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Peter Piper Preschool alumnus Rick Barnard attends the school's 55th anniversary with his sons Jake, 5, and Nick, 3, who is now a student at the school.

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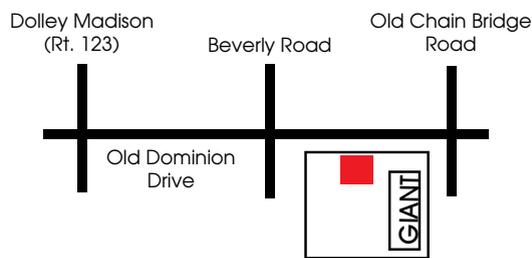
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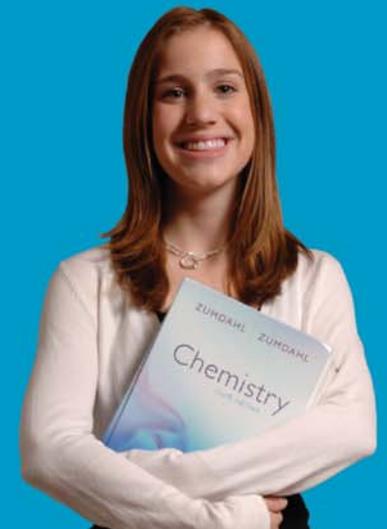
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Del. Margi Vanderhye (D-34) is greeted by supporters after the debate.



Republican candidate Barbara Comstock chats with some of her supporters.

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## Transportation, Taxes And Tough Times Debated

Vanderhye, Comstock debate ways to navigate financial straits.

BY MIKE DICICCO  
THE CONNECTION

A debate between incumbent Del. Margi Vanderhye (D-34) and her Republican challenger Barbara Comstock hosted by the Great Falls Citizens Association last Thursday, Sept. 24 was generally congenial as political duels go. The candidates seemed to agree on almost as many of the issues as they sparred over.

The debate heated up toward its end when moderator and Great Falls Citizen Association (GFCA) President Ralph Apton asked a question submitted by the audience and selected by a bipartisan group of GFCA members. The attendee had observed that literature from both campaigns had cited transportation and education as high priorities for investment and wondered how either of them could make headway on those fronts, given the lean economy.

Comstock said the scarcity of funding was why she supported alternate sources of revenue for the state, such as royalties from offshore oil drilling and the sale of the state's liquor stores. She said she didn't believe some naysayers' opinions that it was impossible to effect such change and "rock the boat" in Richmond. "Well, we need to rock the boat," Comstock said.

Vanderhye said oil drilling would not solve the state's lack of transportation funding, as the Navy and Department of Defense had secured a moratorium on such activity and royalties from offshore drilling operations were to go to the federal government anyway. Even if all that were changed, she said, it would take 10 years before the state saw any money from drilling, and the transportation fund would dry up in two years. Meanwhile, she said, sale of the liquor stores would only net about enough money to cover half a year's transportation budget. Although it was not the time to raise taxes, she said, what was needed was a source of revenue specifically dedi-

cated to transportation infrastructure.

Comstock said Vanderhye's response sounded like it foreshadowed additional taxes, and she noted that the 34th District was among the most heavily taxed areas of the country. She urged long-term planning, saying she had heard for the last 20 years that it would take 10 years to see any state revenues from offshore drilling. And throughout the debate, she advocated a bipartisan commission that would have among its tasks the reprioritization of transportation spending, so that Northern Virginia would stop getting back such a small fraction of the tax dollars it paid to the state.

"We can increase our share of the pie, but the pie's too small," Vanderhye said.

**ANOTHER QUESTION** selected from the audience that packed the Grange Thursday evening asked how each candidate would propose to bring back more of the money that the region paid in state taxes.

Comstock said a bipartisan transportation commission would be one way to reallocate more state money to the region.

Vanderhye said she had been a part of a bipartisan commission in 2005 that took six months to come up with a bill advocating a variety of options for transportation funding, including tolls and user fees, and the bill was killed in two days. In terms of education, she said the region was definitely getting short-changed. "The House Republican leadership votes time and time and time again against the interests of Northern Virginia because they think we're going to take care of ourselves," she said.

The reason the 2005 bill didn't pass, Comstock said, was that it would have raised taxes in Northern Virginia. But she agreed that Republican delegates from the south of the state were part of the problem and said she was willing to take them on. "We can't keep raising our taxes and let downstate get away with that," Comstock said.

Vanderhye said voters would be willing to pay for a dedicated source of transportation funding if the money raised in Northern Virginia were to be spent in the area.

One of four questions posed directly by the citi-

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Laura Peery talks with potential buyers at the 2008 Artfest.

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## Artfest Remains A Community Affair

Third annual festival will be this Sunday.

BY MIKE DICICCO  
THE CONNECTION

McLean artist Jill Banks participated in the McLean Project for the Arts' first Artfest two years ago and said she was excited to be returning to the festival this year. "I ended up meeting a good number of collectors last time," she said, noting that many had continued to follow her work over the next couple of years.

Banks, who primarily paints and draws, said she enjoyed meeting potential students for her art classes and talking with local residents about art. "People of all ages had so much fun," she said. "And I think a lot of them came because they were interested in buying. They like to seek art out in all different places, and an outdoor festival just adds to the fun."

Artfest will return to McLean Central Park Sunday, Oct. 4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., bringing 38 artists from around the region, as well as live music performed by local bands and food from a variety of vendors. A children's art walk will feature artwork by students from about a dozen local schools, and the New Dominion Women's Club will again sponsor a tent where instructors from the McLean Project for the Arts' (MPA) edu-

cational program will guide art projects for children. Also, area seniors will have an exhibit, showcasing work gathered from local senior centers and the MPA's adult art classes.

The event is funded entirely by area sponsors and staged by volunteers.

"We sort of integrate all the aspects of the community," said Jack Wilbern, who is chairing this year's event.

At the first Artfest in 2007, organizers anticipated a crowd of about 2,000 but ended up with about 3,000 attendees, Wilbern said. Last year, more than 4,500 people turned out. "So it's been very much appreciated by the McLean community," he said.

The artists are juried in by a selection committee, which not only chooses them by the quality of their work but also attempts to bring a wide variety of media and styles to the event while sticking to artists from the region. "I've already seen some of it and it's pretty spectacular stuff," Wilbern said of the art that will be available.

To the extent that there are any proceeds from the festival, it also raises money for MPA. "As of now, it looks like it's on track for a fund-raiser," Wilbern said. The artists pay only for their tents at the show, and then donors match that money. "Part of our mission statement is to help emerging artists keep as much of the money they make as possible," he said.

The organization also sup-

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PHOTO BY DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION

The green car and the green house are open to the public through the end of October.

## Green Comes to McLean

### Chevrolet Volt parked at West Group's Carbon-Neutral House.

BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

Imagine plugging a car's battery, via a power cord, into a standard 120-volt household outlet at night and waking up in the morning to a fully-powered vehicle that uses no gas and can travel up to 40 miles. There's no need to worry about being stranded because it comes with an on-board generator, too. Now, imagine that vehicle parked in the driveway of a carbon-neutral home in McLean.

On Sept. 22, representatives from General Motors, the West Group and Dominion Power and elected officials converged on that house, the first carbon-neutral show house on the East Coast, to introduce and welcome the revolutionary Chevrolet Volt.

"We can cut our energy consumption and reduce our dependency on foreign oil with energy-efficient products," said Del. Margi Vanderhye (D-34), on-hand to look over the vehicle as it sat in the driveway of the CharityWorks GreenHouse. "This car doesn't use gas. It's great we have it here at this West Group house. It's a perfect tie-in," she said.

For three weeks in October, the CharityWorks GreenHouse will be open to the public for an admission fee, with proceeds going to four Washington, D.C.-area nonprofits. The sporty-looking Volt, parked at the GreenHouse, will take a role in the promotion. After Oct. 30, the house will close its doors to public tours and go on the market, probably in the low-\$2 million price range, said Mark

Lowham, senior vice president, West Group. The Volt will leave McLean.

**THE VOLT**, not a mini-car, is an extended-range electric vehicle, capable of operating in either an electric mode powered by a lithium-ion battery or in extended-range mode which kicks in if the battery is depleted. In the extended-range mode, the energy to power the vehicle is generated by an on-board flex-fuel powered engine-generator.

The car, not yet priced by General Motors, is eligible for an immediate \$7,500 tax credit, and will be available in the Washington, D.C. area in late 2010. Currently, approximately 100 Volts are in final engineering testing. Barbara Hawthorn, one of the GreenHouse's 19 designers, calls herself a believer in green living and energy conservation. "This car shows that green can be glamorous," she said.

Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) referred to Fairfax County as being on the "leading edge of environmental issues."

Shahidah Abdul-Ali of Falls Church said she liked the car a lot because of the fuel efficiency, but had her reservations about battery endurance. "I don't mind plugging it in at night," Abdul-Ali said. "But I would be concerned if I had a long distance to go."

Dominion Power, working with the Commonwealth of Virginia, will provide charging stations for plug-in hybrid vehicles for free at Virginia rest areas.

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## Preschool Celebrates 55 Years

### Former students revisit one-room Peter Piper, finding that little has changed in decades.

BY MIKE DICICCO  
THE CONNECTION

Like most alumni of McLean's Peter Piper Preschool, Rick Barnard couldn't recall too much about his time at the school. After all, he was only 4 when he graduated. But he remembered enough to send his own boys to the school.

"I remembered being surrounded by lots of great teachers, and I had a lot of friends come out of the program as well," he said, noting that he had remained friends with some of his Peter Piper classmates through high school.

At the school's 55th anniversary celebration on Sunday, Sept. 27, Barnard and his wife watched their sons, one of whom recently attended the school and the other who is currently enrolled there, work on craft projects, request balloon animals from the clowns working the crowd and play on the playground with a throng of other students past and present.

Even if Barnard couldn't remember it, Director Lynda O'Bryan, who took over the school a few years before Barnard attended it in the late 1970s, said the single classroom was set up just as it had been then and even had a few of the same furnishings.

Now that he is a parent, Barnard said he was again making friends through the preschool, this time with other families. "We make lifelong friends as kids at the school and lifelong friends as adults and parents," he said.

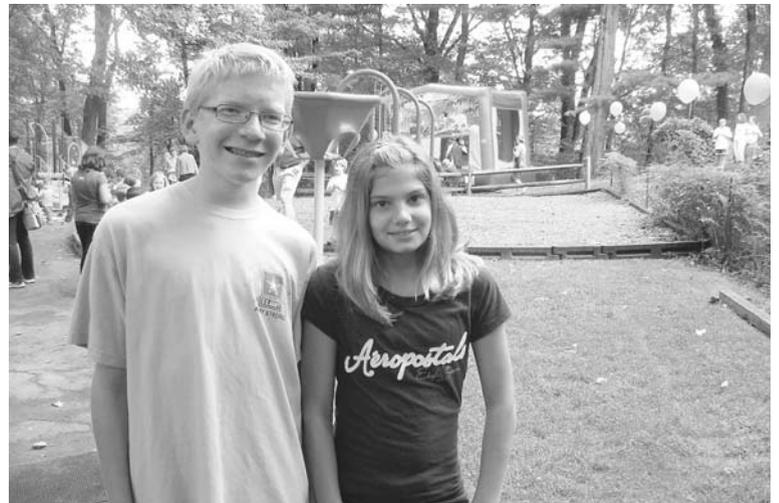
Jane McDonald and her family had just moved from Boston when she enrolled her son, Topher, in the school about a decade ago, and she said its small size had allowed her and her son to make new friends quickly. "A one-room schoolhouse, there are a lot of benefits to it," she said.

**THE SCHOOL** is run out of a home that was built to house a preschool, with O'Bryan and her husband living upstairs and the school on the lower level.

McDonald said she had also appreciated the school's "developmental" approach to teaching, by which each student was taught according to his or her own level of knowledge and ability. "It's the process rather than the product," she said. McDonald took a job teaching at the school the year after her son moved on to kindergarten and she is now its assistant director.

Topher was working at the anniversary celebration, fulfilling four of the five hours of community service required by Longfellow Middle School, where he is now an eighth-grader. He could remember sitting in a circle on the big, yellow ring affixed to the classroom floor for story time and playing with toys and costumes during class time. And he remembered his teacher, Margaret Wales, as well as O'Bryan. "I always looked at her as, like, the big boss," he said.

Joey Keller, now a ninth-grader at Commonwealth



Joey and Lee Kellar, now in ninth and sixth grades, respectively, revisit the Peter Piper Preschool they attended as small children.

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Bongo the Clown makes a balloon mouse for Jonathan Boyer.



Peter Piper Preschool Assistant Director Jane McDonald, left, and Director Lynda O'Bryan pose in the preschool.

Academy in Alexandria, remembered planting bulbs next to the school, playing on the playground and riding bikes on the pavement. "I think I remember falling off one time and scraping myself," he said. He also remembered the birthday ritual, in which O'Bryan helped the students pass out cupcakes on their birthdays, before they got to sit in the special birthday seat. And he could still recall the long walk up the hill to the school from the road.

The building is relatively secluded, situated on top of a hill on Scotts Run Road and surrounded by a tall forest.

Climbing the long hill was also one of Maggie Farnsworth's sharpest memories of attending the school, although she also recalled dressing up in the many outfits in the school's costume corner. Now an eighth-grader at Cooper Middle School, she said the playground at Peter Piper was new since her time there, but everything else was just as she remembered it.

Sebastian Crossley, a seventh-grader at Longfellow, had fond memories of dressing up for the school's annual Halloween parade, and he said he remembered running down the hill more than he could recall climbing it.

His mother, Susan, said she had appreciated the small class sizes at the school, where each teacher

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For more information on the GreenHouse and Volt public showing, go to [www.charityworksgreenhouse.com](http://www.charityworksgreenhouse.com). The house and Volt are located at 1310 Calder Road in McLean. No children under 8 or pets permitted. CharityWorks is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.



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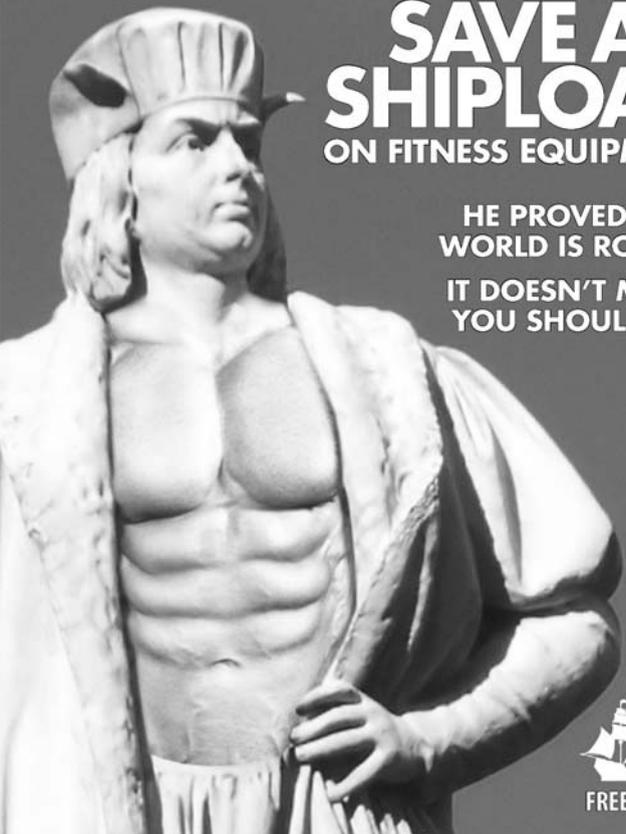
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Farmers markets are a wonderful source of locally grown and produced items, including fruits and vegetables of many kinds, greens, apples, pumpkins, chrysanthemums, meat,

dairy products, flowers, eggs, honey, baked goods, and more. The markets are colorful and friendly, and often also offer live music. Many markets include experts on gardening, landscaping and cooking. Recipes and tips for cooking with local produce are available.

But many farmers markets report a drop in customers after Labor Day.

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### SAMPLER OF LOCAL FARMERS MARKETS

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 Frying Pan Farmers Market, Herndon, Wednesdays, 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., through Oct. 28, Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon, in front of Frying Pan Country Store  
 Herndon Farmers Market, Thursdays, 8 a.m. – noon, through Oct. 29, Old Town Herndon, 777 Lynn Street, next to the Red Caboose  
 McLean Farmers Market, Fridays, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., through Nov. 20, Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road in McLean  
 Great Falls Farmers Market at Village Centre, Saturdays until Nov. 21  
 Reston Farmers Market, Saturdays, 8 a.m. – noon, through Oct. 31, Lake Anne Village Center, Reston  
 Farmers Market at reston Town Center Pavillion, Thursdays, 3:30 p.m.

EDITORIAL

## Education Makes Area Strong

BY MARGI VANDERHYE  
STATE DELEGATE (D-34)



The new school year is underway, and a full schedule of back-to-school nights and PTA meetings is in full swing. I have had the opportunity to chat with many parents regarding their concerns about the effect of state budget shortfalls on our schools.

Gov. Tim Kaine (D) recently released his \$1.35 billion Budget Reduction Plan for 2010. Tough times across the country are also being felt here in Virginia. And like many of our citizens who are tightening their belts, the government must do likewise. The Governor's Plan does not include tax increases, nor does it divert any money from the Transportation Trust Fund. In the current round

of cuts, K-12 education funding is protected; savings are achieved by reassigning programs and transferring funds. Although state support for both four year and two year colleges has been reduced in the Plan, it is considerably

offset by federal stimulus finds that mitigate the effects and provide school administrators with some flexibility to deal with cuts.

State budget committees have met to receive a report on the Governor's Plan. Any additional cuts that might be necessary if there is more bad news about state revenues may not spare K-12 funding. I believe that some principles for decisions about education funding in this economy should be clear. Available funds should be prioritized

to classroom teaching and instruction, and cuts should be made on a year-to-year basis rather than permanently "set" in the budget. At the higher education level, the focus should be on protecting our in-state students from tuition increases and maintaining financial support to get through this difficult economy. Even as the economy improves, we should provide more in-state acceptances for our students, and keep our community college system strong through business and workforce training partnerships.

Virginia is one of only seven states with an AAA bond rating. In these tough economic times, Virginia is identified by the Pew Center as one of only four states in the country that is managing to handle the economic crisis and still attract and retain economic development opportunities. Right here in our own McLean community,

Hilton Hotels is opening its international headquarters this week, a testament to our longstanding Virginia tradition of sound fiscal management, business friendly climate, and our commitment to public education.

In Fairfax County, we have a school bond referendum on the ballot this Nov. 3. Some of the funds from the bond will be used to alleviate overcrowding at Spring Hill Elementary School, currently more than 200 students over capacity. This bond referendum deserves our support, whether or not our own children are currently in school. We must provide a safe and excellent learning environment for our students in order to keep our regional economy strong. The bond issue is one important way we reaffirm our continuing commitment to our own students and to public education in Virginia.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Vanderhye Supported Tax Increases

To the Editor:

At the Great Falls Delegate debate last Thursday, Sept. 24, Margi Vanderhye said the question for the election in the 34th District delegate race is "who do you trust?" She also claimed at the same debate that she would not raise taxes, which is remarkably inconsistent with her long record of supporting tax increases over the years including:

\* Support for a 0.5 cent sales tax increase in 2002. Vanderhye was

active in the 2002 Transportation referendum, which would have raised our sales tax by 0.5 percent for a \$5 billion tax increase. In an interview with The Washington Post in 2002 she cited polls saying voters indicated a willingness to pay higher taxes; however, when voters actually went to the polls, they voted overwhelmingly against the tax increase.

\* Support for a \$1.4 billion tax increase in 2004. Vanderhye supported the 2004 \$1.4 billion tax increase for education, which disproportionately hit Northern Virginia with tax increases while sending most of the money to other parts of the state.

\* In 2006, she served on a trans-

portation committee that also proposed various tax increases.

\* Finally, in July 2008, she said (per her own Web site) she supported a "one cent increase in the sales tax raised in our region to stay in our region" and an additional "1/4cent statewide increase in the sales tax." Vanderhye also supported what she described as "a modest increase in rental car and hotel taxes."

When someone with this record says they won't raise your taxes, can you really trust them? One thing you can trust with Vanderhye is a guaranteed vote for higher taxes. In contrast, Barbara Comstock, the Republican nominee for the 34th District, has com-

mitted to not raising taxes, and has a record from working with U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) on tax relief rather than tax increases. That is who I trust.

**Libby Koklanaris**  
Great Falls

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## PEOPLE

# Exploring, Helping Azerbaijan

## McLean resident begins Peace Corps Service.

**M**ary Elizabeth Baskerville, 22, of McLean, has been accepted into the Peace Corps.

Baskerville will be departing for Azerbaijan on Sept. 29 to begin pre-service training as an English teacher Peace Corps Volunteer. Upon graduation from Volunteer training in December, Baskerville will be teaching English to students 7-16 in a regional village in addition to serving as a resource to Azerbaijani English language teachers and local community members.

Baskerville is the daughter of Jim and Teri Baskerville, and a graduate of Cheverus Jesuit College Preparatory High School in Portland, Maine. She then attended James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va., where she earned a bachelor's degree in political science and speech commu-



**Mary Elizabeth Baskerville**

nication with a focus in public communication, graduating in 2009. Baskerville previously worked as an intern for Senator Susan Collins as well as a student coordinator for James Madison University's 1st Green Job Fair.

"Volunteering has always been a big part of my life, although I usually did it in conjunction with school and could not devote myself to it full time. When prepar-

ing to graduate from college and looking at my future prospects, the Peace Corps was something that really stood out," said Baskerville, of her decision to join the Peace Corps.

During the first three months of her service, Baskerville will live with a host family in Azerbaijan to become fully immersed in the country's language and culture. After acquiring the language and cultural skills necessary to assist her community, Baskerville will serve for two years in Azerbaijan, living in a manner similar to people in her host country.

Baskerville joins the 351 Virginia residents currently serving in the Peace Corps. More than 6,498 Virginia residents have served in the Peace Corps since 1961.

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# Sharing Joy of Sweet 16

## Sandy Yang raises money for music program in Ecuador.

**E**ighty high school students took part in Sandy Yang's Sweet 16 party. However, instead of bearing mounds of presents for Yang, a sophomore at Sidwell Friends School, guests came with donations for an organization called Symphony for Life.

The organization states, "The general objective of the program is to expand the system of youth orchestras in Ecuador with efforts to include children from communities of scarce resources and promote social inclusion, equality and a strong sense of civic responsibility and pride."

"Sandy wanted a dance party and invited 80 friends," said David Wallace, Yang's father. "The idea of getting birthday gifts from all those kids would be very excessive." Young found out about the program through her friend Paula's mother, Maria del Carmen Araujo of



**Sandy Yang being recognized at the 'Orquesta Filarmonica del Ecuador' concert.**

McLean, who heads the program. "I wanted to help the kids who did not have an opportunity to be exposed to music," Yang said.

The Sweet 16 ended up being a huge success for the Symphony for Life organization. A high quality clarinet, flute and trumpet were collected, totaling to roughly \$2,000 in value. Additionally, Yang's guests made lots of monetary donations.

In August, she went on a trip to Ecuador with friend Paula, her mother, Maria del Carmen Araujo, and their family. In Ecuador, Yang found out that the money she collected at her party went to providing music stands for a youth orchestra. She was honored during the intermission of a youth orchestra's performance with a bouquet of flowers and many words of gratitude.

"I want this organization to be well known," Yang said. "I know there are a lot of musically talented people around this area and I want them to help out more."

— NICOLE MAGNUSSON

For more information about Symphony for Life and to find out how you can get involved, visit [http://www.partners.net/partners/Symphony\\_for\\_Life\\_EN.asp?SnID=2](http://www.partners.net/partners/Symphony_for_Life_EN.asp?SnID=2).



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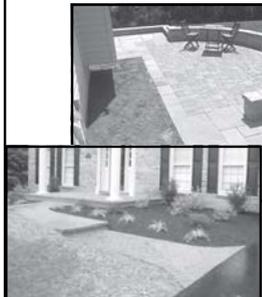
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## THURSDAY/OCT. 1

**Charlotte Martin and Matt Duke.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

## FRIDAY/OCT. 2

**Game of Love and Chance.** 8 p.m. at First Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. \$25 adults, \$15 students. [www.1ststage.com](http://www.1ststage.com).

**Kim Richey and Will Kimbrough** at 7 p.m. and **Betaraz Entertainment Presents: VA Strong** at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or [jamminjava.com](http://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](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

## SATURDAY/OCT. 3

**Vienna Oktoberfest 2009.** 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at Historic Church St., Vienna. Live music, food, beer garden, free children's activities and entertainment stage, and a festival marketplace. Sponsored by the Vienna Tysons Regional Chamber of

Commerce. 703-281-1333 or [dpoldy@vtrcc.org](mailto:dpoldy@vtrcc.org)

**The Vienna Optimist Club's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual "Walk for Growing Hope,"** to assist local children diagnosed with cancer, will begin prior to the Oktoberfest at 8 a.m. from the parking lot across from the Vienna train station.

**Dulles Day Family Festival and 17th Annual Plane Pull.** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Washington Dulles International Airport, behind Cargo Building 5. Follow signs on airport grounds to event parking. Admission and parking are free. The Plane Pull pits teams of 25 people in a game of "tug of war" against a FedEx jet. Proceeds benefit Special Olympics Virginia. Kids' Bus Pull, games and activities, live music and car show. Aircraft on display include military, civilian and World War II-era aircraft: P-51 Mustang "Quicksilver," F4U-5U Corsair, HU-16 Albatross and A-26 Douglas Invader, KC-135R, C-160, A-10 and more. 703-359-4301 or [www.planepull.com](http://www.planepull.com).

**Masterworks 2 with the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra.** Christopher Zimmerman, Music Director. 8 p.m. at George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4373 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. Mendelssohn's Overture to The Fair Melusine, Mozart's Clarinet Concerto and Beethoven's Symphony No. 4. Pre-concert lecture free to ticketed patrons, 7 p.m. 1-888-945-2468 or Tickets.com.

**Country Western Dance,** Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Line dance lessons at 7:30 p.m., two-step lessons at 8 p.m. Open dancing 8:30-11 p.m. \$10 NVCWDA members, \$12 non-members. [www.nvcwda.org](http://www.nvcwda.org) or 703-860-4941.

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**The Ditty Bops** at 7 p.m. and **Jammin' Java**, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**San Francisco-based singer-songwriter Megan Slankard** with fellow San Franciscan Jeff Campbell will perform at Jammin' Java at 7:30 p.m. This is one of several performances on their tour throughout New York, Pennsylvania and the D.C. area.

**McLean Community Players' "The Importance of Being Earnest,"** 2 p.m. at the Alden Theater in the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. There will be a pre-show lecture by George Mason University theater professor Rick Davis at this show only. \$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](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

**Ultimate Warrior Challenge Mixed Martial Arts.** 7 p.m. at GMU's Patriot Center. With MMA Fighter Iman "Mannie" Achhal and pro wrestler Sumie Sakai in a 115-pound special attraction. Tickets available at Ticketmaster outlets and [www.uwcmma.com](http://www.uwcmma.com).

**Martinez & Guthrie.** Acoustic music. 4 p.m. at the Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Free. 703-288-9505.

## SUNDAY/OCT. 4

**MPAartfest.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd. Children's ArtWalk and ArtTent, Live performances all day. Food from local restaurants available for purchase. 703-790-1953 or [www.mpaart.org](http://www.mpaart.org).

**Saint Luke Concert Series with Pianist Elena Ulyanova.** 4 p.m. at



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Hundreds of area residents view a variety of art during the annual McLean Project for the Arts' Artfest on Sunday, Oct. 5, 2008 in the McLean Central Park. This year's MPAartfest will be held on Sunday, Oct. 4, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd.

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Saint Luke's Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Piano solos from Beethoven, Rachmaninoff, Chopin and more. \$15 adults, \$10 students. 703-356-0670 or [www.elena-ulyanova.com](http://www.elena-ulyanova.com).

**The Scenic, The Status, Chasing Daylight and Michael Butler** at 2 p.m. **Tom Russell CD Release** at 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

## TUESDAY/OCT. 6

**David Knopfler of Dire Straits.** 8

p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**Colvin Run Community Center Weekly Dance.** 7 p.m. at Colvin Run Schoolhouse, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. \$10. [www.colvinrun.org](http://www.colvinrun.org).

**San Francisco-based singer-songwriter Megan Slankard** with fellow San Franciscan Jeff Campbell will perform at Jammin' Java at 7:30 p.m. This is one of several performances on their tour throughout New York, Pennsylvania and the D.C. area.

## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 7

**Yosi and the Superdads.** 12:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center Alden Theater, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. [www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org).

**Animals Underground.** 10:30 a.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Learn about moles, earthworms, termites and more. 703-356-0770.

**Health, Wellness, and Fitness Tips for Women.** 7 p.m. at STS Health and Fitness 6848 Elm St., McLean. Free seminar with Linda Rudd and Pam Stenberg. 703-442-0748 or [www.stsfit.com](http://www.stsfit.com).

## THURSDAY/OCT. 8

**An Evening with Marshall Crenshaw.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

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## SATURDAY/OCT. 3

**The MHS Orchestra** will kick off its 2009-2010 fundraising efforts by holding a car wash from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Giant supermarket car park in downtown McLean. The MHS Orchestra needs and appreciates the support of fellow students and of parents who are encouraged to spread the word to friends and family.

## 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 34<sup>th</sup> District and Chris Merola (R) and Jim Scott (D) in the 53<sup>rd</sup> District of the Virginia House of Delegates. 703-556-9160 or 703-442-6601.

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**Faith and Public Policy Discussion.** Saturday, Oct. 3, 8:30 a.m. at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, 1724 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Free continental breakfast. Presentation by Ali Faruk, an analyst from the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy, followed by an open discussion. 703-556-0123 or [martins@aol.com](mailto:martins@aol.com).

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## WEDNESDAY /OCT. 7

**Top health, wellness, and fitness tips for women of all ages.** Free seminar from a proactive medical and exercise perspective. Presented by Linda Rudd, American College of Sports Medicine Health Fitness Specialist and Pam Stenberg, NP at 7 p.m. STS Health and Fitness 6848 Elm St. McLean, VA 22101. RSVP: 703-442-0748. [www.stsfit.com](http://www.stsfit.com) [stsfit@verizon.net](mailto:stsfit@verizon.net).

## THURSDAY /OCT. 8

**A Southern Spy in Northern Virginia: The Civil War Album of Laura Ratcliffe,** by Charles V. Mauro. McLean Historical Society, 7:30 p.m., at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, VA 22101. There is no charge and the Public is welcome. For further information, contact Jacquelynne Schulman [schulm@erols.com](mailto:schulm@erols.com) 703-442-9370.

**Church Fall Bazaar.** Saturday, Oct. 4 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Food, handmade arts and crafts, jewelry, used books and a silent auction. 703-582-1640.

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## NEWS

# Salon Bleu Hosts 'Cuts for Cure'

Fund raiser to support breast cancer research.

BY SUSAN NELSON  
 THE CONNECTION

Salon Bleu will host its first annual "Cuts for the Cure" Sunday, Oct. 4 in Tysons Galleria in McLean.

"Our 'pink' theme fund raiser will support the breast cancer efforts of the Maryland Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure," said Colette Benet, guest relations' coordinator at Salon Bleu. "One hundred percent of the service revenue from the day will be donated to the cause and we are real excited about the event."

Clients who schedule an appointment will receive an exclusive gift bag containing products and other donations from supporting retailers. Clients will also be invited to purchase tickets from other raffle baskets. Winners will be announced at the end of the day.



PHOTO BY SUSAN NELSON

Colette Benet, guest relations' coordinator, and Jennifer Pham, Salon Bleu's director, are organizing a fund raiser on Sunday, Oct. 4.

"This opportunity means a lot to our staff," said Jennifer Pham, Salon Bleu's director. "A lot of our stylists have a personal interest in

this cause and they did not hesitate to volunteer for the cause."

"It's nice to be able to do a service for others," said Melanie Amoss, a stylist at Salon Bleu. "All proceeds will go straight to charity and our clients will like it."

Entysee Restaurant and Maggiano's Little Italy have agreed to donate refreshments and treats, while Bose will provide music. Complementary chair massages and makeup applications will be performed.

"We are so excited about this fund raiser," Benet said. "This will be our first year and no matter the outcome of the event, we will do it again next year and the year after that."

The benefit is during the salon's normal business hours, 11 a.m.- 5 p.m., appointments are recommended, however walk-ins

will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. For bookings, call the salon coordinators at 202-333-2538, extension 4.

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## Window for Children to Blossom

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had only seven students. "Around here, you can't really find such quaint places anymore," she said. "This place is just really special."

In the early 1970s, O'Bryan's daughter had attended the school, and she was enrolling her second daughter when she found out the school's founder was going to retire and sell it.

Willa Eckles had started the school as a kindergarten in her house in downtown McLean, at a time when Virginia didn't have public kindergarten, O'Bryan said. After about 10 years, she'd had the house on Scotts Run Road built with a downstairs schoolroom in mind.

**AT THE TIME** when she found out Eckles was selling the school, O'Bryan, the first female to graduate from the University of Tennessee with a degree in chemical engineering, was working on naval intelligence support to help assess the Soviet military threat, said her husband, Roy. Her specialty was missile propellants.

But the job didn't afford her much time to spend with her children, so she took the opportunity to take over the school instead. "We loved the approach to education, and that was a feeling that children could realize their full potential and could explore things for themselves," she said of the ethos she had found and perpetuated at the school. "It was like opening a window for the children and letting them blossom."

She and her husband bought the school in 1974 and, in accordance with its special-use zoning permit, moved into the building. But they kept their other house; it was to be a temporary career change for O'Bryan.

She has altered very little about the preschool. It still accepts only 21 3-year-olds and 21 4-year-olds, runs on an alternating-day schedule and maintains a student-to-teacher ratio of 7 to 1.

Ideas of returning to the field of chemical engineering got left behind as she became more attached to the school. "I personally enjoy seeing these children getting a good start in school and I enjoy their enthusiasm and the knowledge they bring into the classroom," she said. "They add what I call the spice of life to our classroom."

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# SPORTS

## Caitlin Baker Provides Scoring Touch for McLean

Highlander senior scores OT game-winner against South County.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

When Caitlin Baker geared up to take an overtime shot during McLean High's non-district home game against South County on Sept. 23, Highlander head coach Summer Vanni was confident her team was on the verge of winning.

Sure enough, Baker, from near the top of the scoring circle, sent a scorching shot past the Stallions' goal keeper and into the net for the game-winner in McLean's 4-3 win. The victory snapped a two-game McLean losing streak and served as a little payback against a South County team that had eliminated the Highlanders at last year's Northern Region tournament.

Baker's goal came about three minutes into the overtime session. A loose ball had come her way during a McLean rush, setting up the score.

"She was there, and 'bam,' one shot and it was in," said Vanni, of Baker's winning goal. "It was one of those goals that just echoed." It was a step-up play by Baker, a McLean senior tri-captain and her team's leading scorer.

Following losses to tough opponents St. Stephen's & St. Agnes and Madison the week before, the Highlanders were in danger of losing their third straight. McLean had trailed South County in the first half, 3-0, before rallying for three goals to force OT. There, thanks to Baker's sizzling shot, the Highlanders came through with a fourth consecutive score to notch the dramatic win.

"I would put her up against anyone in the region as far as [shot] speed and velocity," said Vanni, of Baker. "If she has the ball [in scoring position] she will shoot it. She's fantastic. In my mind she's a [future] Division 1 [college] player all the way."

Baker, who also plays basketball and competes in track and field at McLean, was named her school's

Female Athlete of the Year last year as a junior. Last fall, she earned First Team All-District honors in field hockey.

"She is one of the best conditioned athletes I've seen," said Vanni, of Baker. "She's a competitor and she wants to win, and will do anything she has to. She leads by example and is really a coach's dream."

McLEAN, with the win over South County, improved to 9-5 on the season. The Highlanders play at Liberty District opponent Marshall on Wednesday, Sept. 30. The team's next home game is Oct. 8 against Fairfax.

Vanni credited her three senior tri-captains — midfielders Baker and Maddy Parkhurst, and forward Casey Alexander — with helping keep the Highlanders on an even-keel following their losses to St. Stephen's & St. Agnes and Madison. The Saints, who beat the Highlanders 3-0, are one of the tougher private school teams in the metropolitan area. The setback to district opponent Madison, a 4-2 defeat, was tougher to handle because McLean had led 2-0 at one point.

"We had a tough week," said Vanni. "We had a couple of girls out [with illnesses]. We played probably our worst game [against the Saints]. After the Madison game they came off the field very emotional because they had given it their all."

Against South County, McLean fell behind 3-0 before getting onto the scoreboard on a goal by Jamie Bell with five minutes remaining

in the first half. In the second half, the Highlanders received scores from Kristina Bettner and Alexander to force the seven-on-seven overtime.

"We'd set our sights on making a comeback against South County," said Vanni, of bouncing back from the two defeats. "My captains were very instrumental in our stepping up. It was an awesome game. Hopefully, it will [act as a] turnaround for us. South County has a fantastic team. We lost to them in last year's region quarterfinals, 4-2."

Vanni said McLean's defense, led by senior Johanna Morrison, junior Mary D'Alesandro, and goalie Sarah Park, has been outstanding this season.

"You can't discount our defense," said Vanni. "Some of the girls back there have been fantastic."

"She was there, and 'bam,' one shot and it was in. It was one of those goals that just echoed."

— Highlander head coach Summer Vanni

### 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.

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Real Green girls' U10 team went undefeated in five games to win the Red Division of the OBGC Capital Cup title.

### McLean Real Green Girls' Team Wins Capital Cup

The McLean Premier Soccer (MPS) Real Green girls' U10 team, coached by Marc Cascio, went undefeated in five games to win the Red Division of the OBGC Capital Cup title over Labor Day weekend in Olney, Md. During preliminary play in the 'A' Bracket, the Real triumphed over all three of its Maryland-based opponents to earn a place in the semifinals round. There, the Real overcame a determined SAC United club from Columbia, prevailing 4-1 in penalty kicks following a scoreless tie in regulation. In the

championship final, the Real faced rival Vienna Youth Soccer Patriot Black. The Real fell behind 1-0 in the first half before rallying for a 2-1 win. Team members are Kaitlyn Arcari, Hannah Alexander, Cayla Davis, Sinead Eksteen, Jill Gollob, Maddie McConnell, Libby Szymczak, Lila Roades, Elena Shklyar, Cassidy Slavik, Linsey Wenk and Tracy McConnaughay.



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### Real Gold U10 Team Makes It to the Finals

The McLean Real Gold U10 Girls' Soccer Team made it to the finals of the 2009 Fairfax Police Youth Club Patriot Cup Tournament over Labor Day weekend. Team members, pictured standing, are Molly Ruttenberg, Emily Sirh, Isabella Ahmadiyar, Coach Shannon Foley, Sabrina Silva, Phaedra Manikas and Sarah Bonforte. Team members pictured, kneeling, are Emily Shively, Anneka Noe, Riya Master, Leah Jeffrey and Meg Lord.

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**OBITUARY**  
 Virginia Parko Roman  
 On September 20, 2009, Virginia Parko Roman, of Vienna, VA; died suddenly. Loving wife of the late Steve Roman; devoted mother of Donna Roman Wilson (Joseph), Steven John Roman (Silvia Gonzalez), Robert Francis Roman (Jill) and Frank Michael Roman. She is also survived by 1 sister Donna Kozuch, 5 grandchildren, John Katharine, Jason, Laura and Nicole. Relatives and friends are invited to Virginia's Life Celebration at Money and King Funeral Home, 171 W. Maple Ave. Vienna, VA on Wednesday, September 23, 2009, from 5-8 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 8601 Wolftrap Rd. Vienna, VA on Thursday, September 24, 2009 at 9:30 AM. Interment will follow at Fairfax Memorial Park. Please view and sign Virginia's guestbook at [www.moneyandking.com](http://www.moneyandking.com)

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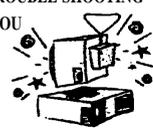
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TRUSTEE'S SALE

OF VALUABLE

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Improved by the premises known as  
7610 Savannah Street, #201, Falls Church, Virginia

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Eris Bonilla, dated May 24, 2005, and recorded May 26, 2005, in Deed Book 17328 at page 452 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Unit 201, Building 7610, FALLS CHURCH GARDENS  
CONDOMINIUM, Phase V

Tax Map No. 049-2-31-10-0201

Commonly known as 7610 Savannah Street, #201, Falls Church, Virginia 22043.

**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of \$19,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 5.25 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

Any defaulting purchaser shall forfeit the deposit and stand the risk and cost of resale.

Sale shall be made subject to all existing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the real estate. Sale is further subject to mechanic's and/or materialman's liens of record and not of record. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, covenants, restrictions, rights of redemption of federal lienholders or encumbrances, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any.

In the event the undersigned trustee is unable to convey to the purchaser good title, then purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy shall be in the refund of the deposit paid at the time of sale.

The subject property and all improvements thereon will be sold in "as is" condition without warranty of any kind. Purchaser shall be responsible for any and all building and/or zoning code violations whether of record or not of record, as well as for all unpaid and enforceable homeowners' or condominium owners' association dues and assessments, if any. Purchaser also shall be responsible for obtaining possession of the property at his/her expense. Purchaser shall assume the risk of loss and shall be responsible for any damage, vandalism, theft, destruction, or the like, of or to the property occurring after the time of sale. Conveyance will be by special warranty deed. Conveyancing, recording, transfer taxes, notary fees, examination of title, state stamps, and all other costs of conveyance are to be at the expense of purchaser. State and local taxes, public charges, and special or regular assessments, if any, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter shall be assumed by the purchaser.

The undersigned trustee unconditionally reserves the right: (i) to waive the deposit requirement; (ii) to approve or disapprove the creditworthiness of any bidder and/or purchaser; (iii) to withdraw the property from sale at any time prior to termination of the bidding; (iv) to extend the time for bidding; (v) to reject any or all bids; (vi) to postpone or set over the date or time of sale; and (vii) to extend the period of time for settlement hereunder.

Additional terms and conditions of sale may be announced at the time of sale.

DAVID N. PRENSKY  
Substitute Trustee

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

OF VALUABLE

IMPROVED REAL ESTATE

Improved by the premises known as  
3533 Valeview Drive, Oakton, Virginia

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Michael Cole and Susan Benikas, dated July 24, 2002, and recorded August 5, 2002, in Deed Book 13181 at page 1017 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

Thursday, October 15, 2009

At 9:30 a.m.

the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Lot 36, Section 4-C, Valewood Manor Subdivision, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 5534 at page 1575, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Commonly known as 3533 Valeview Drive, Oakton, Virginia 22124.

**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of \$5,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 3.25 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

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Sale shall be made subject to all existing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the real estate. Sale is further subject to mechanic's and/or materialman's liens of record and not of record. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, covenants, restrictions, rights of redemption of federal lienholders or encumbrances, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any.

In the event the undersigned trustee is unable to convey to the purchaser good title, then purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy shall be in the refund of the deposit paid at the time of sale.

This sale is being made subject to a superior trust.

The subject property and all improvements thereon will be sold in "as is" condition without warranty of any kind. Purchaser shall be responsible for any and all building and/or zoning code violations whether of record or not of record, as well as for all unpaid and enforceable homeowners' or condominium owners' association dues and assessments, if any. Purchaser also

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The biggest things are always  
the easiest to do because there  
is no competition.  
-William Van Horne

## NEWS

# Education Attracts Businesses

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zens association asked how the candidates would deal with a slimmer state budget in the coming fiscal year.

Vanderhuy said she had just voted for a move that cut \$3 billion from the state's budget while preserving funding for education. "This is not the time to raise taxes," she said, but she added that triggers should be set for increasing funding for certain priorities, such as transportation, as the economy improved.

"What I'd like to see us do is what businesses and families are doing and that's to do more with less," Comstock said. She said she wanted a state budget audit initiated to find out what waste and abuse could be cut from expenditures and suggested that the entire budget be made available for scrutiny online.

Asked how local job growth could be increased, Vanderhuy cited the recent relocation of the Hilton headquarters to Tysons Corner and the fact that technology giant Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) had just announced its intent to move to the area as evidence that Virginia remained inviting to businesses. In the last five years, five Fortune 500 companies had moved into the state, she said, asserting that Virginia's biggest attraction to employers was its emphasis on education. She said the state could not call itself business-friendly if it wasn't willing to invest in education and transportation.

# Artists Take Over Central Park

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ports the festival's artists by providing "artist liaisons," most of them art students at local high schools, who bring them lunch, watch over their tents when necessary and otherwise help out. "I've joked that next year we ought to auction off the artist liaison volunteer spots," Wilbern said, noting that the teens are grateful for the opportunity to shadow professional artists.

He said the arrangement not only helped the artists but also fitted the MPA mission to provide art education to the public and raise awareness of the local art community. "So the fact that we can pull art students in and latch them onto artists is, I feel, a little bit of the magic."

"They do their best to help the artists so it runs smoothly. It's amazing, the level of community support," said Sue Bikoff, a McLean artist who participated in last year's event. She said the event provided an attractive setting and large crowds of interested art enthusiasts. "It's just the right size," she said. It's not too big and not too small and it's very intimate."

She said Artfest was the only outdoor art show she cared to participate in. "It also shows McLean in a different light, as a vibrant cultural community," she said.

Bikoff is a printmaker who will also bring some painted wood carvings and landscape

Collages noted that the state's three Democratic candidates for governor had joined in a union picket line outside a Hilton hotel earlier in the year, and she said Democratic efforts on the federal level, such as emissions cap-and-trade legislation and the union "card-check bill" would only kill jobs and cost money. She advocated 10 percent tax cuts for small businesses in the state.

**ASKED** for a position on nuclear power, Comstock noted that 80 percent of carbon-free electricity came from nuclear plants. She said she supported nuclear energy, as well as wind power and other renewable sources, adding that advances in those technologies could create jobs and be exported worldwide.

Vanderhuy, though, said nuclear energy was one of the most expensive and heavily subsidized sources of energy, and she said she wanted the state to become a leader in energy technology like biofuel, wind and solar power.

In response to other questions, the candidates agreed to work with other area legislators to mitigate traffic on Georgetown Pike and try to get Route 7 widened between Loudoun County and Tysons Corner, and to make efforts to protect the local environment and the Potomac River. Neither was sure what to do about deer overpopulation, but they voiced support for more Lyme disease treatment and awareness. Both vowed to push for Metro funding.

collages to the show.

Among the top sponsors are the McLean Rotary Club, Friends of the McLean Community Center and the McLean Community Foundation, as well as the Washington, D.C. branches of Charity Works and Bristol-Myers Squibb. The Fairfax County Park Authority allows the MPA to use the park for free, and volunteers from the neighborhood direct traffic around the event.

It's an event, Wilbern said, where the MPA and the community support each other.

Free parking will be available onsite, and free shuttles will run attendees to and from satellite parking at the Cardinal Bank on Dolley Madison Boulevard and the McLean Plaza building on Elm Street. In the event of rain, the festival will be moved into the McLean Community Center.

However, Gisele Nimic, a McLean resident who will be part of Artfest for the third time this year, said the event had an excellent track record as far as weather.

In addition to the attractive setting, music, food and all-ages audience, Nimic said she appreciated the quality and variety of art available at the event. "So I feel like I'm in good company, in terms of the artwork." She specializes in ceramics and has also been moving toward cut-paper collages.

"It's just been very well organized and very well run," Nimic said. "That's why I keep coming back to it."

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