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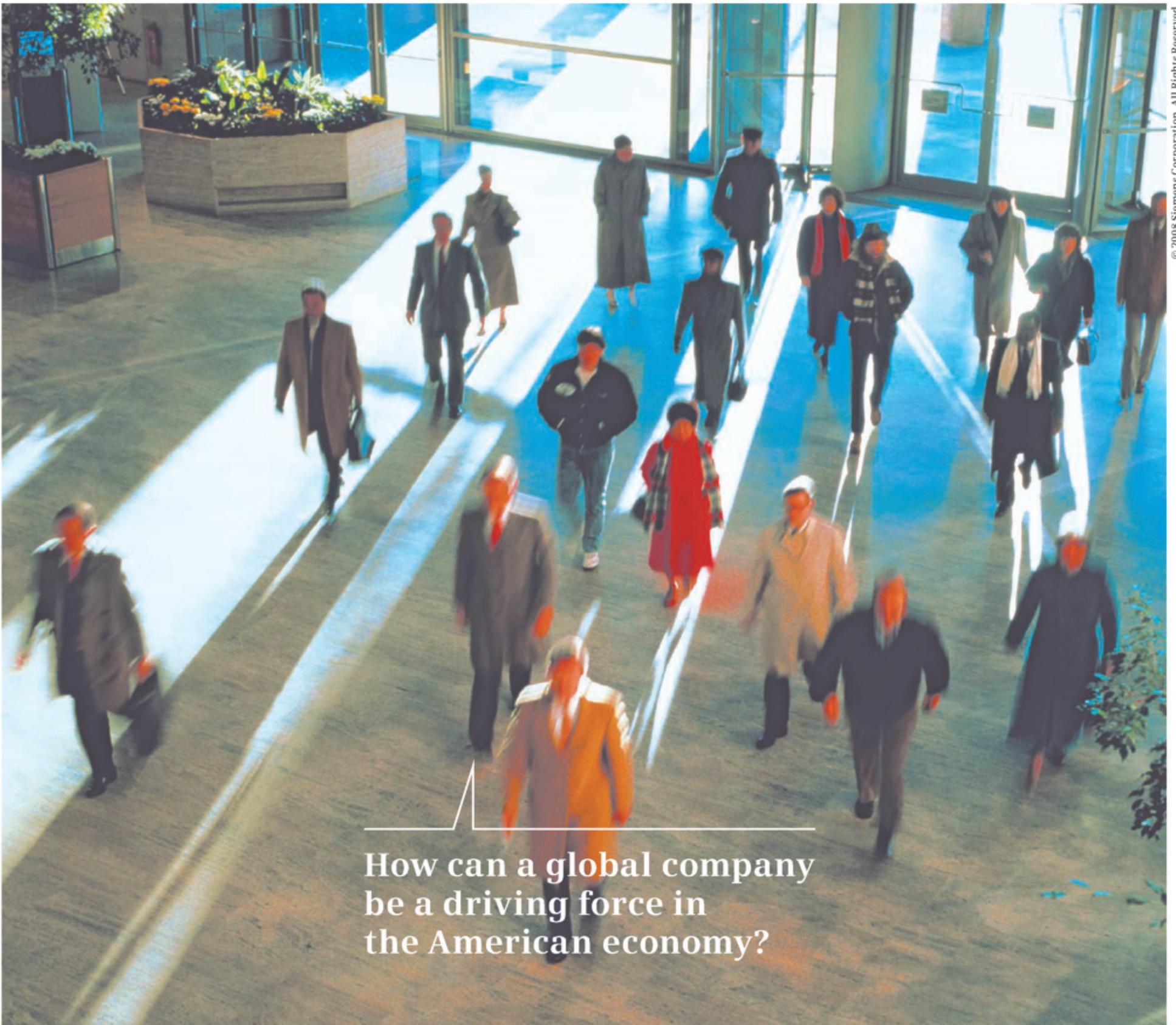
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McLean High seniors (from left, front row) Candace Shepley, Sarah Kollmorgen, Alex Yensen, Katie Phelan, Lea Williams; (back row) Cat Davis, Chelsea Shalhoup and Coach Steve Stotler show off "the rock" in front of MHS painted pink for the Dig Pink Match.

Fighting Breast Cancer

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Joining Fight Against Cancer

The McLean High School volleyball team raised \$2,318 for the Side-Out Foundation for breast cancer awareness and research at their Dig Pink match on Tuesday, Oct. 14. Although McLean lost the match to Langley, the team was proud of not only raising such a substantial sum but of hosting such a successful event. Virtually everyone in the stands was wearing pink including the 205 pink t-shirts which were sold by the team as part of the fund-raiser. Katie Phelan decided that she wanted to try to organize a Dig Pink event after learning about the foundation which was started by a volleyball coach she knows. In addition to the t-shirt sale which raised over \$1,000, the team sold baked goods and water at the "Back to School" night for McLean High School parents.



PHOTO BY KENT ARNOLD/HEROMOMENT.COM
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Proposal to use eminent domain to annex two acres into McLean Central Park meets with resistance.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

A proposal to invoke eminent domain in order to prevent further development on two acres adjacent to McLean Central Park and to annex the land into the park was largely met with skepticism and some hostility at a meeting at the McLean Community Center last Tuesday, Oct. 14.

"I'm aghast at this whole proposition you have laid before us," Ed Shaheen told Kevin Fay, Dranesville's representative to the Fairfax Park Authority board. "And moreover, I do not trust the Park Authority." Shaheen cited the debacle of several years ago over fields at Lewinsville Park, which made its way to the state Supreme Court and left many in the community feeling betrayed.

While he acknowledged that the decisions that led to the conflict predated Fay's board membership, he said he remained distrustful of the Park Authority's stated reasons for acquiring the land. "I would want to see something written in absolute blood that it would be donated to the park as green space," Shaheen said, adding that, in that case, the two acres "would make a beautiful acquisition."

Many from the crowd of about 30 spoke

Next Steps

The public comment period on this matter ends this Friday, Oct. 24. Comments can be e-mailed to parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov or sent to David R. Bowden, director of the Park Authority's Planning and Development Division, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 406, Fairfax, VA 22035. The Park Authority Board is scheduled to make a decision on the matter at its Nov. 12 meeting, which will start at 7:30 p.m. at the park headquarters in the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, adjacent to the Fairfax County Government Center complex. The decision may be rescheduled.

at the meeting, but only Shaheen garnered applause.

The required public hearing on the matter had been held late last month at the Fairfax County Government Center, but Fay said the Park Authority had held this additional meeting to gather input from people who hadn't been able to make the rush-hour drive to the hearing.

THE PARK AUTHORITY is considering the use of eminent domain to buy the land currently owned by John Birge and Susan Fadoul. The plot, currently split into five parcels, is located near the intersection of Dolley Madison Boulevard and Ingleside Avenue. There are three houses on the property, and Birge has lived in one of them for about 30 years. He and Fadoul co-own the rest of the property.

The two have said they would like to build a small development of six high-end houses, on the land, as allowed by the current zoning.

As he had at the public hearing, Fay assured that the Park Authority did not take the use of eminent domain lightly and

would use it only as a last resort. No decision to use the power has been made. He said the Park Authority had been interested in the property since before he joined its board six years ago, because its acquisition would create a more natural boundary for the park, allow for a greater buffer zone along Dead Run, which runs through the park, and possibly enable an entrance to the park that would alleviate some of the problems with the intersection of Ingleside Avenue and Dolley Madison Boulevard.

Also, it would prevent further development at the corner and turn that much more land into parkland. The county has a stated goal of making 10 percent of its surface area parkland, and Fay pointed out that the amount of land available is dwindling. He noted that land acquisition was among the top priorities identified in the Park Authority's 2004 survey of the county's residents.

He said the use of eminent domain was a way to spur on negotiations between the county and the landowners, which had so far been deadlocked. The county made its first formal offer in the spring, and

Birge and Fadoul have yet to submit a formal counteroffer, but Fay said in a later interview that in casual discussions, the two parties had suggested prices that differed widely. "We've talked ranges with them and they've talked ranges with us," he said.

IN EMINENT DOMAIN negotiations, the county hires an independent appraiser to assess the property value, but if the two parties cannot agree on a price, a jury would settle on a number in court.

Fay told the residents at the meeting that green space, picnic facilities or the expan

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VIEWPOINTS

Did you watch the debate last Wednesday: What did you like/dislike and who are you going to vote for?

— DANIELLE LANDAU



Catalina Keilhauer, High School Language Teacher, McLean

"No I have not watched the debates and I am currently undecided. At first I was leaning toward McCain, but I was disappointed with his choice of a running partner. I liked his experience especially but

now I am looking at the whole ticket and I think Biden has a great record so I am leaning towards Obama."



Erin Boris, Assistant to the Dean of Co-Curriculum, McLean

"No I did not watch the latest debate and as of now I will be voting for Barack Obama. For me it is not one policy over another: I like the Democratic Party's approach to social issues and their response to problems. I also think

that Obama will be a better leader than McCain."



Aeronia L. Poole, Educational Technology Specialist, Leesburg

"I have watched all three debates and I will be voting for Obama. Originally I was a Hillary Clinton supporter but I feel that Obama is also quite capable. It was great to hear directly from him

what he actually plans to do about the economic crisis. Education is on the top of my list and he spoke a lot about student loans. He understands the importance of funding education and I feel he will focus his attention on middle-class Americans."



Mei Li Inouye, High School Language Teacher, McLean

"I watched Wednesday night's debate but I have yet to decide who to vote for. I want to see how the candidates reveal themselves in the last few weeks of campaigning. I have a disinterested, not uninterested, approach until I feel I am educated enough to make a decision. I usually do not know until the last minute; I want to see how things play out."



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More than 400 business and community leaders will participate in this year's event set for Nov. 14.

Rotary's Monte Carlo Night

Annual McLean Rotary Club event on Nov. 14.

The Rotary Club of McLean, in partnership with other Northern Virginia Rotary clubs, will be holding the 11th Annual Rotary Monte Carlo Night this fall to benefit educational and humanitarian projects worldwide.

More than 400 business and community leaders will participate in this year's event set for Nov. 14 from 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Westwood Country Club, 800 Maple Avenue East in Vienna. Event proceeds will help improve the lives of thousands of children

around the globe as well as support PolioPlus, The Rotary Foundation's international campaign to eradicate polio.

The black tie-optional evening will feature casino-style gaming, live and silent auctions, food, door prizes, dancing and entertainment by The

Dominion Jazz Orchestra, one of the area's top jazz groups. Some of the programs that will benefit from this year's Monte Carlo Night include: the Timber Lane Elementary School Literacy Project, Pimmit Hills Alternative High School Scholarships, Alternative House Meals and Mentoring Program, McLean Rotary Youth Service Awards as well as international projects in Guatemala, India and Swaziland supported by the Rotary Club of McLean.

"The annual Rotary Monte Carlo Night is always a great time and supports many

worthwhile causes," said Matthew Wallace, McLean Club Monte Carlo Night Chairman. "The true purpose of this evening is to 'Make Dreams Real' for thousands of at-risk children. We invite the community to join us for Monte Carlo Night and to support today's youth."

Tickets are \$50 each. Additionally, sponsorship opportunities-ranging from \$250 to \$5,000-are available. Also, individuals or companies interested can support this worthwhile fundraiser by donating services or products to be auctioned off during the live or silent auctions or donating a door prize.

For more information about tickets, sponsorship opportunities and donations, visit the McLean Rotary Web site at www.mcleanrotary.org or contact Matthew Wallace at (703) 356-5424 or mwallace@mcleanchamber.org.

Library Renovations Deferred?

With budget shortfall projected this year, rebuilding of Dolley Madison likely to be postponed again.

There is a good chance the long-awaited renovations to Dolley Madison Library will again be put off, this time due to county budget woes. The county is already projected to come up \$60 million short this fiscal year.

Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) said last week that he had been told by County Executive Tony Griffin that bonded projects where construction contracts hadn't yet been awarded were likely to be delayed. "Everything, at this point, is his proposal," Foust said. The

Board of Supervisors is able to direct Griffin otherwise.

Foust said the project would go forward if the bonds that were to pay for it had been issued, but he doubted that they had been.

County spokeswoman Merni Fitzgerald found that the bonds had not been issued. "We don't actually sell the bonds until we need the money," she said. Fitzgerald said the cost estimate for the renovations, as of February, was \$12,220,000.

Of the six libraries approved by voters for construction or reconstruction in a 2004 bond referendum, Dolley Madison was already going to be the last to receive attention. The initial plan for the library was released in January of 2007 but met with resistance, largely because it included the Dranesville District supervisor's office, now housed in the McLean Governmental Center on Balls Hill Road. A new plan was drawn up and presented in late July, and construction was to begin about a year from now because new building permits had to be secured.

Foust said a new law mandated that if a

bond were not issued within eight years after being approved by voters, the jurisdiction would have to seek a two-year extension on the referendum. After 10 years, a new vote is required.

He also noted that the projected \$60 million shortfall for this year came before the holiday season, which is not expected to generate as much sales tax revenue as usual. "There's an outside chance it could get better, but it's unlikely," Foust said.

Fitzgerald said the county was reviewing all manner of spending and that the "exact status of each individual project" should be decided upon sometime this week. With the new time limit on bonds, she said, "We have to do it carefully so we don't compromise the funding."

However, she said it was unknown how long deferred projects might be put off. She noted that next year's budget shortfall had been projected at \$400 million over the summer and was already up by 25 percent.

— MIKE DICICCO

Discussing Mainstreet Of Tomorrow

"Building a 21st Century Mainstreet, Dulles Corridor & Transit-Oriented Development Seminar Series - Seminar #2" is being held on Thursday, Oct. 30.

Registration and continental breakfast at 8 a.m.; program: 8:30 - 10 a.m. at Capital One, 1680 Capital One Drive in McLean.

Presentations: "Transforming Tysons: Vision and Area Wide Recommendations," Clark Tyler, Chairman, Tysons Land Use Task Force; "Thinking Outside the Transit Envelope," Nat Bottigheimer, Assistant General Manager, Department of Planning and Joint Development, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

Special Guest: Gerald Connolly, Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

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SHARE Collects Food Certificates

SHARE, Inc. of McLean, serving families in need in our local area, is collecting Safeway or Giant food certificates for the annual Thanksgiving Dinner program. Donations of food certificates will help a needy family purchase a turkey, fresh vegetables, or other fresh items to supplement other food donations at Thanksgiving. Non-perishable food items, detergent, cooking oil, rice, and pasta are also appreciated. Drop-off is at the McLean Baptist Church, 1367 Chain Bridge Road in McLean from 10 a.m. till noon on Saturday, Nov. 8 and Saturday, Nov. 15.

Redskins Honor Area Veterans

In recognition of Veterans Day, the Washington Redskins, GlaxoSmithKline, Men's Health Network, Prostate Cancer Education Council, and the American Heart Association are hosting a health screening and education event in the Redskins team locker room at FedExField to encourage men and women military veterans to be proactive about their health.

Participating male and female veterans will have the opportunity to receive a comprehensive series of free health screenings including: cholesterol, diabetes, osteoporosis, blood pressure, prostate exams, spirometry, body fat, grip strength, and patient health educational materials for men and women on various health conditions.

Participants will be able to tour the players locker room as well as get a "players view" of FedExField.

The event takes place Saturday, Nov. 8, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Redskins Locker Room, FedExField, Landover, MD

To register or for more information, please call Men's Health Network at 202-543-6461 x 101 or e-mail info@menshealthnetwork.org.

Best Buddies Boogie At Marshall High School

Students with and without disabilities break barriers.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

More than 100 George C. Marshall “buddies” and “buddy peers” danced an afternoon away at the Buddy Boogie in the Marshall gym on Oct. 17. Oakton High School and Centreville High School sent Best Buddies teams over to Marshall, as well. Miss Universe showed up, as did a finalist in the “Biggest Loser” reality show, who, coincidentally, was the first employee hired by Best Buddies.

“We organized this fitness party to increase awareness of the Best Buddies program, and to expand

friendships through exercise and healthy choices, leading to healthier lives,” said Kevin Wallace, special education advisor and Best Buddies sponsor at Marshall. In the Best Buddies program, general education students are peer buddies to special education students.

The George C. Marshall High School chapter of Best Buddies was recognized as an “Outstanding Chapter” at the Best Buddies 2007 Leadership Conference.

BASHAR ELASFAR, a Marshall freshman, is happy to have a Best Buddy. “We talk to each other about sports and people,” said Elasar. “Sometimes, we eat lunch together. I think my friends ought to have buddies, too.”

Elasar’s buddy, Katie Rice, a junior, signed up for the program for the first time this year. “I thought it sounded like such a rewarding program. I’m glad I did this.”

Annie O’Brien’s sister, Maggie, started Marshall’s Best Buddies

“You get to do a lot of fun activities with your buddy ... It’s great making new friends, and going out with them.”

— Katie Chamberlin

program, and now, Annie has a Best Buddy, too. Maddie Leasure and Annie have been friends since they were in elementary school together. “Maddie’s always been part of my life,” said O’Brien.

Oakton High School cheerleaders Kelly Schnitzer and Lauren Doss showed up in uniform with best buddy Katie Chamberlin. Doss is an associate buddy. She does not have a specific best buddy because her hectic life might disappoint an

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Annie O’Brien, left, and Maddie Leasure of Marshall High School have been friends since their early elementary school years. They’re Best Buddies now. Oakton High School students Lauren Doss, Katie Chamberlin, and Kelly Schnitzer boogie behind O’Brien and Leasure.



Oakton High School students Lauren Doss, Katie Chamberlin, and Kelly Schnitzer made it to the Buddy Boogie at Marshall High School before the Oakton High School football game. Allison Coles, Best Buddies state director, has been involved with the program since its creation.

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Arman Carter of McLean spent most of his expedition time on the boat.

Studying Gray Whales

TJHS student completes whale research project.

Arman Carter, a junior at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology and resident of McLean, joined an Earthwatch expedition last summer to study food availability and feeding behavior of gray whales off the coast of British Columbia in Canada. He was awarded a DELMARVA fellowship to cover expedition costs.

In early August, Carter joined five other high school student volunteers from the United States, Canada and Korea to assist principal investigator Dr. William Megill of the University of Bath in England and several other university students and project assistants. The volunteers helped the researchers inventory the whale population, study their feeding behavior, and

measure the abundance and distribution of prey. Information was collected using divers and surface boats outfitted with underwater video, sonar, and a robotic submersible.

Carter kept a daily journal and took pictures to help document the trip. Carter recommends an Earthwatch expedition for anyone who is curious about the environment, and wants the opportunity to discover what life is like for scientists doing their research around the globe.

Founded in 1971, Earthwatch Institute is the world's largest environmental nonprofit organization and one of the world's largest private funders of scientific research. Visit www.earthwatch.org or call 800-776-0188 for more information.

McLean Doctor's Novel Success

Comunale's first book receives praise as his second hits the shelves.

Dr. R.A. Comunale of McLean, whose first book sold out on Amazon.com four times, has just released his second book. Comunale only hopes "Berto's World" is as well received as his first book, "Requiem for the Bone Man," was last April. The new book, which Comunale describes as "in a sense a novel and in a sense a series of vignette stories," is the prequel to the first book. "Requiem for the Bone Man" related the life of fictional main character Robert Galen, a doctor who is caught in the middle of tragedies. Comunale describes the concept behind "Berto's World" as "an old man, Robert from the original story, remembering his medical training and tie-ins with his childhood." Comunale is not just sitting around waiting for reactions to book number two; he is working on finishing his third book which picks up where "Requiem" left off and is set to be published the second week of November, 2008. His favorite part of the writing process is "watching a character come to life" as he writes. Comunale is constantly reminded of his recent success as



PHOTO BY SHARON NORTH

R.A. Comunale.

many of his patients count down the days until the next book is out on the shelves.

The family practice receptionist Barbara Griffith notes that Comunale "is so happy when he is writing. He gets so into his own world and as busy as he is he deserves that get-away." Griffith said, "I have seen a truly positive change in him since starting the first book."

There will be a book signing Nov. 1 and 2 at the Galleria d' Art in Tysons and a publishers National Press Club event in Washington D.C. on Nov.18. Both events are open to the public.

— DANIELLE LANDAU



Firefighters Thank MCF

The McLean Volunteer Fire Department showed its gratitude to the McLean Citizens Foundation by displaying the MCF logo on the heavy duty rescue vehicle the Foundation helped purchase and equip with grants in 2004, 2005 and 2007. Pictured, from left, are Clyde Clark, volunteer chief; Adrienne Whyte, MCF trustee; Dennis Isley, past volunteer president/volunteer deputy chief; Trish Butler, MCF trustee, and Keith Cross, station commander.

Fullner, McCready Announce Engagement

Erin Fullner and Sean McCready, both of Seattle, Wash., announce their engagement and plans for a Nov. 15, 2008 wedding in Lynden, Wash. Erin is a daughter of Mel and Ann Fullner of Lynden. She is a 1997 graduate of Lynden High School, a 2000 graduate of the University of Washington, and a 2004 graduate of the University of Oregon School of Law. She works as Associate Director of the Center for Professional Development at Seattle University School of Law. Sean is a son of Ronald McCready of Falls Church and Falaah Jones of Shoreline, Wash. He is a 1996 graduate of McLean High School and attended the University of Washington before joining the United States Marine Corps where he deployed to Iraq in 2003 and served as Corporal in an artillery battery during Operation Iraqi Freedom. After his honorable discharge from the Marine Corps, Sean returned to the University of Washington where he currently attends school part time while serving full time as CEO of The Satellite Works, Inc., a satellite communication company. The couple met at the University of Washington where Erin was a



Erin Fullner and Sean McCready

Delta Delta Delta and Sean a Sigma Chi. The proposal took place at the prospective groom's home on Gig Harbor near Seattle.



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Wolf for Congress

As a member of Congress, Frank Wolf appears to consider how he can use the power of his office each day to make the world a better place. He is a man with empathy and a moral compass.

After 28 years in office, he is, if anything, more passionate than ever about human rights — working to curb human rights abuses in Darfur and other places around the world to shine the light on abuses and atrocities.

Wolf is also passionate about problem solving on a local level. In particular, Wolf has worked to contribute to solutions for the region's traffic congestion, from promoting flextime and telecommuting especially for government workers, to funding for Metro, to thoughtful and incremental approaches such as spot intersection improvements and timing of traffic lights. His ongoing support of rail to Dulles is critical, especially from his vantage point as a senior member of the Appropriations Committee.

Examples of his leadership on public safety issues include his early warnings and funding to help fight gang activity, and his efforts to fight the spread of methamphetamines.

Wolf is creative at problem solving, now working to establish a blue-ribbon panel to examine federal spending and tax policies to develop holistic proposals to head off the impending federal budget train wreck.

Moran for Congress

Jim Moran is the right representative for his district, reflecting the views of his Arlington, Alexandria, Reston and Fairfax constituents.

Moran's strong grounding in local politics, rising from Alexandria City Council, makes him an especially effective and important representative in Congress, with an excellent record of bringing home funding for transportation and other local needs. His record on the environment is also first rate.

Moran's leadership and local background is also important in shepherding big local changes coming due to BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) and the ongoing process of funding rail to Dulles.

Moran is one of the few members of Congress who opposed the Iraq war from the beginning, and has been a consistent critic of the Bush

administration's tax cuts for the super-wealthy.

His understanding of the current economic crisis and how we got there will be essential as the next administration and the next Congress struggle to straighten out the mess and provide the kind of regulation we need, so it won't happen again.

With his seat on defense appropriations, Moran is master of channeling funding to local defense contractors.

Connolly for Congress

U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R), who decided earlier this year that he would not seek reelection, served as a remarkable advocate for local needs, and his departure could raise concerns about representation.

Gerry Connolly (D), currently chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, more than meets the challenge.

Connolly has led Fairfax County with vision, enthusiasm and direction. Connolly's focus has helped achieve important results, including dedicated funding for affordable housing and the environment and significant investments for transportation. Connolly's intellect and drive have supported the quality of life in Fairfax County.

Connolly has supported intelligent approaches to sustaining and improving public safety. An excellent example is providing after-school programs in middle schools as part of a gang prevention effort.

Along with his local government credentials, Connolly brings more than a decade of experience on Capitol Hill in foreign affairs. His experience and intellect position him for success in representing this diverse district, including the interests of federal employees and government contractors.

Connolly has also exhibited unwavering support for the extension of rail through Tysons and Reston and out to Dulles Airport. Keeping this project on track will require continued vigilance from Congress.

— MARY KIMM

Last week, the Connection endorsed Mark Warner for Senate to fill the seat of retiring U.S. Sen. John Warner (R). Read that endorsement here: <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/article.asp?article=320789&paper=59&cat=110>

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It's Another Smart Move

To the Editor:

Times are tough. Real estate has lost value. Low prices for real estate mean that property tax revenues have declined and local governments are strapped for revenue. However, these low prices also create real estate bargains.

A few years ago, Fairfax County Public Schools noted that its central office employees were scattered across the county — in expensive leased offices and in run-down former schools. In 2004, we and the Board of Supervisors agreed to a two-phase plan to move our central office staff into two new centrally located buildings. We would give up the leases, and transform old schools into new schools or community centers, meanwhile reducing our central office staff and saving millions. Both Phase I and Phase II would be funded with revenue bonds, which would be guaranteed by, and paid off with, the savings derived from the move. No money would come from the existing op-

erating budget or from taxpayer-approved school bond issues. In fact, the move could free up money for both of these.

Phase I, completed in 2006, was a success. We reduced operating costs, paid for the first building with savings from consolidation, and freed up vacant land and school buildings for community use. Consolidation reduced both traffic and air pollution.

This year we are ready for Phase II. The original concept of Phase II was to build another new building next to the Phase I building. But the real estate downturn presented a unique opportunity to save even more taxpayer funds. An existing building right next to the Phase I building can now be had at a bargain price. Buying and renovating this building will enable us to consolidate our other central office employees, saving \$7.5 million over the next three years, and tens of millions long-term. We can then terminate other leases, return buildings to the community and free up three buildings for use by children, some of whom now attend school in trailers.

The Board of Supervisors should support our efforts to operate more efficiently, save tax dollars and concentrate resources in the classroom.

Dan Storck
Chair

Fairfax County School Board

Invitation From NASA

To the Editor:

Calling Virginia high school juniors. As director of NASA's Langley Research Center, I am inviting you to participate in the Virginia Aerospace Science and Technology Scholars program.

The program uses NASA-developed coursework with a space exploration theme. The interactive, Internet-based curriculum consists of ten online lessons, a student-designed project and a weeklong, all-expense-paid summer residential academy at NASA Langley in Hampton.

The scholars will interact directly with NASA scientists, engineers and researchers. Student teams will col-

laborate to design a mission to Mars — solving how to get there, live and work there and how best to integrate each of these challenges.

I am offering NASA's educational resources to help build and sustain the skilled, high-tech workforce this nation will need — not only to get to the moon but also to remain competitive in the global marketplace.

The Virginia Space Grant Consortium manages the program with support from the Virginia Department of Education and the aerospace industry. The program is open to high school juniors and homeschoolers. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, residents of Virginia and have at least a 2.7 GPA. Deadline to apply is Nov. 14. For more information or to apply, go to www.vasts.spacegrant.org

The next-generation space exploration vehicles are being planned and built now. America is returning to the moon — get on board!

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Undeterred by Disabilities

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assigned buddy. So, Doss says she participates as often as she can.

"I love being around the kids, hanging out with them," said Doss. "I just do it because I enjoy it."

Chamberlin has had a Best Buddy for three years and thinks the program is "great."

"You get to do a lot of fun activities with your buddy," Chamberlin says. "It's great making new friends, and going out with them."

HELD AFTER SCHOOL, the high-octane fitness blow-out featured pop music, two celebrity trainers, a "Biggest Loser," and lots of cheers and screaming to the beat. On the bleachers supportive parents and school staff sat. The dancers went wild when the Village People belted out their most iconic hit, "YMCA." Youths in wheelchairs weren't deterred, either. They threw their arms up as buddies pushed them around.

State Director Allison Coles of Arlington got involved in Best Buddies 20 years ago when it was created by Anthony Kennedy Shriver

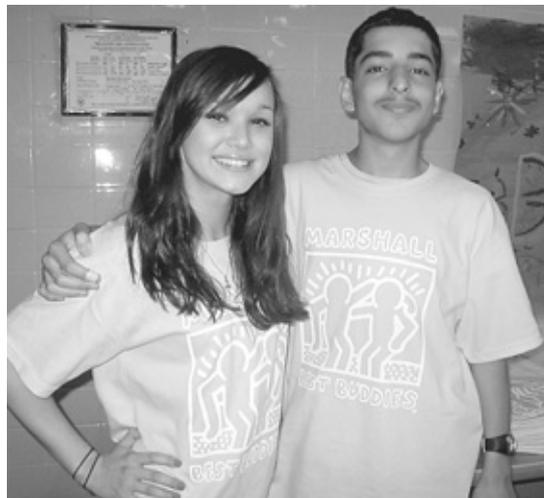


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THE CONNECTION

Katie Rice joined Best Buddies because it sounded like "such a rewarding program." Her best buddy, Bashar Elasar, thinks all his friends ought to have Best Buddies.

while he was a student at Georgetown University. Kristina Bakardjiev and Scott "Silk" Manning, who train contestants on the "Biggest Loser," led the fitness routines. Mark Wylie, vice president for talent relations with Best Buddies International, led the event. Wylie, a former "Biggest Loser" television show finalist who came in third place in 2006, created an exercise program specifically geared to people with intellectual disabilities, the Buddy Boogie.

Shriver founded Best Buddies in

1989, and the organization has grown from a single chapter to more than 1,400 middle school, high school, and college campuses across the country and internationally.

"AN EVENT LIKE THIS, especially Best Buddies, breaks down barriers between groups of kids," said Marshall Principal Jay Pearson, himself clad in a bright-yellow Best Buddies t-shirt. "When intellectually disabled kids make buddies with non-disabled peers, it's good for everyone involved."

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NEWS

Commissioner's Homecoming

Robert McDowell, commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and a 1977 graduate of The Langley School, returned to his alma mater on Oct. 9 to share his experiences with Langley's Middle School students. After providing an overview of the FCC's duties, McDowell discussed two pressing issues facing the FCC today — the transition to digital television broadcasts in February 2009 and the growing trend toward embedded advertising on television.

Nominated to his current position by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in 2006, McDowell is one of five appointed commissioners who direct the FCC, an independent government agency with 2,000 em-

ployees nationwide that is charged with regulating interstate and international radio, television, wire, satellite and cable communications.

"The job is daunting, challenging, and extremely rewarding, all at the same time," said McDowell, who has an undergraduate degree from Duke University and a law degree from the College of William & Mary.

McDowell fondly remembers his middle school years at The Langley School, dubbing one of his eighth-grade teachers as the best instructor he had throughout his entire educational career, includ-



CONTRIBUTED

Commissioner Robert McDowell with The Langley School's Head of School Doris Cottam.

ing high school, college and law school. His experiences as part of Langley's Student Council, sports teams and dramatic productions helped shape him into the confident, well-spoken leader he is today. The Langley School is an independent coed day school in McLean for students in preschool through eighth grade.

Residents Suspicious of Park Authority Proposal

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sion of the Town Green had been discussed for the site, and he assured that "active" facilities like fields were not being considered.

"I'd be happy to sign my name in blood," he told Shaheen. "I'd be happy to have the same owners if we could get a conservation easement so that it won't be developed."

But plans for the land would come from a master planning process that would rely on public input and would not be initiated until the property was acquired. Asked why there was no plan in place, Fay said, "We typically don't develop master plans for property we don't own." He said the planning process was long and costly.

Resident Kevin Dent said he thought an established plan to use the land as green space would sway most of the people in the room.

"Most of us are concerned about the use of eminent domain when you can't tell us a purpose," Sharon Williams said. She also said the houses on the edge of the park made it feel like a neighborhood park.

"I don't like to see development either," Betsy Costle said, but she added that the idea of forcing a sale bothered her.

Andrew Sexton, a tenant in one of the houses on the property, speculated that the Park Authority had chosen an opportune time to buy, with property levels dropping off, but Fay said talks about the rebuilding of Dolley Madison

Library, which also abuts the park, had renewed interest in the land.

"It became more of an intense conversation when we were looking at the loss of a couple of acres and 80 trees," Fay said.

Rainer Reichelt said the Park Authority should be saving its money in a time of economic crisis, rather than spending it on land acquisition, adding that government officials could expect to be inundated with calls and correspondence if the Park Authority pursued the idea.

However, Fay pointed out that the money would come from a bond referendum for land acquisition and could only be used for that purpose.

"Sixty-two homes border the park. How many of them are also candidates for eminent domain?" Anita LaSalle asked. She said the house on a large plot at the southwestern corner of the park, which she presumed to be abandoned, would yield almost as much land as the property in question.

Fay assured that the property she had mentioned was the only one being considered for eminent domain, and he said the county had been unable to contact the owner.

"I put myself in their position, and I say, 'This is my property. I pay taxes on this property, and I can't sell it because I have to disclose that it's under consideration for eminent domain,'" LaSalle said, adding that the owners also couldn't develop the property. She compared the proposal to black-mail.

Her husband, John Rudzki, accused the Park Authority of "running wild over the United States Constitution" and asked how many people would have to write to the authority in order for it not to use eminent domain in the case.

Kay Rutledge, manager of the Park Authority's Land Acquisition and Management branch, had said some neighbors had written in support of the use of eminent domain.

AFTER THE MEETING, Fadoul said she was "pleasantly surprised" that most in attendance had not favored using eminent domain. "We'd rather the county just negotiate with us in good faith, rather than file for condemnation," she said. "We appreciated neighbors and citizens voicing their concerns."

After the meeting, Fay said the main reason the two parties disagreed on the land's value was that the Park Authority's appraiser did not think six houses would be approved for the property because they would not be able to meet requirements for frontage and entrance and egress.

Even if the Park Authority initiates eminent domain, it may not purchase the property, he said. "We may decide at the end of the day that the value's too high or that we're not going to go forward at all."

The Park Authority board is scheduled to decide whether to use eminent domain at its Nov. 12 meeting, but Fay said the decision may be pushed back.

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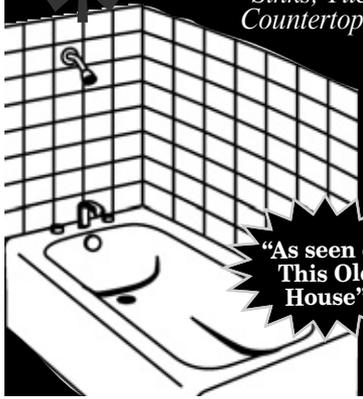
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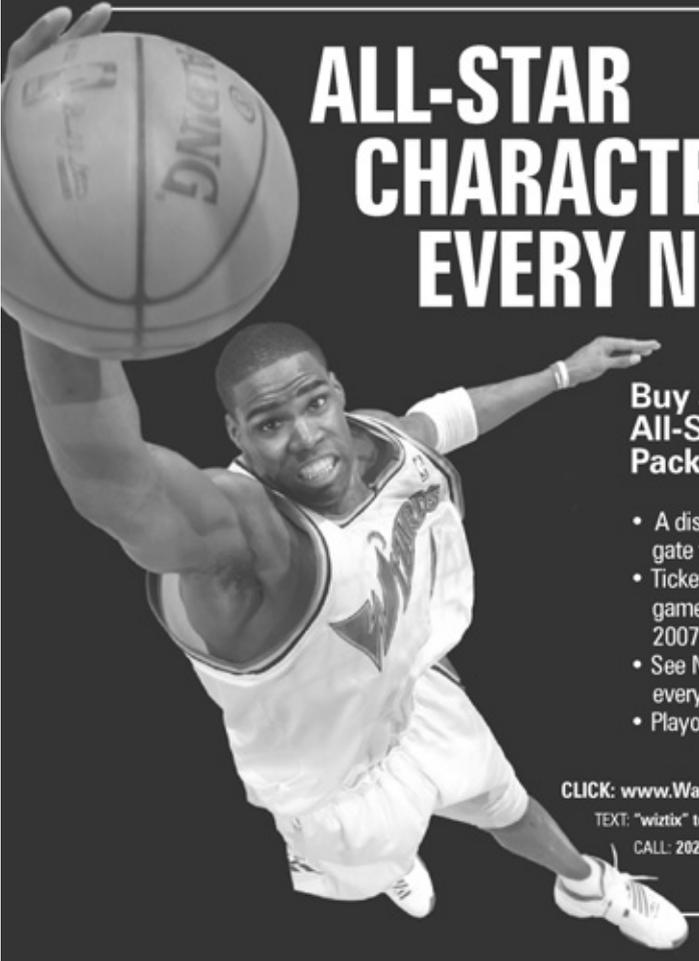
For the past month, the Churchill Road Elementary School student body has been involved in the election of its Student Council Association (SCA) officers. After a "primary" to choose the top three candidates for each position, winning students created posters, stickers, campaign buttons and came up with slogans. On Friday, Oct. 10, each candidate gave a live speech on the school's morning broadcast, with voting immediately fol-

lowing. The campaign/election process was supervised by the CRS faculty representatives, Katie Griffith and Jason Mastaler.

On Friday, Oct. 17, the winning candidates took their oaths of office. Sam Moll, Langley High School SGA president, gave the keynote address and administered the oath of office. The new Churchill Road Elementary School SCA President Billy Hicks then administered the oath to each of classroom representatives.



Incoming SCA President Billy Hicks gives the oath of office to all of the classroom representatives.



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CALENDAR

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An Evening with Willy Porter.

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Great Decisions 2008. 2 p.m. Foreign Policy Association seminar, "Talking to Our Enemies." Adults. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. 703-938-0405.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 29

62nd annual Vienna Halloween Parade. 7 p.m., on Maple Avenue from Branch Road to Center St. The parade theme is "It's an Old-fashioned Halloween!", with Grand Marshal Count Gore De Vol. Special guests, the Washington Redskins Marching Band. Children are invited to walk in the parade in Halloween costumes. No registration required; meet at 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot of Virginia Commerce Bank, 374 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The Vienna Parks & Recreation Department, 703-255-6360.

Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver. 8 p.m. Bluegrass and gospel at The Barns. Tickets \$22. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFRAP.

Lunch Bunnies. 11 a.m. Bring a snack, enjoy stories and songs. Age 1-5 with adult. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. 703-938-0405.

Halloween Happenings! 10:30 a.m. Holiday stories and activities. Come in costume. Age 2-5 with adult. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. 703-356-0770.

The New York cast tour of Forbidden Broadway, 8 p.m. at the Alden Theater, 1234 Ingleside Ave. in the McLean Community Center. Tickets are \$37, \$30 for McLean residents, at the Alden Theatre box office, at 703-573-SEAT or www.ticketmaster.com. 703-790-0123 or www.mcleancenter.org/alden.

Halloween Fun Fest at Riverbend Park, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. or 2:30 to 4 p.m. Come in costume for an afternoon of non-spooky fun at the batty scavenger hunt, spider challenge, Halloween howl and more. Suitable for children ages three to six years. \$8 per child. Prepaid reservations required, at 703-759-9018. Riverbend Park Nature Center, 8814 Jeffery Road in Great Falls.

THURSDAY/OCT. 30

Braddigan. Acoustic/rock/reggae. 7:30 p.m. \$15. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Book Discussion Group. 1 p.m. The Zookeeper's Wife by Diane Ackerman. Adults. No registration is required. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. 703-938-0405.

Pokemon League. 3 p.m. Learn and play. Age 5-18. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. 703-938-0405.

Fight the Flu. 6-8 p.m. Flu shots: \$25 or Medicare Part B; must be 18 or older. Call Inova for details: 703-698-2426. Adults. No registration is required. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. 703-938-0405.

Scary- Not Very! 11:30 a.m. Suspenseful stories and activities to celebrate the season. Come in costume if desired. Age 3-5 with adult. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. 703-242-4020.



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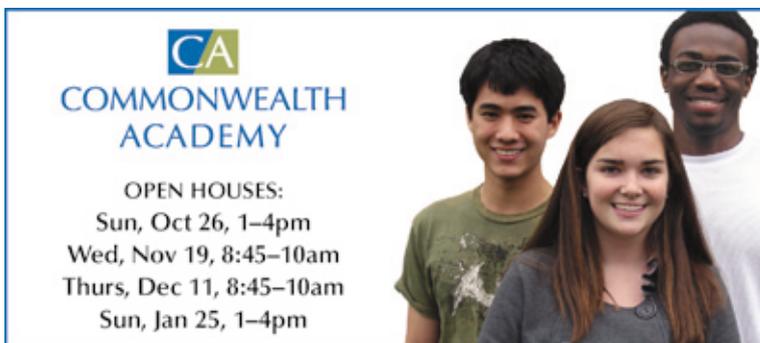
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SCHOOL NOTES

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Frederic Reuter of McLean was selected to perform in the University of Mary Washington production of "Elegies: A Song Cycle." Reuter is the son of Pat and Lexa Reuter of



Reuter

McLean and a 2006 graduate of McLean High School. A sophomore biology major, Reuter has been part of the UMW productions of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" and "She Stoops to Conquer."

Elysha Chang of Mclean was named to the dean's list for the spring 2008 semester of The Johns Hopkins University. Chang, an English major, is the daughter of Paul and Yuchen Chang. She attended Oxford College in Oxford, Ga., and will graduate in May 2009.

The freshman class at Oakcrest School, an independent Catholic school for girls grades 6-12, began the school year with a day of service at the Volun-

teer Farm in Woodstock, a non-profit organization that donates all of its produce to area food banks. Students spent the day harvesting potatoes, lima beans and sweet corn. For most of the girls, this was their first time working on a farm. The class was split into two groups, with half digging up potatoes while the other half picked beans and corn. By noon, the girls had harvested 1,000 pounds of potatoes. Christie Principe, Upper School Director, was impressed by the positive attitudes of the girls throughout the day and by their willingness to work together.

The Literacy Council of Northern Virginia (LCNV) seeks volunteers to help adults learn to read, write, speak and understand English through one-to-one tutoring programs and English classes. The ESOL Tutoring program works with non-English speakers who are likely illiterate in their native language, while the Basic Literacy program works with native and fluent English speakers to improve their skills. No teaching or foreign language skills are required. Students and tutors are matched based on geographic proximity to make sessions as convenient as possible. A \$35 training fee covers

books, materials, and instruction. Training workshops are on three consecutive Saturdays, Nov. 8, Nov. 15, and Nov. 22, from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Lee Community Center in Falls Church. 703-237-0866 x111 or volunteers@lcnv.org.

Virginia Tech's Army ROTC cadets took first and third place at Army 10-miler in Washington D.C. on Oct. 5. There were over 18,500 runners competing including 507 teams, 49 of which were ROTC teams. The Virginia Tech Army ROTC teams took first place and third place in the ROTC division, finishing No. 33 and No. 41. In addition, Cadet **John Steger** of Springfield, Va., a junior majoring in history in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, finished with the fastest time of any cadet running in the race. He completed the 10-mile course in 57 minutes, 43 seconds and came in No. 74 out of 18,857 total runners. The members of the first place team include Steger; Cadet **Mackenzie Cohe** of Falls Church, a senior majoring in business information technology in the Pamplin College of Business; and Cadet **Monica Tubesing** of Burke, a senior majoring in animal and poultry sciences in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.



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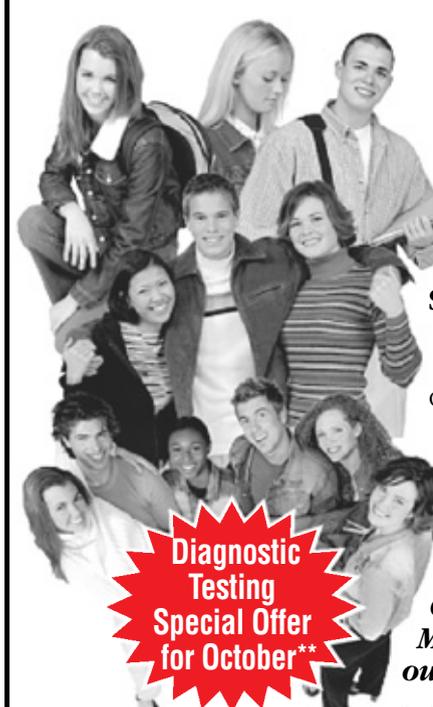
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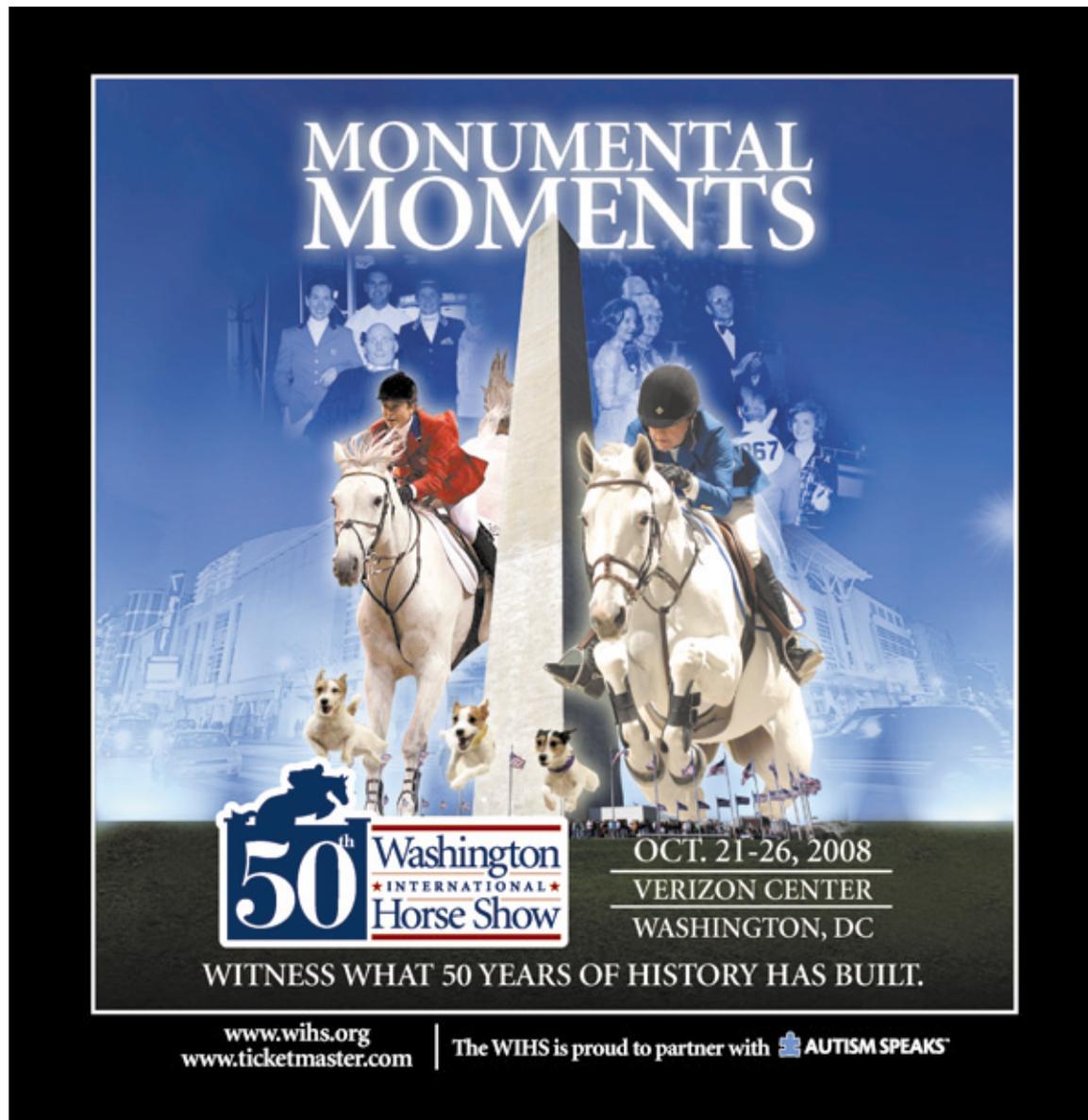
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Dr. Max L. Stackhouse will speak on Saturday, Oct. 25, at 9:30 a.m. about "Civil Society and Public Theology in a Global Era" Dr. Stackhouse is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and a theological ethicist with wide ranging interests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

Great Falls United Methodist Church Fall Bazaar, Saturday, Oct. 25, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Brunswick stew and barbecued brisket platter, Eat In or "To-Go." Adults \$10, half price for children under 12, Limited a la carte for \$3. Petting zoo, Christmas crafts and decorations, silent auction, homemade desserts and bake sale, arts and crafts, used books, videos and DVDs, GFUMC first edition cookbook, jewelry and scarves. 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. www.greatfallsumc.org or 703-759-3705.

Intensive Centering Prayer Re-

reat, 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.

All Souls Day Concert on Sunday, Nov. 2, at 4 p.m. Saint Luke Festival Choir, Paul Skevington, artistic director, and Cheryl Branham, conductor, perform the Rutter Requiem and Barber's Adagio for Strings. The program features choir, organ, cello, oboe, flute, and harp. Adults \$15, seniors and students \$15. **Saint Luke Catholic Church**, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. 703-356-0670 or www.musicinmclean.org.

St. John's Episcopal Church All Saints' Sunday service of Holy Eucharist, featuring F. J. Haydn's Maria Theresa Mass on Sunday, Nov. 2 at 7:30 p.m. The choir will be joined by The Sunrise String Quartet, trumpets and clarinets, and the Small Vocal Ensemble of Northern Virginia Community College, Loudoun Campus. St. John's Episcopal Church, 6715 Georgetown Pike in McLean. 703-356-4902 or www.stjohnsmclean.org.

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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

The Leagues of Women Voters of Alexandria, Arlington, the Fairfax Area, Falls Church, Loudoun County, and the Prince William County Member-At-Large Unit, are cooperating with The Connection Newspapers to produce this Voters' Guide to assist citizens in choosing candidates for election to public office.

The League of Women Voters of Virginia sent questionnaires to candidates for the United States Senate, and the above-mentioned Northern Virginia Leagues sent questionnaires to all candidates for the United States House of Representatives as well as local candidates, whose names were qualified to appear on the November 4, 2008 ballot. Biographies and responses to the questions appear as written by the candidates and are not edited except to comply with Voters' Guide style and stipulated word and space limitations. A "///" at the end of the biography and/or responses indicates the word limit was exceeded. The candidates' original responses are on file with the Northern Virginia Leagues of Women Voters. Candidates are listed in the order in which they will appear on the ballot, as determined by lot by the Virginia State Board of Elections.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization whose purpose is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government. The League of Women Voters does not support any political party or candidate.

For additional information on the Fall 2008 Voters' Guide, or The League of Women Voters, please contact the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area at 703-658-9150 or visit www.lwv-fairfax.org.

For additional information on the November 4, 2008 General and Special Elections, voter registration, the district in which you are eligible to vote, where to vote, or absentee voting, contact the Fairfax County Office of Elections at 703-222-0776 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb. For information in the City of Fairfax, please contact the General Registrar at 703-385-7890 or visit www.fairfaxva.gov/Registrar/GeneralRegistrar.asp. You can also contact the Virginia State Board of Elections at 800-552-9745 or visit www.sbe.virginia.gov.

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Mark R. Warner
Democrat - Challenger



BIOGRAPHY: Warner served as governor of Virginia from 2002 until 2006. His administration inherited \$6 billion in budget shortfalls, and ended with a surplus. He is a former high-tech business person, co-founding Nextel. He and his wife, Lisa Collis, and their three daughters, Madison, Gillian, and Eliza, live in Alexandria.

ECONOMIC: I believe we need to create a real national energy policy. We need a fresh approach that invests in renewable energy, allows states to drill offshore in an environmentally safe manner and eliminates our dependence on foreign oil. By making these new investments in solar, wind, nuclear, cleaner coal and electric and hybrid vehicles, we can create new world-class jobs here at home and make our nation more secure. A new

energy policy will also help us take-on the threat of climate change, letting us reassert America's moral standing in the world.

IMMIGRATION: Our immigration policy demands a comprehensive solution. First, we need to secure our borders by increasing border patrols and utilizing improved technology to prevent undocumented people from entering the country.

Second, we must enforce existing immigration laws. The federal government should hold responsible business owners who knowingly hire undocumented workers.

Finally, we need to deal with the estimated 12 million workers who are here illegally. They should be required to pay back taxes, pay a fine, and learn English as they begin the path toward

legal status.

HEALTHCARE: Yes. It is morally wrong that 47 million to 50 million Americans don't have access to healthcare in this country, but it is also wrong that we pay twice as much per person as our competitors around the world and we don't get twice as good a value.

We need to bring down the price of prescription drugs, so Americans no longer pay the research and development cost for drugs for the rest of the world. We must make sure every American has access to affordable, universal health care coverage.

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James S. "Jim" Gilmore III
Republican - Challenger



BIOGRAPHY: A Richmond native, Jim Gilmore is the son of working class parents who served as a member of U.S. Army counter-intelligence; a crime busting prosecutor; Attorney General and Governor. The former chairman of the anti-terrorism Gilmore Commission, Jim Gilmore is a recognized authority on national security.

ECONOMIC: The most serious economic problem facing our nation is the need for a comprehensive energy plan and a lack of domestic energy resources. As a member of the U.S. Senate I will push for a broad based energy plan that will include conservation, the use of alternative energy sources like wind and solar, an expansion of nuclear energy, clean coal technology and lifting the government's restrictions on drilling for oil offshore as well as in ANWR in Alaska. If we

increase America's domestic energy resources, including drilling for oil that is now restricted by Congress, we can bring down the price of gasoline, create jobs and make our nation independent from hostile foreign energy sources.

IMMIGRATION: We are a nation of immigrants. Immigrants from all over the world have been extremely important to the development and the success of our nation. However, if we are going to keep channels of legal immigration open, we must enforce our existing immigration laws. As a former member of U.S. Army counter intelligence and the former chairman of a much heralded government commission dealing with the homeland security concerns facing our nation, I believe keeping America safe requires that we control our borders. And as a former prosecutor and Attorney General,

I believe we must obey the law.

HEALTHCARE: Every American deserves access to affordable, high-quality, and reliable health care. In order to achieve this goal, I support a broad range of health care reform measures including tax reform to help people buy health insurance and maintain health savings accounts; making it easier for small businesses to provide health care for their employees by allowing them to form Association Health Plans; implementing medical liability reforms to reduce frivolous lawsuits and bring down health care costs; improving health information technology to decrease medical errors and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of medical treatments.

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CANDIDATES FOR UNITED STATES SENATE - CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

CANDIDATES FOR UNITED STATES SENATE (CONTINUED) – VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE



Glenda Gail Parker Independent Green - Challenger

BIOGRAPHY: Business owner consultant, mother of three, grandmother of five. Senior budget analyst with over twenty years experience with high-dollar value government programs, retired Air Force Officer. Woman of strong faith and family values. Light-rail advocate.

ECONOMIC: There are two: the energy crisis and the \$9.5 Trillion Federal debt.

We must encourage alternative fuels, such as hydrogen, and remove the financial barrier

that prevents the building of Rail. Rail is the best way to ease the painful traffic congestion we experience everyday, to respond to higher fuel prices, deteriorating roads and budget gridlock without an end in sight. We could build fuel-saving light rail for one-fifth the cost of the deadly toll roads being constructed!

Save fuel, save lives and provide jobs at the same time! We can grow our economy with Rail and therefore grow revenue. Payment on the Federal debt is now second only to the Defense Department budget. Rail is a positive solution that cuts our dependency on

foreign oil and lets us get out of the mess in Iraq.

44,000 Americans are killed on our roadways every year. 320,000 are maimed or injured. We need More Trains, Less Traffic.

IMMIGRATION: Most immigrants are just trying to provide for their families and they contribute to the economy. In fact, we believe we will need legal immigrant labor to build Rail. We must abide by our existing laws and adequately fund enforcement.

Join us. Run for office as our candidate.

HEALTHCARE: We believe that everyone in America should have access to afford-

able healthcare insurance. Just imagine being able to purchase – for about the price of a cell phone contract – a health care card that would enable health care for six months and purchased from the gift-card rack at the train station or grocery store!

Building Rail will provide good-paying job and access to good paying jobs.

Join us. Run for office as our candidate.
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William B. Redpath Libertarian - Challenger

BIOGRAPHY: I am National Chairman of the Libertarian Party. I ran for the House of Delegates (1993), Virginia Senate (1998) and Governor (2001). I am a financial analyst specializing in media and telecommunications. Certified Public Accountant, Chartered Financial Analyst, and two business valuation designations. BA, Indiana University. MBA, University of Chicago.

ECONOMIC: The most critical economic problem facing the US is our aging population and the coming entitlement spending

explosion.

I support the Cato Institute's "6.2% Solution" for Social Security, in which individuals would be able to invest 6.2 percentage points of their payroll tax in personal accounts, with the employer's 6.2% paying for transition costs and disability and survivors' benefits. Under this plan, people would own their personal accounts and be able to pass them to heirs. This plan would help restore Social Security to long-term solvency and provide workers with higher benefits than would Social Security, although people who want to stay in the current Social Security system could do so.

Social Security will run a deficit by 2017;

Medicare is already doing that. Medicare needs to be reformed with prepaid Medicare accounts for workers. The prescription drug benefit should be repealed. Seniors should be allowed to opt out of Medicare without losing Social Security benefits or receive a voucher—that could be supplemented with private funds—to purchase health insurance from competing private insurers or to deposit in a Health Savings Account.

Federal Medicaid spending should be frozen at current levels, distributed to states as unrestricted block grants, and phased out over time, with this program becoming the responsibility of the states.

IMMIGRATION: There should be open, but regulated, immigration to the US. If someone has no criminal record, does not have a communicable disease and is not reasonably deemed a security threat, that person should be able to come to the US with a path to citizenship, including amnesty for those already here, provided that no welfare benefits are made available.

HEALTHCARE: No. It does not have that power in the Constitution. Additionally, health care is not a right, as it requires the talents and resources of other people.

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UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CANDIDATES FOR THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES – 8TH DISTRICT

(Voters in This District Vote for Not More Than One)

THE OFFICE

TERM: Two years

SALARY: \$169,300

DUTIES: Legislative powers, with responsibility for making laws, raising revenue and adopting the federal budget; sole power of impeachment

BIOGRAPHY AND QUESTIONS

BIOGRAPHY: Background provided by each candidate.

THE QUESTIONS

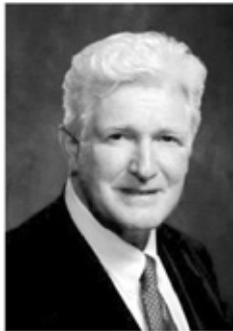
What are your top three **GOALS** for the next Congress?

What are your **BUDGET** priorities for program funding and deficit reduction? Do you believe that both could be accomplished and, if so, how?

What do you believe are the most critical **ENERGY** problems facing the U.S. and what legislation and/or other steps will you support to solve them?

What other **ISSUES** are important to you?

James P. "Jim" Moran, Jr. Democrat - Incumbent



BIOGRAPHY: U.S. Congressman; Founder, New Democratic Coalition; Co-chair Congressional Prevention Caucus; Co-chair Task Force on Sovereign Wealth Funds; MPA University of Pittsburgh; BA Economics; College of the Holy Cross; Mayor, Alexandria; Vice Mayor, Alexandria; Chair, United Way; Chair, Human Development Committee, National League of Cities; Chair, Aging Committee, COG //

GOALS: First, we need to transition defense policy from a near exclusive reliance on the hard power of military force appropriate for cold war national conflicts to balance with smart power of diplomacy. Second, we need to bring the federal budget back into balance by allowing unnecessary tax cuts to expire, enabling the Medicare program to negotiate with drug companies and requiring

any entitlement expansions to be fully paid for. Third, we need to reinvest in the nation's physical and human infrastructure, especially public transit, and early childhood development.

BUDGET: We must balance the budget and make long term investments in education, transportation and alternative energy sources by requiring all tax cuts to be paid for or allowed to expire. We need a tax surcharge to pay for any additional Iraq war costs matched by Iraqi oil surpluses and the simplification of tax codes eliminating unnecessary corporate and individual subsidies. Immediate fiscal responsibility is essential if we are to avoid passing on an insurmountable debt burden to our children and grandchildren. However, it is equally imperative that future generations of Americans be better educated so as to prosper in an increas-

ingly competitive global economy.

ENERGY: With 4 percent of the world's population and 3 percent of world reserves we cannot continue to consume 25 percent of the world's energy supply. Individually, we consume 20 tons of carbon per person, many times more than any other nation's citizens. Off-shore drilling could produce 1% of our needs in a decade, but conservation can cut demand by over 50% today. It's past time to shift to plug-in hybrid cars, clean natural gas for fleet vehicles and expansion of wind and solar power usage. I will also continue pushing for a mandatory 15 percent shift to alternative, renewable fuels by utility companies by 2020.

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Mark W. Ellmore Republican - Challenger

BIOGRAPHY: Born and raised in Alexandria, mortgage banking executive, son serving overseas in USAF and daughter attending Marymount Univ., Chairman of KTT international missions, environmental activist, served Habitat for Humanity, the House in Annapostia, and Jill's house for children with special needs.

GOALS: To eliminate our foreign oil dependence

within ten years, ensure the continued safety and security of all Americans and revitalize and energize the national economy.

BUDGET: We need greater accountability and oversight of federal spending to ensure that our tax payer's dollars are spent wisely. I propose that Congress operate within a balanced budget.

ENERGY: I support a national mandate to be off of foreign oil dependence by 2019. This is a national security and national economic imperative.

ISSUES: Keeping our environment clean, our

families safe, and protecting our individual liberties.

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J. Ron Fisher Independent Green - Challenger



BIOGRAPHY: Engineer, nonprofit executive, businessman, family man, optimistic, civic minded, responsible, caring. Honors graduate USNA, MA Business Management, ICAF, Retired Navy Captain, 16 nuclear submarine patrols, destroyers, shipyards, Engineering Duty Officer, experience in project management, power generation, air - water purification, educating, training, safety/homeland security, www.dfp.org, law, justice, civil rights.

GOALS: Meaningful job opportunities at living wages for all (including the 42,000 lobbyist that work Capitol Hill) in green industries, recycling, environmental protection, renewable energy, planting trees, building walk-

ways, bike paths, affordable housing, health care, LTC, pre-k- programs, etc.

Peace through diplomacy in Iraq, Afghanistan and rest of the world. Strengthen UN, its agencies, the ICC, the rule of law, etc. Bring all troops home from all over the world.

Restore and strengthen peoples control over Congress and Congress's control over: making laws; appropriating funds; regulating trade; declaring war; impeaching errant officials.

BUDGET: Switch from a war economy to a peaceful, green, sustainable economy. Repeal the Iraq FY 2008/09 War Supplemental, drastically reduce DoD spending, etc. Replace

military aid and weapons sales with foreign, economic aid. Implement fair, progressive income and property taxes. Provide publicly supported, single payer health care. Yes, we can have both deficit reductions and funding for necessary programs through responsible leadership, education and training, social justice, cooperation, sharing, democracy, elimination of fraud waste and abuse and the fact that there is an abundance in our world.

ENERGY: Pollution and global warming from use of fossil fuels. Growing demand for fuels around the world. Greed of oil company executives and under regulated energy traders. Large users in particular transportation

and DoD. To resolve these problems, I would support: Renewable energy sources; Modern energy-saving technologies; Trains and trolleys including high speed interstate rail along existing right-of-ways and oppose privately owned toll roads and toll lanes for example around the beltway; Dedicated bus lanes on highways; Natural gas powered and hybrid buses; Comprehensive planning and an immediate Kyoto II conference. Other issues and plans for most of the above are at: www.WeThePeopleNow.org. Please send me your comments.

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CANDIDATES FOR THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES – 10TH DISTRICT
(Voters in This District Vote for Not More Than One)

Judy M. Feder
Democrat – Challenger



BIOGRAPHY: My husband and I have lived in Northern Virginia for more than thirty years. As the Dean of Georgetown University's Public Policy Institute, I trained the next generation of military and civilian leaders. For thirty years, I've been an independent expert working to provide quality, affordable healthcare for all Americans.
GOALS: 1. Quality, affordable health care for every American. Health care is the tip of the iceberg as a threat to economic well-being. We need to rebuild our economy for everyone. 2. End the war in Iraq, reengage the rest of the world diplomatically and redirect the

resources being spent in Iraq to pressing economic needs at home. 3. Transportation and mass transit – Virginia's 10th District is without a single Metro stop. That needs to change. I am fully committed to Rail to Dulles and to increasing federal support for mass transit in general.
BUDGET: Deficit reduction is incredibly important. We must make a change from the borrow and spend policies of the last eight years that are saddling our children with debt. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, my opponent, Frank Wolf, has been one of the chief architects of President

Bush's unprecedented deficits. We must hold politicians accountable, and change Washington in order to budget responsibly. This means restoring fiscal discipline and continuing to adhere to the pay-as-you-go rule that ensures we balance the books, which Frank Wolf and his colleagues did away with.
ENERGY: We have to end our dependence on foreign oil. I support a comprehensive approach that would focus on support for developing renewable sources of energy and increasing efficiency while also increasing domestic production of traditional sources as we transition to renewable energy. This

approach would put everything on the table including nuclear and drilling for gas and oil offshore.
ISSUES: We need to make college more affordable for everyone. As someone who has taught veterans I'm also committed to honoring their service by ensuring they get the health and education benefits they've earned. We also need to protect homeownership by cracking down on fraudulent lending and ensuring that families can stay in their homes.
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Frank R. Wolf
Republican – Incumbent



BIOGRAPHY: Elected 1980. Reelected 1982, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006. Appropriations Committee ranking member State, Foreign Operations subcommittee; member, Transportation-Treasury-Housing subcommittee. Co-chair, Human Rights Caucus. Interior Department congressional affairs staff. Attorney. LL.B., Georgetown Law, 1965; B.A., Penn State, 1961. Married. Five children. Thirteen grandchildren.
GOALS: Continuing to improve transportation for area commuters; keeping the economy growing with good paying jobs and safe neighborhoods; providing our children with a

first class education system.
BUDGET: Our nation is facing a financial crisis as baby boomers retire and bring an unsustainable increase in entitlement and other federal program spending. I've co-authored the leading bipartisan bill, which has broad support across the political spectrum, to establish a national commission that puts everything – entitlement spending, all other federal spending and tax policies – on the table and requires Congress to vote up or down on the recommendations in their entirety. Newspapers across the country have praised the legislation for its pragmatic, bipartisan approach to address the problem.

ENERGY: America must start immediately to become energy independent and stop relying on unstable or hostile countries for our vital energy supplies. We need a comprehensive plan (like the one I have cosponsored) that protects consumers and looks at everything – domestic oil and gas exploration (I voted for environmentally sensitive drilling offshore and in remote Alaska); clean, alternative and renewable energy including solar, wind, clean coal, nuclear, hydrogen, biofuels; conservation; increased fuel economy (I voted to increase CAFE standards); mass transit and telework.
ISSUES: To me, honesty and integrity matter above all else. I annually publish my entire

voting record and have always treated this office as a great public trust and always will. I've always believed that one elected official willing to listen to and work with people can make a major difference. It's an approach I've followed that has enabled me to help improve highways, airports and mass transit; expand telework; fight street gangs; assist federal workers, and preserve historic lands, while helping to lower taxes, protect Social Security and Medicare, strengthen education, toughen congressional ethics laws, and work for international human rights.
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Neeraj C. Nigam
Independent – Challenger

BIOGRAPHY: I am 54 years old, married to a wonderful woman for the last 28 years, have two great kids both well settled. By education, I am a scientist and management professional as a certified PMP. I work at a leading tech firm in the technology field.
GOALS: 1. Restore constitutional rights being currently curtailed by our government 2. Replace 'No Child Left Behind' with 'Help

all children move Forward' 3. Work towards replacing government benefits to corporations with benefits to Americans
BUDGET: Reduce Taxes, as Americans are smart enough to spend their own money and do not need the government to spend it for them. Reduce/eliminate benefits for those not entitled to them. Work towards a balanced budget. We need to start working towards eliminating the deficit now so as not to burden our children with a burden that may be too much for them to bear.

ENERGY: We are facing multiple energy crisis that need attention now before they become impossible to address. We need to drill for oil now for the immediate need and at the same time promote solar/hydro/wind power to power Americans for generations to come. The government has to promote alternative energy sources through grants for R&D, government orders and subsidies to make them more affordable until mass production gets a chance to take effect.
ISSUES: The current financial crisis caused

by bad mortgages and fuel prices. In the first, Congress is rewarding companies that gave provided mortgages to people who could not afford them knowing that it would lead them to bankruptcy. In the second, congress went on vacation without doing anything to help alleviate the problem. Health Care needs to be made affordable to all.
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FAIRFAX COUNTY BOND REFERENDUM
VOTE YES OR NO

PARKS AND PARK FACILITIES BONDS

BALLOT QUESTION: Shall the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money and issue bonds of Fairfax County, Virginia, in addition to the parks and park facilities bonds previously authorized, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$77,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds to finance the cost of providing additional parks and park facilities including the acquisition, construction, development and equipment of additional parks and park facilities, and the

purchase of easements for the preservation of open-space land and the development and improvement of existing parks and park facilities by the Fairfax County Park Authority, and including an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000 allocable to the County as its share of the cost of parks and park facilities to be acquired, constructed, developed and equipped by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority?



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SPORTS

Highlanders Hungry for Success

Liberty cross country races set for Wednesday.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

McLean High cross country coach John Jones could not be more pleased with both his boys' and girls' squads going into this week's Liberty District Championships, which were scheduled for Wednesday (Oct. 22) at Burke Lake Park.

"We're really pleased with the work ethic the kids have put in on both the boys' and girls' sides," said Jones. "We're really looking forward to districts. Both teams are primed to do well at districts."

The coach said the team goal for both the boys and girls at districts was to finish in the top four of the team standings. The top four team finishers at districts automatically qualify for the upcoming Northern Region Championships, which will be held on the same Burke Lake course.

LAST YEAR, the McLean boys qualified for regionals by finishing third at districts. The girls, meanwhile, finished fifth at districts, barely missing a chance to run as a team at regionals.

On Oct. 4, McLean competed at the Octoberfest Invitational at Great Meadows in The Plains. Like many of the competing schools, the Highlanders were short handed as a result of SAT testing taking place on the same day. Twenty of McLean's runners had to miss the Octoberfest meet because of SAT's.

McLean, with about one-third of its runners not available, still made a good showing at the annual event.

"Overall as a group, we had a number of kids do well," said Jones. "It's definitely one of the challenging courses. We had mostly younger kids there."

McLean's top runner at the Octoberfest was Mary Covington, a junior who finished seventh overall in the girls' JV upperclassmen race. Teammate Carolyn Bergner, a senior, was 47th overall in that same race, in a field of 151 runners.

In the boys' JV upperclassmen race, McLean's Brad Johnson, a junior, finished a strong 33rd overall in a field of 223 runners.

The McLean girls finished 16th place out of 33 teams in the JV



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

McLean High senior Joe Thompson has rounded into form since an early season foot injury.

"Our team mentality has to be to run as a pack. We'd like to place two or three boys in the top 15."

**-McLean Cross Country Coach
John Jones**

underclassmen race. The Highlanders' top individual finishers were sophomore Laura Baker (47th out of 282 runners) and sophomore Kylie Hekking (76th)..

And in the boys' JV underclassmen race at the Octoberfest, the Highlanders finished 17th out of 38 teams. Leading McLean was sophomore Oliver Burt (54th out of 386 runners) and freshman Eric Leimkuhler (71st).

MCLEAN'S TOP varsity boys' runner this fall has been senior Joe Thompson, who has come back strong from a foot injury from last spring. He was still bothered by the injury during the early part of this cross country season, but has progressively gotten stronger and better as the autumn has moved on.

"He's done a fantastic job coming back from the foot injury," said Jones. "He's back, strong and ready to go."

Also on the boys' side, senior runner Kristoff Inocentes has put together a strong season. Inocentes and Thompson have been the Highlanders' top two runners.

"Kristoff has been consistent for us all year as our No. 1 or No. 2 runner with Joe," said Jones. "The two of them do all of their [practice] running together. They are both really quality young men. Both are leaders and co-captains. It's a very fortunate situation to have your best athletes as captains."

Samantha Audet, a senior, has led the McLean girls' varsity. The girls' team co-captain has been McLean's No. 1 runner all season long. The other co-captain, junior Kristin Wulff, has been the Highlanders' No. 2 runner.

"They've battled back and forth," said Jones, of the good competition the duo have engaged in at the top of the team ladder. "They've done a real nice job making sure the girls all run together."

Going into districts, Jones believed his girls' team could finish as high as third.

"But if we don't run by our plan, we could be as low as fifth," he said. "We're hoping to get two girls in the top 15."

On the boys' side, Jones said he could see the Highlanders finishing anywhere from second to fifth place. Jefferson is the team to beat and the favorite to win the district title.

"Jefferson is the consummate powerhouse," said Jones. "Our team mentality [at districts] has to be to run as a pack. We'd like to place two or three boys in the top 15."

Of both the boys' and girls' district races, Jones said, "We've got to stay with each other and rely on each other."

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What a shame! At a time when the price of a barrel of oil has dropped 53 percent (as of Oct. 16th) from its most recent 2008 peak and gasoline prices have fallen to a 14-month low, so too has my family income declined, unfortunately, thereby preventing me from truly enjoying the advantages and benefits of paying fewer dollars for energy than I have in what seems like a very long time.

I suppose the bright side is, had the oil prices not declined so precipitously, my ability to pay/absorb them into the family budget — given the recessionary state of the present economy — would have been stressed and stretched to its breaking point, mentally and physically. And though I can certainly appreciate the cash flow-relief we're experiencing of paying one dollar less per gallon of gasoline, give or take, than we had throughout most of 2008, making less money has definitely reduced that pleasure not to mention reducing our discretionary dollars as well.

Sure, we're paying less for gasoline (and home heating oil as well), presumably, although we haven't received a delivery in six months), but since we have fewer dollars, the net effect, meaning the percentage of the budget (if we even had a budget) that we do have available for gas and oil, is not appreciably different than when we had more dollars but oil and gas was much closer to its all-time high than it is now.

Granted, things could be worse (wait a day, heck, wait an hour). Nevertheless, they just don't feel as good as such a significant drop in energy costs would lead you to believe they are. Yes, I'm paying less — absolutely, but I'm/we're earning less. At the end of the day (literally, not just the expression), my wallet is still empty. And just as money doesn't grow on trees (figuratively and literally, as it was pointed out to me by an alert reader), nor does it get electronically deposited into my checking account simply because I need it to be.

I don't mind working for my money (although, let's be honest, not having to work for your money wouldn't be much of a hardship, for me, anyway). But I do mind when the money I'm working for is basically gone/accounted for before I ever get it, if you know what I mean. The only thing that's discretionary about my dollars is how much I send to whom; that's my choice. Some choice! It's not exactly pick your poison, but neither is it pick your pleasure.

Unless of course one finds pleasure in spending every nickel they earn paying bills whose end does not appear to be in sight. Unfortunately, there's no magic in these mundane money matters. It's simply supply and demand, ironically, similar to two of the main factors contributing to the fluctuating price of oil and gas in particular and energy in general.

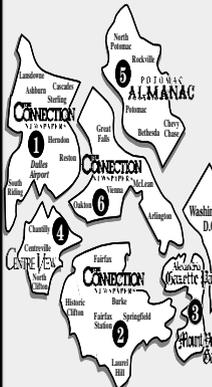
Often, we're told, what goes up must come down. And certainly we are seeing confirmation of that old adage with respect to energy costs. However, I wish it was my income that was going up while those energy costs were going down, not both going down; that's not much of an adage. I can't afford to be "Even Steven," anymore. At the least, I need to be "Steady Eddy." At the most, I need to be "Dollar Bill."

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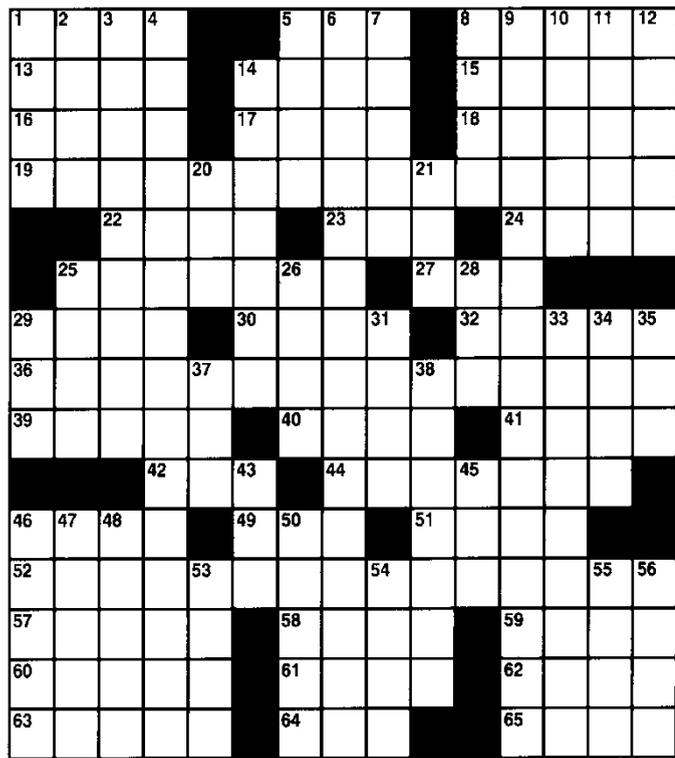
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- 8 Agreements
- 13 Au fait
- 14 Av follower
- 15 Celebrity
- 16 It can make a date
- 17 Obey a court order
- 18 "La — di seta" (Rossini opera)
- 19 Oregon Trail sight
- 22 Sheet of matted wool
- 23 Ore suffix
- 24 Atlas abbr. before 1991
- 25 1935 musical with Astaire and Rogers
- 27 Time in history
- 29 Arthur and others
- 30 John Beck's "Sleeper" role
- 32 Cornered
- 36 Phoenix or Sparrow

DOWN

- 39 One of Mia's exes
- 40 It may be tended
- 41 Trial run
- 42 — tangent
- 44 Spills one's guts
- 46 McDonald's founder
- 49 Shadow, so to speak
- 51 Häagen-Dazs alternative
- 52 Some noncoms
- 57 With all one's might
- 58 Where Zeno of Citium lectured
- 59 Kind of hall
- 60 Asperity
- 61 Series finale: Abbr.
- 62 Future J.D.'s hurdle
- 63 Minute
- 64 Hamilton's place
- 65 Girl's name ending

- 4 Highly stylized sculpting style
- 5 Bend at the bar
- 6 This might provide a last shot
- 7 Chosen ones
- 8 Mexican mint product
- 9 Ledger column
- 10 Feud participants
- 11 They're passed around
- 12 First Super Bowl M.V.P.

- 14 Republic since 1993
- 20 Itinerary abbr.
- 21 Bray beginning
- 25 It might run down the neck
- 26 Calc preceder, perhaps
- 28 Rio Treaty implementer: Abbr.
- 29 Leicester cry
- 31 The toe of the Arabian Peninsula
- 33 Branch office?
- 34 Porters
- 35 "Uh-huh"
- 37 Across, in verse
- 38 Like some aliens
- 43 E.R. administration
- 45 Cowley composition
- 46 It first opened in 1962
- 47 Summer fabric
- 48 Missouri feeder
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WEDNESDAY/OCT. 22

NVTC's Green Technology and Energy Task Force. Opening remarks by John F. Mizroch, Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and breakout sessions on energy efficiency for small businesses, legislative developments surrounding energy efficiency, and the CFO perspective on energy efficiency and the bottom line. 7:30 a.m. Northrop Grumman IT, 7575 Colshire Drive, McLean. NVTC members \$45, non-members \$75. www.nvtc.org/events/geteventinfo.php?event=GREEN-2.

Open House at Pauline Shirley

Toastmasters. 6:45 p.m. at the McLean Dolley Madison Library. Learn about the benefits of joining Toastmasters, develop better speaking and presentation skills, learn to think quickly and clearly on your feet, build strong leadership abilities. Buffet will be offered. Hilda Harnack, P.S. Toastmasters Club, 1226 Ranleigh Road, McLean. 703-893-5506.

McLean Community Center Governing

Board. 7:30 p.m. All Governing Board meetings are free and open to the public. 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Call 703-790-0123, TTY: 711 to be placed on the agenda.

THURSDAY/OCT. 23

School Board Work Session/Audit, 4:30 p.m. Work Session/Forum, 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting, 7 p.m. Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. 703-204-8100.

SATURDAY/OCT. 25

Fairfax County Government and Fairfax

CRIME

Activities reported by the McLean district of the Fairfax County police department through Oct. 17.

MCLEAN DISTRICT STATION (DISTRICT 3)

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY/ARREST

6700 block of Chestnut Ave. A 53-year-old Falls Church-area man woke up around 3:31 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11 when he heard noises in the backyard. He looked out the window and saw a man walk around his yard and then disappear. Police responded to the 6700 block of Chestnut Ave. and an investigation determined that the suspect allegedly stole a bicycle from a nearby house before he attempted to get into the victim's home. They located a 24 year old male of an unknown address, nearby and took him into custody. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with attempted burglary.

BURGLARY/ARREST

1500 block of Bruton Court. Officers were approached by a citizen on Sunday, Oct. 12 while responding to a noise complaint in the 1500 block of Bruton Court. The man, 42, of McLean, stated that he left his house to go to the store. When he returned a short time later, around 3:45 a.m., his front door was open and some of his belongings were in the front yard. He went into his house and discovered that someone had rummaged through multiple rooms. Additional items belonging to the victim were found scattered along the street outside. A police canine officer was able to locate the suspect walking nearby and an investigation led to the arrest of a 36 year old male of the 2600 block of Arlington Drive, Alexandria. Cisse was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with burglary, credit card theft and two counts of grand larceny.

LARCENIES

- 2900 block of Annandale Road.** Temporary registration stolen from vehicle.
- 1400 block of Balls Hill Road.** Wallet stolen from residence.
- 1900 block of Chain Bridge Road.** Two language learning systems stolen from business.
- 1900 block of Chain Bridge Road.** Sunglasses stolen from business.
- 1900 block of Chain Bridge Road.** iPhone stolen from business.
- 7700 block of Inversham Drive.** Front and back seats stolen from vehicle.
- 7900 block of Jones Branch Drive.** Wallet stolen from residence.
- 8300 block of Lee Highway.** Catalytic converter stolen from vehicle.
- 8300 block of Leesburg Pike.** Laptop computer

County Public Schools community dialogue sessions. 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Register to participate in shaping the FY 2010 Budget. 703-324-9400 or 703-324-2391, TTY 711.

- ◆ Centreville Regional Library, 14200 Germaine Drive, Centreville.
- ◆ Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax.
- ◆ Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church.

MONDAY/OCT. 27

School Board Program Review Committee. 4 p.m. Gatehouse Administration Center I, 8115 Gatehouse Road, Falls Church. 571-423-1000.

TechCelebration: NVTC's Annual Banquet.

Meg Whitman, former CEO and President of eBay, on building eBay into the world's premier online auction site. NVTC will also honor Congressman Tom Davis of Virginia's 11th District. 5:30 p.m. The Ritz-Carlton, 1700 Tysons Boulevard, McLean. NVTC members \$250, non-members \$350. www.nvtc.org/events/geteventinfo.php?event=BANQUET-5.

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WEDNESDAY/OCT. 29

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- and briefcase stolen from vehicle.
- 6700 block of Old Dominion Drive.** Beer stolen from business.
- 2300 block of Pimmit Drive.** Construction equipment stolen from construction site.
- 7300 block of Pinewood St.** Purse stolen from vehicle.
- 7200 block of Quincy Ave.** Bicycle stolen from residence.
- 2900 block of Wickersham Way.** GPS unit stolen from vehicle.

VEHICLE THEFTS

- 1400 block of Dolley Madison Blvd.** 2002 Dodge Ram.
- 8100 block of Heatherton Lane.** 1999 Honda Civic.
- 2800 block of Juniper St.** 1999 Dodge.
- 2800 block of Lee Oaks Place.** Honda motor scooter.
- 3000 block of Monticello Drive.** 1994 Honda Accord.
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RESTON DISTRICT STATION (DISTRICT 5)

FATAL CRASH

11800 block of Sunrise Valley Drive. On Saturday, Oct. 11 at 1:19 a.m., officers were called to the scene of a single vehicle crash. An investigation revealed that a 2004 Nissan Maxima was traveling westbound in the 11800 block of Sunrise Valley Drive when the driver apparently lost control. The vehicle ran up on the right curb, continued across the grass and struck a tree head on. The collision with the tree resulted in the vehicle landing on its roof with the driver trapped inside. James Robert Hammer, 31, of the 1900 block of Villardridge Drive in Reston, was pronounced dead at the scene. Hammer was alone in the vehicle. The investigation continues. This is the 17th fatal crash in Fairfax County this year.

BURGLARY

1700 block of Ascot Way. Police responded to the 1700 block of Ascot Way for a burglary in progress on Saturday, Oct. 11. The victim, 32, from Reston, heard whispering outside of his window around 4:16 a.m. He went to investigate and saw four males at his window, one possibly holding a weapon. One suspect reportedly hit the window and two other suspects tried to open another window but could not. After the victim warned them the police were coming, all of the suspects fled. They could only be described as males wearing black, hooded sweatshirts and all held laser pointers.

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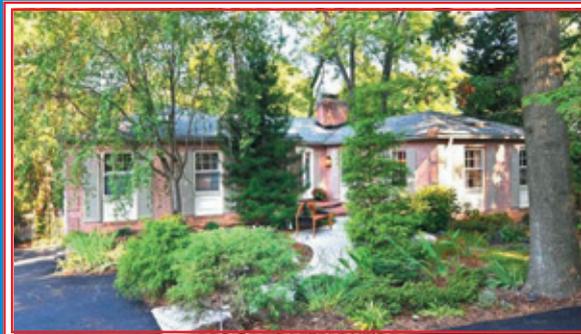
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