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McLean resident Maddie Zug, left, teaches visitors to Claude Moore Farm about being a Stationer. From left Jamie, Ally, Bella and Lily test out their skills with ink quills.

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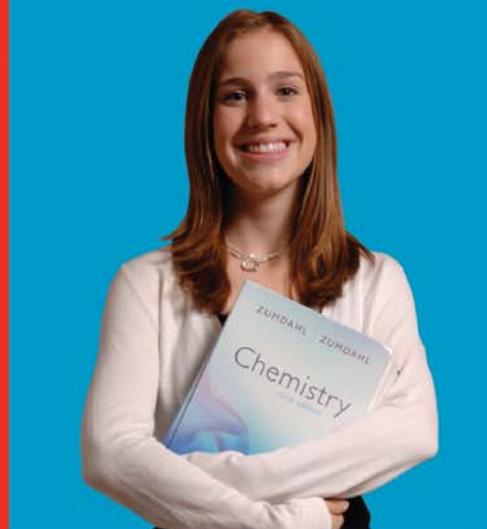


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Vinson Hall Retirement Community is revising plans for a 100-unit expansion in response to community concerns.

Vinson Hall Addresses Neighbors' Concerns

Retirement community willing to adjust positioning, if not density, of proposed expansion.

On both sides of Dolley Madison Boulevard, Ingleside Avenue may become right-turn-only.

Aiming Drivers in 'Right' Direction

Ingleside to Route 123 likely to become right-turn-only in coming months.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

John Rudzki, who lives off Ingleside Avenue, showed a series of slides documenting the backup of traffic that often blocks Ingleside's intersection with Dolley Madison Boulevard during the evening rush hour. After the light at Old Dominion Drive turned red, the pileup of southbound traffic on Dolley Madison (Route 123) crept back across Ingleside until the intersection was impassable.

"The storage zone is filled, intersection blocked, no entry or exit from Ingleside," Rudzki said, as the final slide in the first series showed southbound drivers disregarding signs asking them not to block the intersection, while another car, turning left from the downtown area, tried to push its way into the drove, blocking the northbound left-turn lane in the process. He referred to the stretch between Old Dominion and Ingleside as "the storage zone," where cars sit while waiting for the Old Dominion light to turn green.

Rudzki had prepared the slideshow for a community meeting about the possibility of allowing only right turns from Ingleside Avenue onto Dolley Madison Boulevard. According to the proposal, drivers coming from either direction on Ingleside would not be able to turn left onto Route 123 or to cross it. The measure would not prevent drivers from blocking the intersection or keep Dolley Madison from backing up past Ingleside Avenue as in Rudzki's slide show, but it is expected to make the intersection safer and put an end to long waits behind drivers who are waiting to turn left onto the main road.

"I've gotten numerous complaints since I've been in office about Ingleside and [Route] 123," Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) told the audience of about 25 gathered in the McLean Community Center on Thursday, Oct. 15. He noted that most of those



VDOT traffic engineer Hari Sripathi discusses proposed changes to the intersection of Dolley Madison Boulevard and Ingleside Avenue.

complaints revolved around the danger of turning left onto Dolley Madison or crossing the boulevard, as well as the inconvenience of waiting for extended periods for another driver to do so. Over the last several months, Foust said, he had worked with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to come up with a solution.

OF THE 13 CRASHES at the intersection over the last three years, all involved cars coming from Ingleside Avenue, as opposed to those turning onto the side street from Route 123 said Hari Sripathi, a traffic engineer with VDOT. Only one of those crashes involved a car turning right. Sripathi said the number of crashes was high, considering that only about 125 drivers per day access the intersection from Ingleside Avenue. By comparison, a total of about 30,000 vehicles pass through the intersection on Dolley Madison Boulevard.

Sripathi said a few options for dealing with the problem had been considered. One, which was deemed undesirable, was to close the median break. Another option was to signalize the intersection, but he said the small amount of traffic from Ingleside Avenue couldn't justify a signal, and it would be too difficult to coordinate the light with the one nearby

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BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

Steve Del Bianco, vice president of the Franklin Area Citizen Association, said the Vinson Hall Retirement Community had always been reputable neighbor to his community. But he said he and his neighbors were not entirely comfortable with the facility's proposal to add 100 new independent-living units, as well as a community center and executive offices.

"We expressed concerns about a five-story building just 50 feet from Kirby Road," Del Bianco said. After trees are cut down to accommodate the expansion, he said, the 60-foot building, for which the retirement community is seeking a modification of the 50-foot height limitation on independent living facilities, would be easily visible from the road, where little of Vinson Hall can be seen now.

At its Oct. 7 meeting, the McLean Citizens Association (MCA) requested that Vinson Hall defer its October appearance before the county Planning Commission until details of the proposal could be hashed out with the surrounding community. The retirement community postponed the hearing until mid-November and is meeting with residents this week to roll out a revised site plan.

"We were very pleased that they were going to get together," said Mark Zetts, co-chair of the MCA's Planning and Zoning Committee.

"Vinson Hall is willing to adjust their schedule and openly and honestly work on these issues,"

said Greg Riegler, an attorney representing Vinson Hall. He said the retirement community valued its friendly relationship with its neighbors and intended to address their concerns.

ZETTS said his committee would like Vinson Hall to both reposition its new construction to make it less visible and reduce its size. The expansion, which would be carried out in two phases, would add about 254,000 square feet of floor space to the facility's current 400,300 square feet, creating what Zetts said he thought was too high a density for a residential area.

But, while Vinson Hall is willing to adjust plans to come to a compromise, Riegler noted that the facility was already allowed to add more than 100 independent-living units. Currently, 169 such units are on the site, in addition to 49 assisted-living units, but Vinson Hall's special exception with the county allows up to 276 independent-living units.

Del Bianco said the Franklin Area Citizens Association had not studied the expansion in terms of density but was concerned about its visibility.

Riegler said the size of the expansion was justified by a high demand for retirement housing and the fact that senior citizens were in the market for larger units than they were when Vinson Hall was built 40 years ago. "From our standpoint, demand is not a problem," he said.

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McLean Orchestra Opens 38th Season

The McLean Orchestra opens its 38th season this Saturday night, Oct. 24 at 8 p.m. at the Oakcrest School in McLean. The concert will feature a performance of the seldom heard Henri Tomasi "Trumpet Concerto" featuring Steven Hendrickson, the principal trumpet of National Symphony Orchestra. Also on the program are Berlioz's "Roman Carnival Overture" and "Symphony No. 10" of Dmitri Shostakovich. A "Meet the Artist" reception will follow the concert in the foyer. All are invited to enjoy cake and champagne.

To order concert tickets visit <http://www.mclean-orchestra.org/tickets.htm>

Construction Trucks Start Using Interstate 66

Beginning this week, rail project construction trucks will begin using Interstate 66 inside the Capital Beltway during restricted hours during the day and at night. Trucks will not be allowed on Interstate 66 when HOV restrictions are in place.

The Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project has been granted approval by the Virginia Department of Transportation to allow trucks to use Interstate 66, west of Route 29 (Lee Highway) during these hours:

- * Monday through Friday, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
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- * Weekends, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Trucks traveling eastbound on Interstate 66 from rail construction sites will use the Lee Highway exit and Washington Boulevard to turn around and head westbound on Interstate 66. This traffic pattern will enable trucks to transport materials to and from rail construction sites along Interstate 66 until the work is completed in 2012. This agreement also extends to the use of the Dulles Connector Road.

Approximately 25 percent of the trucks will operate at night. An average of 14 trucks per hour is expected on Interstate 66 and Lee Highway between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on weekdays.

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

Route 7 Ramp Closes for Paving

Leesburg Pike (Route 7) west ramp to the Dulles Toll Road (Route 267) east will be closed on Thursday, Oct. 22, 11:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. for paving works. Police will be onsite for motorists' safety. For detour map, see the following site

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immixGroup Foundation Supports Johns Hopkins

The immixGroup Foundation has raised \$125,000 for the Department of Surgery at Johns Hopkins from its fifth annual immixGroup Charity Golf Tournament, which took place Oct. 5 at Lansdowne Resort. The foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization affiliated with immixGroup, Inc., a leading provider of commercial technology products and services to the public sector.

More than two dozen local businesses and individuals contributed gift certificates, vacations, golf products, and other items which were auctioned or raffled off during a reception following the tournament to raise additional funds for the cause. A complete list of corporate sponsors can be found on the event Web site at www.immixgroup.com/charitygolf/sponsorships.htm.

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NEWS



PHOTO BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION

A 'sound box' is planned to cover the noisiest part of the West Falls Church Metro Yard.

Train Yard To Quiet Down

MCA seeks specific limits to noise at West Falls Church Metro Yard.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

For about 20 years, neighbors of the West Falls Church Metro Yard have put up with the loud, high-pitched "wheel squeal" caused by train wheels grinding against the sharp curve of the yard's small loop track. With the coming expansion of the yard to support Rail to Dulles, this is about to change.

"I think everybody's a little leery because some of this should have happened years ago," said Jim Phelps of the Lemon Road Civic Association, which represents residents north and west of the train yard. The 39-acre facility is located across the street from Lemon Road Elementary School, adjacent to the Metro stop at the intersection of Interstate 66 and the Dulles Toll Road.

For example, Phelps said, the recent tightening of the tracks and ballast that resulted in a drop of about 17 decibels in the volume of noise near the yard "could have been done a while ago." But, he said, "I think things should get a lot better. Overall, we're pleased."

In 2004, the Federal Transit Administration ruled that an expansion of the lot would require that the loop track on the site be enclosed in a sound box that would cover about 1,000 square feet.

However, at its Wednesday, Oct. 7 meeting, the McLean Citizens Association (MCA) voted to oppose the yard's expansion unless certain terms were met. One was that the sound box, once built, be tested to find out whether it brings the yard into compliance with the county's noise ordinance.

THE OTHER CONDITION the MCA is seeking is that offsite noise from the yard never exceed 55 decibels. As the yard's special exception stands, its average offsite sound level for a given 24-hour period cannot be over 55 decibels. Mark Zetts, co-chair of the MCA's Planning and Zoning Committee, said this measure was inadequate because it would allow for brief, periodic shrieks from the track that were well

above 55 decibels. "All we want to do is make sure that it's designed right and that it truly does attenuate the noise," Zetts said of the planned sound box.

As Phelps read it, the county code already dictates that the noise should never exceed 55 decibels, he said.

The code places a maximum of 55 decibels on properties in residential areas, but it does not specify whether the limit is measured in dBA Ldn — the average for a 24-hour period — or dBA Lmax — an absolute maximum.

Marcia McAllister, spokeswoman for the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project, which is under the purview of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA), was noncommittal as to which limit MWAA would adhere to. "What we're committed to is meeting the ordinance requirements," she said, noting that enforcing those requirements would be up to the county.

Having heard the concerns of residents of the surrounding communities at four public meetings, McAllister said, the airports authority had hired the same consulting firm that wrote the Federal Transit Administration's manual on managing transit noise

to conduct sound studies around the site and project what the impact of the sound box would be.

"The sound box is only in preliminary design, and already, studies show it's going to be very effective," Zetts said, noting that the study seemed reliable.

With the sound box, noise was projected to be below an average of 55 decibels, and the maximum level, most recently measured at 94 decibels, would be only a little over that limit, Phelps said. But, he added, "It's not clear to me that, over time, this will not degrade and become a problem again."

IN ADDITION to the sound box, the expansion is to include a new 23,000 square-foot annex, five new track segments to store up to 40 additional Metro cars, a new 2,800 square-foot substation and an increase from 80 to 100 employees.

McAllister said the sound box would not be built until near the end of construction of the first phase of the new rail line because much other work would first have to be done at the site. MWAA is scheduled to begin testing trains at the yard by the middle of 2013, she said. "We have to have it up before we start running those trains."

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— Marcia McAllister,
MWAA spokeswoman

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POLICE REPORT

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Compromise Sought on Vinson Hall Expansion

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ANOTHER CONCERN for neighbors was the fact that the retirement community planned to provide 270 parking spaces for the expansion, while only 166 spaces would be required by county code. Del Bianco said this, along with the fact that Vinson Hall last year proposed that its special exception be amended to allow for 350 independent living units, made it appear that continued future expansion was in the works.

"That's simply not the case,"

Riegle said. "There are no active plans for anything beyond what's in this application." He said the number of parking spaces was in line with what similar facilities normally offered and was based on historical parking demands at the retirement community. Also, he said, more of the parking would be underground, creating a higher-quality development. The expansion calls for the addition of a parking structure with two decks below ground and one deck above. Much of the expansion is to be built on land currently disturbed by surface parking.



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Really Scary

With Halloween falling on a Saturday night this year, and Halloween being the sort of holiday that young adults and others can embrace in the midst of a recession, it could more than

live up to its reputation as a holiday associated with drinking and driving.

More than half the fatal car accidents over Halloween weekends are caused by drunk drivers, according to the Washington Regional Alcohol Program.

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As a means of making the Washington-metropolitan area's roadways a little less frightening this Halloween, the local organization will sponsor free cab rides to would-be drunk drivers throughout Northern Virginia and Suburban Maryland on Saturday, Oct. 31.

We encourage Halloween celebrants to plan ahead, party near public transportation, bring a designated driver, or make other arrangements to stay off the roads after drinking. But if all of that fails, you can call for a free cab ride home.

Offered by the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP), the Halloween SoberRide program will be in operation beginning Halloween at 10 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 31, and operate until 6 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 1 to keep impaired drivers off the road during this traditionally high-risk holiday period.

During this eight-hour period, area residents ages 21 and older and celebrating with alcohol may call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI for a no-cost (up to a \$50 fare), safe way home.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Clear Choice on Energy Issue

To the Editor:

The Virginia Delegate race in the 34th District offers a clear choice between the candidates, not least on the issue of energy policy. Del. Margi Vanderhye (D-34) champions a 21st century energy policy that focuses on lowering use through cost-effective energy efficiency measures and development of clean, renewable energy supplies. Her opponent, Barbara Comstock (R), supports more consumption of dirty fossil fuels, including building coal plants and opening up the waters off Virginia to oil and gas drilling.

The benefits of Vanderhye's approach are obvious: since the cheapest watt of energy is the one you don't use, it makes sense to pursue policies that reduce energy use. And with the urgent need to reduce greenhouse gases that cause global climate change, the only responsible way to increase energy supplies is to support renewable sources like wind and solar that don't release carbon dioxide.

But Vanderhye's program is better for Virginia in other ways. Vir-

ginia has enough offshore wind resources to meet the entire energy demand of the state. Wind can supply more energy than is in all the oil and gas estimated to lie off our shores, and it won't run out. According to government estimates, developing even a tiny fraction of the available resource will create thousands of new jobs in the commonwealth — jobs that can't be exported.

This isn't some futuristic dream. Europe has had offshore wind farms for 15 years, and four other East Coast states are in the process of developing them. Just this month, two wind developers filed applications to build offshore wind farms off the Virginia coast.

In addition to climate change, there are other reasons to reject Comstock's fossil fuel-dependent plan. Congress would have to pass a law allowing Virginia to share revenues from oil and gas drilling (right now federal law gives us nothing), and any such revenues would not appear for about 15 years. As a source of funding for transportation or anything else, this is laughably inadequate.

Worse, drilling off our coast would endanger our coastal wetlands, beaches and wildlife, as well as our multi-billion-dollar fishing

and tourism industries. In August of this year, a two-year old oil well off the Australian coast blew out, sending 400 barrels per day into the surrounding waters and creating a slick covering 9,000 square miles. As of the latest newspaper reports on Oct. 12, engineers have not yet managed to plug the leak. The well uses the same technology proposed for drilling off Virginia.

As Vanderhye has said, Virginia needs an energy plan that is both fiscally and environmentally sound. Comstock's "drill, baby, drill" approach is neither. We must expand supplies of renewable energy and reduce demand through energy efficiency measures. To do that, we must elect politicians who are willing to meet this challenge.

Susan Bonney
McLean

Delegate's Record Deserves Support

To the Editor:

As a woman who has seen cancer strike members of my family, I am acutely aware of the benefits of early detection and treatment

for breast and other cancers. The leadership that Del. Margi Vanderhye (D-34) has shown to increase access to cancer treatment for Virginia women has already saved lives and will save many more in the future.

In her first term as delegate, she crafted a bill to expand cancer screening that passed the House of Delegates unanimously, and by securing private funding, implemented the plan with no cost to Virginia taxpayers.

With this innovative program now in place, the American Cancer Society is calling it a model for other states.

For this innovative program and her record of accomplishment for the citizens of the 34th District, Margi Vanderhye deserves re-election.

Nancy Hopkins
Vienna

Running Away

To the Editor:

If candidate for governor Robert McDonnell's (R) repulsive views on women were not enough,

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were about 6 feet tall and 160 pounds. One wore a dark, hooded sweat shirt and blue jeans. The other suspect wore a dark sweat shirt, dark stocking hat and jeans. The victim did not require medical attention.

an undisclosed amount of cash. The teenager was released to a family member and petitions for burglary and grand larceny will be obtained.

ANIMAL CONTROL DIVISION

9600 block of Meadowlark Road.

A woman was walking her three dogs on Tuesday, Oct. 13 around 9 p.m. when they encountered a fox. The dogs, two German Shepherds and an Airedale, fought with the fox and killed it. Animal Control officers responded, collected the carcass and submitted it for rabies testing. The dogs were already on a 45-day quarantine from a previous encounter with a rabid raccoon.

BURGLARY/ARREST

2800 block of Balliett Court. A 14-year-old boy was arrested for burglary on Wednesday, Oct. 14. A 47-year-old woman returned to her home in the 2800 block of Balliett Court around 2:50 p.m. and saw someone inside the house run out. Police responded and located the suspect nearby. An investigation determined he used a stolen key to enter the home and stole

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NEWS

Safety Dictates Change

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at Old Dominion Drive. Allowing only right turns from Ingleside was considered the most sensible solution, and planners had thought of building an island in the median area that would physically prevent other maneuvers. However, he said, this would impact drainage and make it difficult for large vehicles to turn left from Route 123. "Quickly, we realized building something in the median was not an option," Sripathi said. "What we're proposing is to do this with signs and pavement markings." Since most people driving on Ingleside are local, he said, the hope was that they would obey the new rules. Plastic pylons may be installed at first, to help make motorists aware of the change and to enforce it, but he said they would be too expensive to maintain. "They're going to get knocked down in a month," he said. Sripathi said the project could likely be completed in the next couple of months, depending upon the weather and work crews' schedules.

FOUST said he had received numerous e-mails from residents who were unable to attend last week's meeting, most of whom supported the idea. Rudzki suggested putting in a light only for southbound Dolley Madison that would be coordinated with the light at Old Dominion Drive, essentially treating the two intersections as one large intersection. "I 100-percent, emphatically agree with John [Rudzki]," said Sharon Williams. "What your proposal does is punish the neighborhood." She wondered how VDOT would handle the extra traffic coming from her neighborhood that would now access Dolley Madison from its intersection with Churchill Road. Sripathi said so few drivers could be easily accommodated at Churchill Road. He said engineers could not signalize only one corner of an intersection because giving those drivers a green light would require a red light for all other drivers. Also, national standards would require between 100 and 150 cars per hour accessing

the intersection from Ingleside Avenue for eight hours per day in order for a signal to be installed there, he said. "There is no way professionally, technically that we can justify putting in a traffic signal." And with so many drivers using Route 123, he added, "If I put a light in, there will be 10,000 other people yelling at me for putting the light in." "I think it will help us to get out and turn right," resident Betsy Costle said. Although the change wouldn't help much during peak hours, she said she thought it was important that it be carried out. In response to concerns about rush-hour traffic, Sripathi noted that virtually all crashes at the intersection happened when traffic was flowing freely. "The crash problem is not during peak hours," he said. To keep drivers from blocking the intersection, he suggested that periodic police enforcement by the county could be effective. Unless some unexpected problem arose, Foust said he planned to recommend that VDOT carry out the change. "We've got to do something," he said.

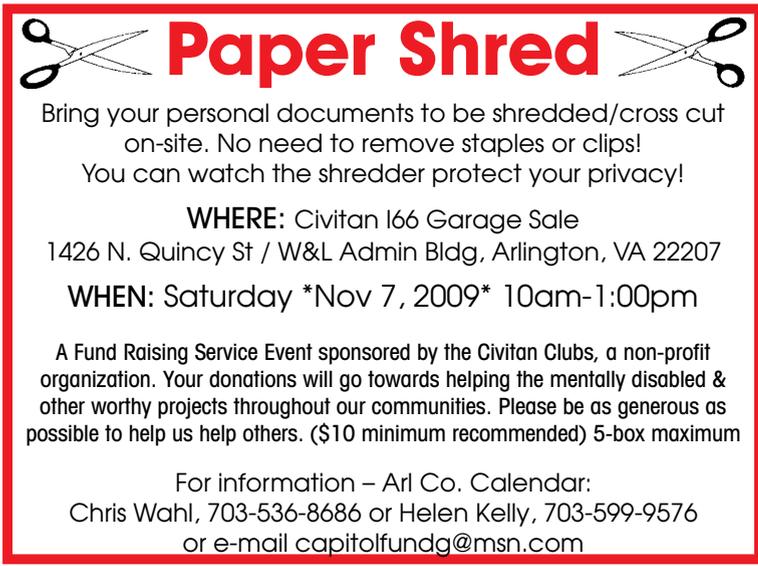


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University of Rochester Honors Donald C. Winter



Donald C. Winter

Donald C. Winter, the 74th Secretary of the Navy, has been awarded the University of Rochester College of Arts, Sciences, and Engineering Distinguished Alumnus Award. The award recognizes graduates whose exceptional professional achievements, contributions to their chosen field, and service to their alma mater have brought admiration to themselves and to the University. Winter was honored on Oct. 10 during Meliora Weekend, the University's annual alumni and family weekend.

Winter earned his bachelor's degree in physics with highest distinction from the university in 1969. He then attended the University of Michigan, where he received a master's degree in 1970 and his doctorate in 1972, both in physics. Winter has pursued advanced studies at the University of Southern California, the UCLA Executive Program and the Harvard University Program for Senior Executives in National and International Security.

In 1972, he began working at TRW, a California-based defense contractor, where he was involved

in satellite research and development. He went to Washington, D.C., in 1980 to join the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency and worked on the space-based defense system later known as "Star Wars." After two years, he returned to TRW and in 2000 was named the president and CEO of TRW's Systems sector. He became leader of Northrop Grumman's mission systems sector when the defense giant purchased TRW in 2002. While in that position, he was nominated to be Secretary of the Navy by President George W. Bush. In January 2006, he became Secretary of the Navy, completing his term in March 2009.

Throughout his distinguished career, Winter and his wife, Linda Jo Engel Winter (1969), who received her bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Rochester, have kept close ties and maintained a strong interest in the University.

The Winters live in McLean, and are the parents of two children, Benjamin and Jonathan, and have three grandchildren.

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DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION

Melanie Baker, Joyce Weyrich, Mary Baroody and Mary McPherson make date ma'amoul, date-filled shortbread fingers, to sell at McLean's Holy Transfiguration Church's annual Arabic sweets sale. Father Joe Francavilla considers their skill is a gift to the church.

Sweet Treats for Sale in McLean

Middle Eastern pastries available for pre-orders.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

The women of Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek-Catholic Church in McLean are rolling out — literally — hundreds of rich homemade Middle Eastern sweets for the upcoming holiday season. The Ladies Guild is currently taking orders for Dec. 6 pick-up. Last year, the bake sale netted the church more than \$7,000. Proceeds are disbursed to Holy Transfiguration's building fund, the diocese, to orphans and to the poor.

"Most church buildings are built on concrete foundations," said Father Joe Francavilla. "Ours is built on cookies and meat pies."

In the church kitchen, a team of women sit around a table, preparing each sweet by hand. Long-time Holy Transfiguration members and younger ones are learning to carry on the traditions.

Every year, the demand for the homemade sweets goes up, Joyce Weyrich said. "Most of the young [church] women work during the week, so they come in to help on Saturday," said Weyrich of Fairfax, who has shared her expertise for the past 30 years. "The old-guard is trying to pass its skills along to the younger women."

Lani Kanakry chairs the sweets sale. This is her fifth year doing so. She has helped make the sweets, intermittently, for 30 years. It is the church's major fund raiser, but, she said, it's more than that. "It's a coming-together of the community, too, something

that unites us," she said.

"We have women in the Ladies Guild who are not Arabic. They want to learn the culture, to help and support their faith."

Since Holy Transfiguration was established, the Ladies Guild has run an annual Christmas Arabic sweets sale. From date-stuffed shortbread fingers, called ma'amoul, to baklava and nut-filled buttery pastry cups, the women of the church dedicate three days each week making and baking treats. Clarified butter extends the natural shelf life but the pastries are frozen as they are made, as well.

For those on sodium-restricted diets, Middle Eastern sweets fill the sweet-tooth craving. No salt is ever used in Middle Eastern sweets. Butter, yes; sugar, yes ... salt, no.

For the date ma'amoul, dates are mashed with clarified butter and spooned on to shortbread dough. The

dough is rolled around the date mixture and pinched to hold the sprinkled confectioners' sugar using a special tool. A package of baklava is \$20; a mixed selection of sweets is also priced at \$20. Prices vary for other sweets.

"The ladies have skills they're willing to share with the church and the community," said Francavilla. "They said, 'we can do these things and help our church.'

"These sweets make wonderful gifts. As many as we make, we could sell more. We're at the limit of how much we can produce."

Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek-Catholic Church is located at 8501 Lewinsville Road, McLean. Contact Lani Kanakry, sweets sale chair, at 703-866-1516 to order, or by e-mail at Kanakry@cox.net. Kanakry will e-mail customers an order form if they wish. Orders must be received by Nov. 1. Pick-up Sunday, Dec. 6, 12-1p.m.

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Aging and Wellness Conference and Expo 2009 at McLean Bible Church,

8925 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, on Saturday, Oct. 31 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. With resources including community resources, housing, finance, health and wellness, and county government services for caregivers and their families, and a Speaker's Forum where professionals in their fields will speak on issues such as handling medication, dementia, and end-of-life issues. Free; refreshments provided. wayne.thompson@mcleanbible.org or contact the church at 703-639-2000.

St. Thomas Episcopal Church Pumpkin Sale. Through Halloween at the church, near the corner of Rt. 7 and Lewinsville Road, McLean. All proceeds

benefit local charities.

HAVEN of Northern Virginia offers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly basis. Contact 703-941-7000 or www.havenofnova.org for schedules and registration information.

Pet Blessing at Trinity United Methodist Church, Sunday, Nov. 8, 4 p.m. All pets are welcome: dogs on leashes and cats and other critters in carriers. Help us publicize this event. Invite others: neighbors, friends, folks you see at the dog park, along the bike trail, at your veterinarian's. Questions-

call 703-356-3312.

Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. www.umtrinity.org

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Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Road, Vienna, is celebrating the 400th birthday of Baptists. Sunday service is at 11 a.m.; Sunday Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. 703-281-4400 or

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St. Francis Episcopal Church in Great Falls, 9220 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls. Services are at 7:45 a.m., 9 a.m., and 11 a.m. Sunday School classes and an adult forum series are at 10:15 a.m. 703-759-2082 or www.stfrancisgreatfalls.org. Fall events include:

- ❖ Voice recital at 7 p.m. on Sept. 20, with music from the British Isles.
- ❖ Choral Evensong for All Saints, 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 1.
- ❖ Country Fair, Saturday, Oct. 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
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PHOTOS BY CHRISTY STEELE/THE CONNECTION
Volunteers wait to perform a staged reading of a scene from Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet.'

Residents Experience 18th Century Farm Life

Market Fair attracts hundreds to Claude Moore Colonial Farm.

Claude Moore Colonial Farm conducted its Annual 18th century Market Fair last Sunday, attracting hundreds of participants despite the cold weather. For more than 25 years, volunteers have been giving their time and expertise to put together this fair that gives an accurate sense of life in 18th century Virginia.

Families who spent the afternoon at the fair had the opportunity to observe candle makers, basket weavers, woodworkers, a blacksmith and other volunteers demonstrating various trades that were common in the 18th century. Kelly Wynn, a professional fencing instructor, and Helen Miller demonstrated advanced lunges with different foils. Their presentation drew many children who watched the action. Shortly afterward, viewers enjoyed staged readings of scenes from Shakespeare's play, "Romeo and Juliet." Blacksmith Jeff Dunkelberger demonstrated the intricate process of shaping iron, at one point creating an intricately shaped hook while children looked on. Making the experience even more authentic, two large hogs roamed the grounds freely.

Visitors were offered a variety of food selection, from whole roasted chickens cooked over a blazing fire, sausages specially imported from Edwards of Surrey in Surrey, Va. and roasted chestnuts. The Claude Moore Colonial Farm is open from April through mid-December and is run largely by volunteers. For more information



From left, Christopher Baughman, Mary Brooks and Sydney Robinson perform a scene from an 18th century play.



Dennis Burnett, a 25-year veteran of the annual Claude Moore Market Fair, watches over the roasting chickens, sausages and chestnuts.

about events at the farm, visit <http://www.1771.org/>.

— CHRISTY STEELE

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/OCT. 22

Justin Trawick, 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Domestic Violence Resource Project Fundraising Dinner, 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m. at China Garden Restaurant, 1100 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Speaker Melanne Verveer, US Ambassador at-Large on Global Women's Issues.

Disney On Ice Celebrations! 7 p.m. at The George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets \$15-\$70, available through all Ticketmaster outlets, online at www.ticketmaster.com or via Phonecharge at 703-573-SEAT. www.disneyonice.com or www.patriotcenter.com. 703-993-3000.

Ari Hest with Elizabeth and the Catapult, 8 p.m. at the Barns at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$16. 703-938-2404 or wolftrap.org.

FRIDAY/OCT. 23

Dan Hicks & The Hot Licks, 8 p.m. at the Barns at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$22. 703-938-2404 or wolftrap.org.

Disney On Ice Celebrations! 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. at The George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets \$15-\$70, available through all Ticketmaster outlets, online at www.ticketmaster.com or via Phonecharge at 703-573-SEAT. www.disneyonice.com or www.patriotcenter.com. 703-993-3000.

Friends of the Great Falls Library Book Sale, All day. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 703-757-8560.

Pat Goslee, Redux: Recent Work. Exhibition and reception 7-9 p.m., in conjunction with The Soundry's open mic Verbal Assault at 8 p.m. at the Red Caboose Gallery, 138 Church St. N.E., Vienna. 703-349-7178.

SATURDAY/OCT. 24

15th Annual VolunteerFest, a community-wide day of service, offers 35 volunteer projects, such as building outdoor classrooms, assembling care packages for troops overseas, creating a wildlife habitat and assisting with community events. There are 33 project locations throughout Fairfax County at schools, libraries, parks and nonprofit organizations. See www.volunteerfairfax.org for specific project descriptions and locations.

Great Falls United Methodist Church annual Fall Bazaar will take place from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Fun for children, food, crafts, book sale, silent auction and more. 703-582-1640.

Langley Crew Gala and Silent Auction at Meadows Farms Nursery at Rt. 7 and Reston Parkway in Great Falls. Gala opens at 7 p.m. with sampling of food from local restaurants. Silent auction, 7-9:30 p.m., live auction 9:30 p.m., followed by 50/50 raffle drawing. Music, wine, beer and non-alcoholic beverages all night. \$25 per person. Raffle tickets \$4 or 3 for \$10. www.communitytickets.com.

McLean Symphony with Piano Soloist Carlos Ibay, 7:30 p.m. The Alden Theater, 1234 Ingleside Ave.,



McLean Orchestra Concert: Revolution, Saturday, Oct. 24, 8 p.m. at Oakcrest School, 850 Balls Hill Road in McLean features Principal Trumpet Steven Hendrickson of the National Symphony Orchestra.

McLean. Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto #1 in B Flat Minor, Opus 23, Kalinnikov Symphony #1 in G Minor and more. Adults \$25, seniors and youth \$20, under age 12 \$5. 703-790-9223 or www.mclean-symphony.org.

An Acoustic Evening with Five For Fighting, 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Disney On Ice Celebrations! 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at The George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets \$15-\$70, available through all Ticketmaster outlets, online at www.ticketmaster.com or via Phonecharge at 703-573-SEAT. www.disneyonice.com or www.patriotcenter.com.

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Epilepsy Advocate Take Charge Tour, 10 a.m. at Marriott Tyson's Corner, 8028 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. With Dr. John Cochran, Medical Director Neuroscience and Stroke, Inova Fairfax Hospital, and Alyssa Keys, epilepsy patient. Free. epilepsyadvocate.com.

Fairfax County Taxpayers Alliance Annual Membership Meeting, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Marco Polo Restaurant, 245 Maple Ave. West, Vienna. The Virginia budget: a crisis or a scam? Questions to ask at town halls and more. \$20 per person. Reserve at 703-281-0176 or webmaster@fcta.org.

Oktoberfest Bazaar and Craft Fair, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Charles Wesley United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall and Narthex, 6817 Dean Drive, McLean. White elephant sale, face painting, baked goods, hand carved birds, silk floral arrangements, handcrafted jewelry and more. Lunch served from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., including bratwurst, sauerkraut, German potato salad, hot dogs, soft pretzels, chips, and drinks. www.charleswesleyumc.org.

Wolf Trap 5k and Howl-o-ween Fun Run, 8 a.m. USATF-certified course through the National Park for the Performing Arts and the Shouse Village neighborhood. The run begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Filene Center's

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upper parking circle after an 8 a.m. warm-up session with Equinox Fitness Group. One mile fun run, costume contest for children, live entertainment from roots-rock band The Grandsons, and a special children's performance from Wolf Trap teaching artist John "Kinderman" Taylor. wolftrap.org.

SUNDAY/OCT. 25

The Dear Hunter, Annuals and Storm The Beaches, 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Saint Luke Concert Series with Eric Himy (piano) and Emilio Colon (cello), 4 p.m. at Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Gershwin, Debussy, Cassado, and Fabregas. Adults \$20, students under 23 \$10. 703-356-0670 or www.musicinmclean.org.

Disney On Ice Celebrations! 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. at The George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets \$15-\$70, available through all Ticketmaster outlets, online at www.ticketmaster.com or via Phonecharge at 703-573-SEAT. www.disneyonice.com or www.patriotcenter.com. 703-993-3000.

American Legion Auxiliary Breakfast 'Boo-fet.' 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Post 180, 330 Center St.,

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Cub Scouts in Action

Over Labor Day weekend, members of Cub Scout Pack # 665 and their families descended on the Churchill Road Elementary School grounds. They weeded the raised beds, stained and water-proofed wooden benches and picnic tables and even repaired battered trash can containers. Photo above, Stan Coerr (parent), Zach Lesan, Jackson Coerr and Jeffrey Peng. Photo below, Ming Ward (parent), Lucas Gaitan, Max Ward and Nathaniel Kipers.



Two Area Students Earn Eagle Scout Award

Boy Scout Troop 128, chartered at St. John's Episcopal Church in McLean, has awarded the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest award given by the Boy Scouts of America, to two scouts in the troop.

Nick Pallante, a 15-year-old sophomore student at Marshall High School, and Scott McCrery, a 15-year-old sophomore student at Langley High, were presented the award on Monday, Oct. 12, during an Eagle Court of Honor. Approximately 70 guests attended the ceremony at St. John's Episcopal Church following a Louisiana supper given in honor of the boys.

Nick is the son of Joseph J. Pallante and the late Arlene Alai. He is in the International Baccalaureate Honors Program at Marshall High and is a Cadet in the Civil Air Patrol of the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary. Scott is the son of former U.S. Rep. Jim McCrery (R-



Scott McCrery and Nick Pallante show off the new Eagle medals they received at Eagle Court of Honor on Oct. 12 at St. John's Episcopal Church in McLean.

La.) and wife Johnette. He is currently a member of the junior varsity football team at Langley and a member of the BSA Order of the

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Byron Van Nort Hughey of McLean has been awarded a bachelor of arts in English from Denison University of Granville, Ohio. Hughey received the Alumni Endowed Scholarship and studied abroad with the Goldsmiths program in England.

Duncan H. Hardock of McLean has been named to the spring 2009 dean's list at Colby College in Waterville, Maine. Hardock, a graduate of McLean High School, is the son of Randolph and Anne Hardock.

Rebecca Ellen Berenson and **Alaura Rose Maglio**, both of McLean, have been named to the spring 2009 dean's list at the University of Wisconsin College of Letters and Sciences.

Julia Christine Glasgow of McLean has graduated with a bachelor of arts degree from Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H. Glasgow is the daughter of James A. and Alice H. Glasgow.

Brendon Charles Ellis of McLean has been named to the spring 2009 dean's list at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va. Ellis is the son of Daniel L. Ellis and Colleen E. Sanford.

McLean residents **Jonathan Ende** and **Elizabeth Freeman** have been named to the spring 2009 dean's list at Washington University's College of Arts & Sciences in St. Louis, Mo. Both Ende and Freeman are graduates of McLean High School.

Amy Attilis attended the Governor's School for the Humanities and Visual and Performing Arts at Christopher Newport University this summer. She is a student at Marshall High School.

Several Langley High School students have been named as Semifinalists in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program:

Michael P. Alexander, Christine E. Campbell, Hannah G. Haight, Hyunjun Kim, Ryan Lu, Joshua R. Pan and **Jonathan J. Park.**

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McLean. \$7 adults, \$3 age 12 and under.
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MONDAY/OCT. 26

China's National Academy of Chinese Theater Arts. 7 p.m. at the Harris Theater at George Mason University in Fairfax. Free. A sampling of Chinese operas by a troupe from Beijing. At 6:15 p.m. there will be a free film which explains the history and theatrical styling used in Chinese opera. 703-993-7780 or cimason@gmu.edu.

TUESDAY/OCT. 27

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

Transitioning your career: find out how to keep your finances in check. 7 p.m. at The Women's Center, 127 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Steve Salley, Financial Advisor and Financial Planning Specialist. \$35 non-members, \$25 members. 703-281-2657 or www.thewomenscenter.org.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 28

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

October Arts Huddle. 10-11:30 a.m. at the Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 202-638-2406 x14 or staff@cultural-alliance.org.

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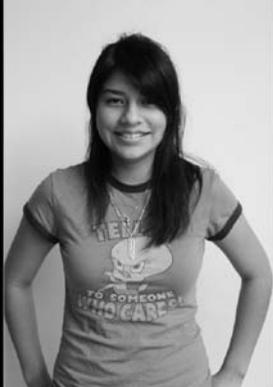
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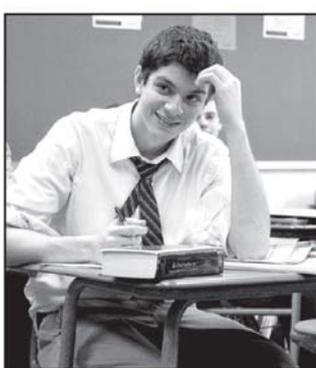
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2009 FALL VOTERS' GUIDE

GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009 POLLS OPEN 6:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

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

The League of Women Voters of Virginia sent questionnaires to candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General, and the above-mentioned Northern Virginia Leagues sent questionnaires to all candidates for the Virginia House of Delegates, as well as local candidates, whose names were qualified to appear on the November 3, 2009 ballot. Biographies and responses to the questions appear as written by the candidates and are not edited except to comply with Voters' Guide style and stipulated word limitations. A "///" at the end of the biography and/or responses indicates the word limit was exceeded. The candidates' original responses are on file with the Northern Virginia Leagues of Women Voters. Candidates are listed in the order in which they will appear on the ballot, as determined by lot by the Virginia State Board of Elections.

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To view the submissions of all Northern Virginia candidates, or for additional information on the Fall 2009 Voters' Guide or the League of Women Voters, please visit the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area (LWVFA) at www.lwv-fairfax.org or call 703-658-9150. Funding for the Fall 2009 Voters' Guide provided through the LWVFA Education Fund and contributions in memory of Sally B. Ormsby.

For additional information on the November 3, 2009 General and Special Elections, voter registration, the district in which you are eligible to vote, where to vote, or absentee voting, contact the Fairfax County Office of Elections at 703-222-0776 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb. For information in the City of Fairfax, contact the General Registrar at 703-385-7890 or visit www.fairfaxva.gov/Registrar/GeneralRegistrar.asp. You can also contact the Virginia State Board of Elections at 800-552-9745 or visit www.sbe.virginia.gov.

You may also find comprehensive, nonpartisan information on the

November 3, 2009 elections on the League of Women Voters' website, www.VOTE411.org, sponsored by the LWV Education Fund.

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All voters are required to present identification at the polls in order to vote. **PLEASE BRING IDENTIFICATION WHEN YOU COME TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009.**

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- Military Identification card
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BIOGRAPHY: Background provided by each candidate.

THE QUESTIONS

What will your top legislative **PRIORITY** be, if elected?

Do you believe that any changes are needed in the way the Commonwealth conducts its decennial **REDISTRICTING**? If so, please explain your proposals.

What will be your major emphasis, for both resources and spending, in developing the next state **BUDGET**?

How do you propose to **BALANCE** economic interests with environmental concerns?

CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

Robert F. "Bob" McDonnell Republican - Challenger



BIOGRAPHY: Maureen and I have been married for 32 years and we have 5 children. I served for 21 years in the U.S. Army. I've been a business manager for a Fortune 500 company, a Virginia Beach Prosecutor, a member of the House of Delegates for 14 years, and Attorney General.

PRIORITY: I will be a jobs Governor! I will focus on growing Virginia's economy, creating new jobs, and re-training our workforce for 21st century jobs. Everyone will benefit from my vision of a reinvigorated private sector, more incentives for businesses locating and expanding in Virginia, and a government that lives within its means, allowing citizens to keep more of what they earn to invest and spend.

REDISTRICTING: I will ensure bipartisan citizen involvement in the redistricting process. Legislative districts must be drawn to maximize voter participation and reflect commonsense geographic boundaries and a strong community of

interests. My bipartisan commission, comprised of citizens who haven't held elected office for at least 10 years, will provide citizens with access through public meetings, proposed maps online, and a website accepting public comment.

BUDGET: As Attorney General I cut my office's budget by 14%, took a pay cut and gave back my state car. Those are the kinds of tough decisions Virginians expect to see from their Governor. We must look for every opportunity to be creative in our budgeting, consolidate state functions, and implement innovation and budget prioritization in Richmond. We must focus on supporting policies that facilitate growth in the private sector, encourage entrepreneurship, allow Virginians to achieve their dreams, and expand our economy.

BALANCE: I championed legislation to ban the use of phosphorus in household detergents and successfully filed suit to stop a wastewater treatment operator from polluting the

Shenandoah River. I helped establish an income tax refund for contributions made to restore the Bay and supported the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Act and the Open-Space Lands Preservation Trust Fund. As Governor, I am committed to protecting our environment using innovative technology, pollution prevention programs and holding polluters accountable. I will also establish "Green Jobs Zones" to incentivize companies to create quality green jobs.

CONTACT: www.bobmcdonnell.com

R. Creigh Deeds Democrat - Challenger



BIOGRAPHY: State Senator Creigh Deeds is an accomplished legislator, having served eighteen years in the General Assembly. He lives in Bath County with his wife Pam, and their four children: Amanda, Rebecca, Gus, and Susannah. He graduated from Wake Forest Law School and Concord College.

PRIORITY: As governor, I will restore confidence in Virginia's economy by fixing transportation, investing in education, and giving a tax credit to any business that creates a job. I also have a plan to cut spending through aggressive performance reviews that reduce government waste and improve efficiency. And I will put Virginia on a path to be a global leader in clean energy, medical research, and cutting edge technology.

REDISTRICTING: Public policy in my administration will be based on science, not on ideology or partisan politics. For the

past seven years I have proposed bipartisan redistricting legislation. As governor, I will sign such a bill into law. Transparency and honesty are my guiding principles.

BUDGET: I believe we must invest in education even in tough times and my budget will reflect that. I will create an additional 70,000 degrees over the next ten years and commit an additional \$40 million per year to financial aid and guarantee student loans up to \$15,000. Under a Deeds administration, all Virginians will have access to an affordable higher education.

To fix transportation I will bring Republicans and Democrats together and pass a plan that connects every part of Virginia. I will consider all options so we can reach a bipartisan consensus on dedicated, long-term funding that does not drain funding from education and other core priorities.

BALANCE: I have a strong record of protecting the environment and balancing environmental and economic interests. In 1996, I authored the landmark Agricultural Stewardship Act, a bipartisan approach to reduce pollution that was supported by both farmers and environmental advocates. And in 1999, I sponsored a land preservation tax credit program that has helped Virginia conserve 500,000 acres.

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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

CANDIDATES FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR – VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

THE OFFICE

TERM: Four years

SALARY: \$36,321

DUTIES: Presides over the State Senate and casts a vote in case of a tie. Fills the office of Governor should the office become vacant by reason of death, resignation or disability.

BIOGRAPHY AND QUESTIONS

BIOGRAPHY: Background provided by each candidate.

THE QUESTIONS

How do you envision your **ROLE**, if elected?

How would you influence the dynamics of the legislative **PROCESS**?

What do you see as Virginia's most urgent **PROBLEM** over the next two years?

William T. "Bill" Bolling Republican – Incumbent



BIOGRAPHY: Lieutenant Governor Bill Bolling is the son of a coal miner and first in his family to graduate college. He and his wife Jean Ann live in Hanover and have two sons. He has 18 years of public service as Lieutenant Governor, State Senator, and in local government in Hanover.

ROLE: In a McDonnell/Bolling administration, I'll serve as Virginia's first Economic Development and Chief Jobs Creation Officer.

As Virginia's Chief Jobs Creation Officer, I'll help coordinate all economic development and job creation initiatives across the various agencies of state government. Having the states second highest elected officer actively involved in recruiting new industries signals the importance of bringing new jobs to our state.

In addition, I'll work to find solutions to our

current energy, education, and transportation challenges.

PROCESS: Over the past four years serving as Virginia's Lieutenant Governor, I've promoted an aggressive legislative agenda, which I'll continue.

In order to bring more jobs to our state, I co-sponsored legislation allowing more businesses to qualify for Economic Opportunity Fund money, which has brought \$125 million in new capital investments into Virginia.

I have also worked to strengthen our education system by forcing the Senate to direct lottery proceeds towards education, and by seeking to pass legislation that requires that at least 65% of our education dollars be spent in the classroom.

Finally, I'm very proud that during my time in the Senate, I was able to pass legislation pro-

viding health insurance for children in low-income families.

PROBLEM: The most urgent problem today and in the near future is the need to bring new quality jobs to our state. Current unemployment rates are the highest in 20 years, and all regions of the state have been impacted by the recent economic downturn. In a McDonnell/Bolling administration, I will serve as Virginia's first Economic Development and Chief Jobs Creation Officer, and my number one focus will be on growing our workforce.

Additionally, our state faces numerous challenges to our education and transportation systems. I've proposed detailed plans to confront these challenges, which you can find on my website, www.billbolling.com.

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Jody M. Wagner Democrat – Challenger



BIOGRAPHY: I'm the proud mother of four wonderful children. For 16 years, I was a practicing attorney in Norfolk. From 2002-2005, I served as Treasurer of the Commonwealth, and from 2006-2008, as the Secretary of Finance. In addition, I'm the owner of Jody's, a small popcorn business in Virginia Beach.

ROLE: I will serve as a key member of the state's leadership team, and a partner of the next Governor. I'll use my experience working across party lines to help reach commonsense, bipartisan solutions that improve the lives of Virginia's families. The most important role I can have is to help create new jobs and grow Virginia's economy. In addition, I would spend much of my time advocating for improvements in public education, such

as raising the graduation rate, expanding funding for pre-Kindergarten programs and promoting mentorship and internship programs for at risk students. Finally, I would be a member of five important boards and commissions.

PROCESS: In addition to presiding over the Senate, I would be active in the legislative process by helping to advance the goals of the next Governor, as well as priorities I consider to be important, like creating new jobs and improving education. I have a record of working across party lines to get things done as evidenced by the 2008 Education Bond Package that I negotiated (which passed unanimously) and I would continue to negotiate compromise in order to get things done.

PROBLEM: Virginia's biggest problem is the

global economic decline, and creating new jobs is the only way to confront the issue. We need to take a multi-faceted approach, which involves attracting new industries; helping small businesses start and grow; improving education to ensure our students have the skills necessary to compete in the 21st Century economy; and solving the transportation mess that is threatening our economic viability. Virginians have suffered as a result of the recession, and while we have weathered the storm better than most other states, the top priority of the next Lt. Governor must be to lead Virginia out of the national downturn, and help direct the Commonwealth towards future prosperity.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

CANDIDATES FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL – VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

THE OFFICE

TERM: Four years

SALARY: \$150,000

DUTIES: Chief legal officer of the Commonwealth, serves as counsel to the Governor and to all state departments, agencies, boards and commissions.

BIOGRAPHY AND QUESTIONS

BIOGRAPHY: Background provided by each candidate.

THE QUESTIONS

What do you think will be the major **ISSUE** facing the Attorney General's office in the next two years?

As Attorney General, what would be your major legislative **PROPOSAL**?

How do you envision **BALANCING** economic concerns with the enforcement of environmental regulations?

Ken T. Cuccinelli II Republican – Challenger



BIOGRAPHY: An attorney and small business owner, Senator Cuccinelli grew up in Northern Virginia. He graduated from UVa. as a Mechanical Engineer, then received his J.D. and Masters degrees from GMU. Ken married his high school sweetheart, Teiro, and they live with their seven children (and many pets) in Centreville.

ISSUE: Given current circumstances, the major issue for the next Attorney General will be helping to get Virginia's economy growing again in order to support job creation. In addition, the AG will also be looked to for leadership on public safety issues such as fighting gangs, sexual predators, drunk driving and mental health. These are all issues that I will continue to aggressively address, as I have in my 3 terms in the State Senate.

I would also bring 5 years of juvenile delinquency prevention work and over a decade of working with mental health professionals and patients to the AG's office.

PROPOSAL: Among my major legislative proposals as Virginia's next AG would be proposals to continue to improve our mental health system. Since the Virginia Tech tragedy, Virginians have awoken to how much more we need to do to improve our mental health system, and I will continue my leadership on this issue. Additionally, I will continue the work I've been doing in the Senate Courts Committee to toughen our laws addressing gangs, sexual predators and repeat drug dealers. Finally, I will continue my efforts to get property rights protected in Virginia's Constitution.

BALANCING: The balancing of economic concerns with the enforcement of environmental regulations is similar to the balancing in any regulatory decision. First, an AG has to enforce the law, but may exercise such discretion as the law allows to factor in circumstances such as first offenses, technical (e.g., paperwork) violations vs. substantive violations, in coming to conclusions about appropriate responses. We want our environmental regulations to be part of our stewardship of the environment, and like other Virginians, I want to preserve a clean and healthy environment for my children. I also want to undertake reasonable steps to preserve economic opportunities and jobs for Virginians.

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Stephen C. Shannon Democrat – Challenger



BIOGRAPHY: Occupation: Attorney; Odin, Feldman & Pittleman, PC – Fairfax, VA Education: Bachelors Degree, Fairfield University; Masters of Public Policy, Georgetown University; and J.D., University of Virginia Experience: Steve Shannon is a former Fairfax County Prosecutor who has a strong record on Public Safety. He and his wife Abby co-founded Virginia's first AMBER-Alert // **ISSUE:** In the next two years, the Attorney General's office must be focused on public safety. As the economy gets back on track, we need to be sure that Virginia creates an environment that is attractive for people and businesses so that they want to come here and flourish here. By keeping Virginians safe, I will work to create that type of environment.

PROPOSAL: My top priority as Attorney General is going to be keeping Virginians safe. I have outlined a number of policy proposals – available on my website at www.shannon2009.com – that will help protect Virginians from drunk drivers, gangs, drug dealers, and other public safety threats. As a father of three and helped found (with my wife, Abby) of Virginia's AMBER Alert system, I am particularly committed to protecting Virginia's children. Specifically, I am committed to keeping Virginia children safe from Internet predators. We know that there are at least 20,000 unique computers trafficking child pornography in Virginia. Law enforcement officials do not have the tools and resources they need to track these online offenders down and put them in jail. I will work

with the Governor and General Assembly to find these resources.

BALANCING: As Attorney General, my job will be enforcing Virginia's law. I believe we need to move towards things like energy efficiency and greater use of renewable energy in order to protect our environment. I also believe we must understand our current economic climate and make sure that as we make the move toward the use of efficiency and renewables, we are balancing the needs and economic constraints of citizens and businesses in Virginia.

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VIRGINIA HOUSE OF DELEGATES

THE OFFICE

TERM: Two years
SALARY: \$17,640
DUTIES: Legislative power in the

Commonwealth of Virginia is vested in a General Assembly consisting of a Senate and a House of Delegates. Chief responsibilities are to make laws, levy taxes, and adopt the state budget.

BIOGRAPHY AND QUESTIONS

BIOGRAPHY: Background provided by each candidate.

THE QUESTIONS

What measures would you support to make the **REDISTRICTING** process less partisan?
 Should the allocation of public

EDUCATION funds throughout the Commonwealth be revised? If so, what would you propose?
 What other state **ISSUE** would you like to discuss?

CANDIDATES FOR THE VIRGINIA HOUSE OF DELEGATES – 34TH DISTRICT (Voters in This District Vote for Not More Than One)



Barbara J. Comstock *Republican - Challenger*

BIOGRAPHY: Barbara Comstock, a 25+ year McLean resident, is a small businesswoman and attorney. Barbara worked as a senior aide to Rep. Frank Wolf, a Congressional Chief Counsel, a senior Justice Department official and senior partner in a law firm. She is a graduate of Middlebury College and Georgetown Law School.
REDISTRICTING: I support a process that is transparent and bipartisan with citizen involvement and input through legislation or a Blue Ribbon commission. Legislative districts should reflect commonsense geographic boundaries and communities of interest. I support public meetings, putting pro-

posed new district maps online, and a website that will allow public comment and interaction.
EDUCATION: Yes. As with our transportation dollars, Northern Virginians are shortchanged on our education dollars. We have 25% of the population but provide 40% of the state revenue. We need Northern Virginia representatives who will fight for our fair share of education and transportation dollars and who understand that shortchanging Northern Virginia – the economic engine of the state – hurts all of Virginia.
ISSUE: Improving our economy is my top priority. I will protect and promote Virginia's right-to-work, job friendly environment. In deciding whether a policy is good for Virginians, my test will be: "Does it help retain, create, and grow jobs?" Raising taxes in a recession fails that test. The policies I will promote for strengthening our economy will include

a 10% small business tax cut to stimulate job growth, and a bipartisan commission to address our transportation funding crisis and focus our transportation dollars on easing congestion and economic growth. Supporting our transportation and education infrastructure is critical for economic growth. That is why I also will work to create a "Virginia Scholars Program," for our top 100 math and science students, which will fully fund their undergraduate and graduate studies so that we provide our kids with the education they need for our future jobs. Finally, I will support legislation to provide more in-state student slots at Virginia state colleges and universities.
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Margaret G. Vanderhye *Democrat - Incumbent*

BIOGRAPHY: Member, Virginia House of Delegates. Government relations specialist and previous appointee of three governors and U.S. president on transportation, environment, and planning. Graduate of Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership at U. VA; Northwestern University, and the Johns Hopkins School of Advance International Studies.
REDISTRICTING: I support the appointment of a state level, non-partisan redistricting commission to draw district lines along natural geographical, infrastructure, and population lines to make sure elections were about real choices within communities.
EDUCATION: Yes, the allocation of public education funds

should be revised to give Fairfax County K-12 students a fair share that reflects our highly diverse population with respect to income, international background and wide spectrum of educational requirements. Currently the state provides less than 20% of our county education funding, leaving us to carry the burden at the local level with our main source of revenue being the property tax. At the college level, we should adhere to the 25-30% level for out of state acceptances, and we should fund our higher education programs so our Virginia students receive the acceptances and the financial aid they deserve.
ISSUE: I want to discuss transportation and its relationship to our economy and quality of life in northern Virginia and throughout the state.
 We are in a transportation crisis with dwindling funds necessary to receive matching federal dollars for our most

crucial projects. We need dedicated, sufficient, and sustainable transportation funding, and we need to make sure that everyone who uses our infrastructure pays for it – not just Virginians.
 Dulles Airport and the Virginia Port both require additional capacity to handle the growing statewide demands of our global economy, and we are not providing the necessary funds. Once the economy rebounds, we need new resources at the state, regional, and local levels to address already identified road, rail, and transit projects, and we need to make sure that the Dulles Rail project through Tysons Corner helps create a walkable urban center.
 We have studied VDOT; we have studied options; we have tried gimmicks. It is time for bi-partisan action.
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CANDIDATES FOR THE VIRGINIA HOUSE OF DELEGATES – 53RD DISTRICT (Voters in This District Vote for Not More Than One)



Christopher D. Merola *Republican - Challenger*

BIOGRAPHY: I am currently a new media consultant. I earned a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Arts degree from Slippery Rock University. I have worked for two Republican Members of Congress. My own campaign is the tenth campaign I have worked on at the state or federal level.
REDISTRICTING: I would be in favor of forming a bipartisan committee of Republicans, Democrats, and Independents, whose job it would be to form a consensus concerning a fair redistricting process. This committee would make recom-

mendations to the state legislature concerning the redistricting process. It would function much like the Base Realignment and Closure process at the federal level.
EDUCATION: Yes, they should be revised so that tax dollars are more fairly awarded to the school districts based on their unique needs. I would be in favor of writing legislation that would mandate at least 70 percent of Virginia's education budget go directly to the school districts within the state. Funding for music, the arts and humanities, along with physical education and health education, must be given as much consideration as math and science.
ISSUE: Virginia must find a steady source of funding for transportation projects without burdening its citizens with tax

increases. My Transportation Trifecta plan is designed to do just that. By partnering with energy companies, Virginia can move in the direction of energy independence, while creating jobs throughout the state, and providing revenue to pay for transportation projects without raising taxes.
 Energy exploration that includes environmentally friendly methods of offshore oil drilling, clean coal development, natural gas exploration, safe nuclear power methods, as well as solar and wind energy technologies, will provide a boost to our state's economy, while creating jobs and funding our state's transportation needs.
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James M. "Jim" Scott *Democrat - Incumbent*

BIOGRAPHY: Born: Galax, Va.; Graduate: Handley High School, Winchester, VA.; B.A. & M.A. UNC at Chapel Hill; M.A., George Mason University. Member, Fairfax Co. Board of Supervisors, 1971-86; House of Delegates, 1991-present. Married: Nancy Cromwell Scott; Children: Catherine: graduate, U. of Va. Law School; Mary Alice, senior, Franklin and Marshall College.
REDISTRICTING: As in the past, I support a constitutional

amendment to create a non-partisan redistricting commission, similar to the bill proposed by the Sen. Creigh Deeds in 2009 that was killed by House Republicans in committee in the House of Delegates.
EDUCATION: The allocation of education funds should reflect the actual cost of education in each region, particularly the higher costs of living in areas such as Northern Virginia, as well as fully funding the Standards of Quality as approved by the Board of Education. Fully funding all-day kindergartens and pre-kindergartens, particularly for at-risk students, as well as fully funding the cost of paying Virginia educators at least the national average salary for teachers is essential.

ISSUE: The key obstacle to Virginia's future economic success is the House Republicans refusal to approve additional revenue for education and transportation construction and maintenance throughout the Commonwealth, particularly in Northern Virginia, and Tidewater, and adequate funding for higher education, particularly research. Governor Kaine's transportation funding proposal in 2008, without a gas tax increase, was killed in the House with only one Republican vote. New revenues are essential. Taking additional money from the General Fund for transportation will shortchange education.
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CANDIDATES FOR THE FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD – PROVIDENCE DISTRICT – ON NEXT PAGE

FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD – PROVIDENCE DISTRICT

Only voters in the Providence District are eligible to vote in this election.

THE OFFICE

TERM: Four years; this election is to fill the remaining years of the current four-year term.

SALARIES: The School Board Chairman receives a salary of \$22,000 and Board members a salary of \$20,000.

DUTIES: After considering recommendations from the superintendent, the Fairfax County School Board determines policies and programs, prescribes standards, enters into contracts, performs legally mandated duties initiating court action when necessary, establishes school advisory committees, and evaluates the performance of the division superintendent. All School Board members serve as Independents.

BIOGRAPHY AND QUESTIONS

BIOGRAPHY: Background provided by each candidate.

THE QUESTIONS

What is the greatest **CHALLENGE** facing the Fairfax County Public Schools? How would you address it?

What would be your priorities for the use of increasingly limited school **BUDGET** funds?

What other school-related **ISSUE** would you like to discuss?

CANDIDATES FOR FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD – PROVIDENCE DISTRICT

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

Christopher F. DeCarlo
Challenger

CANDIDATE DID NOT RESPOND.



John N. Jennison
Challenger

BIOGRAPHY: The Democratic-endorsed candidate, John Jennison, is an attorney, former PTA President and Little League coach. With three children educated in our public schools, John will fight to maintain scholastic excellence. He understands that a great school system is important to our children's future and the economic strength of Fairfax County.

CHALLENGE: Fairfax County government is facing falling tax revenue and tight budget constraints that will force reductions in some county services. The School Board will have to

make very difficult decisions about how to cut costs, while maintaining what is acknowledged to be the finest public school system in America. We need to make budget decisions in a transparent way that invites input from parents, students, teachers, school administrators and other FCPS employees.

BUDGET: We need to reduce administrative costs by simplifying procedures, improving efficiency in operations, and demanding greater accountability from school administrators. By investing in energy efficient renovations, we can reduce the utility bills of school buildings. We need to develop a plan for school construction that will ultimately eliminate trailers. I'll fight to protect budget items that have a direct impact on classroom education and class size. I believe we must invest

in attracting and retaining top performing teachers and principals for now and for the future.

ISSUE: In this challenging budget environment, we need a School Board member who will work with parents, students, teachers and administrators with a sense of shared purpose. There will be many contentious and emotional debates, but we should never question the motives or integrity of those we disagree with, and we must always remember we are here for the students. That's the approach I promise I will take. I'll never be able to make everyone happy, but I will listen and give all sides a fair and respectful hearing.

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Patricia S. "Patty" Reed
Challenger

BIOGRAPHY: PA, Syracuse University; BA, Psychology & Sociology, SUNY Albany; Presidential Management Intern; Co-founder, Choose 2 Lead Women's Foundation; President, Friends of Oakton Library; FAIRGRADE high school coordinator and parent advocate; volunteer tutor, teacher's aide and teacher. Over 20 years experience managing budgets. Parent of one FCPS graduate and one sophomore.

CHALLENGE: Given shrinking budgets, we must make tough decisions among competing priorities/values and bring innovative solutions to challenges. We must keep what works and change what doesn't so that FCPS can get the most bang for its buck. We must keep dollars flowing to kids and teach-

ers and away from excessive overhead or duplicative, inefficient programs. We must push politics, personalities and posturing aside.

I will encourage an independent audit of the budget as well as a Virginia School Efficiency Review to identify where each dollar is going. Additionally, I will gather input on spending priorities under an enhanced community involvement program.

BUDGET: We must work to achieve the fundamental goal of allowing all children to realize their full potential and to prepare themselves for college and/or employment in a global economy. We must use funds to maximize the education of every child: smaller class sizes and compensation packages that attract and retain teachers so that our kids get the world-class education we've promised. Last, we should strive to improve school working and learning conditions, and let teachers teach (use administrative staff to reduce—not add—

demands on their time that are peripheral to instruction.)

ISSUE: Given declining resources as well as a large, increasingly diverse school system, we must enhance the FCPS partnership and community involvement programs.

We need to leverage the success stories between FCPS and local businesses and identify new partners that can provide complementary services or reduce county costs. These partners may include other county agencies, such as the county library system, as well as local educational institutions.

FCPS and the School Board conduct extensive outreach activities. Yet some groups have called for greater transparency and community input on various issues. Participants on all sides of school community involvement efforts should strive to be more team-oriented, proactive and constructive.

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FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOL BOND VOTE YES OR NO

QUESTION: Shall the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money, and issue capital improvement bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$232,580,000 for the purposes of providing funds, in addition to funds from school bonds previously authorized and any other available funds, to finance, including reimbursement

to the County for temporary financing for, the costs of school improvements, including acquiring, building, expanding and renovating properties, including new sites, new buildings or additions, renovations and improvements to existing buildings, and furnishings and equipment, for the Fairfax County public school system?

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009

SCHOOLS

Twenty-One Students Nominated for Leadership Award

Twenty-one students from Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) were nominated for the College of William and Mary Leadership Award, which recognizes students who demonstrate leadership both in the classroom and in their communities.

Recipients of the William and

Mary Leadership Award are:

❖ Desmond Lee of Annandale High School; Bennett Salmon of Centreville High School; Christina Dang of Chantilly High School; Kelly Flanigan of Edison High School; Jack Becket of Fairfax High School; Excy Guardado of Falls Church High School; Nikita Dodbele of Hayfield Secondary

School; Kelsey DeFord of Herndon High School; Adrienne Engel of Langley High School; Brian Head of Madison High School; Delanyo Kpo of Marshall High School; Anna Glendenning of McLean High School; Corinthia Evans of Mount Vernon High School; Jay Tucker of Oakton High School; Rachel Moody of Robinson Secondary

School; James Armstrong of South Lakes High School; Rachel Boots of Stuart High School; Lisa Nam of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology; Gwen Fishel of West Potomac High School; Molly Gift of Westfield High School; and Alexander Willard of Woodson High School.

Every student nominated by his

or her high school receives the William and Mary Leadership Award and is invited to come to campus for one weekend the following fall during the senior year to attend the William and Mary Leadership Conference.

For more information, contact the FCPS Department of Communications and Community Outreach at 571-423-1200.

SPORTS

McLean Football Gets Leg Up on its Opponents

Kicker Hunt, punter Meyer have given Highlanders a big lift.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Special teams kicking specialists Drew Hunt and Karl Meyer have given the McLean High football team all head coach Jim Patrick could ask for this season. The two seniors have been huge factors in the Highlanders' 5-2 record.

Both Hunt, the team's kicker, and Meyer, the Highlanders' punter, were backups at their respective special teams' positions last year. This fall, they have thrived as starters.

Hunt, who also starts at a defensive end position for McLean, has made six-of-eight field goals this season. One of the misses was blocked. In McLean's 24-21 Liberty District home win over Marshall last Friday night, Hunt converted a momentum-building, 23-yard field goal in rainy, sloppy conditions to get the Highlanders within 14-9 just before halftime.

McLean had trailed the winless Statesmen 14-0 before finally getting onto the scoreboard when quarterback Will Hecht connected with Riley Beiro for a 21-yard touchdown pass play with about a minute remaining until the intermission. Moments later, the Highlanders recovered the ensuing kickoff and had another chance to score before the halftime. McLean worked its way down the field and ultimately got the field goal by Hunt to get within five points.

"It wasn't a real long field goal, but he's good in real clutch situations," said Patrick,



McLean High football players Sam Huffman (54) and Bobby Ludwick (20) are right in the action during the Highlanders' recent Liberty District game at South Lakes. The Highlanders, who beat Marshall in their most recent game, will play at Fairfax this Friday night.

of Hunt's hugely important kick that made the score 14-9. "Even though we were still down, I thought we had some momentum. He's done a great job for us. It's nice to know when we get close he's very accurate."

McLean scored a touchdown in both the third and fourth quarters, the latter score followed up by a Hunt extra point kick, to gain the hard-fought win over the Statesmen.

Two of Hunt's field goals this season have come at 40 yards or more. On kickoffs, Hunt has the ability to kick the ball well into the end zone.

"He's got a real good leg on him and has been a good kickoff guy," said Patrick. "He

has gotten touchbacks when we allow him to kick the ball deep."

Meyer, meanwhile, has been averaging close to 40 yards per punt this season. He had one punt of 48 yards in McLean's 38-0 win at Jefferson two weeks ago. In McLean's 28-21 loss at South Lakes on Oct. 2, Meyer had three punts of at least 40 yards.

"He's been very consistent and can knock the ball down the field and out of bounds," said Patrick, of Meyer. "He's a very athletic kid. He works on [his punting] and does a lot of camps in the offseason. I think he'll be a recruited punter."

MCLEAN HAD ITS HANDS full against a

Marshall team in search of its first win. The Statesmen, under first year head coach Bill Laphorn, had long touchdown runs of 35 and 39 yards from senior running back Victor Vanegas. Marshall senior wide receiver Ryan Walter, meanwhile, caught a 13-yard scoring pass in the game.

McLean's Hecht completed six-of-13 for 115 yards and two scoring passes. Along with his touchdown pass to Beiro, Hecht also found senior tightend John Fremerman for a 10 yard touchdown pass. McLean sophomore running back David Fontenot ran for a two-yard touchdown in the win.

McLean's beautiful, Bermuda turf field drained well on the rainy night. McLean was able to hold onto the football, committing no turnovers. The McLean defense, meanwhile, had four fumble recoveries.

"It was raining and cold, the first weather test of the year," said Patrick. "I think our kids liked [the poor weather] — the old, playing in the rain type of thing."

The coach said Marshall's play impressed him.

"Marshall came prepared," said Patrick. "They're a physical team. They pounded us in the first half of the game. We pointed that out to our players at halftime."

McLean's offense did not get a first down until late in the first half. But the Highlanders got things going offensively in the second half.

"It was a challenge [to move the ball], but we didn't have any fumbles," said Patrick.

Marshall will be at home this Friday night against district opponent Jefferson, another team looking for its first win. The Statesmen, who have played better in recent weeks in losses to unbeaten Stone Bridge (28-0), Langley (21-7) and the Highlanders could well get into the win column against the Colonials.

SPORTS NOTES

The annual Northern Virginia Senior Olympics (NVSO) wrapped up on Sept. 23. Six hundred and eighteen seniors participated in the 12-day Olympics, including 265 new participants.

"This is a record breaking year for us," said Alexandria's Jack Hobbs, Chairman of the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics. "Registration was up in nearly all the events and our two new events, Wii bowling and mini javelin throw, proved successful."

Participants ranged from 50-years old and older. At least 10 of the athletes were 90 or over, including Ray Kaminski, of Springfield. Kaminski, age 93, competed in bowling, tennis, softball hit and throw, mini javelin throw, frisbee throw and horseshoes. Mary Latham of Falls Church, 94, competed as a swimmer in the backstroke and half mile events, as well

as in track in the 800 and 1600-meter walks.

Hobbs said over 25 events took place in nine different venues throughout Northern Virginia.

"We are extremely grateful to the sponsoring jurisdictions for providing the venues for these events, particularly Thomas Jefferson Community Center and Wakefield High School in Arlington and Wakefield District Park in Annandale," said Hobbs.

He added, "It is also important to recognize NVSO's Gold, Silver and Bronze Patrons, whose support is essential in the administration and promotion of NVSO each year."

Gold Patrons included Greenspring Retirement Community, Goodwin House Incorporated, Sunrise Senior Living, Verizon Wireless and the Senior Advantage Program at George Washington University Hospital.

Silver Patrons were Realtor Debbie Miller, McEneaney Associates, and Bronze Patrons were Envoy Health Care of Alexandria and The McDonald's Family Restaurants of Greater Washington D.C.

For more information about NVSO, call 703-228-4721 or check the website at www.nvaseniorolympics.com.

The Fairfax County Athletic Council and the Department of Community and Recreation Services have announced this year's winners of the Champions of Character Awards. Winners are selected based on their contributions to youth sports in Fairfax County and their service in pursuing victory with honor. A coach, parent, and two athletes were chosen from each magisterial district. Awards ceremonies were held on Oct. 6 at the Fairfax County Government

Center. Members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Athletic Council presented the awards. Locals to earn honors included: Dranesville District - Maggie Natal, Female Athlete (Great Falls Little League Softball); Nick Fouty, Male Athlete (Great Falls Lacrosse Association); Mario Guillen, Coach (McLean Youth Soccer); and Jim Long, Coach (Great Falls Lacrosse Association). Providence District - Corey Hall, Male Athlete (Vienna Youth Football); Nicholle Harris-Depaz, Coach (Marshall High lacrosse); and Richard Montano, Parent (Vienna Youth Soccer). Hunter Mill District - Emma Evans, Female Athlete (Reston Youth Basketball League) and Todd Casey, Coach (Vienna Youth Incorporated).

The NOVA Youth Flag Football League will be holding its

annual Charity Begins at Home food and coat drive to help support and feed the needy. The charity drive will take place during the first week of the NOVA league playoffs on Oct. 31. The food drive will be held at all of the league's playing fields where there will be drop off boxes available throughout the day. Both the Virginia Academy School and Community Church will handle the food distribution in November through their food pantries. Both boxed and canned food donations are welcomed. In addition to the Food Drive, NOVA Flag Football is also going to be collecting used coats at the playoff games.

For more information, visit the league web site at www.novaflag.com or contact League President Steven D'Argenio at novaflag@mindspring.com.

Ready, Willing, and Hopefully Able



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Throughout my "consuming" life, I have often expressed a desire to be the consumer who appears in a commercial testifying, sincerely, as to the one-of-a-kind price and/or above-and-beyond-the-call service/benefit he or she received while using/buying product "A", "B" or "C." Most recently, I have been reminded of this desire while listening to the radio; specifically the radio spots for Novartis, a pharmaceutical company. The spots feature real people (as opposed to fake people, like the ones in those Charles Schwab television commercials) discussing their cancer diagnosis and the helplessness – and disappointment (to put it mildly) – they felt when they realized they couldn't afford the medication that could possibly save their cancer-affected lives.

On one level, the commercials are image-branding Novartis as a pharmaceutical company that cares, one that doesn't necessarily let the cost of the medication/inability of a patient to pay, prevent that patient from receiving potentially life-saving medication. Their sensitivity – and generosity – knows no bounds, or at least that's part of the message.

The other part of the message, which most resonates with me (a currently-under-treatment cancer patient), is that the "experimental" medication (cost issues aside), at least as they relate to the radio spots I've heard: the grandmother who, due to the medication Novartis has generously provided has now lived six or seven years to see two new grandchildren (after receiving a grim prognosis initially); and the college student who, a few hours after attending a class, is told by his doctors that he has cancer and approximately two and a half years to live, a revelation he characterizes as "surreal," a description with which I'm intimately familiar and in total agreement (although, if truth be told, as accurate a description as "surreal" is to describe one's feelings after receiving a diagnosis of this severity/seriousness, it really doesn't begin to detail the layers of emotional bedrock that are torn apart when receiving this kind of news) saved their lives and/or at a minimum, gave them years and quality of life they had not anticipated. They lived, and are alive to share their, I-survived-cancer success stories.

And who doesn't want to hear success stories, especially anyone battling to overcome major health problems. If nothing else, hope always lives. Now whether it's realistic for cancer patients to damn the torpedoes and go full speed ahead; for my money/attitude/perspective, it sure beats the alternative. So yes, I'm hopeful. One day, I want to be on a radio/television commercial testifying to the unexpected success of a medication that shrunk my tumors and/or prevented their movement/metastasis and then there I am, 10 years later, alive and well, and living the dream: cancer free and healthy – and fortunate – enough to have seen the Boston Red Sox win two more World Series Championships; (totaling four so far in this century), one each for my father, mother, brother and myself. Is that too much to ask? Hopefully not.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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we now have his repulsive views on money issues. McDonnell would sell the state-run liquor stores thereby giving away a steady stream of future income for a short-term gain. Then there is the borrowing by authorizing more bonds so Virginia can be

saddled with greater debt payments. After eight years of Republican rule [in Washington] that brought our great country to near fiscal ruin, we should not walk away from McDonnell, we should run.

Rebecca Horahan
McLean

Comstock Has Set a Positive Agenda

To the Editor:

When Del. Margi Vanderhuy (D-34) went on television to tell us about her accomplishments as our delegate, she could only muster 15 seconds to talk about her meager record before turning her attacks on her opponent. Vanderhuy started this campaign in a negative fashion, much like her campaign in 2007 against Dave Hunt. Vanderhuy and her supporters have made it clear that they think this delegate election is about abortion and Karl Rove even though abortion is settled law and Karl Rove has nothing to do with Virginia. Like Creigh Deeds, Vanderhuy is trying to avoid the main issues that people care about — jobs, transportation and education — because she has no solutions on these issues except the same answer she and Creigh Deeds have always advocated: tax hikes and sending more of our money to Richmond.

I appreciate that Barbara Comstock is focused on our priorities and has set out detailed plans on how she is going to improve our jobs (10 percent small business tax cut), roads (get more of Northern Virginia's share

in the transportation funding formula as well as a detailed plan) and schools (get more college spots for our kids and more of our education dollars in the classroom). She has set out a positive agenda and has the proven track record of producing results in the public and private sector. When she worked for U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10), she championed and worked to pass the \$500 child tax credit and worked on telecommuting solutions and getting our HOV lanes from 3-2. She got results! And that is why Democrats and Republicans hired her in the private sector where results matter. And that is why our Congressman Frank Wolf and our former Del. Vince Callahan have strongly endorsed her candidacy as well as the Virginia NFIB, the champion of small business. (Vanderhuy rated a failing grade of 50 percent from the small business community).

As our delegate, Barbara Comstock (R) will also have the advantage of being in the majority fighting for our priorities.

Gerrie Smith
McLean

Leadership by Example

To the Editor:

I was delighted to see the home of my friends, Bob and Margi Vanderhuy, featured in the October Home/Life Style Section of The Connection. Your reporter's focus on Margi's admiration for Thomas Jefferson was most interesting. I would like to point out another aspect of the Vanderhuy residence that calls to mind Monticello, the beloved Virginia home of our third president.

Jefferson was an inventor and adapter of the most up-to-date technologies of his

time. Bob and Margi installed solar panels on the roof of their home years ago, when this technology was truly cutting edge. In doing so, they demonstrated the sort of leadership by example that endears us to Jefferson and to the many other American leaders whose vision and innovation have guided us in building our wonderful democracy. Del. Margi Vanderhuy (D-34) is one of those visionary Virginia leaders.

Elizabeth Lodal
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To have community events listed in the Connection, send to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

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The McLean Art Society will feature artist Robert Johnson, 10 a.m.-12 noon, at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Rd. (703 790-0123). Johnson paints in oil and is a life member of the Art Student's League of New York City, as well as a signature member of Allied Artists and Oil Painters of America. His work has received numerous awards. Guests are welcome.

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McLean & Great Falls Celebrate Virginia. 5:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center. The organization is preparing a community event to be held Saturday, June 26, 2010, that will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the beginning of McLean. Contact Carole Herrick at 703-556-8223.

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WEDNESDAY/OCT. 28

McLean Community Center Governing Board Monthly Meeting. 7:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Tax district residents (Small District 1A-Dranesville) who wish to speak during the "Citizen Comment" portion of the meeting are asked to call the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711 to be placed on the agenda. www.mcleancenter.org

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Virginia CVS Pharmacy, LLC trading as CVS/Pharmacy #1884, 256 North Glebe Rd Arlington, VA 22203. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a Wine/Beer off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Linda M. Cimbron, Assistant Secretary

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Virginia CVS Pharmacy, LLC trading as CVS/Pharmacy #2142, 2601 Columbia Turnpike, Arlington, VA 22204. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a Wine/Beer off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Linda M. Cimbron, Assistant Secretary

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Virginia CVS Pharmacy, LLC trading as CVS/Pharmacy #2274, 3141 Wilson Blvd Arlington, VA 22201. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a Wine/Beer off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Linda M. Cimbron, Assistant Secretary

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