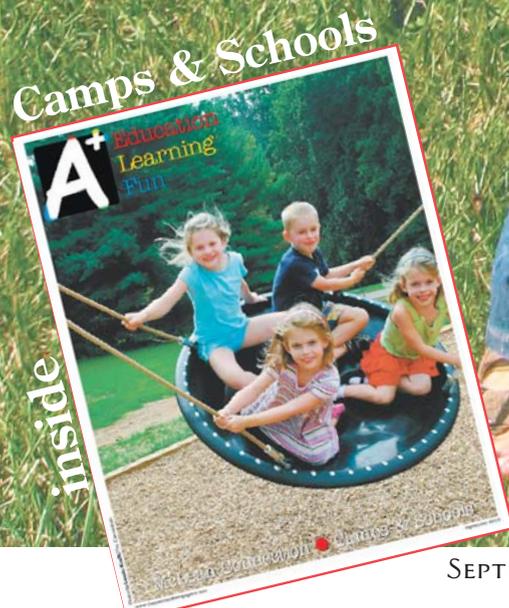




Jeff Bardsley of McLean has been the voice of an easily missed few in the health care reform debate.



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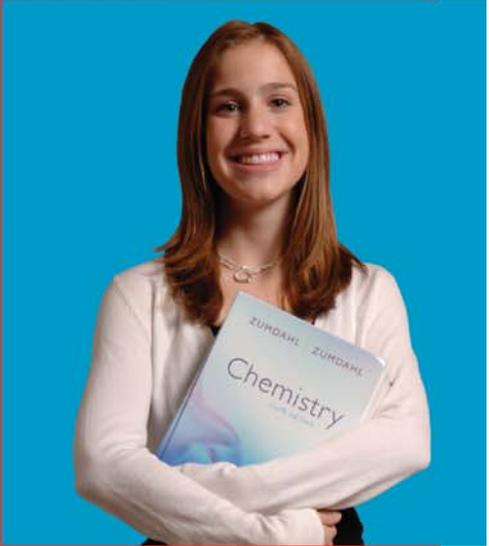
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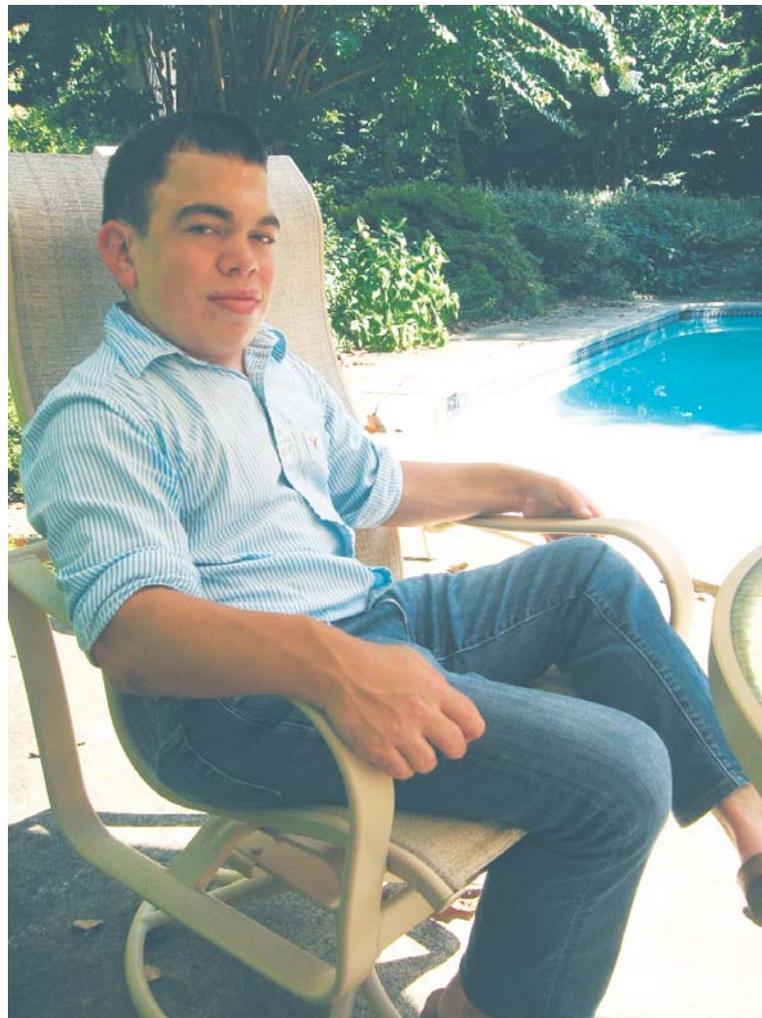
Representing Minority In Big National Debate

McLean resident speaks for orphan disease patients in health care discussion.

Over the summer, McLean resident Jeff Bardsley became the voice of a small minority in the health care reform debate, as part of a panel that addressed 30 congressional staffers regarding the issue.

"My aspect was just to educate staffers about patients with rare diseases," he said, noting that such small populations can be easily overlooked. Bardsley has a rare genetic disorder called Hunter syndrome, which affects only about 500 patients in the United States.

He worked as a summer intern for the pharmaceutical company that provides his treatment, Shire Pharmaceuticals, and the U.K.-based company asked him to join the congressional panel. "They're just developing the political side of their operation here in D.C.," Bardsley said. As one of the country's older patients with Hunter syndrome or other varieties of mucopolysaccharidosis (MPS), Bardsley said he had become interested in acting as a spokesman for those with conditions similar to his.



Jeff Bardsley relaxes in his McLean backyard.

BARDSLEY IS 22. His case of Hunter syndrome, which inhibits the body's ability to break down complex molecules, is relatively mild. Most with the disorder die by the age of 20, he said.

The main concern of patients with extremely rare illnesses — known as orphan diseases — is to make sure pharmaceutical companies have enough incentive to pioneer treatments for extremely small customer bases, while also allowing generic brands to eventually come up with updated versions, Bardsley said.

His treatment, for example, consists of weekly enzyme infusions. Since enzymes are naturally occurring proteins, they cannot be patented. The closest a company can come to gaining rights to the treatment is to patent its development process, and once the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approves the treatment, the company is locked into that process, Bardsley said. One of the incentives offered to orphan drug producers is a seven-year exclusivity

period, preventing generic brands from coming up with updated versions of the process offered at lower costs.

Bardsley, whose treatment is already six years old, said he wanted to make sure a balance was kept between encouraging innovation and lowering consumer costs.

He worried that incentives for further innovation in such a small niche market could be cut back because, in the reform debate, "There seems to be this overwhelming incentive to cut costs wherever possible," he said. "To me, the drugs out there now are just an intermediate step." He said he hoped for an eventual cure to Hunter syndrome. "It's an extremely degenerative condition and there isn't much they can do about it except to mitigate the symptoms and make it a little more comfortable," Bardsley said.

For him, these symptoms include hearing difficulties and a limited range of motion in his

joints. Most Hunter syndrome patients, though, begin experiencing breathing problems and cognitive impairment around the age of 6.

WITHOUT A generic alternative, treatment costs \$200,000 to \$300,000 per year, which Bardsley said could make finding coverage difficult. Lifetime caps on coverage can also pose a problem, he said. He is currently insured under his parents' plan, but he expects health insurance to be a factor in his job search after he finishes graduate school. He said he planned to look for employment with the government or a major national company that could offer him insurance.

Bardsley worked as an intern with Shire for about seven weeks, and he said his work on Capitol Hill was primarily to keep key legislators up-to-date on the needs of the orphan disease population. As far as weighing in on the specifics of reform proposals, he said he



A traffic shift on Scotts Crossing Road near Dolley Madison Boulevard will be in place until 2013.

Traffic Shifts at Scotts Crossing

Change will be in place until rail is built.

A long-term traffic shift has been put into effect on Scotts Crossing Road, near its intersection with Dolley Madison Boulevard. The road has been reduced to one northbound and one southbound through lane, with a southbound left-turn lane. The change will be in place until phase one of Rail to Dulles is completed in 2013.

The traffic shift allows the con-

struction of the future Tysons East Metro station and accompanying at-grade and aerial track work. Occasional lane closures may be required as work progresses in this area.

For more information about the project, visit www.dullesmetro.com or call 703-572-0506. For any construction-related emergencies, call the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project Hotline at 877-585-6789.

Lane Closing on Dulles Toll Road

Drivers using the eastbound Dulles Toll Road (Route 267) may experience delays beginning Tuesday, Sept 22. The eastbound right lane between Beulah and Trap Roads, just west of Wolf Trap Farm Park, will be closed.

The closing will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily for four to five days, weather permitting.

Construction crews will be installing barriers along the Dulles Toll Road near the site

of future storm water detention ponds to be built in that area for the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project.

Toll road users should be alert to this lane closure and use extreme caution in the area.

A 24/7 emergency hotline is available for construction related issues: 877-585-6789. For general Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project information: www.dullesmetro.com or 703-572-0506.

would have to see a final bill before he would know how it would directly affect him. However, he did say he supported a bill by Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-Calif.), recently tacked onto the House Energy and Commerce Committee's health care bill. Eshoo's addition would extend the exclusivity period for orphan drug innovators from 7 years to 12.

Ultimately, he said, he thought the added incentive would result

in a better chance for new studies and treatments. "I'll take 12 years over seven any day," Bardsley said.

He also visited the office of U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) and talked with staff about his stake in health care reform. "They listened and they were glad that people were letting them know what was important to them," he said.

Bardsley is a full-time student at

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On Political Signs

A little local enforcement would go a long way.

Candidates for public office uniformly define themselves as law-abiding citizens with the public good at heart.

So why then does virtually every candidate allow or encourage their campaign workers to violate the law by posting hundreds of signs in the public right-of-way in the medians of major roads?

Political signs on private property, homes and businesses, are part of good political discourse. The person who owns the home or business is endorsing a candidate in a powerful way.

Political signs which are not on private property are almost all illegal.

Political signs in roadway medians simply scream that the candidate in question has enough money to print signs and pay staff members to put them up. Certainly some signs are put in medians by enthusiastic volunteers.

Meanwhile it is not OK for a citizen to take down political signs even if they are illegally in the public right-of-way.

A little local enforcement, citing candidates for violations with an accompanying press release while removing the illegal signs, would go a long way towards curbing this unsightly practice.

Register, Vote

The deadline to register to vote or update your address for the Nov. 3 election is Monday, Oct. 5. To register to vote, download a form from:

www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Forms_Publications/Index.html

Fill it out and mail it to your local elections office, along with a copy of a photo identification or current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address.

You can also register in person at the elections office during business hours or at the DMV, or you pick up a form in a library or other public places.

After you register, you will receive confirmation and a voting card in the mail. You can call the elections office to verify that you are registered.

To find your polling place, go to www.sbe.virginia.gov and click on "voter information." Polling places will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on election day, Tuesday, Nov. 3. Check with your local elections office for information on absentee voting.

Absentee Voting

Virtually any Virginia voter can vote ahead of time in person or by mail if for any reason you expect to be away from home, including commuting to your job, on election day. You can mail in an application for an absentee ballot by downloading it at www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Forms_Publications/Index.html. A ballot will be mailed to you for you to fill out and mail back.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What Do I Want From a Candidate?

To the Editor:

After reading the article "Battle for 34th District" [Great Falls Connection, Sept. 9-15] I asked myself "What do I really want from a candidate?"

The most important thing is to trust the candidate with solving the most urgent problems facing our local community. In early July, Barbara Comstock knocked on my door, but I knew very little about her at that time. During our lengthy conversation, I had the privilege to ask what she stands for and she listened with a great interest to my concerns. I came to the U.S. in 1991 from a former communist country. My journey to America was driven by the ambition to live in a free country, where free market-driven economy thrives. It is based on competition and is adopted worldwide. Even China is slowly accepting this market. I also brought up another important issue to Barbara, education. Higher level of education allows us social mobility and the ability to become better-qualified employees. Again, I ask myself, what do I want from a candidate? A candidate who is in touch with his or her constituents. A candi-

date who listens to the issues that we care about the most, but also lets us inquire about his or her priorities. We all know that the #1 problem that needs to be solved for our community is economy. Barbara put improving the economy as her #1 priority. Why does Margi Vanderhuyse choose to focus on transportation when economy requires higher priorities?

Secondly, a candidate who brings forward policies at the state level based on best practices rather than academic experiments. We heard that cash for clunker was a successful program. Was it indeed? Cash for clunker was a selective "tax rebate" targeted to a specific group of people. It indeed aided the auto manufacturers and auto-related industry, but it created higher debt-to-income ratio for the participants that really didn't need a car. Another example is Mr. Bernanke's academic experiment is to sell debt to finance lending trillions of dollars to banks where banks make deposits rather than lend to businesses. Why would a business be willing to borrow during uncertain times, high unemployment, when the whole market stagnates? When a small business honors services or goods, they will like to keep most of the proceeds during this time. They would rather not take more debt for future services or goods that are li-

able not to sell. During the financial crisis, creating more debt for future generations is not the answer. Money needs to circulate to produce value. Providing non-selective tax cuts helps businesses make decisions that are suitable for them. What do I want from a candidate? A candidate that is a proponent and applies best practices at the state level.

Barbara Comstock stands strong for the economy and education that are the most critical matters in our lives.

Gigel Marinescu
Great Falls

Effective Leadership

To the Editor

Thank you for featuring the "Battle for Virginia's 34th [House of Delegates] District" in the Sept. 15 issue. Del. Margi Vanderhuyse (D-34) and her challenger, Barbara Comstock, were asked the same questions, giving voters a chance to compare their priorities and strengths. But one question you didn't ask, and voters would like to have answered, is how the candidates plan to legislate. Will they cross the aisle and seek consensus to find solutions for Virginia, or will they cling to their party and refuse to work with the other side?

Comstock has no record to review, but her campaign suggests an answer. For her keynote speaker at a major fund raiser, she chose Karl Rove, a Republican strategist known for his divisive, take-no-prisoners approach to politics.

Vanderhuyse, in contrast, has been effective because she is ready to work with legislators from both sides of the aisle. Her bills to expand cancer treatment for low-income women, to promote using agricultural wastes to generate electricity, and to streamline state support for the technology industry were passed with votes from both parties. She respects good leadership, regardless of party, listing in one of her Connection answers Republican Brent Scowcroft as a hero. Margi has earned the respect of both parties in the General Assembly, and we need to reelect her as our delegate because she knows our district, knows our needs, and knows how to be an effective legislator.

Linda Burchfiel
McLean

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To the Editor:

Thank you for running the profiles on the two candidates for delegate from the 34th District.

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This diagram illustrates the plan for additional parking at Spring Hill RECenter and a median on Lewinsville Road, in front of Spring Hill Elementary School.

When Citizen Interests Collide

Median for pedestrian safety interferes with rec center parking lot expansion.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

Joan Dreux said she and her neighbors on Artnauman Court felt that county officials had reneged on an agreement they had made with residents on the cul-de-sac six years ago.

"The bottom line is, we have been traded out. As a good citizen, I am overwhelmed with disappointment," Dreux told Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) and county transportation and park officials at a meeting at the McLean Governmental Center Wednesday, Sept. 16. She had been selected by her neighbors to speak on their behalf. "It's just totally unacceptable to everyone on that street," she said.

Two planned public improvements, both demanded by citizens, are impinging on each other around Spring Hill RECenter. The community has long pushed for expanded parking at the recreation center, a project that received inadequate funding in the 2004 parks bond referendum and became fully funded with the 2008 referendum. Residents of Artnauman Court worked with the county and others to develop a master plan for the recreation cen-



Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) addresses residents at a meeting where not everyone can be entirely pleased.

ter, completed in 2003, which would not only expand parking but also close entrances to the facility from their street and open up access from Lewinsville Road instead. The neighbors were tired of their cul-de-sac serving as overflow parking and a driveway for the recreation center, the only other entrance to the facility being on Spring Hill Road.

However, the Lewinsville Coalition, a group of homeowners associations in the area, was meanwhile pushing for a safer pedestrian crossing on Lewinsville Road, between the recreation center site and Spring Hill Elementary School across the street. A median providing a pedestrian refuge in the center of the road was funded by the county's 2007 transportation bond referendum.

But county officials at the meeting said the planned median would eliminate the possibility of an entrance to the recreation center from Lewinsville Road. Preliminary designs by the Park Authority's engineering consultant suggested that most of the new parking be placed near Artnauman Court.

BY KEEPING the entrances on Artnauman court open and placing most of the parking directly across the street from her house, Dreux said, "You will multiply the amount of traffic on our street and you have reneged, intentionally or not."

"I'm very sensitive to your issue," Foust said. "We don't want to ad-

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Sheriff's Association Honors Sen. Janet Howell

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ceived no additional cuts in their budget which was reported by the General Assembly in February concluding the 2009 Session of the General Assembly.

"We appreciate her persistence and support for public safety in Virginia," said John W. Jones, executive director of the Virginia Sheriffs' Association.

The Virginia Sheriffs' Association represents more than 7,800 sheriffs and deputies across Virginia, and each year honor certain legislators who have demonstrated their willingness to support law enforcement in Virginia.

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the University of Richmond, where he plans to graduate with a Masters degree in accounting in the spring. He said he had been aware of the symptoms of Hunter syndrome since he was young — he has worn a hearing aid since he was 6 — but didn't let them slow him down. "I've always just been fine with having a genetic condition as part of my life," he said. He played McLean Youth Soccer through high school and still works out at the gym. "I'm not exactly going to play in the NBA," he joked. Another symptom of the condition is

stunted height.

It wasn't until Bardsley decided to do a project about the disorder in seventh grade that he learned of its severity in most other patients. Now, he has become active in the MPS Society, which advocates for those with conditions similar to his. After he's through with school, he said, he plans to apply his business education and patient perspective to advocating for other patients and families. He said he hoped to return to the D.C. area in order to be close to Capitol Hill and become a leader in the MPS society.

— MIKE DiCICCO

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CRIME

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2200 block of Reddfield Drive.
Police responded to a burglary in the 2200 block of Reddfield Drive on Thursday, Sept. 10. An investigation determined a man entered a home while a 35-year-old woman was watching television around 12:15 a.m. She confronted the suspect and he ran through the house, grabbed her purse and fled through a door. Officers located a man matching the suspect's description nearby and took him into custody. A 34-year-old male of the 7600 block of Matera St. in Falls Church was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with drunk in public. Additional charges are pending.

ANIMAL CONTROL DIVISION

9600 block of Feroil Drive. A raccoon bit a woman on the leg in the 9600 block of Feroil Drive on Monday, Sept. 14. The 37-year-old woman was walking outside around 10:32 a.m. when the raccoon approached and bit her on the leg. Officers could not locate the raccoon, but their investigation determined that earlier in the morning around 7:45, a raccoon bit one man's shoe as he was walking and another man's dogs came into contact with a raccoon. The man's dogs reportedly fought with the raccoon but let it go. The woman is receiving care for rabies exposure.

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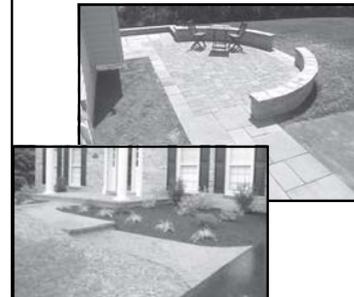
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Kara McCarty of Vienna, her 2-year-old daughter, Grace, and McCarty's mother, Joann Lowell, greet Alte Kamaraden band member Frank Maki. Alte Kamaraden is part of the City of Fairfax Band.

The Fairfax Chinese Dance Troupe studies at the Vienna Community Center.

Children's Festival Draws More Than 8,000

Two-day arts festival features local, international performers.

For two days, under the most sparkling of clear blue skies, families took part in the 39th Annual Wolf Trap International Children's Festival. On Sept. 19 and 20, local performers, international performers, and activity centers spread throughout the meadow, showcased the dance and music of American and foreign cultures. Spanish dancers in native dress, Chinese children from Fairfax County celebrating their heritage, performers in folk dress from Georgia, Serbia and Ireland were among those who danced on Wolf Trap's six stages scattered throughout the national park.

As guests passed through the gates early Sunday morning, a juggling mime greeted them. Roving entertainers showed skills and posed for photos.

Children clapped their hands to music, posed with performers and, frequently, danced along to the sounds. Begun in 1971, the International Children's Festival at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts was founded to introduce new cultures, and to teach the global role of the arts in the lives of man, to children and their families.



Artists from the Vienna Arts Society, Patrick Conte, Vivian Attermeyer and VAS director Teresa Ahmad talk to guests about their organization. Conte says, 'you're never too young to learn about the arts.'

"We're an international family and we want to expose Grace to international cultures," said Kara McCarty of Vienna. Kara and 2-year-old daughter Grace accompanied by Kara's mother, Joann Lowell of Raleigh, N.C., clapped and swayed as the Alte Kamaraden German band played German folk music and polkas.

Eighty-six local groups and artists, and three international troupes from Spain, Georgia and Serbia — more than 400 participants — engaged more than 8,000 ticket holders over the course of the weekend festival. Spain, Serbia

and Georgia hosted crafts tents, as did local visual artists.

The youngsters of the Fairfax Chinese Dance Troupe were born in China and study dance of their native culture at the Vienna Community Center. Garbed in glowing yellow and red, the children performed traditional dance on Sunday afternoon.

The Rhythm Street Dance Center from Herndon featured dancers from grade-schoolers through teens.

— DONNA MANZ

CALENDAR

Send announcements to mclean@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit www.connectionnewspapers.com

THURSDAY/SEPT. 24

Alzheimer's Family Day Center's 25th Anniversary Garden Party. 6-9 p.m. at The Atrium at Meadowlark Botanical Garden, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. \$25. Fine food and drink, live music and a silent auction. Visit the event website to see the list of auction items. All proceeds will benefit the center's therapeutic programming. 703-204-4664 or afdc@alzheimersfdc.org. www.alzheimersfdc.org/25th.htm.

High Tea and Passion for "ChariTea" Raffle. 2-4 p.m. at River Bend Golf and Country Club, 375 Walker Road, Great Falls. Auction proceeds will benefit the Artemis House, Happy Hugs, Camp Frasier, Lift Me Up, Volunteer Emergency Families for Children and more. \$28. Send checks made out to GFWC to Debby Bailine, 9901 Blackmore Vale Way, Great Falls, VA 22066. 703-757-2244 or 703-759-2077.

Dean Fields, The Brilliant Inventions, Cletus & Lori and Ellen Cherry. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.
Ronald Kessler to sign in the President's Secret Service: Behind the Scenes with Agents in the Line of Fire and the Presidents They Protect. 7 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 7851 Tysons Corner Center, McLean. 703-506-2937.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 25

Game of Love and Chance. 8 p.m. at First Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. \$25 adults, \$15 students. www.1ststage.com.

The Beach Boys - Twisted! at 6:30 p.m. and **BetaRaz Presents: Powerhouse** at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

McLean Community Players' "The Importance of Being Earnest," 8 p.m. at the Alden Theater in the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. \$15 adults and \$13 for students and seniors, available at the box office, by phone at 703-790-9223 or through Ticketmaster at 703-573-SEAT, or www.ticketmaster.com. www.mcleanplayers.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 26

NOVACO 10th Anniversary Dinner and Auction. Seated dinner, silent and live auction at the Westwood Country Club. Support NOVACO's mission to assist victims of domestic abuse. Tickets \$85. www.novaco.org/tickets.html

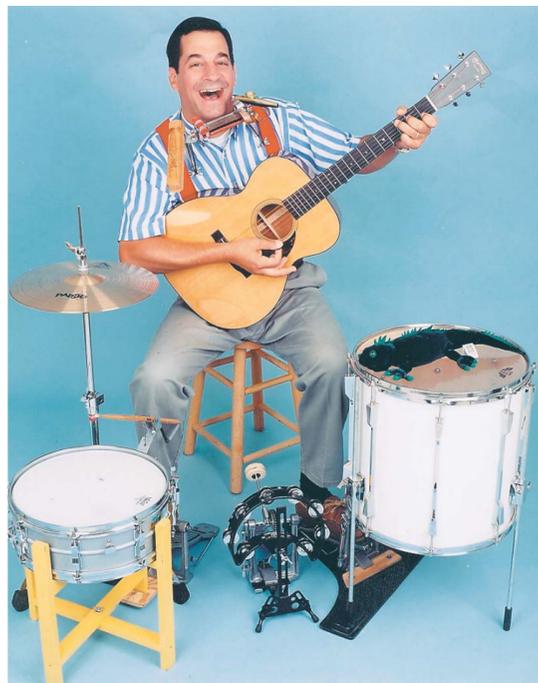
Derek Webb with Sandra McCracken. 6 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Game of Love and Chance. 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. at First Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. \$25 adults, \$15 students. www.1ststage.com.

The Beach Boys - Twisted! at 1:30 p.m., **Derek Webb CD Release and Sandra McCracken** at 6 p.m. and **Allmanat** at 9:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

The Rick Thompson Jazz Quartet. 4-6 p.m. at the Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Free. 703-288-9505.

Kay Eghazy's artist's reception. 6-



One-man Band Peter McCory will perform on Wednesday, Sept. 30, 12:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center Alden Theater, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. www.mcleancenter.org.

9 p.m. at Applegate Gallery & Custom Framing, 101 Church St. N.W. Suite C, Vienna. Drinks and food will be served. The exhibit will run from Sept. 26-Oct. 28.

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SUNDAY/SEPT. 27

Derek Webb with Sandra McCracken. 7 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Game of Love and Chance. 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. at First Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. \$25 adults, \$15 students. www.1ststage.com.

McLean Branch of the American Association of University Women Open House & Reception. 2:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center. 703/734-0367 or www.mcleanaauw.org.

National Council of Negro Women - Northern Virginia Section 33rd Annual Luncheon and Fashion Show. 1 p.m. at the Fairview Park Marriott, 3111 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church. All proceeds will benefit health and career fairs, educational workshops and educational grants. BusinessEventCompany@yahoo.com, 703-400-5633 or 703-533-0134.

McLean Community Players' "The Importance of Being Earnest," 2 p.m. at the Alden Theater in the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. \$15 adults and \$13 for students and seniors, available at the box office, by phone at 703-790-9223 or through Ticketmaster at 703-573-SEAT, or www.ticketmaster.com.

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MONDAY/SEPT. 28

The Lost Fingers. 8 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

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Northern Virginia Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness Monthly Speaker Meeting. 7 p.m. at First Christian Church, 6165 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Speaker will be Trudy Harsh on the Brain Foundation, Laura's House, and Housing for People with Mental Illness. Call Joe Lipari at 703-256-2908.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 29

Tyrone Wells (intimate and acoustic), Matt Hires and Keaton Simons. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Personalized Internet Training. 2:30 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. A 45-minute one-on-one Internet training sessions with a technology volunteer. Call for appointment. Adults. 703-790-8088.

Book discussion: "The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court" by Jeffrey Toobin. Adults. 703-790-8088.

Colvin Run Community Center Weekly Dance. 7 p.m. at Colvin Run Schoolhouse, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. \$10. www.colvinrun.org.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 30

Tyrone Wells, The Myriad and Matt Hires. 8 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Creepy Crawly Friends. 10:30 a.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Find bugs in stories. Age 2-5 with adult. 703-356-0770.

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Harvest Happenings

Saturday, Sept. 26, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 4

They were helpful guides to their likely performance in the job.

The article confirmed my support for the incumbent Margi Vanderhye (D) both based on her record and Barbara Comstock's (R) lack of a record in state politics.

Margi Vanderhye's years of service to our community as well as her record of success as our delegate provide convincing reasons

to support her re-election.

Also, although she is a Republican, Ms. Comstock seemed to argue the need for keeping a Democrat in the seat by noting that "Northern Virginia (is) constantly getting shortchanged by Richmond." How true. Over and over again the Republican controlled House of Delegates has blocked legislation that would benefit our area. They would not, for example, even let us tax ourselves extra to pay for transportation.

Finally, Ms. Comstock's long history as a national Republican Party operative and her choice of role models in your article, suggests she is likely to vote the party line in Richmond rather than for what is best for our Fairfax County district.

In sum, I think this profile makes clear why we should keep Ms Vanderhye as our delegate.

Amanda Murphy
McLean

'Summit' Needed On Campaign Signs

To the Editor:

Political signs are popping up on our roadsides and median strips. These signs are making the job of mowing those areas tedious and time consuming. Workers are already working, with limited resources to keep our roads safe and clear of debris.

I would like to suggest that the campaigns hold a "summit" and come up with a date acceptable to all for posting signs. This would be a win, win situation for everyone involved.

Doris Cheely
McLean

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Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 26th & 27th



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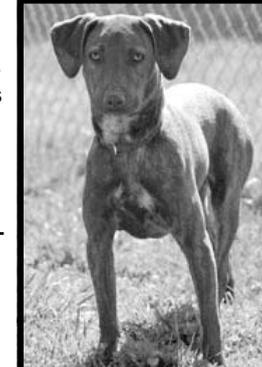
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SPORTS

Short-Handed Highlanders Handle Wakefield, Win 28-8

Mills, Ludwick step up win for 2-1 McLean.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The McLean High football team was missing some key parts when it went up against visiting non-district opponent Wakefield Friday night, Sept. 18. A year ago, when the Highlanders went 0-10, such a scenario would have spelled certain defeat. But such is not the case this season.

Despite being without both its starting quarterback and top playmaker, McLean handled the Warriors with relative ease, winning 28-8. With the win, the Highlanders improved to 2-1.

"I think they went into the game with a 'business as usual' [mindset] and believed they could win," said second year McLean head coach Jim Patrick, of his team's positive approach despite not being at full roster strength.

Will Hecht, McLean's senior starting quarterback, and senior running back Riley Beiro, one of the top players in the Northern Region, both missed the Wakefield game due to personal issues. The two players are expected to be in the McLean line-up again Friday, Sept. 25, when the Highlanders open up their Liberty District schedule at 2-1 Madison.

"I don't think our players really dwelled on the fact those two kids were out," said Patrick, who also mentioned a few other players missed the game due to illnesses. "We told the guys the game was still going to count, win or loss, and that guys really needed to step up."

McLean certainly had players step up. One of those was junior Chase Mills, who played quarterback in Friday's win. Not only was Hecht not available on Friday, but McLean's second strong signal caller was ill and also not able to play. So Mills, who had a little background at the quarterback position from his JV

playing days, was called upon to start against the Warriors.

"He managed the game and was very confident," said Patrick, of Mills' play behind the center. "From a leadership standpoint he did very good. He's an athlete, he's tough and he took the personal responsibility [of running the offense]."

Mills ran the football seven times for 35 yards and completed 1-of-6 passes for 15 yards.

Also stepping up in a big way was junior halfback Jimmy Ludwick, who received a bulk load of the ball carries in place of Beiro. It was a big night for Ludwick, who carried the ball 42 times for 196 yards and three touchdowns.

A week earlier, Ludwick, who is primarily used as a blocker out of the backfield, made two big catches in the Highlanders' 28-21 loss at Herndon.

"I now have another guy I can give the ball to," said Patrick, referring to Ludwick. "He's a tough kid. Both [Mills and Ludwick] stepped up and played well."

Another good rushing game came from running back David Fontenot, a junior who carried the ball nine times for 75 yards.

PATRICK SAID his entire offensive line was intact for the Wakefield game, making things somewhat smoother for the skill position players.

McLean, which led 9-0 at halftime, received an outstanding game from place kicker Drew Hunt, who nailed field goals of 23, 34 and 20 yards.

On defense, the Highlanders shut down Wakefield. The Warriors' offense totaled just 68 yards and put up no points. Wakefield's lone touchdown came defensively on a fumble return.

McLean should be at full strength again when it travels to Vienna on Friday night to take on the Warhawks, who have beaten McLean annually throughout this decade.

"We're definitely excited to have them back and ready to play," said Patrick, of having key players back in the line-up. "Madison's obviously a very good team. They will be a good test for us to see where we are."

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Both the Langley High boys' and girls' cross country teams will be competing at Saturday morning, Sept. 26's Oatlands Invitational meet in Leesburg. The annual showcase event is one of the biggest meets of the high school season and encompasses teams from all across Virginia and outside the state as well.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

Doug Stupay (McLean) and William Ruppe (Great Falls) are members of the Trinity College (Conn.) men's soccer team this fall. Stupay, a junior defender, is a returning starter who was part of a 2008 Trinity team that allowed less than one goal per game. Ruppe, a sophomore, also plays on defense. Trinity, coached by Michael Pilger, was 11-5 last year and advanced to the New England Small College Athletic Conference semifinals.

Jimmy Lange (30-3-2, 21 knockouts) will return to the ring on Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Patriot Center in Fairfax to defend his World Boxing Council (WBC) U.S. National Boxing Championship. Lange, in a 154-pound title fight, will go up against his former teammate from "The Contender," Jonathan Reid (34-11, 19 KOs), in a 12-round main event. Tickets are on sale and available for purchase through the Patriot Center box office and all area Ticketmaster outlets.

Lange, of Great Falls, is currently ranked No. 11 by the NABF and

No. 34 in the world by the WBC at 154 pounds.

The 2009 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics opened on Sept. 13 and were scheduled to continue through Sept. 23. Gold medals in bowling, racquetball, backgammon and team line dance were awarded on Sept. 14. Bowling was took place at Bowl America (Shirley, Alexandria). Bowling winners included Vienna's Sandra Ballinger in the women's ages 70-74 division.

Robert McArthur (men's 60-64 age group), also of Vienna, earned a gold medal in racquetball.

For more information on the Senior Olympics, call 703-228-4721 or check the Web site at novaseniolympics.com

Patrick Fish, who resides in Great Falls, was recently named Academic-All American by USA Water Polo. Patrick is a goalie for the Gonzaga College High School varsity water polo team. He also plays for the Naval Academy Aquatics Club.

Highlanders' Field Hockey Faces Tough Foes

The McLean High girls' field hockey team lost to metropolitan power St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, 3-0, in a contest played in Alexandria on Sept. 15. Then, the following day, the Highlanders lost their Liberty District affair at Madison, 4-2.

McLean took an early 2-0 lead against the Warhawks with goals from Olivia Applewhite and Johanna Morrison. Caitlin Baker had assists on both scores. Madison, however, battled back with a late first half goal and an early second half goal to tie the game. McLean continued to pressure Madison, but was unable to convert while Madison took

advantage of its opportunities.

In earlier season action, McLean was a 6-0 winner over visiting district opponent South Lakes on Sept. 10. McLean got two goals apiece from both Leandi Venter and Jordan Walker, while Applewhite and Kristina Betner added goals as well. Becca Latimer and Jamie Bell both had two assists, while Baker and Applewhite also had assists.

Two days earlier, on Sept. 8, the Highlanders edged host team Herndon, 2-1. McLean's Maddy Parkhurst scored early, on an assist by Applewhite. McLean pressured the Herndon defense throughout the game, registering more than 15 offensive corners. Herndon's defense held strong and the Hor-

nets tied the game on a breakaway with seven minutes left. But McLean kept up relentless pressure and responded with a final rush with less than a minute remaining. The rush included a series of six or seven intricate passes covering the length of the field, started by Mary D'Alesandro and culminating in an assist from Kristina Betner to Casey Alexander for the winning goal. Goalie Sarah Park had another good game with eight saves, benefiting from solid defense led by D'Alesandro.

On Sept. 3, the Highlanders were decisive, 9-0 winners over host Wakefield in a non-district game played in Arlington. McLean received two goals each from Alexander, Baker and Kristina Betner, as

well as scores from Applewhite, Johanna Morrison and Amelia Dutrow. Baker, Alexander and Applewhite each had two assists, while Becca Latimer and Allison Wilhelm both had one assist.

Members of this year's McLean Highlanders are Kristen Ahearn, Casey Alexander, Kristina Anwyll, Olivia Applewhite, Caitlin Baker, Jamie Bell, Kristina Betner, Mary D'Alesandro, Amelia Dutrow, Becca Latimer, Johanna Morrison, Sarah Park, Charlotte Parkhurst, Maddy Parkhurst, Leandi Venter, Jordan Walker and Allison Wilhelm.

— RICH SANDERS

SCHOOLS

Record Number Of National Merit Semifinalists

A record number of Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students –219– from 22 high schools have been named National Merit Scholarship semifinalists by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) for 2010. Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST), which also serves as the Governor's Regional School for Northern Virginia, has 149 semifinalists.

All semifinalists are eligible to compete for 8,200 National Merit Scholarship awards worth \$36 million, to be awarded in spring 2010.

FCPS National Merit semifinalists from our area include:

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♦ **McLean High School:** Libi Baehr, David Berk, Annika Lichtenbaum, Natalie Mabile, Katherine Peck, Charles Tenney, and Fifi Wang.

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Merit Scholarship winners will be announced in spring 2010.

"Obit" More Than Usual



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Not having grown up in the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. area, I have never been inclined to regularly review the Obituary Sections of the major daily newspapers looking for former friends, classmates, long lost cousins, etc., with whom I've shared some pre-college (and long ago) associations. My thinking was, and continues to be, that it's unlikely that I'll ever see anyone I knew/know. However, my circumstances have changed, specifically my health. And so, more often than ever before, I find myself stopping at the Obituary Section; examining the pictures, perusing some of the agate type, reading a few of the featured obituaries/articles. I'm still not looking for anybody I know/knew. Nevertheless, I'm drawn to its content.

I suppose if I had to characterize my interest, I might call it, morbid curiosity. I'm not exactly looking at ages or causes of death. Nor am I that interested in how the lives of the recently deceased have been summarized. And I'm certainly not reading and reviewing to see how I might stack up, posthumously speaking. Still, I am reading and reviewing regularly. It's almost as if I don't want to miss something (or maybe it's that I don't have anything better to do). But for what purpose, exactly? It's not like I'm reporting my findings to anyone. It's seems rather pointless.

I imagine that this kind of mental meandering is normal for people whose life expectancy has been unexpectedly reduced from 30 years to 30 months, approximately. (I know, every body's different, yada, yada, yada.) And I also know that predicting/projecting one's life expectancy is tricky business and hardly an exact science (I don't know if it's a science at all). If truth be told, and my oncologist continues to be honestly truthful: it's a calculation he's wrong about all the time, admittedly so. Sure, there are studies and case histories that seem to indicate that time is not exactly on my side but those case histories are not me and unless they are, they're not relevant. As George Costanza advised Jerry Seinfeld in response to Jerry's question about how Jerry could beat a Lie Detector test: "It's only true if you believe it." I choose not to believe it. As such, normal has taken on a whole new meaning. In fact, normal has left the building. As a consequence, my priorities – and patience – have been completely rearranged and in some cases, completely re-categorized as well.

However, as I stumble and bumble (after all, it is college football season; Keith Jackson, wherever you are) through these most unexpected of health circumstances, I find myself less concerned with who I was and more concerned with who I've become (and what I have to do, at the end of the day). And my reading/reviewing the Obituary Section is merely another example of my rolling with the emotional punches and finding ways to mentally cope – and hope.

Oddly enough, reading about people who have predeceased me seems to be having an unintended effect. Rather than feeling, there by the grace of God I soon will be going (a more spiritual version of woe is me), and this is what life will be like after I'm gone, instead I'm feeling; hey, this is what life is like because I'm still alive, reading obituaries that make no mention of yours truly. And you know, I can live with that. Hopefully for a long time. But if not, I can't worry too much about why I do things. I just have to do them.

Life is too short – or so I've been told.

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The Ostomy Support Group of Northern Virginia LLC Monthly Meeting. 1:30 p.m. at Physicians Conference Center, INOVA Fairfax Hospital, 3300 Gallows Rd. Falls Church. Martha Hammond WOCN discusses skin care, Q&A. 703-802-3457 or

MONDAY/OCT. 5

Sierra Club and the 2009 Election. 7:30-9 p.m. Review Club endorsements in the races for Governor, other statewide officers and the House of Delegates, and discuss the impact of the election on the environment with speakers from the campaigns. Free. Bob_Pearson@cox.net

TUESDAY /OCT. 6

McLean Citizens Association Candidates Night. 7:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. With Barbara Comstock (R) and Margi Vanderhye (D) running in the 34th District and Chris Merola (R) and Jim Scott (D) in the 53rd District of the Virginia House of Delegates. 703-556-9160 or 703-442-6601.

Downside of Improvements Addressed

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versely impact anyone." He said he would direct the Park Authority to look into placing much of the additional parking closer to the Spring Hill Road entrance. He also noted that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) had passed a rule outlawing the creation of cul-de-sacs, which might require a waiver for the entrances from Artnauman Court to be closed down. Although most in the room seemed to agree that the recreation center would need to have more than one entrance, Foust said he would look into the legality of closing the entrances from the cul-de-sac.

A number of residents questioned the effectiveness of the proposed median as far as pedestrian safety. Ward Penberthy, who also lives nearby, was only the first to insist that a traffic light was needed, either at the pedestrian crossing in front of the school or at Artnauman Court.

Frank Crandall, co-chair of the McLean Citizens Association's Environment, Parks and Recreation Committee, who was also in the crowd, said the association and the supervisor's office had looked extensively into VDOT approval for a traffic light there, "and the answer was not only no, but absolutely no."

"I want this because pedestrian safety comes first," Foust said, indicating the median design. He said he thought the addition would solve a "very serious" pedestrian problem and a traffic problem at the elementary school.

The median in front of the school entrance, and a painted median further east, are also to discourage U-turns in front of Spring Hill Elementary, although a couple of residents said they expected cars to simply make U-turns further down, possibly at Artnauman Court.

CURRENTLY, pedestrians have to traverse about 70 feet of pavement to get across the street from the elementary school, said

Larry Ichter, chief of transportation and design for the Fairfax Department of Public Works and Environmental Services. With the median, he said, they would have to cross no more than 30 feet at a time. Ichter also said some of the median would be landscaped, and a bike lane would be created along the north side of the road. The east-bound side will have an extra-wide "shared-use" lane to accommodate cyclists. Parking on the road in front of the school is to be eliminated.

At the recreation center, the Park Authority plans to add about 200 new, lighted parking spaces and also renovate and light the existing main lot, said Dave Bowden, the agency's director of planning and development. Whether the majority of the additional parking is situated toward the east or the west of the property, it would eliminate one of the facility's "micro-soccer fields." A right-turn lane from Artnauman Court onto Lewinsville Road and a landscaped berm between the cul-de-sac and the recreation center are also planned, Bowden said.

Asked if there were any chances of getting an overhead crossing or pedestrian tunnel under Lewinsville Road that would eliminate the need for a median, allowing the recreation center to have an entrance onto that road, Foust said getting approval and funding for such a crossing would be "really difficult."

Patty Keffer reminded officials that 17 children lived on Artnauman Court and that the recreation center traffic on her street included not only cars, but also garbage trucks, maintenance vehicles and fire trucks.

Foust said he would keep residents of the cul-de-sac informed as his office looked into what could be done to alleviate their traffic.

A timeline has not been set for the median installation, which will require a permit from VDOT, and the expansion of the recreation center's parking lot is expected to be completed by March of 2012.

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