hearing, Northern Virginia VDOT District Office and public libraries in Arlington and Fairfax County.

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.

Visit the study Web site: www.I-66spotimprovements.com or call the Toll Free INFO line (1-888-643-3266) for more information.

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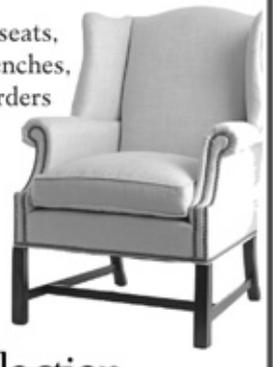
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Mark Warner for Senate

Mark Warner's success as governor has made him one of the most popular politicians ever in the Commonwealth, and that respect is well earned. His appearance on the ballot statewide will likely help other Democrats, whether they are above or below Warner on the ticket.

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

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.

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.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Unrealistic Densities In Tysons Report

To the Editor:

As a member of the Tysons Task Force, I am concerned about key aspects of the report submitted to the Fairfax Board of Supervisors on Sept. 22. I believe the Task Force lost credibility with the public in proposing densities far in excess of scenarios vetted with the public or even perceived in the outreach process.

The most glaring omission in the report is the lack of traffic analysis. It was our understanding that the density levels would go through the transportation and infrastructure analysis before any report was issued. The Task Force should not have appeared to endorse densities until the related analyses were completed and members were able to review and use them in forming recommendations. The Board of Supervisors instructed the Task Force to mitigate traffic impact of development, yet we moved ahead with-

out the related traffic study, thus being in non-compliance with one of the most basic tasks we were assigned.

The report acknowledges the importance of adequate infrastructure to support the redevelopment of Tysons, the need for a financing plan for this infrastructure, and the phasing of development consistent with the availability of infrastructure. I strongly advocated these concepts, but the information in the report on public utilities is inadequate. The list of new public facilities required is based on County analysis of the impact of serving 100,000 residents and 200,000 jobs, and was based on an assumption of 114 million square feet of development, not the increased densities projected in the report. Requirements for stormwater management, water supply, and wastewater management are vaguely stated, with no cost estimates provided, nor any indication of how much of the costs will be borne by taxpayers.

The report refers to a future of 100,000 residents, yet there is only cursory reference to schools. Original

scenarios vetted with the public cited a shortage of some 86 elementary classrooms, 1/2 a middle school, and 1/2 a high school. The new density levels are so far beyond these scenarios that the school issue must be addressed.

The report cites the need for new urban standards for parks and recreational facilities, but the standards under consideration would both short-change Tysons residents and have a significant negative impact on recreational facilities in neighboring communities. The report is thus inconsistent with the Task Force goal of protecting surrounding communities.

The average absorption rate at Tysons has been roughly one million square feet per year. The proposed densities are far, far greater than realistically possible, and proposals that each station be at same density are faulty, particularly at the two malls.

I hope the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors will address these concerns as county staff begins to draft the new Comprehensive Plan.

Amy Tozzi
McLean
Member of the Tysons Task Force

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

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FAITH

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to mclean@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.

Vienna Presbyterian Church Pipe Organ Concert. Five organists celebrate the International Year of the Organ on Sunday, Oct. 19, at 3 p.m. Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. NE, Vienna. Eileen Guenther, Lon Schreiber, Charles Miller, Carol Feather Martin, Terry Sisk. Free, but donation appreciated. 703-938-9050.

Dr. Max L. Stackhouse will speak on Saturday, Oct. 25, at 9:30 a.m. about "Civil Society and Public Theology in a Global Era" Dr. Stackhouse is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and a theological ethicist with wide ranging interests that include economic ethics, public theology, global missions and the encounter of world religions. **Immanuel Presbyterian Church**, 1125 Saville Lane, McLean.

Contact Dan Thomas at 703-356-3042 or dthomas@ipcmclean.org.

Annual SALT Fall Conference at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Parish. Highlights include Delegate Vincent Callahan speaking about "The Legislative Process at Its Best; The Legislative Process at Its Worst," and Jeff Caruso, Director of the Virginia Catholic Conference, on the "Art of Advocacy." 9-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25 in the Parish Findlay Hall Activities Center, 1421 Wiehle Ave., Reston.

Robyn Muncy, U.S. historian from the University of Maryland, will analyze the Progressive Party of 1912 in relation to today's politics. In that first modern presidential election, Teddy Roosevelt and Progressives called for an activist government to "humanize" capitalism: to defend the interest of workers and consumers against the power of corporations. Child labor laws, working conditions for waged workers, and growing inequalities of wealth and power were on a national party platform for the first time.

The Progressive Party energized reformers, who came out in droves to support Roosevelt's presidential bid. What lessons do yesterday's Progressives have for us today? Admission is free. Sunday, Oct. 26, at 11 a.m., at the **Northern Virginia Ethical Society**, 225 Nutley St. N.W., Vienna. www.esnv.org or 703 437 3161.



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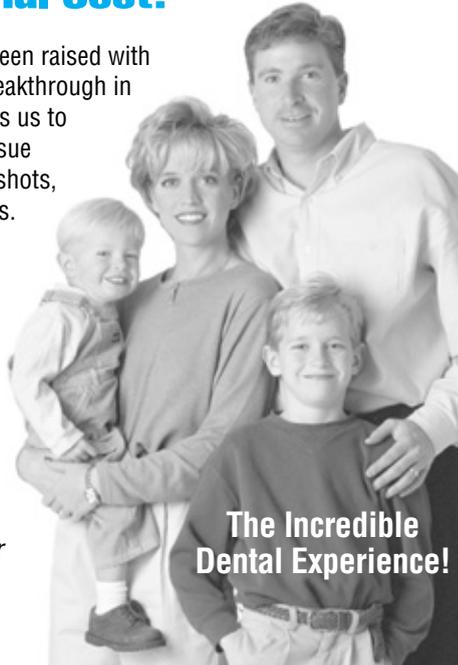
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Richard Bates Jr.'s "Excision" was filmed in locations around the area, including Dolley Madison Library.

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'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."

"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

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



Filming at the Howel House in McLean.

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 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 volunteered 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

Opening reception for fall student art show, 5-8 p.m. Student works on display, Oct. 16-Nov. 1. Ayr Hill Gallery, 141 Church St., Vienna. 703-938-3880 or www.ayrhillgallery.com.
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-WOLFRAP.
D for Dinosaurs. 10:30 a.m. Alphabet adventures with the Letter D. Age 2-5 with adult. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. 703-356-0770.
Book Discussion Group. 7:15 p.m. Call for the book title. Adults. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. 703-356-0770.
Tiny Tot Tales. 10:30 a.m. Stories and activities. Age 13-23 months with adult. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. 703-356-0770.

FRIDAY/OCT. 17

Choralis, directed by Gretchen Kuhmann, 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.
Eroica Trio. 8 p.m. Chamber music at The Barns. Tickets \$35. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts | 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFRAP.
Redeemer Lutheran Preschool semi-annual consignment sale. 7-9 p.m. Clothes, books, toys, equipment and accessories for babies, children and soon-to-be-moms. Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1545 Chain Bridge Rd, McLean, corner of Chain Bridge Road. and Westmoreland St. 703-356-3567 or rlpsale@redeermclean.org.
Pierce Pettis. Acoustic. 7:30 p.m. \$15. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.
Rude Buddha. Rock. 9:30 p.m. \$10. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.
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

Jon Carroll. 7:30 p.m. Rock 'n' roll at The Barns. Tickets \$20. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts | 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFRAP.
Redeemer Lutheran Preschool semi-annual consignment sale. 8-11 a.m. Clothes, books, toys, equipment and accessories for children. Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1545 Chain Bridge Rd, McLean. 703-356-3567 or rlpsale@redeermclean.org.
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Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League
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(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.

The Claude Moore Colonial Farm Autumn 18th Century Market Fair. 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Enjoy crisp local apples, savory meat pies and hearty breads, while colonial tradesmen and entertainers amuse and educate you. See colonial farm family and community members in costume and character. Period food, beverages and wares available for purchase. Adults \$5; Children 3-12 and seniors \$2.50. Visit www.1771.org for a coupon worth 50% off admission. Free parking. Weather permitting; call 703-903-9330 day of event. Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean.



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.

Organ Recital with Robert Grogan, organist, composer, and carrillonier at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington DC. 4 p.m. Tickets \$10. This recital is one of 250 worldwide that will celebrate on October 19 the International Year of the Organ, the world's oldest keyboard instrument. Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001

Georgetown Pike, McLean. www.musicinmclean.org.
Knife at a Gunfight and All Access. Rock. 2 p.m. \$8. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.
Bandazian acoustic, Surprise Arizona, Steph Taylor and the State Of. Rock. 7 p.m. \$10. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.
The Claude Moore Colonial Farm Autumn 18th Century Market Fair. 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Adults \$5; Children 3-12 and seniors \$2.50. Visit www.1771.org for a coupon worth 50% off admission. Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean.

MONDAY/OCT. 20

Peppino D'Agostino and Jeff Severson. Fingerstyle guitar. 7:30 p.m. \$15. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.
Brain Games. 4 p.m. Tangrams, logic puzzles and brain teasers. Age 6-12. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. 703-356-0770.
Bedtime Stories. 7 p.m. Stories to end the day. All ages. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. 703-356-0770.

TUESDAY/OCT. 21

The Flying Karamazov Brothers. 8 p.m. Comedic skits, musical numbers, and juggling feats at The Barns. Tickets \$35. Wolf Trap Foundation

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◆ This year, the tour will feature 15 art studios and four exhibit venues. Some are located in artists' residences, others are in historic properties, barns and funky outbuildings on scenic back roads.

◆ The Great Falls Art Studios Tour is free. It's self-guided. And it's fun for the whole family.

For complete details, including a directory and map, visit www.GreatFallsStudios.com.

The Great Falls Studios Tour will be held on October 18 and 19, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. Blue balloons and signs will mark all venues.

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Jo Smail, *Opting for Mobility*, oil and acrylic on canvas.



Mulligan at VAS

Places and Times Remembered, by Shirley Mulligan at the Vienna Arts Society Gallery. Through Nov. 9; gallery hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays, 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m..

Mulligan began studying watercolor and oil in 1979, and a few years later she began studying pastels. The Vienna Arts Society Gallery, 513 Maple Ave. W., Vienna. For more information call 703-319-3220.

Daisies, watercolor by Shirley Mulligan



Madeliene Chen "Napping," oil

Winners at Vienna Art Center

Madeliene Chen has won first place in this year's "Retro Funk" show, with Laura Howell second, and Gertrud Mohr-Friedrich third. Pauline Lofano and Lassie Corbett were awarded honorable mentions. The Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St. N.W., Vienna. Call 703-319-3971 or visit www.viennaartsociety.org.

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SCHOOLS

Giant at Spring Hill

Gheorghe Muresan visits McLean school promoting a book on fitness.

BY ANDREW JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

When the average fourth grader stands around four feet tall, someone who stands at seven feet seven inches is bound to stick out. This was the case at Spring Hill Elementary School on Friday morning, Oct. 3, when former professional basketball player Gheorghe Muresan visited the school.

Muresan spoke in front of students in grades four through six throughout the morning to promote the book "The Boy's Fitness Guide," the latest in the Boy's Guide Books series. The book illustrates several exercises that students, both boys and girls alike, can do at home. With a child-friendly layout, including pictures and a simple reading level, the book aims at encouraging physical fitness. Frank C. Hopkins

and his brother J.C. Hopkins started their series as "how-to" books for young men and "The Boy's Fitness Guide" seemed like a must. In collaboration with Muresan and Rares "Nick" Morar, a former Romanian teammate and now local trainer, the foursome made this handbook for children.



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Gheorghe Muresan meets Spring Hill Elementary's classes four through six promoting "The Boy's Fitness Guide."

SEE MURESAN PROMOTES FITNESS. PAGE 17

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Muresan Promotes Fitness

FROM PAGE 16

AT SEVEN FEET SEVEN INCHES, Muresan is the tallest player to ever play in the NBA – the reason his jersey number is 77. The Romanian-born player didn't start playing basketball until he was 14 years old. He perfected his game while playing for his country's national team as well as professionally in France before he was drafted by the Washington Bullets in the 1993 NBA Draft. Plagued with injuries throughout his career, Muresan still enjoyed great success by leading the league in field goal percentage for two consecutive seasons and was named the NBA's Most Improved Player during the 1995-96 season. He spent the end of his NBA career with the New Jersey Nets, retiring at the end of the 1999-2000 season. Outside of basketball, Muresan also tried his hand at acting in commercials, music videos, and costarring alongside Billy Crystal in the 1998 film "My Giant."

Despite his professional background, it was his height and the group's presentation that captured

the audience's attention. Tilting their heads back farther than they ever imagined just to see Muresan's face, the students listened as they learned about the "Fitness Circle" that includes exercise, nutrition, and body care. Hopkins, Morar, and Muresan discussed everything from proper eating and sleeping habits to methods of getting in shape. The group also made their presentation interactive by asking the students questions, such as "How many muscles are in the human body?" — there are about 600 — and what are their favorite healthy snacks. The students also took part in activities that demonstrated some of the book's concepts, such as the abdominal exercise "the Plank," and a game of locating 14 of Muresan's muscles by placing stickers on them.

Spring Hill's students returned the fun and joyful laughs to the presenters. When opening up the floor for questions, Muresan was asked, "How did you get so tall?" while another student wondered if Nick made his dogs get in shape too.

SCHOOL NOTES

Twenty-one students at The Potomac School have been named as National Merit Scholarship semifinalists: **Taylor Davis, Mimi Dwyer, Adam Gerchick, Katherine Hussey, Tory Kornick, James McElwain, Louisa Cannell, Izzi Conner, Philip Diamond, Louis Glazer, Calvin Jory, Johannes Lohner, Gregory Mayer, Stuart Price, David Scott, MacKenzie Smith, Kaison Tanabe, Doug Wackerle, Carma Yaghi, Stanley Campbell and Phillips Mitchell.**

Oakcrest School's Anatomy and Physiology class will host Christine Shamloo, RN, Director for Emergency Preparedness Education and Training at Washington Hospital Center on Tuesday, Oct. 21. Shamloo will speak about the neurological signs and symptoms of strokes and the care of stroke patients.

Several Fairfax County Public Schools students have received certificates for superior writing in the 2008 Achievement Awards in Writing by the National

Council of Teachers of English. Each participant submitted a sample of his or her best writing in any form or genre as well as an impromptu essay on a predetermined subject. For 2008, 1,789 juniors submitted portfolios; of that group, 525 were selected for the Achievement Awards. The local winners include **Keneth Burchfiel** and **Chelsea Sparta** of McLean High School, **Sarah Applegate, Carolyn McCallister** and **Emma Pierson** of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology.

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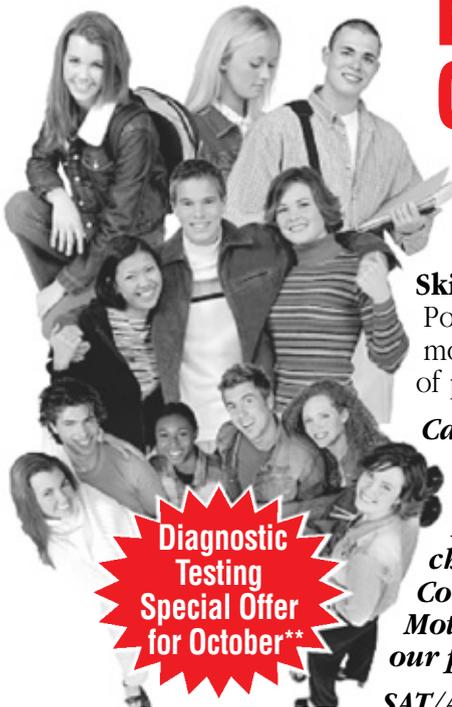
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This is the first time I've lived in the States—I'm from Nigeria. I have found America to be a wonderful place. There are so many different opinions. People have a viewpoint on just about everything.

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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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 10

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 holiday 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.

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Putting Numbers In Perspective

To the Editor,

In your last edition a simple typographical error creates a major misconception about the finances

of the McLean Community Center. In the article "MCC Cuts Tax Rate" you state that the existing operating fund was "more than \$10 million" and the "total operating fund is expected to grow from \$10,825,476 to \$11,476,201 in the 2010 fiscal year."

The funding in question is really the end-of-year fund balance. This is the surplus made up largely of vaguely defined pots of money resulting from the windfall in tax receipts created by the bubble in housing prices and the refusal of MCC Governing Boards to reduce the tax rates correspondingly. Even in FY 2010 the pot grows by \$959,424. I have proposed reducing this growth to zero, leading to a reduction in the tax rate to 1.83 cents (say 1.90, to give the MCC the benefit of the breakage).



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To the Editor:

I find it interesting that a medical doctor would demand full disclosure of one's private medical records without providing a full disclosure herself ["Doctors Appeal for Disclosure," Connection, Oct. 8-14]. Nancy Bruckner's letter suggests that she is concerned because of her experience as a dermatologist. After further review, we discover, not from Nancy, that she is a long-time supporter of liberal Democratic candidates and causes, including making at least one donation to the ultra-liberal fringe PAC moveon.org. Moveon.org spends most of its time slandering those with opposing views. One just has to remember the job that it tried to do on a decorated American hero Gen. David Petraeus. I am discouraged that you would allow her to pursue her political agenda disguised as a concerned doctor. For full disclosure, I am probably going to vote for John McCain.

Phil Lago
Vienna

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Works Begin At GW Parkway

Beginning this week and ending on or about Nov. 11, a contractor will be performing tests on behalf of the National Park Service (NPS) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) along the George Washington Memorial Parkway between the Spout Run Parkway and Interstate 495 in Arlington and Fairfax counties. One lane may be closed on weekdays during non-rush hours Monday-Friday, from 10 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. In addition, one lane could be closed on Saturday and Sunday anytime between 7 a.m.-7 p.m. However, trucks with drilling equipment may be seen working behind barricades or in work areas seven days a week from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

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For more information about this construction work or the North Design Project, contact the NPS at 703-289-2500.

Volunteers Needed For Clean-Up

A clean-up of the stormwater impoundment area behind a dam on Lewinsville Road is scheduled for Saturday, Oct 25 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The dam, built in the mid-1990s, is designed to control stormwater runoff into Rocky Run, a 6.3 mile tributary of Difficult Run. The impoundment is littered with thousands of plastic bottles, cans and other debris, all washed into the area by stormwater runoff from the Tyco Road area between Leesburg Pike and the Dulles Road. The dam is located on Lewinsville Road between Mayhurst Boulevard and Lewinsville Mews Court.

The clean-up is being undertaken by Friends of Rocky Run, with support from the Fairfax County Storm Water Management Division and Fairfax Trails & Streams. Boy Scout Troop 128 of St. John's Episcopal Church in McLean has volunteered to participate. Additional volunteers are needed. Middle-school students and adults are welcome. Participants will meet [and can park] in the parking lot of the Holy Transfiguration Church at 8501 Lewinsville Road [west of Spring Hill Road]. Volunteers should wear long-sleeve shirts, long pants, and gloves and bring their own water. In the event of rain, the clean-up will take place Sunday, Oct. 26, from 1-4 p.m.

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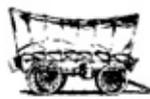
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Not that I want — or need — the Federal Government to understand the kinds of financial choices I regularly make but I was somewhat amused, after the passage of the "Bailout" bill, to learn that the Federal Government (meaning Treasury Secretary Henry 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.

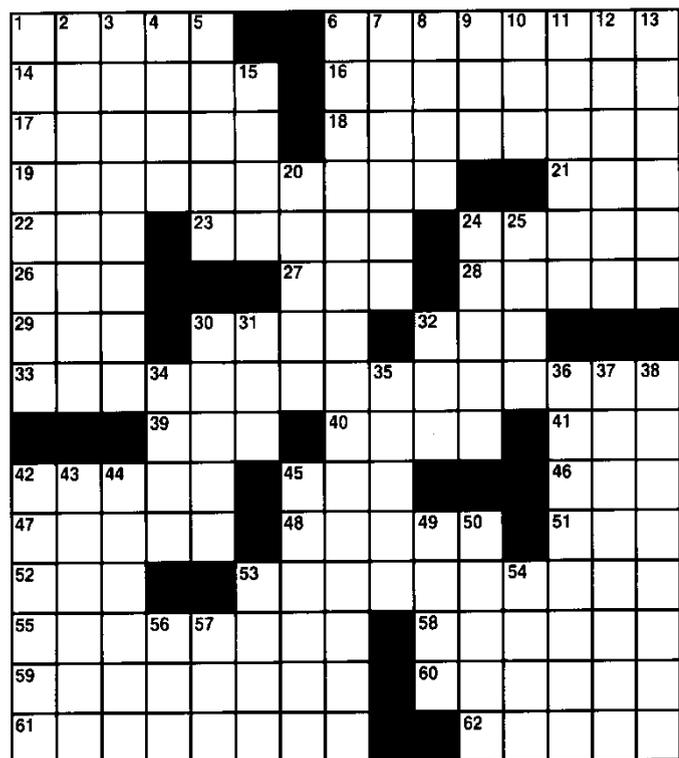
A boat that probably won't sink, but one that is definitely taking on water (no wonder it's called a "bailout" bill). We're not sunk, yet, by any means. We are listing, though, and there appear to be rough seas ahead. But it's nothing that many Americans haven't been faced with before, in some way or 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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- 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 —
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FOOD AND DRINK

Wine Dinner at Wildfire

Wildfire Tysons Galleria will be hosting a special wine dinner with the wines of Stags' Leap Winery.

The event will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 28 at the Wildfire Tysons Galleria location (1714 International Drive McLean). Guest speaker Andrea Christensen and Executive Chef Steven Lukis will combine their talents to create what promises to be a memorable evening. Reception - 6:30 p.m.; Dinner - 7 p.m.; \$130.00 per person all inclusive. To view the menu, visit www.wildfirerestaurant.com and for more information or to make a reservation, contact Michelle Bringham (Wildfire Tysons Galleria Office Manager) at 703-442-9110.

Champagne and Dessert Gala: Friends of the Oakton Library celebrate the first anniversary of the library on Saturday, Oct. 18, 7:30 p.m. Guest author David Baldacci, cofounder with his wife of the Wish You Well Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting literacy efforts. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Tickets purchased by contacting patriciasreed1@juno.com

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Oktoberfest arrives to McLean. The Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce and McLean Young Professionals invite residents and businesses to celebrate McLean with German themed cuisine, beer, wine, music and an Oktoberfest event at the Pavilions of Turkey Run at Claude Moore Colonial Farm. The event takes place on Oct. 22, from 6 to 9 p.m. at 6310 Georgetown Pike in McLean. Sponsors include J.R.'s Picnics, The Sierra Club, Capitol Wealth Management, Adzig Logo Promotions, Cavendo and the Barbados Tourism Authority.

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Meeting Heroes

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Vinson can carry up to 85 planes and 5,500 personnel. Wolsey and Carrillo provided details such as these in answering the students' questions in the interview.

The two crew members described the many places that they had traveled to and what life on the ship is like. When asked what his favorite part of serving in the Navy was, Carrillo said, "One of the best things is getting a chance to go to my hometown and meeting people who are grateful for your service."

This visit from the crew serves as a kickoff to VHRC's and Chesterbrook's events for the year. For the past few years, the two have coordinated on a number of activities such as book talks, art projects, debate

groups, and musical performances and want to continue with those traditions. Principal Bob Fuqua explains how the Fairfax County Public School board asked that its schools look for opportunities to find more ways to be involved with the community and he saw this "multigenerational" connection with VHRC as the perfect way to fulfill that. "We're really hoping that these events will give both the students and residents a great experience. It will give our students life skills to be mindful stewards of the community," says Fuqua.

Luckily for the students, they had great role models in the room with them to look up to that morning with the residents from Vinson Hall Retirement Community and the crew members of the USS Carl Vinson.

PEOPLE

R. Carter Pate of McLean has been promoted by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP to the role of managing partner of the U.S. Advisory Practice. In this role, Pate will have day-to-day responsibility for the management of the firm's U.S. Advisory Practice and will report to Juan Pujadas, Global and U.S. Leader of the Advisory Practice.



R. Carter Pate

Pate will continue to serve as leader of the global and U.S. health industries group, a role he was appointed to in 2007, in which he oversees services across all health-related industries.

Pate joined PricewaterhouseCoopers in 1994. He has more than 25 years of experience in providing strategic management counsel, implementing financial systems and working with both the public and private sectors.

Lindsay Ross, 25, of Vienna was one of the 80 standouts invited to New York City for three



Lindsay Ross

days of leadership training with coaching by some of the top women trailblazers in the country. Ross - who was one of more than 3,000 women with great ideas who applied for Women Rule!, the first-ever leadership project contest held by O, The Oprah Magazine and the national, non-partisan White House Project - will take what she learned at Women Rule! and implement it into her personal project that provides a support network and income security for at-risk youth, specifically foster children.

"In college I studied the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and was awed by how these laws crippled the institution of Jim Crow.

The power of legislation to provide civil rights and liberties inspired me to propose legislation where I could make a similar impact for another vulnerable segment of our society—children," says Ross.

PROFILE

Feder Takes On Wolf

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6), who is chair of a congressional subcommittee on health care. She said Feder is particularly appealing because of her expertise in the health care system and background.

"With the war and the economy, health care has taken a back seat but I still think it is ... possibly the most important, issue," said Fateni.

ALONG with her intellect, several Feder supporters said the candidate's demeanor is well suited for working on Capital Hill.

Feder is known for her high energy, so much so that Webb joked he would have to drink "five cups of coffee" just keep up with her when they campaigned together in 2006.

"I think her people skills are just fantastic. She makes all the volunteers seem needed," said Doris Cheely, a McLean resident who is volunteering on the Feder campaign.

Professional colleagues have also said Feder's personality makes her an easy person to get along with professionally.

"Judy has amazing people skills. She is warm, friendly, sensitive, responsive. She is a good listener and has a good sense of humor. She was and still is very well liked by faculty, staff and students," said William Gormley, who took over as dean of Georgetown's public policy school when Feder stepped down in 2007.

During Feder's tenure as dean, Georgetown's Public Policy Institute climbed in the rankings and the quality of student applying to the program noticeably improved. The number students and faculty members at the school also increased, said Gormley.

Feder also implemented several new programs that were extremely popular with students at Georgetown.

She arranged for a series of informal dinners between high-ranking government officials and people enrolled in the graduate program. She also hosted town hall style meetings for the public policy students, where they could share their concerns and recommendations about the program, said Gormley.

"She accomplished some wonderful things as dean of our program," said Gormley.

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Highlanders' Hockey Gearing for Districts

McLean field hockey experienced breakthrough regular season under Hardman.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The McLean High girls' field hockey team was set to wrap up its regular season schedule with a non-district home game against Washington-Lee (Arlington) earlier this week. Following that contest, the Highlanders were going to set their sights on the Liberty District tournament, which is scheduled to begin on Thursday of this week.

It has been an outstanding season for McLean, which going into this week held an impressive 10-4-2 overall record under first year head coach Summer Hardman. The Highlanders, depending on outcomes of earlier week district games, are most likely going to be a No. 3 or No. 4 seed for the district tournament, which would mean playing at home in the initial round. They will play Jefferson, Langley or South Lakes in first round play. Whoever McLean ends up playing, it must win in order to qualify for the upcoming 16-team Northern Region tournament. A first round district tournament loss will end the Highlanders' season.

A first round win, however, would not only qualify McLean for regionals, but would also advance Hardman's team to next Tuesday's district semifinals. The two district semifinal winners will move on to the following night's championship game. Both the district semifinals and finals are scheduled to be held at Madison High School in Vienna.

Early last week, McLean lost a 2-0 game



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.

at district rival Madison on Oct. 7. The Highlanders had won their two games prior to that, district victories over South Lakes, 3-1, and Jefferson, 1-0. But the loss to the Warhawks was perhaps a little bit of a wake-up call for McLean as it prepares for the postseason.

"Because of the loss last week, I don't think we've peaked yet," said Hardman, pleased with her team's overall record but realizing the season could come to a quick halt with a first round playoff loss. "Hopefully, we can gain some confidence this week [in the regular season finale against W-L]."

"We'll put our best foot forward. They are very aware we have to win our game on Thursday to move on. They know what we're up against."

THE HIGHLANDERS have played outstanding team field hockey this fall season. Key players have included junior team leaders Caitlin Baker and Elisa Enriquez-Hesles, senior Mary D Alesandro and junior Olivia Applewhite, who leads the team in goals scored.

Hardman said her team has thoroughly enjoyed experiencing a breakout winning season.

"They are not used to the [game] outcomes they have seen this year," said Hardman, whose team is 3-2-1 in district play. "They are confident and the community as a whole is excited."

McLean was scheduled to celebrate its Senior Night in the regular season final game against Washington-Lee. Seven seniors were tabbed to be honored in pre-game ceremonies. Those McLean 12th graders are: Mary D Alesandro, Alexis Koeppen, Malaika Pacque, Carolyn Postol, Annie Ruehlin, Maggie Streeten and Molly Welch.

Hardman said she planned on starting each of the seven seniors against the Generals in tribute to what they have brought to the program.

"It's what we're shooting for, the regionals. I believe we can get there."

-McLean Field Hockey Coach Summer Hardman

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

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.

Jordan Culbreath, a 2006 Marshall High graduate, is a junior running back for the Princeton University (N.J.) football

team. Through the team's first three games, Culbreath was leading the Tigers in touchdowns (4). He has rushed for 261 yards (4.6 average yards per carry) and three touchdowns. He has also caught seven passes for 25 yards and a score. Princeton, going into last Saturday's game at Colgate, was 2-1 on the season. The Tigers lost their opener at The Citadel, 37-24, on Sept. 20. Since then, Princeton has beaten Lehigh at home, 10-7, on Sept. 27, and Columbia, 27-24, on the road on Oct. 4. Culbreath, who is 5-foot-11 inches, 195 pounds, wears jersey No. 21 for Princeton, a member of the Ivy League.

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

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PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

McLean High football coach Jim Patrick and the Highlanders lost a tough 21-7 Liberty District home game to South Lakes last week. This Friday night, the Highlanders will celebrate their Homecoming against Jefferson.

SPORTS

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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.

Burke Lake was the site of an Oct. 1 Liberty District cross country meet in which Thomas Jefferson, Langley, Madison and Stone Bridge High all competed in boys' and girls' races. The Jefferson boys' varsity won its quad at the meet. Colonial runner Ian Rappaport of Vienna was among the top six finishers. In the girls' race, Sarah Stites of Reston led Jefferson to victory with one of the team's best-ever times on the Burke Lake course. Stites was first overall with a time of eighteen minutes, 45 seconds, outpacing defending Liberty District champion Lauren Shaw of Langley. Shaw was second with a time of 19:04. Jefferson's Katherine Sheridan, of Vienna, came in third place at 19:07.

In the JV races, Jefferson was led by Jonathon Phillips of Herndon (16:49), who gave a spirited performance only to be nudged at the finish line by Langley runner Tommy Bylund (16.48).



Two McLean residents and one from Vienna are members of the Thomas Jefferson High girls' cross country team that finished first at the Carlisle Invitational in Carlisle, Pa. on Sept. 27. The team includes, left to right: Katherine Sheridan (Vienna), Sarah Stites (Reston), Lisa Junta (Springfield), Neesha Schnepf (McLean), Sarah Nielsen (Reston), Margaret Coad (Arlington), and Stephanie Marzen (McLean).

McLean High girls' cross country runner Samantha Audet (left), a senior, races at the Oatlands Invitational earlier this season. The Highlander girls' and boys' teams will be competing at the upcoming Liberty District championships on Oct. 22 at Burke Lake Park.



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