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Jessica Levine, who attends Marshall High School, turned 18 on election day, Nov. 4, 2008. She writes an essay on her feelings of the day.

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Both Campaigns Find Support Base in McLean

Eight local residents are among the Republican presidential candidate's top fund-raisers.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Northern Virginia voted Democratic this year, but presidential candidate John McCain proved a Republican could still raise a lot of cash here.

According to the Center for Responsive Politics, Democratic candidate Barack Obama trounced McCain in campaign fundraising nationally, receiving \$630 million to the Arizona senator's \$380 million.

But McCain kept the funding gap between the two candidates close in Virginia, largely

by reaching out to influential supporters in the state's northern sections.

McCain's money people generated \$7.8 million to Obama's \$11.3 million statewide, a much more modest shortfall than the Republican campaign saw on the national level.

McCain used Washington insiders living in Northern Virginia to raise money for his presidential bid both nationally and locally.

McLEAN resident Frederic Malek — who oversaw the

1988 Republican National Convention and managed President George H.W. Bush's re-election campaign in 1992 — was McCain's deputy campaign finance director.

City of Alexandria resident Kirk Blalock, a former aide to political advisor Karl Rove, organized McCain's national outreach to professionals under 40 years old.

Another major McCain fund-raiser and McLean resident, Dwight Schar, was one of the single largest individual contributors to the Republican Party and Republican candidates in the country in 2008, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

Schar is also the former finance director of the Republican National Committee and served as co-chair of President George W. Bush's presidential campaign in Virginia.

These major fund-raisers drove up contributions to McCain in the commonwealth. Virginia ranked fifth among states contributing to McCain overall. One McLean ZIP code, 22101, also became McCain's sixth most lucrative fund-raising spot in the country, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

APPROXIMATELY 24 of McCain's 534 national "bundlers" — elite fund-raisers who have solicited at least \$50,000 in political donations — live in Northern Virginia. By contrast, only 11 of Obama's approximately 560 "bundlers" reside in the area.

These big money fund-raisers tend to

work in Washington D.C. and live inside the Beltway, seemingly unconcerned about what part of Virginia is "red" and what part is "blue."

Two of McCain's surrogates, including the candidate's brother, caused a stir last month when they said Northern Virginia was not part of the "real Virginia" and described

Alexandria and Arlington as "communist country."

But McCain's major Republican fund-raisers appeared just as likely to live in Democratic strongholds like Alexandria and Arlington as the more Republican-friendly McLean. Among his list of elite Virginia

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President-elect Barack Obama



John McCain

Presidential Campaign Top Fundraisers in Northern Virginia

Candidates John McCain (R) and Barack Obama (D) both relied on well-connected "bundlers," people who solicit and collect other people's campaign donations, to collect money for their presidential bids.

As of Oct. 28, McCain had about 534 of these elite fundraisers garnering over \$50,000 in donations each, and they raised a total of \$75.5 million. Obama had 561 who raised at least \$50,000 each, collecting a total \$63.2 million for the Democrat.

Below is a list of some local fundraisers from each campaign. All information is provided by the Center for Responsive Politics, www.opensecrets.org.

MONEY FOR JOHN MCCAIN (R):

Name	Residence	Job/Background	Total 2008 Personal Campaign Donations*
Raised \$500,000 and above:			
Dwight Schar	McLean	Director of NVR Inc., a residential construction company; Director of Six Flags, Inc., amusement park chain; part owner of Washington Redskins	\$213,300
Frederic Malek	McLean	founder and chairman of Thayer Capital Partners; former Nixon official; deputy national finance chairman of the McCain campaign	\$145,500
Carter Pate	McLean	U.S. managing partner in government services at PricewaterhouseCoopers	\$62,500
Judy Black	City of Alexandria	policy director at Brownstein Hyatt Farber & Schreck LLP; former Reagan White House aide	\$28,800
Kirk Blalock	City of Alexandria	lobbyist with Fierce, Isakowitz & Blalock; former Bush political aide; director of McCain's young professionals group	\$16,000
Bobbie Kilberg	McLean	President of the Northern Virginia Technology Council	\$2,300
Raised between \$250,000 and \$500,000:			
Michelle Du Pont Olson	McLean	jewelry designer; daughter of Frederic Malek	\$6,900
Sloan Rappoport	Arlington County	vice president of Downey McGrath Group; former Bush administration official	\$1,250
Raised between \$100,000 and \$250,000:			
Richard Hohlt	Alexandria (Fairfax County portion)	lobbyist with The Hohlt Group	\$158,200
John Lehman	Arlington	chairman of equity investment firm J.F. Lehman & Company; former 9/11 Commission member; Secretary of the Navy during Reagan administration	\$26,800
Richard Wiley	Arlington	head of Wiley Rein LLP; former chairman of the Federal Communications Commission	\$18,850
Toufic Baaklini	Vienna	Finance director of Chevy Chase Cars	\$6,400
John Vogt	McLean	senior vice president of Chain Bridge Bank	\$4,300
Orson Swindle	City of Alexandria	McCain's POW "roommate" in "Hanoi Hilton"; Consultant	\$4,075
Steven Phillips	City of Alexandria	Partner at DLA Piper; former legislative director/counselor to Sen. Jesse Helms (D-S.C.)	\$3,800
Frank Donatelli	Mount Vernon	McGuireWoods Consulting; deputy chairman of Republican National Committee	\$3,000
Wes Foster	McLean	founder of Long & Foster Real Estate	\$2,800
Raised between \$50,000 and \$100,000:			
Eric Burgeson	Arlington	BGR Holding LLC; former chief of staff at Department of Energy during George W. Bush administration	\$27,800
Robert Fisher	Alexandria (Fairfax County)	lobbyist for Verizon Communications, Inc./ former congressional staff member for McCain	\$7,150
Cathleen Tripodi	Arlington	Kamlet Shepherd and Reichert	\$3,700
Lorne Craner	Alexandria	president of the International Republican Institute	\$2,300
Mary McAuliffe	City of Alexandria	vice president, external relations for Union Pacific Corporation	\$2,000
Dorothy Gray	McLean	U.S. Senate Republican Policy Committee	N/A
Phil Russell	City of Alexandria	government policy advisor at Dykema PLLC; former aide to U.S. Sen. Fred Thompson (R-Tenn.)	N/A

MONEY FOR BARACK OBAMA (D):

Name	Residence	Job/Background	Total 2008 Personal Campaign Donations*
Raised \$500,000 or more:			
Don and Megan Beyer	City of Alexandria	owner of Don Beyer motors; former Lt. Gov. of Virginia	\$153,600
Tom Perrelli	Arlington County	managing partner at Jenner & Block; Department of Justice official during Clinton administration	\$16,600
Raised between \$200,000 and \$500,000:			
Beatrice Welters	McLean	trustee of Brookings Institution; former member of IBM marketing team	\$216,618
Tom Reed	Centreville	attorney with K&L Gates	\$2,550
Raised between \$100,000 and \$200,000:			
Michael Caplin	McLean	president of Turtle Island Group LLC, former program director of Smithsonian Institution	\$73,789
Raised between \$50,000 and \$100,000:			
Laurie Fulton	City of Alexandria	attorney with Williams & Connolly LLP	\$20,545
Kevin Wolf	Arlington	attorney with Bryan Cave LLP	\$6,973
Edward Bilich and Teresa Martinez	Arlington	Jones Day LLP; former board president for Latino Student Fund (Bilich)	N/A
Rob Dugger	City of Alexandria	managing partner of Tudor Investment Corporation	N/A
Kathryn Thomson	Arlington	partner at Sidley Austin LLP	N/A
Kevin Vincent	Arlington	attorney at Baker Botts LLP	N/A

* Personal Campaign Donations figure reflects the total amount of money an individual contributor, their spouse, and dependent children gave to all federal candidates, political parties and political action committees for the 2008 campaigns.

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NEWS

Top Fund-Raisers Live in Area

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fund-raisers, nine live in McLean, seven live in Alexandria and five live in Arlington.

Two of Obama's largest fund-raisers also come from local communities — McLean and Centreville.

MCCAIN'S major Virginia fund-raisers appear to have raised more money individually than Obama's major fund-raisers, though the candidate did not garner as much cash overall in Virginia.

The Center for Responsive Politics listed five of McCain's fund-raisers — Malek, Schar, Blalock, McLean residents Bobbie Kilberg and Carter Pate as well as Alexandria resident Judy Black — as contributing “\$500,000 or more,” to the Republican's campaign.

Obama had only two fund-raisers — former Lt. Gov. Don Beyer of Alexandria and Arlington resident Tom Perrelli — who fell into the “\$500,000 or more,” category in Virginia.

Kilberg, who has worked in three White Houses, and Pate, a managing partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers, had raised money for Republicans before but not at the level they did for the McCain campaign.

“I raised \$1.3 million for McCain and I raised that mostly in contributions of \$2,300 or less,” said Kilberg, president of the Northern Virginia Technology Council.

The businesswoman knows McCain personally and has a great amount of admiration and respect for him. She served on the Board of Visitors at the U.S. Naval Academy with the Republican in the early 1990s, she said.

Pate was also friends with McCain before the senator launched his 2008 presidential campaign. McCain made an appearance at a fund-raiser Pate was hosting for U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R-11) and the two men stayed in touch afterwards, the McLean resident said.

“This is the first time I have gotten involved this deep. I have raised money for other candidates in the past but I happen to know John McCain pretty well and it was an entirely different effort versus when I am being recruited,” said Pate.

SOME OF OBAMA'S major fundraisers also had connections with their candidate.

Centreville resident Tom Reed — who raised between \$250,000 and \$500,000 for the Democrat — attended Princeton University with Michelle Obama and met the presidential candidate a few years later when they both worked as law associates at Chicago law firm where Michelle was an attorney in the early 1990s.

Reed played a lot of recreational basketball with Barack Obama — who started dating Michelle Obama at that time — and attended the couple's wedding.

Reed has never been involved in major political fund-raising before the Obama campaign but said he found it unusually easy to raise money for this campaign.

“Barack really is extraordinary and so many people really just want to be a part of it. It does make it a lot easier,” said Reed.

BEYER, a political fund-raising veteran, said there is no question that Obama is the easiest candidate that he has raised money for.

In addition to his own campaigns in the 1990s, Beyer was national campaign treasurer for Vermont Gov. Howard Dean's presidential run in 2004 and raised money for U.S. Sen. John Kerry during that year's general election.

The Alexandria resident has also been involved in several congressional and state campaigns since the

1980s, including those of Gov. Mark Warner (D) in 2001 and Gov. Tim Kaine (D) in 2005. He volunteered to help run Obama's mid-Atlantic finance efforts shortly after Warner decided not to run for U.S. president.

“This was the easiest ever [during the primary] but it has gotten even easier in the meantime ... People are calling me

and asking me how they can give. I have never had that happen before,” said Beyer, who added that the Mid-Atlantic region is only second to New York City in national fund-raising.

“We are raising more money than California and Illinois,” he said.

BOTH PATE and Kilberg acknowledged that it has not always been easy to raise money for McCain, especially when his campaign struggled financially in July of 2007.

McCain's stance on illegal immigration — he advocates offering some path toward citizenship — also made it harder to raise money, said Kilberg.

At one point, Kilberg started sending more e-mails instead of calling potential donors on the phone because she was getting into arguments with people over immigration policy, she said.

Pate recalled a low point in the primary season when other volunteers and fund-raisers were abandoning McCain.

Sometimes it just boils down to how many people you are willing to call. I mean I am not going to stop until I get someone to say yes [to donating]. I have had as many as 30 people in row tell me no,” said Pate.

But McCain was not able to catch up to Obama's fund-raising in Virginia or elsewhere. The Democrat not only topped McCain in Virginia dollars overall but also in every one of Virginia's top five fund-raising ZIP codes in McLean, Arlington, Alexandria and Great Falls.

Small donors could be the key to Obama's fund-raising success over McCain in Virginia and elsewhere, said Beyer.

“This is the first campaign paid for by the average citizen. I think that has made a big difference. It certainly helped in Virginia,” said Beyer.

BEYER ADDED that it has also become far easier to raise money for federal campaigns in Virginia recently because of the popularity of Warner and Kaine as governors.

“Virginia has done very well under the last two governors. There is lots of wealth and a sense that Virginia has grown [under their leadership],” said Beyer.

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— Bobbie Kilberg, Northern Virginia Technology Council

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— Tom Reed

SHARE Goes Above and Beyond

With the economy slowdown, SHARE has experienced a nearly 50 percent increase in requests for services.

BY DANIELLE LANDAU
THE CONNECTION

Ways To Give

This past Saturday, 17-year-old Michael Ochoa, a junior at Langley High School, dedicated his Eagle Scout project to a worthy cause: Ochoa and his fellow scouts built shelves for a room at The Montessori School of McLean which will be designated for furniture donated to SHARE. "Working on behalf of SHARE, building shelves, platforms and boxes for bed frames, is a great experience. I know I am getting insight into real life. I am becoming more prepared for the future and having fun with friends," said Ochoa of Saturday's event. Lori and Jose, Ochoa's parents said, "Scouting for food is a project his troop has done for years, and this year Michael has gone a step further." Jose Ochoa, who has participated in SHARE collections throughout his life, also attended

- ❖ Drop off food and clothing at the McLean Baptist Church, 1367 Chain Bridge Road, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. – noon.
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- ❖ Community projects – Call Randy Glantz at 703-297-7299.
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- ❖ Visit the Web site www.shareofmclean.org for more information.

The Montessori School of McLean as a youngster.

SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT in 1969 by a coalition of religious and civic institutions, SHARE, Inc., has done its best to meet the needs of the less fortunate. The volunteer run, non-profit organization depends on donations of food, clothing, furniture and funds from individuals and service groups in the area.

As a result of the slowdown in the economy, SHARE has experienced a nearly 50 percent increase in requests for client services. SHARE is only able to give out as

much as it receives each year and is therefore constantly in need of donations and appreciative of the community's contributions.

Individual service projects are not the only events that benefit this organization. The Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce and The Business Bank are partnering with SHARE by hosting the Chamber's free monthly Business Mixer on Wednesday, Nov. 19. The free event includes business networking, cocktails, appetizers catered by Pulcinella and a special food-drive benefit

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Area volunteers keep SHARE, Inc. going.

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Eagle Scouts and other volunteers help SHARE expand its storage capacity. Michael Ochoa is in the front, center, in a gray shirt.

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PEOPLE



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Fort Belvoir students watch as the Amadeus Orchestra provides backup to soprano soloist Jessica Swink in the school's gym.



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From left, Joyce Harris, Ray Lewyckj, Debbie Bonk, Bill Donnelly, Eric Simpson, Whit Field and Jaewon Suh at work.

Amadeus Plays To Young Audience

Great Falls, McLean community orchestra visits Fort Belvoir Elementary.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

Strings students at Fort Belvoir Elementary got a rare opportunity to play with the pros last Friday, when they performed a song with members the Amadeus Orchestra. The concert at the elementary school was the fourth of six Side-by-Side shows being staged at schools by the orchestra, which is based in Great Falls and primarily performs there and in McLean.

During the two-hour program, the students got a chance to practice with the musicians before playing alongside them,

and the entire fifth and sixth grades heard selections the orchestra would be playing two nights later at St. Francis Church in Great Falls, including vocals by soprano soloist Jessica Swink.

"It's sort of a win-win in the sense that it's a concert for the students, but it's also a rehearsal for us," said Sandy Brotman, spokesman for Amadeus Concerts Inc.

Sixth-graders Gabriela Wood and Morgan Delong said they had learned about vibrato technique while practicing with the orchestra. Classmate Andrew Engleman got a tip on how to hold his bow.

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Keeping McLean Green

Early last Sunday morning a group of Board members and volunteers of the McLean Trees Foundation braved the traffic on Dolley Madison Boulevard between Elm and Churchill Roads in McLean to replace five of the deceased Bradford Pears that have graced the median for decades. After putting out cones and barrels and a flag-woman to give themselves an extra lane to work in, they completed the planting and mulching in record time of approximately one hour. The group was surprised that only one passing motorist complained about the lane disruption.

The McLean Trees Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization that seeks to green the community with trees. It is responsible for planting hundreds of trees around the McLean area. Additionally, the Foundation encourages McLean landowners to maintain and increase their land's tree coverage. Address donations, suggestions for projects, volunteer offers to the McLean Trees Foundation, PO Box 113, McLean, VA, 22106, or Eric Simpson at 703-821-7556, and look for a Web page coming soon at www.mcleantrees.org.



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From left: Mason Trunell, Caroline Bollinger, (James Schenck Jr. — hidden behind), Elaine Bee, Jenny Witzel, Grace Sununu, Christina Allcock, Patrick Dent, Alexa Smith and Ella Shapland. The students were supervised by Caroline's mother, Margaret Ackerly, not pictured.

Raising Money for Buddy School

During the summer, current Churchill Road sixth grader Caroline Bollinger decided that she wanted to hold a bake sale on Election Day to raise money for a worthy cause. She chose Election Day because she had heard that there would be an exceptionally high voter turnout, increasing the likelihood of raising money. Working with the Churchill Road counselor, Katie Griffith, Caroline chose to raise money for a buddy school, so that they could purchase

library books and other items for their students. She recruited students from other sixth grade classes, as well as CRS alumni, to assist with the effort.

Beginning at 7 a.m., until about noon on Tuesday, Nov. 4, an energetic and enthusiastic group of students braved the damp, cool weather to raise more than \$300 for the buddy school. As an added incentive, Caroline's parents matched the amount raised by the students.



From left, sixth-graders Morgan Delong, Andrew Engleman Gabriela Wood were among the students who got to play along with the Amadeus Orchestra Friday.

Sharing With Those in Need

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ing SHARE. Participants are asked only to bring donations of \$25 gift cards for Safeway or Giant, or select non-perishable food items listed on the chamber's Web site. To register for the event, visit www.mcleanchamber.org or call 703-356-5424.

In addition to events held locally on behalf of SHARE, the food and clothing room at The McLean Baptist Church is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. – noon. Therese Dyer-Caplan, a dedicated SHARE volunteer, said while organizing cans of food this past Saturday, “we constantly are low on white sugar, laundry detergent and cooking oil.” Something she noted about donations during the winter months was that “the community is great about giving

during the holiday season, but this year especially we need help if we want to provide meals and gifts for the less fortunate”. Dyer-Caplan is referring to the holiday store, led by Bonnie O’Neill, which is filled with new gifts, donated by community members. People who cannot afford presents can take the gifts, free-of-charge, for their loved ones during the holiday season.

RANDY GLANTZ, president of SHARE, Inc., who was helping at the food-drive Saturday said, “Over the past year there has been a clear increase of need in our area. More families came to our door and people who had been coming for years came more often and took more bags of food and clothing out each visit. The recession is hitting our area hard and people look to SHARE to be there when they need

help.” Gene Durman who is in charge of the furniture segment of SHARE assisted at Ochoa’s furniture storage room event and explained that, “we don’t have enough beds for people, some of whom have been on our waiting list for months. We serve an even greater area because we are one of the only organizations able to pick-up and deliver the items we collect so we really need people to give as much as they can”. Both men mentioned that if people give more and more, SHARE will be able to expand its services.

Scout group advisor for the Cambridge chapter of senior scouts, Nolan Mackness summed SHARE up on Saturday as “a tremendous concept,” noting “SHARE truly is the perfect name for the group, which gives so kindly and graciously.”

Children Perform With Pros

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“I was a little nervous about messing up,” Gabriela said.

“They’re so much better than us,” said Morgan, noting that their class had performed in the front row.

Andrew said he had been “kind of nervous” about playing in front of so many students as well.

However, they all agreed the joint performance had sounded “great.”

“I really enjoy classical music, so it was really good to see it and see how it could end up if you put your mind to it,” Gabriela said.

“It’s kind of a kick. I remember back when I was a student, and we didn’t do anything like that,” said Vienna resident Steve Romer, who has played in the orchestra since it started in 1981. “It gives them a chance to see what it feels like to sit in an orchestra.”

Cellist Deborah Brudvig said she liked teaching children that “there are some real cool people out there playing music.” Also, she said she enjoyed exposing children to a live performance. “So much music comes out of a box these days.” And as a cello instructor, she said, “It’s good to stick them in a situation they’re not entirely comfortable with and let them get comfortable.”

In the obscure world of professional orchestra performance, musicians sometimes “develop a shell,” said Scott Wood, the orchestra’s conductor and the artistic and executive director for Amadeus Concerts. “But it melts away when you get with the students.”

“I think it’s wonderful. The musicians are great with the kids,” said Fort Belvoir Elementary strings teacher Kelley Williams.

“I get more kick out of this than anything else we do with the orchestra,” said Maury Brown, vice president of Amadeus’s board of directors, as he watched the students listen to the performance. He paraphrased jazz legend Wynton Marsalis, saying school was good at teaching math and geography but that it was also important to educate children’s souls.

This is the third year the group has offered the Side-by-Side program.

Amadeus Concerts has four more shows on its home turf this season, although only one will involve the Amadeus Orchestra.

Brown said the final two Side-by-Side shows would take place in May, with an all-Spanish program featuring a Paraguayan guitarist. The schools for those concerts have not yet been decided upon.

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OPINION

Veterans Day

Time to remember that we are still fighting two wars, that many thousands have died or been wounded, and that our veterans deserve the best possible care on their return.

Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died just over one month ago on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq. His unit came under small arms fire, and Brown, 26, died from his wounds. Brown, a leader who often insisted on riding in the lead vehicles of convoys, the ones most likely to be targeted in an attack, was three weeks away from completing his tour of duty. Among family and friends left behind were his twin brother Timothy.

Nov. 11 marks Veterans Day, a day to honor all veterans, living and dead.

But our thoughts turn to the more than 4,100 U.S. service members who have died in Iraq and more than 600 who have died in Afghanistan since 9/11. Here in Northern Virginia, many local families bear the personal sacrifice that comes with this loss.

Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Specialist Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb while serving in Baghdad, Iraq. He was 22 years old when he died.

Many local people have responded to their loss by reaching out and helping others. Since her brother's death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (www.taps.org), which provides peer-based emotional support and other services for families of the fallen.

Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, calls him the "warrior poet," and he and his wife help injured vets at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon fund (www.yellowribbonfund.org).

Beth and Michael Belle of Vienna are mother and stepfather of U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, who, at age 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11. Beth Belle was notified that her son had died on Mother's Day.

Xiomara Mena and Rafael Anderson of Vienna are mother and brother of U.S. Army Cpl. Andy Anderson, age 24, who was killed by enemy fire during combat operations in Iraq. Xiomara Mena is described as the unofficial "mayor" of the section of Arlington National Cemetery where her son is buried; she is at the cemetery every day.

More than 30,000 soldiers have been wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. More than a million soldiers have served in Iraq and Afghanistan in that time, with their lives forever changed by that experience.

Those serving are there because of their sense of duty to the rest of us, to put their lives

on the line to defend the country. They join more than 24 million men and women, veterans, who have made great sacrifice in serving in the military.

A good place to start in showing respect for those now serving would be to provide them with the equipment and services they need while they are there and the services they will need when they get home, including impeccable, first-class health care.

HERE ARE the names of some of the local men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. We repeat these names several times a year to honor their service and to keep their memories in our consciousness.

If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

❖ Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007.

❖ Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, of wounds inflicted when an "improvised explosive device" exploded near his vehicle.

❖ Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, of wounds suffered during combat in Anbar province in Iraq.

❖ Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed on Tuesday, June 6, 2006. He and another member of the 46th Engineer Battalion were killed when their camp in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, came under "indirect enemy fire during combat operations," according to Department of Defense documentation. He had been a respected football and basketball player at J.E.B. Stuart High School and had proposed to his high-school sweetheart about three weeks before he was killed.

❖ Airman 1st Class LeeBernard E. Chavis, 21, was killed Oct. 14, 2006, by sniper fire in Iraq, trying to protect civilians from a roadside bomb.

❖ Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, who graduated from T.C. Williams High School in 2003, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

❖ Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children. His parents live in Alexandria.

❖ Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005.

❖ Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded.

❖ Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.



❖ George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Samarra, Iraq, Oct. 17.

❖ On Nov. 5, 2005, Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq.

❖ Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32, of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter crashed while flying in support of security operations in Iraq.

❖ Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq Oct. 28, 2005.

❖ Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Jim Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Jim Adamouski, 29, of Springfield; DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obleas-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church, Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington.

ON VETERANS DAY, we also honor those who served in World War I (a dwindling number), World War II, Korea and Vietnam, as well as those who have served the nation in times of peace.

If you have a story you'd like to share, about your own military service or that of a family member, we'd like to hear from you.

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Safety Net a Priority

To the Editor:

Barack Obama, our 44th President of the United States of America will be sworn in on Jan. 20, 2009. This will be history in the making.

Advocates for the most vulnerable families know there is much to do.

Preserving and strengthening safety net programs, especially during these difficult economic times, must be a priority.

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CRIME

Halloween Party Nightmare

Fairfax County Police charged Evan D. Gargiulo, 22, of the 1700 block of Port Place in Reston, with the murder of taxicab driver Mazhar Nazir, 49 of Falls Church. Police discovered Nazir dead inside his taxicab in the 8400 block of Greensboro Drive in Tysons Corner on Sunday, Nov. 2. Nazir died from a single gunshot wound to his head, according to autopsy results.

Gargiulo, a recent graduate of Pennsylvania State University, turned himself into Fairfax County Police at the Reston District station on Tuesday, Nov. 4 about 5:30 p.m. Police charged Gargiulo with murder and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

On Nov. 3, an anonymous caller contacted the Fairfax County Police Department's Crime Solvers Unit and said Gargiulo committed the murder. On Nov. 4, detectives interviewed the caller, who told police that Gargiulo attended a Halloween costume party on Nov. 1 and Nov. 2, dressed in a wetsuit, a neoprene diver's jacket, neoprene diver's boots and a blond wig, according to Fairfax County Circuit Court documents.

Police filed search warrants last week in Fairfax County Circuit Court last week to permit them to search Gargiulo's residence in the 1700 block of Port Place in Reston as well as his 2007 Nissan Sport Utility vehicle.

Gargiulo's preliminary hearing is scheduled in Fairfax County General District Court for Dec. 22, 2008.

— KEN MOORE

CRIME

Activities reported by the McLean district of the Fairfax County police department through Nov. 7.

ROBBERY/ USE OF A FIREARM IN THE COMMISSION OF A FELONY

Arlington Blvd./ Woodlawn Ave.
Police responded to a robbery on Saturday, Nov. 1. Two 22-year-old Falls Church-area men were walking in the area of Arlington Blvd. and Woodlawn Ave. shortly after 2:30 a.m. Two suspects approached, one brandishing a handgun, and demanded money. The victims handed over cell phones and an undisclosed amount of cash and the suspects fled on foot. They were both described as Hispanic, about 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighing approximately 180 pounds. One suspect was wearing blue jeans and a red T-shirt. The other suspect was wearing white pants and a green T-shirt. The victims were not injured.

ROBBERY

6300 block of Arlington Blvd. A 25-year-old Falls Church-area man was

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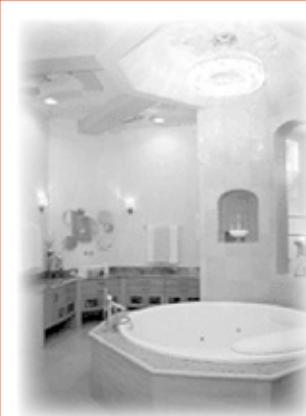
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PEOPLE

Voter No. 585

Jessica Levine reflects on turning 18 on election day.

I am number 585. In my mind, this three-digit numeral evokes vivid memories of a gray concrete sidewalk on a rainy afternoon, of rubber floors and artificial yellow lighting flickering in the desolate [Langley High School] gymnasium. As I stepped into the building on that momentous day, I knew I was born to do this. It was my destiny; it was in the cards. I had been born 18 years ago on Nov. 4 for this very reason. I pulled out my voter registration card with shaking hands.

Those around me were smiling pleasantly, as if they didn't fully grasp the magnitude of the event they were privileged enough to witness. Didn't they feel the electricity in the air? Didn't they feel the crackling, tingling, edge-of-your-seat energy that surrounded me like an invisible aura? Only hours ago I had been a naïve 17-year-old, and now — on my 18th birthday — I was about to cast my very first ballot as an adult citizen. The gray old man took my permit with his hands shaking too, though probably more from old age than excitement.

About the Author

Jessica Levine is a resident of McLean and attends George C. Marshall High School where she is pursuing a full IB Diploma. She is the editor-in-chief of the school's student newspaper. In addition to journalism, Jessica actively participates in Model UN and enjoys doing community service, especially working with children. This past summer, Jessica volunteered at an orphanage for disabled children in China. She was named a 2009 National Merit Semi-finalist and plans to follow her passion for writing in college and beyond.

He smiled perfunctorily, as he would at any young voter.

"This your first time?"

He could have been talking about anything — getting a flu shot, or pumping gas, or taking the SAT. Clearly, he didn't understand the significance of this day. Somehow, the gods of civics and maternity had struck a deal at the hour of my conception. I pictured amorphous divine figures perusing a calendar as they planned the day of my birth to coincide with the election exactly 18 years in the future, making me just old enough to vote.

THE MAN checked my ID against a bulbous book of names. I imagined myself not



Jessica Levine cast her first vote on her 18th birthday on Nov. 4. At Langley High School.

as a person but as one line in the enormous volume of voters; today, I was not an individual but part of an entire nation of civic-minded citizens deciding the fate of the world's paragon of democracy. Despite the dismal setting of the old high school gymnasium, I felt empowered.

The man handed me my orange voting permit and motioned for me to step through to the booths behind him.

"You're voter number 585."

585. I was the 585th step toward the nation's new commander-in-chief; I was about to lay the 585th brick on the wall of America's executive future. The adrenaline built in my veins with each step. Judging

by the exhilaration present in my demeanor, one might have thought I was being elected president, not simply voting for one. As I stepped into the booth, my fingers went numb. The screen's bright primary colors blinded me momentarily. This was it. I followed the on-screen instructions carefully. With each tap of the screen, I expected fireworks to erupt from the machine in front of me.

Thirty seconds later, it was over. I had touched the screen exactly eight times, and it had taken scarcely as much time as it would to send a 100-character text message. "That's it?" I said aloud.

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I never thought of myself as athletic before I came to Madeira. I've always done ballet, but I never really played any sports. Still, the first thing I did freshman year was try out for the JV soccer team. I was petrified. But the next day I had friends. My parents called it an overnight transformation.

Now I'm really into long-distance running. I know the cross-country course so well. I never get tired of running around Madeira. I go through the Big Woods behind the horse pasture, which means running up a lot of hills. Then I run up Meyer House Road, toward the Potomac River, and then loop up to Little Woods, which puts me right near the soccer fields. Running is such a mental release.

I enjoy working hard. I don't skimp on my homework. I always do the extra assignment. Running gives me balance, so do my friends and mixing music CDs. I have a lot of drive. Both of my parents are engineers, so I think I get it from them. They are so curious about everything, and they instilled in me that sense of wonder.

When I was thirteen, my dad started reading Stephen Hawking to me. I now love the ideas of modern physics. The idea that time is relative, it is not constant. You could be sitting in class, maybe a little tired, and time is slow. One minute seems like an hour. But when I am really engaged in a class discussion, or when I'm running, time flies by.

After college, I would really like to work in international aid. If I could study international relations, with a concentration in nonviolence and peace studies, and combine that with astrophysics, well, I'd be a happy girl. I think I could make it work.



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PEOPLE

A Big Deal

FROM PAGE 10

"That's it," the man replied. "It's no big deal."

But that wasn't it, not by a long shot. I left the polling place in a daze, deep in thought. Maybe I was not legally a minor anymore, but apparently no one had bothered to tell that to my ever-inventive imagination. Voting wasn't quite as glamorous as my juvenile mind had made it out to be. Or maybe it was, in a mature adult way. Children are always looking for instant gratification; they want every experience to be as enjoyable from the very first moment as they had anticipated it would be. But I was no longer a child, and I had grown up within the half-minute I spent at the voting booth. It wasn't about the flashy expectations or hype; what really mattered was the practical effect of the action itself.

Too many young people care more about booze than ballots; they would rather spend their 18th birthday at a crowded party than alone in a voting booth. For some, the problem is apathy; for others, it is the belief that they are ineffectual, that society is a world created and run by adults. I take pride in the fact that I will never be one of them.

MY DESIRE to be a significant member of society is evident in everything I do. It is why I imagine myself at the editorial desk of the "Washington Post" when designing the front page of my high school newspaper. It is why I participate in Model UN — which simulates a real organization in which today's leaders literally change the course of international history — and why I do community service, which (even on a small scale) incites significant change in people's lives. And it is why I stood in line for the first time to vote on that November day.

I am number 585 this year, and who knows what number I will be next election. But I do know that I will show up year after year, pressing the buttons and casting my ballot. And one day, I may replace the man checking off names in the gloomy lighting of a gym-turned-polling location. I will make sure to smile broadly at all the young voters, whom I will see as number 432 or 586, as honorable civil servants sacrificing an afternoon to take charge of their future. I will smile at them as if they are extraordinary because they are — because even if they don't know it yet, and even if there are no fireworks or balloons, voting is a big deal.



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Preschool singalong, 10:30 a.m. All ages. Sing songs with Miss Belle. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak ridge Ave., McLean. 703-356-0770.

THURSDAY/NOV. 13

Richard Shindell and Ollabelle, 8 p.m. Folk and roots rock at The Barns. Tickets \$20. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," 7:30 p.m. at Jeffrey J. Sherman Arts Center, The Langley School, 1411 Balls Hill Road, McLean. 703-356-1920 or sift@langleyschool.org.

Camp Griffin: The War and Lewinsville/Langley, by John Craig, The McLean Historical Society, 7:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. In a move to protect Washington, Federal troops seized Virginia land across the Potomac from the capital. Later, the Union Army set up Camp Griffin there. Vermont regiments occupied an area that stretched from Salona to what is now the CIA. 703-790-0123.

FRIDAY/NOV. 14

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The Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department Scrapbooking Event, 6-11:30 p.m. at 2148 Gallows Road in Dunn Loring. Admission for \$25. Licensed certified massage therapist with free chair massages, lunch available for purchase, door prizes and a raffle. All proceeds benefit the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department. 703-200-2340 or www.dlvfrd.org/Events.php

Charity Citrus Fruit Sale: Seedless Grapefruit, Navel Oranges, and Sunburst Tangerines fresh from Florida, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. at American Legion Post 270, 1355 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Proceeds support local community youth, patriotic activities, and veteran needs. Pure Maple Syrup and Assorted Premium Nuts also available. 703-356-8259.

Livingston Taylor, 7:30 p.m. Folk singer/songwriter at The Barns. Tickets \$22. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," 7:30 p.m. at Jeffrey J. Sherman Arts Center, The Langley



Roger Day and the Mosquito Burrito Brothers will be at the Alden Theatre, at the McLean Community Center, on Saturday, Nov. 15.

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SATURDAY/NOV. 15

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The Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department Scrapbooking Event, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at 2148 Gallows Road in Dunn Loring. Admission \$30. 703-200-2340 or www.dlvfrd.org/Events.php.

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McAuliffe Considers Governor's Race

Clinton advisor is 17-year McLean resident.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION



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National political consultant Terry McAuliffe filed paperwork to enter the Virginia gubernatorial race Nov. 10, moving one step closer to a serious run for the commonwealth's highest office in 2009.

The national political operative said he would make a final decision about whether to launch a full,

Democratic operative and McLean resident Terry McAuliffe may jump Virginia's gubernatorial race.

ready assembling a campaign team. "I am going to go spend time talking to Virginia voters. That is the most important thing," said McAuliffe, a 17-year McLean resident, at Senator-elect Mark

McAULIFFE is a close advisor to former President Bill Clinton and served as Democratic National Committee chairman from 2001 to 2005.

After heading the Hillary Clinton for President committee, he spent several days campaigning for President-elect Barack Obama this fall, particularly in southern Virginia.

Known for his national fundraising prowess, McAuliffe has been deflecting questions about his interest in the Virginia gubernatorial race since August, when he was asked about the prospect of running at the Democratic National Convention in Denver.

Should he enter the race, McAuliffe would face two Democrats — Del. Brian Moran (46) and state Sen. Creigh Deeds (25) — in a June primary.

Moran, youngest brother of U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8), represents the City of Alexandria and a small portion of Fairfax County. He is also head of the House Democratic caucus and credited with helping the political party gain seats in the state house during the 2007 elec

Warner's victory party last Nov. 4. "I have big ideas about how to grow the economy," he added.

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"I have big ideas about how to grow the economy."

— Terry McAuliffe

statewide campaign before the end of the year, though an aide confirmed he is al-

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Gubernatorial Prospects Explored

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tion cycle. Deeds, an Albermarle County resident, represents the City of Charlottesville and several other counties in central Virginia.

He lost the 2005 Attorney General race to Bob McDonnell, the likely Republican nominee in next year's Governor's race, by a slim margin of approximately 500 votes.

Before the addition of McAuliffe, some observers had characterized this year's Democratic primary in the gubernatorial race as a match up between "Northern Virginia" Democrats and "Rest of Virginia" Democrats. But McAuliffe — with his national name recognition and fund-raising ability — adds another dimension to the race.

"It really throws a new mix into the nominating process. This guy can talk people out of their money better than anybody. He will have the resources to mount a strong nomination campaign," said Mark Rozell, professor of public policy at George Mason University.

MANY AGREE that McAuliffe makes a strong candidate but there are questions about how he could build a coalition inside Virginia strong enough to win in a general election.

McAuliffe's bid for the Governor's mansion could strike some voters, particularly those outside Northern Virginia, as op-

"This guy can talk people out of their money better than anybody."

— Mark Rozell, political scientist

portunistic, according to some political observers. McAuliffe has raised money for local political candidates, recently Representative-elect Gerry Connolly and Democrat Judy Feder, but he hasn't been active in Virginia politics like the other two Democrats in the race.

"There is no question Terry McAuliffe would be a formidable candidate with his national fund-raising connections but Del. Moran had built a base of support across Virginia," said Jesse

Ferguson, campaign spokesperson for Moran.

"I have support across the commonwealth. I have worked across partisan lines and regional divides," said Moran.

But Rozell said McAuliffe's credentials as a Virginian were sufficient.

"He has lived in Virginia for 20 years. What is the rule for what constitutes a real Virginian? What if we told everyone that worked inside the Beltway, worked in Washington and lived in McLean, that they weren't Virginians?" he said.

Rozell said McAuliffe's strong association with the Clintons could be a bigger hang up for his campaign. Bill Clinton lost Virginia in both of presidential campaigns and Obama beat Hillary Clinton by a large margin in the Democratic primary last February.

"There will be a challenge for Terry McAuliffe to separate his identity from the Clinton legacy. ... His identity is so closely intertwined with the Clintons," said Rozell.

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Highlanders Experience Breakthrough

McLean field hockey, under coach Hardman, garnered 16 wins.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The McLean Highlanders proved to be one of the up and coming teams this season in girls' field hockey. A program which in the past has struggled to put together winning seasons went an impressive 16-5-2 this autumn and made some postseason noise.

"They put every effort into winning," said McLean coach Summer Hardman, who completed her first year at the helm of the program. "Our last game, they weren't intimidated."

It was that positive mindset that helped McLean make such a dramatic improvement. Hardman, a former collegiate player who only recently moved to the Northern Virginia area, realized from the start that she needed to get her new team to believe in its potential. And that occurred throughout the course of the season.

McLean was good enough during the regular season to earn the No. 3-seed for the Liberty District postseason tournament, where the Highlanders won two games to reach the finals before losing to Woodson in the title game. Then, at the 16-team Northern Region tournament, McLean defeated Mount Vernon, 5-0, in a first round game before falling to a talented South County team in the quarterfinals, 4-2, ending the Highlanders' surprisingly good sea-



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son. **McLean earned an appearance to the Liberty District finals this fall, where they met Woodson High (right).**

"The sky's the limit for me as far as believing in what they can do," said Hardman, of her players. "My goal for the program is to get to the state tournament. That's a lot to ask for from a program that hasn't won in four of five years [prior to this season]. Changing that whole mentality was a goal I think we reached."

Hardman saw the winning attitude even in the season-ending loss to the Stallions at regionals.

"We matched up well against South County and they have a history of a winning program," said Hardman, pleased with

her team's play against South County, even in defeat.

HARDMAN realized it might be a special season for her team following a 2-0 win at Liberty District and area rival Langley on Oct. 16. In that game, the Highlanders shut down a good team and played with a passion and determination to win. From that point on, the

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-McLean High Field Hockey Coach Summer Hardman

Highlanders went 7-3-1 before their loss to Woodson in the district tournament championship game.

"From probably the Langley game on, I think they gained a sense of accomplishment and started to see their potential," said Hardman.

McLean will lose several of its players to graduation this upcoming June. But Hardman helped ignite a program, and those positive vibes should carry into the upcoming seasons. The coach said at least seven of her players have already committed to compete in an indoor league this summer. The most important factor to McLean's continued success, she said, will be its work ethic during the offseason.

"They saw how exciting it was to get to the [region] tournament," she said. "I think the girls' offseason training will be key to [continued success]."

Three McLean players earned First Team All-Liberty District accolades this season. They were junior forward/midfielder Olivia Applewhite, junior center midfielder Elisa Enriquez-Hesles and junior midfielder/forward Caitlin Baker. Two Highlanders made the second team – sophomore forward Jamie Bell and junior midfielder Johanna Morrison, and two were named honorable mention – junior goalie Sarah Park and junior forward/midfielder Casey Alexander.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

On Oct. 27 in the first round of the Liberty District girls' volleyball tournament, the McLean High team got off to a slow start before rallying to defeat W.T. Woodson, three games to two. The Highlanders dropped the first two games of the match, 16-25 and 24-26. Undaunted, they rallied to win the next two games, 25-21 and 25-18. Then, in the tiebreaker, McLean fell behind, 5-1, before storming back for a 15-8 win to take the game and match.

Cat Davis, recently named to the All-Liberty District First Team, led the McLean attack with 31 kills. McLean seniors Alex Yensen and Lea Williams, who both received Honorable Mention All-District recognition, were also key players in the win. The Highlanders also received solid play from setter Katie Phelan, as well as great passing from Sarah Kolmorgen and key blocks from Hela Hedda.

The following night, McLean traveled to Ashburn to take on top-seeded Stone Bridge in a semifinals match. Though the Highlanders played well, they lost the

match, 26-28, 12-25 and 18-25.

Jefferson girls' runner Stephanie Marzen, a sophomore and a resident of McLean, finished first overall in the district girls' race, leading her team to the district crown. Her winning time was 18:01. Also for Jefferson, freshman Sarah Stites of Reston finished third overall, while teammate Katherine Sheridan (Vienna) was sixth.

The following local athletes were recently named to the **All-Northern Region boys' volleyball team**. First Team members included: Carl Hollinger (Langley High, outside hitter, junior), Christian Meeks (Langley, outside hitter, senior), Zander Shaw (Herndon High, outside hitter, junior) and Nick Ziegler (Herndon, libero, senior). Second Team members included: Andrew Miner (Langley High, outside hitter, sophomore), Dermott Ryan (Langley, setter, junior) and Braeden Sebastian (Langley, middle hitter, freshman). The Northern Region playoffs were held this past Saturday at Westfield High School. The par-



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The McLean under-12, 96 Fire boys soccer Green Team went a perfect 3-0 last month at the Beach FC Columbus Day tournament in Virginia Beach. The Green team defeated the Severna Park Fever, 3-0, in the title game.

icipating schools were Centreville, Chantilly, Herndon, Jefferson, Lake Braddock, Langley and Westfield.

All three McLean U-12, 96 Fire boys soccer teams reached their championship

games at the Beach FC Columbus Day tournament held in Virginia Beach. The Green team capped an unbeaten and untied weekend with a 3-0 victory over

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SPORTS ROUNDUPS

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the Severna Park Fever in the Boys U12 Red Division. Overall, the Green team outscored its opponents 22-4. The tournament saw a balanced effort from the boys as nine of the 12 field players netted goals and four different players scored game-winning goals. The team also got solid goalkeeping from Cole Stinger, who made some tremendous saves in the championship game to prevent any momentum shift.

The White was also undefeated heading into the Boys U12 White Division championship game that saw them battle to a 2-2 draw at the end of regulation against a PWSI Courage team. The game proceeded through two scoreless overtimes and was decided in PKs, with the White team putting more in the net than their opponents.

A strong Stafford Strikers team prevented the Gold team from making it a complete McLean age group sweep, as they fell in the Boys U12 Black Division final.



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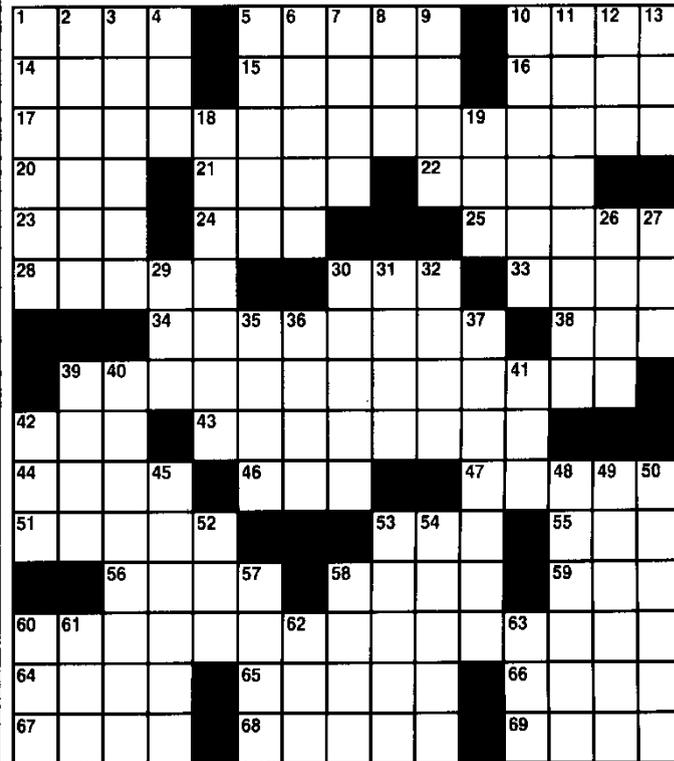
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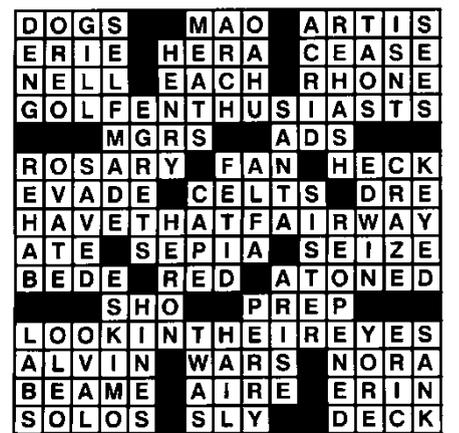
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- Rogue
- Kind of sax
- Johnson of "Laugh-In"
- Tyrolean refrain
- Equal
- Loses to a late-night host?
- W.W. II Gen. — Arnold
- "September —" (Neil Diamond hit)
- Fuse
- Prefix with cycle
- Emissions control grp.
- It may be wild
- One of the Fondas
- Tout's hangout, briefly
- Agile
- Initiates
- Menlo Park monogram
- Fills in for an actor?
- Shade maker
- Exposed as false
- Ali —
- Old geog. initials
- Bar at the bar
- "Mr. Tambourine Man" group, with "the"
- Cutting tool
- Capek play
- Put in or take out, maybe
- "Peter Pan" pirate
- "Make — double"
- What the foreign car driver does after a trip?
- Look longingly at
- Japanese commercial district
- Together, in music
- Incite
- Have the helm
- Sew up

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- Mom's pre-meal instruction
- Mysterious
- "Enough!"
- A pop
- On-line V.I.P.
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- Puts to work
- Catches
- Blessed events?
- Be in the game
- Kind of insurance policy
- Law degs.
- Go back
- Confused
- Vacuum tube with three elements
- Beat to the finish line
- Hoped for the best
- Lisa Simpson, to Bart
- Wow
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THURSDAY/NOV. 13

Fairfax County Government and Fairfax 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.
 ♦Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton.
 ♦Woodrow Wilson Library, 6101 Knollwood Drive, Falls Church.

MONDAY/NOV. 17

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.

TUESDAY/NOV. 18

The Realities of Teen Drinking: Accidents, Deaths, and Parent-Battles, a forum for parents and teens. Speaking as a parent who has lost a teen to drunk driving, Lt. Col. Suzanne Devlin, FCPD Deputy Chief of Police. Mary Ann Sprouse, a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor, will share experiences and give tips on communicating. 7-8:30 p.m. in Warhawk Hall at James Madison High School, 2500 James Madison Drive, Vienna. Contact Deborah Roney, 703-281-1999 or roney4@verizon.net. fcpd.edu/madisonHS/vmcc.

CRIME

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robbed as he stood waiting for a bus in the 6300 block of Arlington Blvd. on Sunday, Nov. 2. Shortly after 12:30 a.m., two men approached the victim, one displaying a handgun. They demanded money and rifled through the victim's pockets. They fled with an undisclosed amount of cash and the victim was not injured. Both suspects were described as Hispanic, in their late 20s, between 5 feet 10 inches and 6 feet tall, weighing between 180 and 200 pounds. One suspect was wearing a black and white striped coat and black pants. The other suspect was wearing faded, blue jeans and a black jacket.

HOMICIDE

8400 block of Greensboro Drive. A Crime Solvers tip was instrumental in helping homicide detectives identify the suspect in the murder of Mazhar Nazir. Officers discovered him dead inside a taxi cab on Sunday, Nov. 2 around 1:25 p.m. A 22 year old male of the 1700 block of Port Place in Reston was arrested on Tuesday, Nov. 4 and charged with one count of murder and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. The suspect turned himself in at the Reston District police station at about 5:30 p.m.

ROBBERY

2300 block of Pimmit Drive. A 78-year-old Falls Church man was robbed in the 2300 block of Pimmit Drive on Wednesday, Nov. 5. He was in a parking lot around 7:45 p.m. when a man appeared from behind, implied a weapon and demanded money. The victim complied and the suspect fled with an undisclosed amount of cash. The victim was not injured. No suspect information is available.



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