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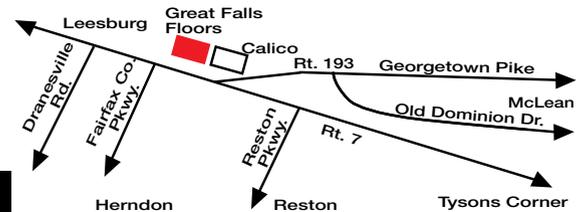
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Students in Great Falls Elementary's Japanese Immersion Program wave goodbye to Shinzo Abe, former Prime Minister of Japan, after the dedication ceremony.



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Garden Party

Great Falls Elementary dedicates Japanese Garden.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Great Falls Elementary School held a dedication ceremony for their Japanese Garden Oct. 15, and dignitaries from Japan joined with local officials and Congressman Frank Wolf (D-Va.) to commemorate the occasion. The garden is called "Yujo no Niwa," or "friendship garden."

The garden was made possible by a grant from the United States-Japan Foundation, which awarded Great Falls Elementary Japanese teacher Mamiya Worland for her efforts in the school's Japanese Immersion Program.

"It's exciting to see such a grant turned into something that will mean so much for generations of students," said Dr. George Packard, president of the foundation. "What a wonderful way for students to be introduced to Japan."

SHINZO ABE, former Prime Minister of Japan, was at the ceremony, and he has had a long connection to the school. Abe helped establish a Japanese sister school in Hiroshima.

"It's perfect that this garden is named 'friendship garden,' because that's what the relationship between teachers and students in the Japanese Immersion Program is," Abe said. "Great Falls Elementary School and Japan have a very special relationship, and I hope this is a starting point for deeper engagement."

Wolf, who helped start the immersion program during his tenure as congressman said he believed that the garden was a symbol for the school's relationship with Japan.

"As we cultivate this garden, it's also important we cultivate our relationship with Japan in this mod-



Dr. Jack Dale, Fairfax County Public Schools superintendent, presents Great Falls Elementary School Japanese teacher Mamiya Worland with a plaque at the dedication ceremony Oct. 15. Worland received a grant from the United States-Japan Foundation, which was used to construct the garden.

ern, dangerous world," Wolf said. "Studies show that students in immersion programs do well not just in languages, but across all subjects."

The garden was built by volunteers from across the community, including alumni from the program, as well as Boy Scouts from the local Troop 673. Students from the school also helped constructing the garden.

"My favorite part was putting all the pebbles in," said second-grader Madeleine Steppel, 7, referring to the pebbles that make up the "river" in the garden. "I stop by the garden every time I come into school."

THE GARDEN could become a place for students to get away from a loud cafeteria or crowded hallways.

"It's very peaceful and serene," said fifth-grader Rebecca Canfield, 10.

The garden is based on a traditional Japanese story, and gardens are considered an art form in Japan, and are often used to highlight special features about their location. The garden is surrounded by local plants, and the centerpiece is a millstone, representing the nearby Colvin Run Mill.

"If you have ever been to Japan, you would see how meaningful these gardens are for a community," said Dr. Jack Dale, superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools.

"It's perfect that this garden is named 'friendship garden,' because that's what the relationship between teachers and students in the Japanese Immersion Program is."

— Shinzo Abe,
former Prime Minister of Japan



PHOTOS BY ALEX McVEIGH/THE CONNECTION

Reston District Commander Capt. Deborah Burnett addresses residents at The Grange in Great Falls Oct. 14.

Crimes Continue

Total number of incidents hits 105, police urge residents to stay aware.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Great Falls resident Thomas Cranmer's neighbor was a victim of the recent string of burglaries and larcenies that has hit Fairfax County over the last few weeks. While local neighborhoods are keeping their eyes peeled, Cranmer knows it's a challenge.

"As neighbors, we try and keep our eyes out, but there's always people coming and go-

ing," he said. "It can be hard to tell who is supposed to be there, and who's not, but we're still looking."

Residents of Great Falls gathered at The Grange Oct. 14 to hear from Fairfax County officials about the string of break-ins. As of Oct. 13, there have been 105 incidents, of which 52 are burglaries, 17 attempted burglaries and 36 other related incidents.

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Dozens of Great Falls residents listen to police officials at The Grange about the recent string of burglaries that has hit Fairfax County.

Comstock to Hold Open House Meetings

Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34) will be holding meetings for constituents in the 34th district on Friday, Oct. 22 at the McLean Community Center, 9-10:30 a.m./ and at the Great Falls Library, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

'Visions of Great Falls' at Great Falls Library

"Nature in the Neighborhood and Beyond," nature photography show by Great Falls nature photographer Dee Leggett, is being presented at the Great Falls Library Meeting Room, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, along with the release of the Leggett's newest book in the "Visions of" series, "Visions of Great Falls," a photographic tour of the nature and history of the community of Great Falls. Leggett is a member of the Great Falls Studios artists group.

The exhibit is open until Oct. 30 during regular library hours Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday – 1-9 p.m.; and Saturday – 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Leggett shows the viewer their own backyard of flowers, butterflies, sunsets, birds, and animals with beauty and humor, intricacy and delicacy. She then takes them to Great Falls Park to see the drama and constantly changing views of the Falls. She also has photographs of nature among the world famous monuments in Washington D.C., as well as the magnificent variation of nature in the U.S. and beyond.

Great Falls Library Celebrates 10th Anniversary

Fairfax County Public Library's Great Falls branch, located at 9830 Georgetown Pike, will celebrate its 10th anniversary as a full-fledged community library on Saturday, Oct. 30, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Activities will include a moon bounce, glitter tattoos, make your own bookmarks and balloons. There will be a puppet show by Kaydee Puppets at 11 a.m. and storyteller Gary Lloyd's Pumpkin Tales at 3 p.m. All activities are free and open to all ages. Children (of all ages) are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes.

"Residents of Great Falls have a lot to be proud of in their library. This library grew from a mini-library established in 1982 into the beautiful and well-used building it is today thanks to the efforts of library customers over a period of years," said Daniela Dixon, branch manager of Great Falls Library. "It has become the focal point of a busy community. The staff and volunteers look forward to celebrating ten years of serving the community in this building."

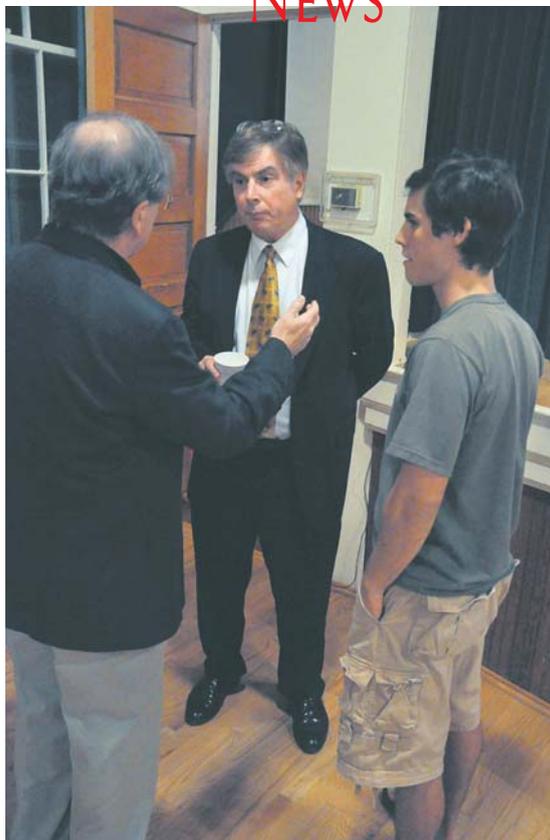
This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Great Falls Library. The Great Falls Library building opened in October 2000 replacing the 1,600 square-foot structure that served as the community's library for many years. For more information call 703-757-8560.

Hospice Gala to Honor Dr. Simms

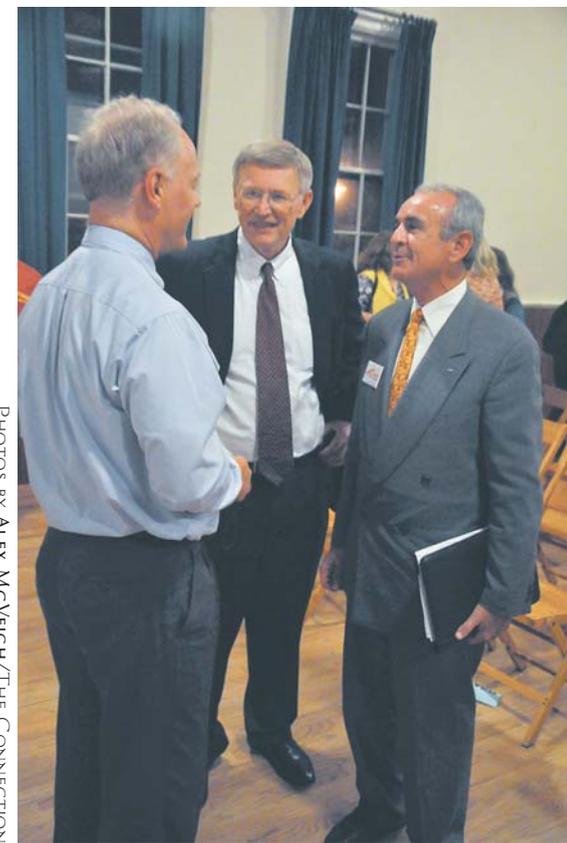
Elisabeth Simms, MD, a leader in palliative care and end-of-life issues, will be recognized as Capital Hospice's "2010 Passion for Caring Honoree" at the organization's 21st annual gala on Oct. 30 at The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Tysons Corner. The first physician to ever receive this accolade, Dr. Simms helped pioneer the concept of hospice care in the United States. As a "Founding Mother" of hospice, she worked closely with Josefina Magno, MD, who piloted the original Medicare hospice benefit and helped bring hos-

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NEWS



Libertarian candidate Bill Redpath speaks with Great Falls residents at The Grange Oct. 12.



PHOTOS BY ALEX McVEIGH/THE CONNECTION

From right, Democratic candidate Jeff Barnett and District Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) speak to Bill Canis of Great Falls.

Presenting Platforms

Congressional candidates for 10th District address voters in Great Falls.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The three candidates for Virginia's 10th Congressional District met to answer questions from a spirited crowd Oct. 12 at The Grange in Great Falls. Democrat challenger Jeff Barnett, incumbent Republican Frank Wolf and Libertarian Bill Redpath addressed such issues as foreign policy, the economy and the environment in their quest to win votes on the Nov. 2 election.

THE CANDIDATES didn't interact with one another, but each was given time to state his platform, and then answer questions from the crowd, which consisted of more than 60 people.

The first question thrown Barnett's way was about Afghanistan and what his thoughts on the conflict were. Barnett said that the money being spent on foreign wars was more dangerous than any enemy we are fighting.

"The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, Admiral [Michael] Mullen has said that the number one threat facing America today is debt," Barnett said. "[We should] start an expeditious withdrawal in the summer of [20]11. Not a complete withdrawal, but I don't want to spread it out over five or six years."

He also expressed his support for the current health care bill, because "we have got to get our overall health care costs down."

Barnett was also asked about his thoughts on off-shore drilling, and he used that as an opportunity to explain his belief in supporting green technologies.

"According to the Department of the Interior, the



Incumbent Congressman Frank Wolf (R-10) greets an audience member after the three 10th District candidates presented their platforms.

suspected reserve off of the coast of Virginia is 56 million barrels. The US uses 20 million barrels a day. We're talking about three days' supply," he said. "We have got to get serious about cutting away from the fossil fuels fixation we have."

Barnett said he believed that renewable technolo-

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THURSDAY/OCT. 21

Safe Community Coalition Fall Community Conversation. 7:30 p.m. at Cooper Middle School, 977 Balls Hill Road, McLean. A presentation on the parental dilemma of underage drinking with Ralph Hingson, Sc.D., M.P.H., from the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism and the National Institutes of Health. 703-371-5995.

FRIDAY/OCT. 22

Del. Barbara Comstock Open House Constituent Meeting. 9-10:30 a.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. 703-209-3787 or DelBComstock@house.virginia.gov.

Del. Barbara Comstock Open House Constituent Meeting. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike Great Falls. 703-209-3787 or DelBComstock@house.virginia.gov.

Line Dance Class. 10 a.m. Durga Temple, 8400 Durga Place, Fairfax Station. For age 55 and up. All levels. Ongoing, meets every Friday. \$5. Registration required at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec or 703-324-5544, TTY 711.

SATURDAY/OCT. 23

Park Habitat Restoration Project.

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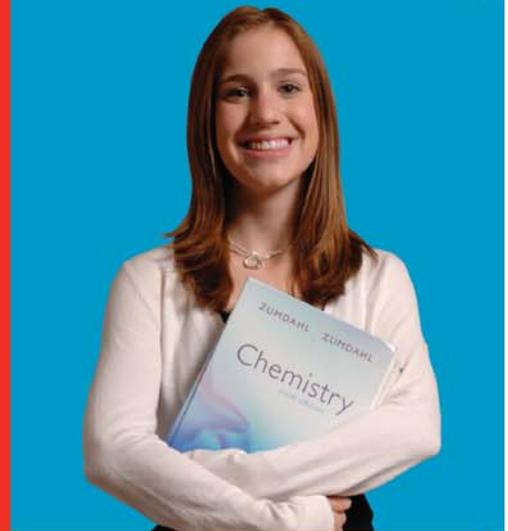
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How Many New Liquor Stores?

Under governor's proposal, Fairfax County would likely have 132 retail stores selling hard liquor, up from just 34 now.

BY STEPHEN GROVES
VIRGINIA STATEHOUSE NEWS

The liquor privatization plan being pushed by Gov. Bob McDonnell has enough numbers in it to make a 10th-grade math story problem look easy, but one figure that will hit close to home for Virginians is the number of liquor retailers that will end up in their neighborhoods if the plan is passed.

Based on examples in the privatization proposal, the Senate Finance staff estimated the number of liquor retailers in each locality in the Commonwealth. The governor's plan would sell licenses to retailers, increasing the number from 332 to around 1,000. The estimates were done at the request of Sen. Mary Margaret Whipple, D- Arlington.

Areas with the highest population would have the greatest percentage of retailers. Fairfax County, which currently has 34 Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) stores, would have 132 hard liquor retailers. The City of Alexandria would see an increase from seven stores to 18 retailers. Arlington, which has eight ABC stores would likely have 26 hard liquor retailers under the governor's privatization plan.

"The vast majority [of localities] are going to have ... quite large increases in the number of outlets that are going to be in their communities," said Whipple.

There would be one outlet for every 8,000 people. Under the proposal, there would be 600 licenses for grocery stores, 150 licenses for larger specialty stores, 150 licenses for smaller chain stores, and 100 licenses for small businesses.

SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE?

McDonnell's aides insist that the increase in liquor retailers is safe and responsible. Most retailers would sell more than just alcohol.

"You're not talking about a proliferation of new stores," said Eric Finkbeiner, McDonnell's policy adviser. "You're talking about new shelves in existing stores."

LOCAL TALLY ON LIKELY NEW LIQUOR STORES UNDER PRIVATIZATION

Locality	Current Number	Projected Number of Liquor Stores
Alexandria	7	18
Arlington	8	26
City of Fairfax	2	3
Fairfax County	34	132
Falls Church	3	1
Loudoun	11	45
Prince William	11	54
Virginia	334	1,000

SOURCE: Estimates from Senate Finance Staff
For more, see <http://virginia.statehouseonline.com>

He also said that even with the increase, Virginia remains on the low end of liquor outlets per capita. Currently, the Commonwealth has the fewest number of stores per capita in the country, at 1.4 per 10,000 adults. If privatization is passed, McDonnell's aides estimate the number would increase to 1.8 outlets per 10,000 adults. This would only be slightly higher than the average in control states, which sits at 1.6 outlets per 10,000 adults.

The effects of this increase are disputed. McDonnell points to a study by the Virginia Institute for Public Policy, a think tank advocating for smaller government. The study, done by researchers from George Mason University, said public health and safety wouldn't be affected.

But the Marin Institute— which describes itself as an "alcohol industry watchdog," — estimated that Virginia could see 220 more alcohol-related deaths per year, based on a 2006 study published in the journal Accident Analysis and Prevention reported in the Washington Post.

Another concern is how these new liquor outlets will fit into the community.

McDonnell's aides said that liquor outlets will have similar regulations as beer and wine retailers.

To get a beer or wine license, retailers must apply through the ABC board. They also must face a hearing in which anyone can voice objections to the license. The board can also decide to deny the license if the outlet would "adversely affect" the operations of a school, church, or park.

Local governments can regulate where and at what hours beer and wine are sold, and McDonnell's aides indicated liquor would also be subject to local regulation, but no details are available. McDonnell's aide Melissa Luchau said stores would be regulated with "Virginia traditions and values," meaning absent of neon signs and excessive advertising.

But the exact regulations would be hammered out if privatization can be passed in the General Assembly. Right now, McDonnell is trying to sell legislators on the plan, but gaining traction with Democrat opponents appears tough.

The governor wants to call a special session in November to pass privatization and other reform measures, but said he would only do so if he has the necessary support from lawmakers.



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Car Wash in Support of Langley High Theatre

Langley High School Theatre Honor Society (THS) students held a car wash Oct. 9 at the Great Falls Exxon to benefit SSOC, "Saxon Stage ON Cue," Langley HS' parent booster group supporting the theatre arts. Students washed cars from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and would like to thank the Great Falls-McLean community for their donations. Funds raised will support the theatre arts department at Langley High School.

SCHOOL NOTES

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Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) presented Congressional Awards to the following local students in recognition of their community service projects:

- ❖ Kelsie Mietla of Herndon, Congressional Award Gold Medal, University of Virginia;
- ❖ Lea Mulder of McLean, Congressional Award Bronze Medal, Langley High School;
- ❖ Andy Crump of Herndon, Congressional Award Bronze Medal, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology;
- ❖ Jane Willner of McLean, Congressional Award Silver Medal, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology.

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and achieve goals in voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness and expedition/exploration.

William Chapman of Great Falls has completed the Freedom Alliance Military Leadership Academy. The Academy is a summer camp based on the curriculum of the U.S. Army, and introduces students to positive role models, teaches them leadership skills, and tests their resolve through mental and physical challenges.

Cameran Alavi, Hilary Benjamin, Paulina Drucker, and Matthew Goudreau of Langley High School have been selected to perform in the 2010 Virginia Honors Choir, at the Virginia Music Educators Association (VMEA) convention Nov. 20 in Norfolk.

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'Green Day' in McLean

The Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce (GMCC) is looking forward to McLean Green Day on Saturday, Oct. 23. This day of food, fitness, and fun—presented by The Brookfield School—will be held at 1830 Kirby Road on the grounds of St. Dunstan's Church. The event kicks off at 9 a.m. Supervisor Jon Foust (D-Dranesville) will speak at 10 a.m. and festivities for the entire family will continue till noon.

With the goal of educating the community about sustainability and green living, McLean Green Day will showcase vendors, builders, architects, nutritionists, farmers and businesses that provide local, green or organic products. Giant, The Organic Butcher, ZPizza, Mylo's Grill, Whole Foods, Open Kitchen, among others, will provide organic food samples. Experts from Elm Street Fitness, Equinox, and Pengu Studio will be on hand to dole out fitness tips. Local politicians and GMCC members will be chatting about ways McLean is making efforts to become greener and healthier. The Brookfield School will also demonstrate eco-friendly gardening methods. The day will feature live music from local musician and entertainer John Henry.

McLean Green Day guests will be able to purchase eco-conscious items from local merchants, including homemade children's outerwear from Trendy Tots, organic makeup from NYR, and yoga attire from Candela. Over 30 vendors will participate during McLean Green Day.

For more information, and a complete list of vendors, visit BrookfieldSchool.org/Green-Day.

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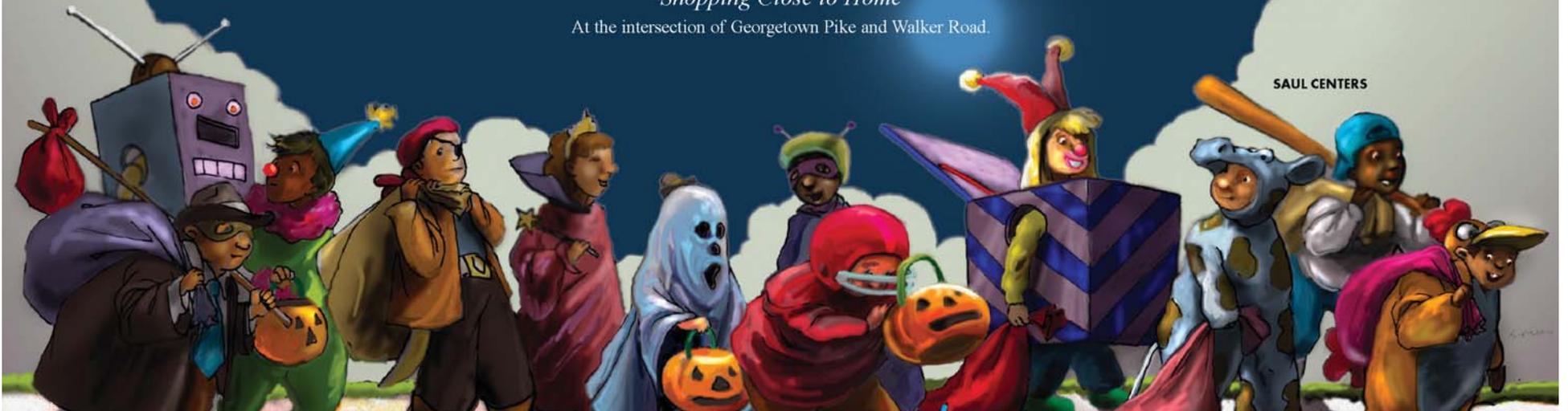
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The above-referenced Northern Virginia Leagues sent questionnaires to candidates for the United States House of Representatives whose names were qualified to appear on the November 2, 2010 ballot. Biographies and responses to the questions appear as written by the candidates and are not edited except to comply with Voters' Guide style and stipulated word and space limitations. 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.

A nonpartisan political membership organization, the League of Women Voters encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League of Women Voters does not support any

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For additional information on the Fall 2010 Voters' Guide, or the League of Women Voters, please visit the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area at www.lwv-fairfax.org or call 703-658-9150. To view the submissions of all Northern Virginia candidates, visit <http://virginia.va.lwvnet.org/electionday.html>. You may also find comprehensive, nonpartisan information on the November 2, 2010 elections on the League of Women Voters' interactive online website, www.VOTE411.org, sponsored by the LWV Education Fund. The LWVFA gratefully acknowledges the Frances Silver bequest.

For additional information on the November 2, 2010 General and Special Elections, voter registration, the district in which you are eligible to vote, where to vote, or absentee voting, contact your local election office:

Fairfax County Office of Elections 703-222-0776

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You can also contact the Virginia State Board of Elections at 800-552-9745 or visit www.sbe.virginia.gov.

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- Military identification card
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THE QUESTIONS

What are the most important actions you would take to improve our **ECONOMY?**

How do you propose to **BALANCE** the need to provide affordable energy with the need to protect the environment and natural resources?

What other **ISSUE** is important to you?

CANDIDATES FOR THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - 10TH DISTRICT (VOTERS IN THIS DISTRICT VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE)



Frank R. Wolf
Republican - Incumbent

BIOGRAPHY: Elected 1980. Reelected 1982, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008. Appropriations Committee ranking Republican Commerce-Justice-Science subcommittee; member, Transportation-Housing subcommittee. Co-chair, Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission. Interior Department congressional affairs. Attorney. LL.B., Georgetown Law, 1965; B.A., Penn State, 1961. Married. Five children. Fifteen grandchildren.

ECONOMY: The keys are creating jobs to put Americans to work and keeping taxes low for families and small businesses, especially in times of recession, to maximize investment in the economy. We must bring back jobs to America that have

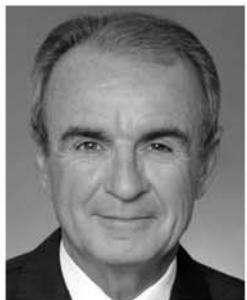
been shipped overseas, and I have introduced legislation to start that process. We also must stop spending money our nation doesn't have and work to balance the budget and reduce the over \$13 trillion debt burden now resting on the shoulders of our children and grandchildren.

BALANCE: We need a commonsense affordable energy policy that moves our nation toward energy independence while balancing the environmental and economic impact. That policy must include clean, alternative and renewable energy resources (like legislation I have cosponsored) that protects consumers and puts every option on the table -- domestic oil and gas exploration (I voted for environmentally sensitive drilling offshore and in remote Alaska); solar, wind, clean coal, nuclear, hydrogen, biofuels; conservation; increased fuel economy (I voted to increase CAFE standards); mass transit and telework. We must be sensitive to any policy change,

though, that could have a negative impact on families that are already hurting from the current economic downturn.

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

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Jeffery R. Barnett
Democrat - Challenger

BIOGRAPHY: Jeff Barnett served 26 years in the United States Air Force, retiring in 1999 as a Colonel. A business advisor for the past decade, Jeff has worked with Fortune 500 companies to help them thrive in challenging economic climates. Jeff and his wife Katherine have two daughters, both military officers.

ECONOMY: 1) Grow the next generation of jobs by supporting small businesses and the small banks that lend to them. 2) Reduce wasteful government spending and fight to trim the deficit. Stop our 30-year incumbent Congressman from writing budgets

that cash our children's paychecks. 3) Improve access to quality education from Kindergarten through College, and develop a system of lifelong learning. We can secure a prosperous future if we empower our children with the tools they need to be on the leading edge of today's globally competitive economy.

BALANCE: This summer's catastrophe in the Gulf emphasized the consequences of our addiction to expensive and dangerous fossil fuels. Investing in renewable energy sources will save Virginians money, protect our environment, and generate millions of jobs that cannot be outsourced. We will continue to use fossil fuels, but the time to build for our future is now. Green energy IS affordable energy: near-term efficiency gains will more than recover the government's initial investment costs. Tomorrow's energy sources will reduce consumer costs because they will

rely on renewable and available natural resources.

ISSUE: We face too many challenges to focus on a single issue: traffic is gridlocked, job growth is slow, and we are recovering from a deep recession. Despite these difficulties, I have never been more confident about our future. I believe in the world-class ingenuity of our businessmen and women. I believe in the dreams of our children. I believe in the strength of our families. I believe that America's best days are ahead of us - and achieving that future is what's important to me. I've spent the last forty years as a problem solver, first in the military and then in the business world. I am committed to bringing that kind of pragmatic leadership to the 10th District.

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CANDIDATES FOR THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES – 10TH DISTRICT (CONTINUED)
(VOTERS IN THIS DISTRICT VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE)



William B. Redpath
Libertarian – Challenger

BIOGRAPHY: Professionally, I perform business valuation work, mainly in media and telecommunications. I earned a BA at Indiana, and an MBA from Chicago. I was Chairman of the Libertarian National Committee from 2006 to 2010. I was the Libertarian candidate for Governor of Virginia in 2001 and US Senate in 2008.

ECONOMY: We are facing a possible fiscal and economic catastrophe if we do not seriously cut federal government spending. We should abolish the Departments of HUD and Education, institute major reductions in some other departments, and end corporate welfare and farm subsidies. Change the tax system to a flat tax, eliminating nearly all deductions

and credits, and reducing marginal tax rates. Repeal Obamacare. End our system of employer-based health insurance. We should allow interstate purchases of health insurance and move away from first dollar and small co-pay coverage to purchases of catastrophic health insurance. Adopt the Cato Institute's "6.2% Plan" for Social Security, which would allow younger people to have personal accounts for their contributions, with employer contributions supporting today's seniors. Institute vouchers for Medicare patients' use, with Medicare premiums based on individuals' health and lifetime income history. Change Medicaid into a block grant to states and phase out over ten years, as welfare should be the states' responsibility.

BALANCE: The needs for affordable energy and environmental protection are usually not at odds, so achieving both is not difficult. As a nation we have often chosen to rely too heavily

on government regulations and bureaucratic management in those cases where these needs conflict, overlooking voluntary solutions and legal remedies based on proper application of tort law. We need a comprehensive review of energy and environmental protection regulations to see if the line between coercive and voluntary/legal solutions should be moved in the years ahead.

ISSUE: Immigration and Free Trade. Unless someone has a serious communicable disease or is reasonably deemed a security threat, they should be able to immigrate to the US. Free trade does more to ensure peace than anything else. We should unilaterally eliminate tariffs on imported goods for prosperity here and to set an example for other nations.

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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS – VOTE YES OR NO

The Virginia General Assembly has approved each of the following three proposed amendments to the Constitution of Virginia at two of its regular sessions separated by a general election. The amendments, as ballot questions, are now submitted to voters for adoption. The explanations for each amendment are provided by the Commonwealth of Virginia State Board of Elections. For additional information on the proposed constitutional amendments, visit the State Board of Elections website: www.sbe.virginia.gov.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #1

Article X, Taxation and Finance.
Section 6, Exempt Property.

QUESTION: Shall Section 6 of Article X of the Constitution of Virginia be amended to authorize legislation that will permit localities to establish their own income or financial worth limitations for purposes of granting property tax relief for homeowners not less than 65 years of age or permanently and totally disabled?

EXPLANATION
PRESENT LAW

Under the Constitution, the General Assembly may give localities the power to grant full or partial exemptions from real estate taxes to persons 65 years of age or older or for persons permanently and totally disabled. The exemption applies to owner-occupied property used as the sole dwelling of such persons. The exemption is currently available only to such persons who bear "an extraordinary tax burden" in relation to their income and financial worth.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The proposed amendment (i) removes the requirement that tax exemptions are available only to such persons who bear "an extraordinary tax burden," and (ii) gives the General Assembly authority to permit localities to determine their own income or financial worth limitations for tax exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or for persons permanently and totally disabled.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #2

Article X, Taxation and Finance.
Section 6-A, Property tax exemption for certain veterans.

QUESTION: Shall the Constitution be amended to require the General Assembly to provide a real property tax exemption for the principal residence of a veteran, or his or her surviving spouse, if the veteran has a 100 percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability?

EXPLANATION
PRESENT LAW

Currently, the Constitution does not grant real estate tax exemptions specifically to veterans. However, the Constitution does allow the General Assembly to give localities the power to grant full or partial exemptions from real estate taxes to persons 65 years of age or older or for persons permanently and totally disabled who "bear an extraordinary tax burden" in relation to their income and financial worth. This exemption applies to owner-occupied property used as the sole dwelling of such persons.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The proposed amendment would require the General Assembly to pass a law exempting from local taxation the principal residence owned and occupied by any veteran with a one hundred percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability. The veteran's surviving spouse could continue to claim the exemption so long as he or she does not remarry and continues to occupy the home as his or her principal residence.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #3

Article X, Taxation and Finance.
Section 8, Limit of tax or revenue; Revenue Stabilization Fund.

QUESTION: Shall Section 8 of Article X of the Constitution of Virginia be amended to increase the permissible size of the Revenue Stabilization Fund (also known as the "rainy day fund") from 10 percent to 15 percent of the Commonwealth's

average annual tax revenues derived from income and retail sales taxes for the preceding three fiscal years?

EXPLANATION
PRESENT LAW

The Revenue Stabilization Fund (also known as the "rainy day fund") is used to offset shortfalls in anticipated revenues in any given year, and thus is designed to provide a cushion in the event of an economic downturn. The Constitution cur-

rently limits the Fund to 10 percent of the Commonwealth's average annual tax revenues from income and sales taxes for the preceding three fiscal years.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The proposed constitutional amendment increases the maximum size of the Fund from 10 percent to 15 percent of the Commonwealth's average annual tax revenues from income and sales taxes for the preceding three fiscal years.

FAIRFAX COUNTY TRANSPORTATION BONDS REFERENDUM
VOTE YES OR NO

QUESTION: Shall the Board of Supervisors contract a debt, borrow money and issue bonds of Fairfax County, Virginia, in addition to the bonds previously authorized for transportation improvements and facilities, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$120,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds to finance the cost of constructing, reconstructing, improving and acquiring transportation improvements, including improvements to primary and secondary State highways, off-street

parking, pedestrian improvements, and ancillary related improvements and facilities, and including capital costs of land, transit facilities, rolling stock and equipment in the Washington metropolitan area allocable to Fairfax County, Virginia pursuant to the provisions of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact?

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OPINION

Endorsements in Congressional Race

Editor's note: Connection endorsements are based on which candidates will best serve their local districts in Congress. While we disagree with each of these candidates on significant issues, these are the candidates who are best equipped to effectively deliver what is needed in each one's local congressional district.

Jim Moran in the 8th

Jim Moran knows a good thing when he sees it. Being in a position to deliver billions of dollars for innovative work into the local economy via defense and homeland security contracts is a good thing. He's correct that it's a major reason Northern Virginia's unemployment rate is half what is it nationally. His efforts have played a significant role in bringing more than \$40 billion in government contracts specifically into the 8th district.

While Moran has been in Congress for nearly two decades, he started in local government in the City of Alexandria. Smart people who have cut their teeth at the local level and who have their hearts in the right place have a big leg up when it comes to representing their constituents well, especially here in the Washington region. Moran is a great example of this phenomenon at work over time. He is an effective advocate for rail to Dulles and other transportation improvements. He has been an advocate for the environment and the Chesapeake Bay, humane treatment of animals and equal pay for women. He is positioned to help the region make the best of BRAC and the unfortunate moving of 20,000 defense workers away from workplaces with access to Metro.

Moran and his challenger Patrick Murray aren't playing to the center. Moran, aside from his role in delivering defense dollars to local contractors, swings to the left. He has challenged the Obama administration on Iraq and opposed the surge in Afghanistan. He predicts that without a change in approach, we'll have 100,000 troops in Afghanistan for more than a decade, an outcome no one embraces. Murray trumpeted the arrival of the "Bush/Cheney Alumni" into his Alexandria and Arlington based district. He is prone to begin sentences, "The founders of this country didn't intend ..."

Jim Moran's real opponent is voter apathy. He represents his district well, both functionally and in political views. He does need Demo-

crats to come out and vote.

Frank Wolf in the 10th

Frank Wolf is a workhorse of a legislator, a man who has gotten up every day of the last three decades with a mission: to figure out how he can use his knowledge and position and values to make the world a better place.

He has been a champion of local needs. Without Frank Wolf, Dulles rail really might not be progressing daily. Without Frank Wolf, efforts to combat gang activity really might just be a hodgepodge of isolated efforts of limited effectiveness.

There have been no problems too local for Wolf and his staff to seek to improve. Specific intersections, interchanges, accelerations lanes are all in his repertoire. He listens well to his constituents. In a small example, based on the concerns of local residents, he pulled together some experts on Lyme Disease several years ago and called a town meeting. Hundreds of people came out, many with intense stories of misdiagnosis, long-term disability and confusion. He pressed federal, state and local health officials into action, not just on education, but also on directing research to develop a reliable lab test for Lyme Disease. Right now, a definitive diagnosis is complicated and many doctors are unfamiliar with the symptoms. Northern Virginia has been ground zero in escalating numbers of cases, and Frank Wolf was ahead of the curve and right on track.

The Iraq Study Group was Wolf's brain child, and he has for years been calling for a similar commission on the deficit, a respected group that would consider all options. He authored legislation to require prisons to monitor prison rape and sexual assault. He reacted early to the abuse of prescription painkillers that rocked much of rural Virginia. He has advocated for flextime and telecommuting especially for federal employees. His focus on truck safety has helped take hundreds of trucks with serious safety violations off the roads.

Wolf's challenger, Jeff Barnett, is smart and capable, a man with good ideas and good basics. A retired military officer, his two daughters followed in his footsteps, with one serving in Afghanistan and the other serving as an

army doctor at Walter Reed. We urge him to stay involved.

Connolly in the 11th

Much has changed since Gerry Connolly beat Keith Fimian two years ago in the race to replace retiring Tom Davis. Now we have a rematch between the two, but now, even more than two years ago, it's clear Connolly is the right man for the job.

Connolly brought his experience from serving on the staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee with him to local government when he joined the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors first as the Providence District supervisor and then as chairman. He led the county with vision, enthusiasm and direction in booming times, seizing the opportunity to make major progress in the environment, transportation, affordable housing and other intractable problems. Connolly's intellect and drive supported the quality of life in Fairfax County.

Along with his local government credentials, Connolly brings more than a decade of experience on Capitol Hill in foreign affairs. Serving in Congress requires a different style from Connolly, but the detailed, hands-on experience from his years in local government combined with his intellect and grasp of the complex issues facing his district and the nation position him to accomplish much in Congress as well.

Connolly has bucked his party from the right, the opposite of Jim Moran, lobbying aggressively against allowing the tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans expire, saying it's not the time to raise anyone's taxes, representing the interests of one of the wealthiest congressional districts in the country.

If Keith Fimian were to be elected to Congress, Northern Virginia would be worse off. If Fimian understands the role of government or the complexities of either the local or national economy, he has not demonstrated that knowledge over the course of two campaigns. A successful businessman, if he is serious about entering public service, he should consider the path of Pat Herrity, John Cook or Jim LeMunyon, and start locally.

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Back to Work

To the Editor:

Every day the newspapers speculate about whether the recession is over or not, and whether the economy is beginning to recover. And now that elections are drawing near, it would seem that every politician who is up for election has been working tirelessly to put our nation back on solid economic footing. For some politicians, the truth is that they have been working diligently in a positive way; for others, not so much. For example, on Sept 26, President Obama signed a legislative package intended to help small businesses. These bills would help get Americans back to work,

encourage investment in small businesses, and promote entrepreneurship through tax incentives and favorable lending practices by small banks. The effect of just one piece of legislation, HR5297, would be up to \$300 billion in new credit for small businesses, a crucial shot in the arm for this endangered class of businesses. These bills originated in the US House of Representatives, where the Representative for Virginia's 10th District, Frank Wolf, voted against them. Why is Representative Wolf opposed to helping small businesses stabilize and perhaps even expand?

Sarah O'Neil
Great Falls

EDITORIALS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Appeal to Save Salona Park

To the Editor:

It is difficult to comprehend that the leadership of the Fairfax County Park Authority, who should have some semblance of respect for environmental integrity and the cultural history of McLean, would propose to put soccer fields on the front acreage of Salona, a property that has unsurpassed historical and agrarian significance to our county. Soccer fields that, by the way, could be neither lighted nor astroturfed according to the terms of the conservation ease-

ment. This then makes them barely utilitarian for athletic groups looking for playing fields.

To think that we in McLean have a property that includes the very path taken by our 4th President, James Madison, and a heroic First Lady, Dolley Madison, who escaped to Salona from the burning of Washington and The White House by the British. And we're going to give it up to soccer fields and a parking lot!

Our community needs to send a very strong message that the County's proposals for Salona Park must not prevail.

Trish Butler
McLean

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NEWS

River Watch

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Part of an occasional series on the Potomac River, water quality, and the people and agencies who advocate for its wellbeing.

Rain Washes Away Drought

On Oct. 7, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments lifted the drought watch for the region that went into effect on Sept. 9.

In the first seven days of October, the Potomac River basin got as much as 12 inches of rain from Tropical Storm Nicole. More rain in the second week of October also helped.

Residents are still encouraged to use water wisely throughout the entire year.

Overall, the flow in the Potomac River is running above long-term average levels and well above current water supply demands, according to the Council of Governments.

Before the precipitation, water levels in the Potomac River were so low that water was released from reservoirs constructed in the early 1980s to provide water supply during droughts. Low water levels on the Potomac River, which provides 75 percent of the Washington region's drinking water, prompted the release of 170 million gallons of wa-



Low water levels on the Potomac River prompted the release of 170 million gallons of water a day beginning Sept. 10 from an upstream reservoir that holds 13 billion gallons of water.

ter a day beginning Sept. 10 from the Jennings Randolph Reservoir.

Rainfall has also replenished water levels in those reservoirs.

Water levels at Little Falls, which had been under 2.5 feet, peaked above 4.5 feet on Oct. 3, and re-

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WEEK IN GREAT FALLS

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...pice into the medical mainstream nationwide. Dr. Magno founded Hospice of Northern Virginia, now known as Capital Hospice.

"My goal during the early days of palliative care was simply to create relief of suffering," Dr. Simms said. "Doctors then would often say, 'There is nothing else to be done.' That's an awful thing to say to someone. There is always something more to be done from my perspective. This accolade from Capital Hospice is very special to me."

The Gala is open to the public with the purchase of tickets, and patrons will enjoy dinner, dancing and bidding on vacation spots such as Kiawah Island and Block Island, lunch at the LAuberge Chez Francois with jewelry designer Jorge Adeler, and a private dinner cooked by former White House Chef Walter Scheib, who served the Clintons and George W. Bush. Call 703-538-2037 or visit www.capitalhospice.org/gala for Gala details.

Halloween Themed Hayride in The Parks

Riverbend Park's hayride plunges into the woods around dusk on Friday, Oct. 29. Find out about the animals "who" are out at night on this not-so-scary wagon ride. Listen for bats and meet an animal. Visitors should bring flashlights. Rides last 45 minutes and start at 6 and 7 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person. To register, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes or call 703-222-4664. For more information, call the park at 703-759-9018.

Riverbend Park is located at 8700 Potomac Hills St. in Great Falls.

At Frying Pan Farm Park rides will be offered on Oct. 21, 22, 26, 27, 28 and 29. The 30-minute rides start at 5:30, 6 and 7 p.m., and the cost is \$5 per person. For more information, call the park at 703-437-9101. Frying Pan Farm Park is located at 2709 West Ox Rd. in Herndon.

Find more Halloween programs online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks. For more information, call 703-324-8662.



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Petitions for Potomac

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mains above 3 feet, according to the United States Geological Survey.

5,000 Signatures

The Potomac Conservancy presented petitions with more than 5,000 signatures to U.S. Rep. James P. Moran (D-Va.) last week. The petitions represented concerns of metropolitan residents about the presence of pollutants in the region's river and drinking water supply.

A toxic stew is brewing in the river, according to the Potomac Conservancy's "State of the Nation's River 2009: Emerging Contaminants in the Potomac River."

Intersex characteristics found in freshwater fish in the Potomac, Shenandoah River and the south fork of the Potomac River since 2002 serve as a "canary in the coal mine," according to the report. By 2003, a high prevalence of intersex characteristics was found in smallmouth bass collected from several sites on the Potomac River watershed. Most of the region's drinking water comes from the Potomac River.

"The fish are a sentinel, alerting scientists and authorities to the toxic levels and additive effects of [endocrine disrupting compounds], which can have significant implications for both humans and wildlife alike," according to the report.

The petition the Potomac Conservancy handed Moran calls on Congress to:

- ❖ Direct the National Institutes of Environmental Health Sciences to research endocrine disrupting compounds and their effects on human health. The Potomac Conservancy requests research funding of \$2.5 million per year for three years.

- ❖ Research technology to filter endocrine disrupting compounds from drinking water and from sewage treatment plant output.

- ❖ Investigate the effectiveness of drug take-back programs to keep pharmaceuticals out of the water supply.

Moran cosponsored the Endocrine Disruptor Screen Enhancement Act (H.R. 5210) that would direct the EPA to establish a program that tests drinking water for endocrine disruptors and determine how they interfere with hormonal systems.

By 2006, a United States Geological Survey study of smallmouth bass in the Upper Potomac Basin found that male fish from the most densely inhabited and farmed areas had the greatest likelihood of carrying eggs, an unnatural occurrence.

"These studies suggest that EDC's are prevalent throughout the Potomac River," according to the Potomac Conservancy report.

The federal government "needs to employ 21st-century scientific testing and update the regulatory framework to deal with the emerging threat of endocrine disrupting compounds found in the Potomac River and its tributaries," said Potomac Conservancy President Hedrick Belin.

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Artists themselves, Helve Tovre and her husband Paul Guesswine admire the paintings of Karen Bateman at the Great Falls Studios Tour.



Betty Ganley, painter, working on her latest piece, is the recipient of over 70 awards, nationally and internationally.

Studios Tour Draws Record Number

Artists meet art lovers throughout Great Falls.

BY SHIRLEY J. GREGORY
THE CONNECTION

The artists' community of Great Falls opened their studios for the seventh annual Great Falls Studios Tour Oct. 16 and 17. Visitors drove from studio to studio using the map provided and directory of artists as their guide.

A variety of studios are located in historic, rustic, classical or contemporary houses, or in outbuildings such as sheds, garages, and barns, and visitors had the opportunity to chat with the artists, and watch demonstrations of art in the making.

Although the Studio Tour is primarily an educational event, the artists' work was available for sale. Ten percent of art sales

from the tour goes to the nonprofit Great Falls Foundation for the Arts to support the Great Falls School of Art.

The self-driving tour attracted more than 500 visitors on the first day alone at the Great Falls Library and the Great Falls United Methodist Church where nine artists were showcased on the first day. From painters, potters, sculptors, carvers, weavers, jewelry designers, photographers, and more, another 18 artists opened their personal studios all over Great Falls to art lovers from the Washington Metro Area. The stories behind the art, the artists' history, and, sometimes, the history of the visitors are as captivating as the earnestness and beauty of the art itself.

TWO VISITORS were artists in their own right: Helve Tovre and her husband Paul Guesswine. He

is a long-time resident of Great Falls, but she is Estonian, now living in Germany. Both painters, they met when he traveled to Europe for one of her art classes. Now married, they spend six months out of the year in the US, and six months in Germany.

"I am amazed by the quality and number of artists in Great Falls," said Guesswine. "It was a complete surprise to me."

Jan Heginbotham's figure sculptures have evolved from true-life using live models, to figurative representations during her long career. She has been a sculptor most of her life. "I'd been trained by the sculptor Boris Blai, founding Dean of Tyler School of Art at Temple University, although he was really retired."

When Heginbotham moved to the Washington area she continued to work and show her work, but thought she wanted to teach. "So I

had to get a Master's Degree. I really didn't end up teaching that much, but it changed how I thought about my art, which I never anticipated, and I had exposure to a number of different artists." She never gave up on figure sculpture. "I just sort of changed the focus to look at much more primitive things, and less of working with the model directly. I was looking into ancient, and many other things were going into the mix. When you start looking at the pieces, there are little bits and pieces borrowed here and there."

Claudia Sampler, painter, is a Great Falls resident for many years, but she is originally from Argentina. Her commissioned works can be found in private collections in Spain, Argentina, and the United States. Her portraits have evolved to a greater use of negative space to empha

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Michael Long, Wood Carver creates original carvings, walking sticks, and canes in wood.



Jan Heginbotham, sculptor, exhibited her sculptures of the human form.

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Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 227. 7:30 p.m. at Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane Shopping Center, Vienna. Roger Neighborgall on his Ranger battalion's experiences "Assaulting Point du Hoc on Omaha Beach, D-Day". Free admission. 703-255-0353 or www.vva227.org.

Catie Curtis and Darden Smith CD Release. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

OK Book Discussion. 7 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Fugitive Pieces by Anne Michaels. Adults. 703-242-4020.

Book Discussion. 7:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Call for title. Adults. 703-757-8560.

"Waiting in The Wings" 7:30 p.m. James Lee Community Center Theater, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church. Noel Coward's comedy about a dilapidated charity home for aged actresses. providenceplayers@cox.net or 703-425-6782.

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A PG-rated Family Halloween Movie. 8 p.m. in Glyndon Park, 300 Glyndon St. NE., Vienna. Popcorn and refreshments. Free admission. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating. 703-255-7842.

Old Firehouse Teen Center Dance. 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Friday night dance for 7th-8th graders. www.mcleancenter.org.

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"Aesop's Fables." 7:30 p.m. ArtSpace Falls Church, 410 S. Maple Ave., Falls Church. A contemporary adaption of



'Freeman House', watercolor by Harris Miller. Vienna artist Harris Miller will exhibit his paintings from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, Oct. 26-Nov. 27, at the Vienna Arts Center, 115 Pleasant St. in Vienna. Miller, an artist for over 60 years and the designer of the train mural on Dominion St. in Vienna, has also had several of his drawings included in the annual Town of Vienna Calendar.

Aesop's classic tales. \$12 adults, \$10 students and seniors. 571-239-5288 or www.creativecauldron.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 23

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra. 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante, Bartok's Concerto for Orchestra and Sibelius Pohjola's Daughter. 7 p.m. pre-concert discussion free to ticketed patrons. \$25-\$55. 888-945-2468 or www.ticketmaster.com. Subscriptions to orchestra's 2010-2011 season are available at 703-563-1990 or www.fairfaxsymphony.org.

Air & Space. 2-8 p.m. at Stephen F. Udvar Hazy Air & Space Museum, 14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly. Over 30 activity stations with trick or treating, games, Stars Wars characters, face painting, cartoons, creepy crafts, telescopes, door prizes and more. Costumes encouraged. 35-minute puppet shows by Beale Street Puppets at 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Ornamental Grasses Tour. 10 a.m. at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9570 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Tour the gardens with Horticulturist Laurie Short and discuss the use, care and propagation of fallpeaking ornamental grasses. \$5. Reserve at 703-255-3631.

Annual Fall Bazaar. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Great Falls United Methodist Church, 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Food, silent auction, handmade arts and crafts and more. 703-759-3705.

Billy Kelly & The Blah Blah Blahs at 10:30 a.m., **Melodime and Luke Mitchem** at 7 p.m., **Melodime and The Resistance EP Release** at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

Fifth Annual Optimist Club Barn Dance. 7-11 p.m. at 964 Walker Road, Great Falls. Western Electric classic rock & rockabilly band, Famous Dave's barbecue dinner, wine, beer and prize raffles. \$50 per person. Proceeds benefit children's cancer funds. www.greatfallsoptimist.org.

Vienna's Halloween Party for Kids. 2-3 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. SE., Vienna. For ages 4-12. Free admission. Costumes encouraged. Carnival games, crafts, door prizes, and more. Sponsored by the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department and Optimist Club of Vienna. 703-255-6360.

World Music with Andes Manta. 3 p.m. McLean Community Center,

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Community Music. 7 p.m. Caffé Amour, 107 Church St. N.E., Vienna. Bring an instrument and join in. 222.caffeamour.com.

Pumpkin Fest. Registration begins 9:30 a.m., judging 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Freeman House, 131 Church Street, NE, Vienna. Bring already-decorated or carved pumpkins to be judged at five age levels from 3-17. Prizes for funniest, scariest, most creative and most unusual. All decorations must be the work of the child, not the parent. Face painting, caramel apples and scary stories at the Little Library. Free admission. 703-938-5187 or 703-255-6360.

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Oktoberfest Bazaar and Craft Fair. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Charles Wesley United Methodist Church, 6817 Dean Drive, McLean. Jewelry, needlework, handmade soaps, origami and paper crafts, bake sale and more. Lunch 11 a.m.-2 p.m. with bratwurst, sauerkraut, German potato salad, hot dogs and more. 703-356-6336 or www.charleswesleyumc.org.

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Artist's Reception. 6-9 p.m. at Applegate Gallery & Custom Framing, 101 Church St. N.W., Suite C, Vienna. Photographs by Mary Louise Ravese. Refreshments served. info@applegateframing.com.

Family Green Day. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Brookfield School, 1830 Kirby Road, McLean. Local produce, organic make-up and handmade coats. How to save money on energy bills. Pumpkin painting, pony rides, face painting, pumpkin bowling and more. Live music by John Henry. Children's Halloween costumes encouraged. www.BrookfieldSchool.org.

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Bayat Foundation Walk for the Children of Afghanistan. 9 a.m. at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9570 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Proceeds benefit youth in Afghanistan. \$20, includes complimentary T-shirt. m.marshall@tsiglobe.com.

SUNDAY/OCT. 24

Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Bingo. 7 p.m. at the VVFD, 400 Center St. South, Vienna. Games held every Sunday in the Flame Room. www.vvfd.org.

Language Tour Day. 2 p.m. at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9570 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Meadowlark's docents will offer tours of the gardens in French, Spanish, Russian, and more. Free. Call 703-255-3631 ext. 0 for the time of each tour.

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Ellis Island Immigration Station Lecture. 2 p.m. at the Fairfax City Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Friends of the Virginia Room Library's annual meeting, with Barry Moreno, Ellis Island Museum Historian. Refreshments will be served. Free. 703-293-6227.

MONDAY/OCT. 25
Kyle Patrick (from The Click Five) and Alexis Babini. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

Rock-a-Bye Baby. 10:30 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Rhymes, stories and songs. Birth-12 months with adult. 703-938-0405.

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The McLean Orchestra has announced its 2010-2011 concert season, "A Season of Enchantment". The McLean Orchestra's gala opening concert, Music of the Night, will be conducted by Maestro Emil de Cou of the National Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, Oct. 30. This haunting Halloween performance will be held at 8 p.m. at the Oakcrest School in McLean, home of the McLean Orchestra. The concert features classic horror music by Camille Saint Saens and Hector Berlioz and the haunting music of Phantom of the Opera and John Williams' epic score from Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone. Guests are invited to wear their favorite costume in keeping with the

musicians and conductor who will be "dressed" for the occasion.

The McLean Orchestra traditional holiday concert will be 'Twas the Night and will be performed on Saturday, Dec. 4, at 8 p.m. with an added family concert on Sunday, Dec. 5, at 3 p.m. Guest conductor for this concert will be Ernest Green, Music Director of the Annapolis Chorale and cover conductor for the National Symphony Orchestra at the Kennedy Center. Maestro Green will take the audience back into the magical poem of their childhood with his rendition of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas. Guests should come ready to join the angelic voices of the Oakcrest Girls' Chorus in a traditional holiday sing-along.

The romance of Valentine's Day weekend will be celebrated this year with Lullaby, on Saturday, Feb. 12, at 8 p.m. The audience will sigh to the universally beloved "Lullaby" theme of Brahms in his evocative Symphony No. 2 in D Major. This concert, conducted by local favorite Christopher Hite, opens with three spirited Slavonic dances of Dvorak and Khatchaturian's Masquerade Suite. Maestro Hite is currently the conductor of the Dominion Symphony Orchestra of Northern Virginia.

"Myths and Motion" is the title of the fourth concert of the season, to be held on Saturday, March 26, at 8 p.m. From Wagner's mythical Ride of the Valkyries to Peaslee's Arrows of Time, this concert

features the virtuosic skills of Craig Mulcahy, Principal Trombonist of the National Symphony Orchestra. Guest conductor will be A. Scott Wood, Music Director and Conductor of the Amadeus Orchestra and interim Music Director of the Arlington Philharmonic. The ride continues after intermission with Cesar Franck's heroic Symphony in D Minor.

The orchestra's season finale welcomes back Maestro Emil de Cou, who will "pull a few strings" to finish the season with Stravinsky's ballet about the lovelorn puppet, Petrouchka. Supertitles will enhance this tragic story of unrequited love. Themed "Puppet Strings," this concert will segue after intermission to cello strings, featuring Amy Ward Butler, McLean Orchestra's Principal Cellist, closing the season with Dvorak's

epic Cello Concerto in B Minor.

Also the McLean Orchestra will present for the second year a pre-concert lecture series entitled "Classical Insights with Kelly." These pre-concert lectures begin at 7:15 p.m. before each concert and will be presented by Dr. Kelly Ker Hackleman, Associate Professor of Music at George Mason University. These lectures are free to anyone attending the concert.

For more details, visit the McLean Orchestra website at www.mclean-orchestra.org. All audience members are invited to enjoy a cake and champagne reception after each concert in the foyer of Oakcrest School to meet and greet the conductor, the musicians, the guest artists, the board of trustees, and each other.



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NEWS

Lavinia "Beanie" Lambert shows photos of her father's saw mill, which is the namesake of Beach Mill Road in Great Falls. Lambert was one of two longtime residents who shared their memories of Great Falls at the Oktoberfest, held by the Great Falls Historical Society.



PHOTOS BY ALEX McVEIGH/THE CONNECTION

October Memories

Longtime Great Falls residents share memories, stories of the past.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The Great Falls Historical Society enjoyed a packed house at The Grange Oct. 13, as they celebrated their annual Oktoberfest. Lavinia "Beanie" Lambert and Gerry Schmitz, longtime community residents, shared their memories of growing up in Great Falls.

Eighty-five people showed up to the event, which featured a potluck dinner before the presentations. GFHS Vice President Kathleen Murphy said she was very pleased with the turnout.

"They said there's usually about 20 or 30 people here, tonight we had a full house," she said. "It was a first try, an experiment for this sort of format, and I think it worked pretty well."

During dinner a collection of

photos from Great Falls' history was shown on a projector, and each speech featured a series of professionally restored photographs that, despite some being more than 70 years old, looked as if they had been taken today in black and white.

"This was the largest turnout we've ever had for a potluck, and I think that's because of the speakers," said Betty Swartz, a member of the GFHS.

Lambert was born March 7, 1931 in Great Falls, and still lives on Beach Mill Drive. The road it

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Guests at the Great Falls Oktoberfest help themselves to the potluck buffet at The Grange Oct. 13.

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Stories of the Past

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self is named after her father, who had his sawmill on that very road. She recalled helping her father cut logs at a very young age.

"I was trying to share the memories that stuck out to me, and just how different things were back then," she said. "I enjoyed remembering those things, and it seemed like it brought up some memories and pictures that people hadn't seen in a long time."

Several of Lambert's children and grandchildren were also there to hear her story. Lambert still lives off Beach Mill Road; she has been there for the past 53 years. Swartz called her "a godsend to this community."

Schmitz was born on what is now Great Falls Park. He remembered his family operating the Great Falls Inn, which was on the property. He fondly recalled raising chickens and honeybees, and selling chickens, eggs and honey

to visitors to the park, which allowed him to save enough money to buy his first truck.

"I just wanted to talk about growing up in Great Falls Park, and all the fun we used to have there," Schmitz said. "We used to go all over the park, fishing, ice skating, using the merry-go-round when they had it; it was a lot of fun."

BOTH SPEAKERS were given a copy of the GFHS's book, "How to Cure a Thousand Pounds of Ham



PHOTO BY ALEX McVEIGH/THE CONNECTION

Gerry Schmitz speaks to a packed house about growing up in Great Falls Park, and working at the Great Falls Inn with his family.

and Other Recipes" as a gesture of appreciation for their speeches. Murphy said she was impressed with the quality of both presentations.

"The presentations were remarkable examples of the oral history methodology, just listening to their voices, hearing their expres-

sions, that sort of thing doesn't translate unless you actually see it," she said. "They were both very well prepared and the stories were professionally presented, and they went over very well."

For more information about the GFHS, including some of the pictures, visit www.gfhs.org.



The delegates to Girls' State pictured with the president of the Woman's Club, Marianne Polito and president of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 270, Marian Chirichella.

American Legion Honors Girls' State and Boys' State Delegates

On Tuesday Oct. 12, delegates to the Girls' State and Boys' State programs held in July at Longwood University were honored by the American Legion, their sponsor, at Post No. 270 in McLean. The 19 rising seniors from local high schools each spoke briefly about their experiences at the weeklong leadership and citizenship program.

Representatives of Post 270 acknowledged the Woman's Club of McLean as a major 2010 contributor to the Girls' State program. The club expects to continue its support of the annual program. Other contributors were the DAR and the Civitan Corp.

The selection of delegates to

Boys' State and Girls' State is based on recommendations by teachers and on student academic performance, leadership qualities and community involvement. The program is considered good preparation for college and is viewed favorably by college admissions officials, according to Marian Chirichella, president of the American Legion Auxiliary at Post 270.

Attendees of the two programs can apply to be delegates to Boys' Nation and Girls' Nation, similar annual programs, in Washington, DC. Two youngsters from each state are selected, and the week culminates in a reception at the White House.

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size the humanity of her subjects. She said her goal is "to create a space to encourage dialogue between the viewer and my work." It is a style, constantly evolving, emphasizes the importance of individuals above things surrounding them.

Michael Long, wood carver, has been making walking sticks for about five years. He and his children are avid hikers, so when he was recovering from back surgery he found he needed a little support on long walks. Carving his own walking sticks became a hobby and an artistic outlet, his inspiration coming from the wood itself. He sometimes even carves them while hiking. One example has a whimsical quality. It has a snake twined around the stick, making its way to the top where an apple is perched. "I knew I could make a snake out of it; putting an apple on top came to me as sort of a Biblical reference."

After losing her daughter three years ago, Gail A. Pean painted a portrait of her from a photograph. Called "VIP blowing bubbles in Boston," it is a memory preserved. "She got me back into painting," said Pean. Her daughter, a student at the Potomac School who died in a car accident, had started raising funds for clean water projects in Haiti. In conjunction with her painting, Pean is continuing what her daughter began, raising funds at a soccer tournament this past weekend.

Featured in books and magazines, with books solely featuring her work, Betty Ganley has been painting for over 30 years. She is drawn to nautical scenes and florals, and has won over 70 awards nationally

and internationally. "I have met a lot of people this weekend who are interested in their art. We steer them to teachers. It's been a good learning experience for those attending the art show." Ganley demonstrated her painting techniques, and, among her display she exhibited a new nautical scene she will be entering into competition soon.

Karen Bateman had never painted before when she saw a sign for art lessons. Her husband encouraged her, so she took a class. "After a few lessons the teacher told me never to stop painting. It came naturally to me." She paints in oil, and only from nature. She enjoys painting lakes, such as the Lake Fairfax in Reston, and Great Falls, but only from the Virginia side. She recently moved back home to Massachusetts for a while, and had the opportunity to paint some outdoor scenes while there from a different perspective. From an artist's perspective.

Bob Blackwell turned to professional three years ago after being diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. Since then he and his wife have traveled to Europe capturing pictures of breath-taking and sometimes unexpected places in Russia and Ireland, and stunning moments in nature in the United States, lending artistry to imagery.

THE TOUR was organized by Great Falls Studios (GFS), a network of 90 Great Falls artists (www.GreatFallsStudios.com). GFS was founded in 2003 to serve the community of Great Falls, and to help local artists advance professionally. Over the past six years, the Great Falls Studios Tour has generated more than 10,000 visits to Great Falls art studios.

FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

Pastor Don Hawks of **Oakton United Methodist Church**, 2951 Chain Bridge Road in Oakton, will present a sermon titled "To See As God Sees" at the 8:30 a.m. and 11:55 worship services on Sunday, Oct. 24. Learn more at www.oaktonumc.org.

Epiphany United Methodist Preschool, 1014 Country Club Drive, N.E. in Vienna, is now enrolling 3-4-year-old students for the 2010/2011 school year. Contact 703-938-2391 or www.epiphanypreschool.com.

Vienna Assembly of God has a ministry to children on Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. at the corner of Center N and Ayr Hill Avenue, N.E. Children's Church on Sundays also available. 703-938-7736 or www.ViennaAG.com.

Vienna Christian Healing Rooms, every Saturday, 1-5 p.m., at 8200 Bell Lane. A team of Christians is available to anyone requesting prayer. Free and open to the public. 703-698-9779 or www.viennachristianhealingrooms.com.

Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean, Sunday worship services are at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for adults is at 9:30 a.m. and for children during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Youth Group for grades 7-12 meets Sunday nights, 6 - 7:30 p.m. A 20-minute service of Holy Communion is held each Wednesday at 12 p.m. 703-356-3312 or umtrinity.org.

English classes at McLean Baptist Church on Mondays, including beginning, intermediate and advanced levels. Advanced electives are Literature, U.S. Government, World Religions, and current events. Free class and registration, but students must buy their own books. 9:30 a.m. at 1367 Chain Bridge Road. 703-356-8080 or www.mcleanbaptist.org.

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, 1830 Kirby Road in McLean. The third Sunday service every month at 10:15 a.m. allows children to play active roles in the music and as greeters and ushers. Traditional services are every Sunday at 8:15 and 10:15 a.m. Nursery is available at the 10:15 a.m. service. 703-356-7533.

Chesterbrook United Methodist Church is at 1711 Kirby Road, McLean. Worship service is at 11 a.m. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. for adults and children. Rev. Kathleene Card, Pastor. 703-356-7100 or www.ChesterbrookUMC.org.

The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA) offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. Contact Gary Axelrod, 301-610-8309 or gaxelrod@jssa.org, or www.jssa.org.

Charles Wesley and Chesterbrook United Methodist Churches invite the community to a 20-minute weekly service of prayer and Holy Communion in the Charles Wesley sanctuary, 6817 Dean Drive in McLean, at 12 p.m. Thursdays. At the conclusion of the service, there is a time of individual blessing, anointing and healing prayer. 703-356-6336.

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Candidates Face Voters in Great Falls

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gies could be created in Virginia, creating jobs and stimulating the state's economy.

When Wolf took the stage he started by reminding the voters of what he had accomplished during his long tenure in office, from the local to the international level. Changes to Spout Run Parkway and the George Washington Parkway, the addition of a Japanese Immersion Program, construction of the Great Falls Post Office and the coming of the Metrorail were among the ones he listed.

"When people said rail to Dulles, and then it began to collapse, [former] Sen. [John] Warner (R-Va.) and I and the [former Virginia Governor Tim] Kaine administration, we pulled together and saved that, and now you can see the construction," he said. "There will now be rail out to Dulles, which will be important to this community and McLean because it will take a lot of cars off residential streets and put people onto the rail where they ought to be."

ON THE TOPIC of Afghanistan, Wolf referred to the Afghanistan-Pakistan Study Group, to help analyze the present and future of America's presence in those countries.

"The policy is adrift, and everyone knows it, and it is frightening. We need to heal this country, and bring in the best minds ... the people who are out of the political process," he said. "[In the Iraq] study group, no one ever politicized the Iraq war, and we need the same group to look at the Afghanistan-Pakistan issue."

In regards to the health bill, Wolf said the bill doesn't address the primary problems with health care.

"The bill has no tort reform, the bill would not allow you purchase insurance across state lines," he said. "The bill was done in a non-bipartisan way. Every time there's been a major issue like this, they've always been able to gather [ideas] from both parties. That was not the case."

Wolf also said he wanted "to see a reinvigoration of the manufacturing base, because manufactur-

ing leads innovation," and pointed to a city like Trenton, N.J. and the decline it has seen with the loss of manufacturing.

The final candidate was Redpath, who said he was running because "every time I step into a voting booth there's only a Republican and a Democrat on the ballot, and people should have more of a choice, and I'm running, in part, to give them that choice."

He preached fiscal responsibility above all else, saying he was disappointed with Wolf's fiscal policies, as well as those of the current administration.

"If we are going to get a grip on our fiscal problems with the federal government, we seriously need to re-institute the concept of Federalism, where powers not strictly enumerated in the United States Constitution go to the states or to the people," Redpath said. "There needs to be, in every piece of legislation that states ... how this piece of legislation is acceptable under the enumerated powers of the federal government under the U.S. Constitution."

Redpath quoted a study from the

Cato Institute, a libertarian think tank headquartered in Washington, D.C., that said balancing the budget isn't hard if general accounting principles are applied.

"If you freeze nominal spending of the federal government for the next six years, if revenues grow as projected by the Congressional Budget Office, you'd have a balanced budget," he said. "Or, if you grew spending by two percent ... the budget would be balanced within 10 years, by the year 2020. It just shows you how out of control the spending is."

Redpath also spoke about his opposition to the health care plan, and went even further, saying the entire system needed to be changed.

"The most important thing is ending link between employment and health insurance. We don't get our auto insurance from our employer," he said. "This current situation is an outgrowth of a wage freeze during World War II where businesses had to compete by offering fringe benefits. It's now 65 years in the rearview mirror, we need to change the system."

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9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Nottoway Park, 9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Students and scouts can earn community service hours. More information on the Fairfax County Park Authority Invasive Management Area Program and Nottoway workdays at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resources/ima, 703-324-8681 and friendsofnottoway@gmail.com.

MONDAY/OCT. 25

McLean & Great Falls Celebrate Virginia. 5:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The group is planning an event in 2011 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. 703-356-8223.

NARFE Dulles Chapter 1241 Luncheon Meeting. 11:30 a.m. at Amphora Diner, 1151 Elden St., Herndon. Congressman Jim Moran, running for reelection in the 8th Congressional District, and Jeff Barnett, running for election in the 10th Congressional District, will attend. \$17. Reserve by Oct. 21 at 703-435-3523.

What to Feed a Living Trust. 10 a.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. Attorney David Hoffman with a free seminar on trusts. Topics will include funding a trust, trusts and mortgages, trusts and the IRS, record keeping, making amendments and more. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.gov.

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NEWS



Supporting Military in Great Falls

Kathy J. Martinez, Office Representative (pictured in center) at the G. Stephen Dulaney, State Farm Insurance Agency in Great Falls, invited her two twin sisters to the office to secure life insurance coverage during the State Farm Insurance Fall Life Promotion. Melissa (left) and Melinda (right) Carbajal have just completed Marine Corp Boot Camp at Parris Island, South Carolina. They will be leaving for combat training in the next week. The G. Stephen Dulaney State Farm Insurance Agency supports Military Appreciation Mondays - an initiative started by Bob Nelson, Realtor with Keller Williams Real Estate Company. The supporters meet at the Old Brogue/Katie's Coffee Shop in Great Falls on the last Monday of each month for dinners at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. attended by 150 or more of local residents who show their support to the Military and their families by raising money for different causes. One such program is Our Military Kids, designed to support the children of the military that are either serving in Iraq or Afghanistan or have lost a parent in one of these wars. For information about Military Appreciation Mondays, contact Bob Nelson at # 703-999-5812 or bob@bobnelsonsteam.com.

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A Tale of Hope

The best of times in McLean and Great Falls for homes priced under \$2 million.

BY KAREN BRISCOE

The theme of "A Tale of Two Markets" is based on Charles Dickens famous A Tale of Two Cities. In this part of the series I am now looking at how the residential real estate market for McLean and Great Falls performed in the first three quarters of 2010 in comparison to the first three quarters of 2009.

Most people recall the opening line to A Tale of Two Cities: It was the best of times; it was the worst of times. The theme line of "A Tale of Two Markets" has a bit of variation in this edition: It is the best of times in McLean and Great Falls for homes priced under \$2 million and it is better, but still not the best of times for those priced above.

IN MCLEAN AND GREAT FALLS the overall numbers of home sales were up 5 percent in the first three quarters of 2010 over the same period in 2009. However, the significance of "A Tale of Two Markets" is once again evident when broken down by price range. The number of sales under \$1.25 million is practically even, as is that above \$2 million. What saw the most significant increase was the price range of \$1.25 to \$2 million, which experienced a 30 percent increase over the same period in 2009, representing "better, but still not the best of times."

The reason why I believe this occurred is there is a price squeeze going on. There isn't much inventory relative to demand in the under \$1.25 million price range, so we are experiencing price recovery in that segment. Not really price appreciation, because we still aren't up to market peak prices, but thankfully on the road in a positive direction.

The reason for the price increases is that currently in McLean and Great Falls there is only a 3.5 month supply of inventory for properties list price \$1.25 million and less. A balanced market, thus neither a buyers or sellers market, is when there is a 6-month supply. When there is less than 6-month supply of inventory, then that is considered a seller's market.

The over \$2 million price range in McLean and Great Falls however is another story. There is currently a 26-month supply of inventory, which is more than two years. It is clearly a strong buyers market

MCLEAN & GREAT FALLS MARKET ANALYSIS OF HOMES SALES: A TALE OF TWO MARKETS

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1 ST 3 QTRS. 2009					
22101	1	18	41	108	150
22102	5	6	16	38	140
22066	2	7	32	62	36
Total	8	31	89	208	326

Combined Total	128	534
All Sales 1ST 3 Qtrs 2009: 661		

1 ST 3 QTRS. 2010					
22101	5	8	44	124	114
22102	5	13	18	57	137
22066	1	9	54	82	23
Total	11	30	116	263	274

Combined Total	157	537
All Sales 1ST 3 Qtrs 2010: 694		

in the over \$2 million price range, that is why we are still seeing price pressure down. Recovery cannot begin in this market segment until the market gets into balance and stays that way for some time.

So what is happening I believe is that many of properties that would have sold in the peak periods for over \$2 million now have to be under \$2 million to get sold. And that is why we are seeing more sales in the price range of \$1.25 to \$2 million. Those sellers that are getting their properties to settlement are realizing that price recovery is at least another two years away and thus are pricing their homes to the current market and are getting sold.

YOU MAY RECALL that the peak of the market in terms of number of transactions in McLean and Great Falls was in 2005. In the first three quarters of that year there were 762 total sales in the under \$1.25 million range, whereas in the same period of 2010 there were only 537. In the \$1.25 to \$2 million price range in the first three quarters of 2005 there were 221 sales whereas in the same time period of 2010 there were only 116. And in the over \$2 million range in the first three quarters of 2005 there were 83 sales and in the same period in 2010 there were 41. So across the board it should be evident that we are still a ways from peak performance for the market.

This version of "A Tale of Two Markets" should sound like one of hope, which it is. Good houses, priced right for the market are selling.

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Langley Football Turning Heads With Its Winning Ways

Saxons are riding a five-game win streak into Ashburn this week.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

In a Liberty District that features a powerhouse team in Stone Bridge and two recent up-and-comers in both McLean and South Lakes, the Langley High football team has kind of been overlooked this season.

Losing the first two games of a season - even if the two setbacks are against formidable opponents - will do that to a team. The Saxons, now a solid 5-2, have been flying under the radar most of the season. Yes, they have one of the top quarterback-receiver combinations in the Northern Region in QB Braden Anderson and wideout Troy Scharfen. But most of the talk in district football circles, understandably so, has centered more on the success of unbeaten McLean (7-0) and improved South Lakes (5-2), the latter team of which is under a new head coach this season.

But slowly, local football followers are beginning to recognize the successful season Langley is enjoying. The Saxons won their fifth straight game last Friday night when they downed host Jefferson, 28-13, in a district game. The victory improved Langley's district record to 4-0, which puts them in a three-way tie atop the district standings with both Stone Bridge and McLean.

THE SAXONS will undergo their most challenging stretch of the season over the final three weeks beginning this Friday night in Ashburn when they take on home team Stone Bridge, the defending district and Div. 5 region champion

which generally defeats opponents by four or five touchdowns. The Bulldogs had one of their toughest games of the season last week in a 28-10 triumph at winless Madison. Stone Bridge, under coach Mickey Thompson, has won games this season by such lopsided scores as 49-6 (over West Springfield), 63-7 (Marshall) and 56-0 (Fairfax).

After Stone Bridge, Langley will host South Lakes on Friday, Oct. 29 and then wrap up the regular season with a home contest versus cross-town rival McLean on Friday, Nov. 5.

Whatever happens over the final three regular season dates, Langley is more than likely to qualify for the eight-team Div. 5 region playoffs.

"We're prepping our guys each week for what is left on the schedule," said Langley coach John Howerton. "They know it's going to be tough. We know we have a good shot at making the playoffs. But to win the district - these are teams were going to have to go through."

The coach has been proud of his team's all-out effort - win or lose - throughout the season. He said the Saxons overcame an overall poor first half against Jefferson last week and played much better in the latter half against the winless Colonials. Langley led 14-13 at halftime before shutting out Jefferson in the latter half while scoring touchdowns in both the third and fourth quarters.

"This team is conscientious of making its best effort," said Howerton. "In the first half against Jefferson, we did not play at our best. But they came out in the sec-



line include senior left guard Tate Besougloff, a third year starter; sophomore right guard Jack Howerton; and senior right tackle Zachary Buffkin, a second year starter.

"It's more of an athletic offensive line," said Howerton. "We use our guards as our primary attack people. We have a right-handed quarterback so we sprint out [right] a lot."

Howerton has thoroughly enjoyed coaching lineman Jack Howerton, his son and the strongest player on the team.

"It's great," said John, of having Jack on the squad. "It gives me an opportunity to really mold him [as a lineman]. I've been coaching all these years and now I have a chance to coach my own son. He works very hard in the weight room and the classroom, and he's a 4.0 student. It's been a great situation."

Langley's defense, although not physically fast as a unit, has played good football for the most part. One of the team's top defensive players is junior safety Marcus Harvey.

"He's our fastest kid and he's been able to run people down when they break through," said Howerton. "He has stopped a lot of obvious touchdowns."

Langley opened the season on Sept. 3 with a tough 49-10 loss to Lake Braddock, the defending Div. 6 region champion. That was followed by a week two setback to Chantilly in overtime. (The Chargers, now 6-1, lost their first game of the season this past week in overtime at Centreville).

But Langley got into the win column with an overtime victory over visiting Madison on Sept. 16 and has been on a hot streak ever since with ensuing wins coming over Fairfax, Herndon, Marshall, and Jefferson.

Langley football, shown here in victory formation, will be looking to surprise region super power Stone Bridge this Friday night.

ond half and showed they were better than how they had been playing."

LANGLEY RUNNING BACK

Philip Mun, a 5-foot-9 inch, 145-pound sophomore tailback, had a huge game against Jefferson with 178 yards and three touchdowns on 18 carries. Mun, the Saxons' top ball carrier this season, had scoring runs of 86, two and 30 yards. With his skill position talent in the backfield and a strong group of linemen in front of him, Mun has rushed for 563 yards with six touchdowns on 86 attempts thus far.

"He has a real knack of finding a seam and he gets through there," said Howerton, of his running back. "He's very quick. He takes a step, and he's off."

Meanwhile, Langley's potent passing attack had another typical strong night as Anderson and Scharfen, both seniors, teamed up for six hook-ups for 111 yards. Anderson (12-of-18, 222 yards) threw a 40-yard touchdown pass to David Paul (4 catches, 70 yards) in the second quarter.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

Teams within the Great Falls Youth Soccer Club got the opportunity to go up against some of the nation's elite teams at the 5th Annual VIP Tournament - also known as the Vanessa Pean Foundation's Annual Soccer Tournament - over Columbus Day Weekend. Outstanding showings from the locals included a first place showing by Great Falls '98 Spirit Red, who won the under 12 girls division; as well as a second place finish by the Great Falls '01 Milan - which reached the finals of the under 9 boys division.

The mission of the VIP Soccer

Tournament is to provide Great Falls Soccer Youth Club players with an opportunity to play soccer against competitive U.S. soccer club teams, consistent with the players' skills and development level. The Great Falls Youth Soccer Club strives to enable its players, coaches, families and friends to interact positively while fostering community support, visibility and philanthropy. The VIP Soccer Tournament raises funds for the Vanessa Pean Foundation, which provides scholarships to underprivileged students in Haiti, and for the maintenance of the Vanessa Pean Field at Nike Park, in Great Falls.

Members of the Great Falls U9 Milan boys' soccer team, shown here on Oct. 10 at Vanessa Pean Field in Great Falls, hold up their runner-up trophies following the team's outstanding showing in its division at the 5th Annual VIP Tournament, held over Columbus Day weekend. The Milan outfit went 3-0 to win its Flight B bracket before ultimately losing in the title game to the CSC Rangers. On the back row, left to right: Coach Laszlo Juhasz, Will Rissing, Rex Kerrigan, Julie de Kanter, Cristina de Kanter, Aidan Stein, and Coach Jose Urquizo. Front Row: Garret Nimmo, Jad Kanaan, Michael Djourup, and Sebastian Conlon.



Driven to Distraction—Still



By **KENNETH B. LOURIE**

As much as I agree with, and commend the Maryland State Legislature for passing, a law penalizing drivers who talk on their cell phones while driving — those not using a hands-free device (heretofore known as “distracted drivers”), there is a part of me which, after semi-adhering to the law for not even one day, coincidentally its first day, October 1st, sees a hopefully-not-fatal flaw.

Although I am guilty, as yet to be charged, though, primarily or “secondarily” as the new law states, meaning drivers have to be cited for some other driving infraction (primary) before they can be given a warning first, then a ticket for the “secondary” infraction (talking on their hand-held cell phone), I am completely clear on the concept. Nevertheless, I am curious if perhaps this recently enforceable law might in fact be an inadvertent and convoluted cause for concern rather than a cause for legislative self-congratulation.

As logical and well-meaning as the attempt to curb such common and regularly occurring phone practices is (pervasive is not too harsh a characterization; everyone is talking on their cell phones while driving: young, old, citizens, immigrants; legal or otherwise, and everyone in between), I fear the ingenuity of many drivers who, accustomed to their communication cake and wanting still to be eating it — metaphorically speaking, while driving, will attempt to circumvent the new law.

Our 24/7 availability, combined with the technological improvements/enhancements with which many of us are familiar, has created a feedback loop which seems to require instant access and communication — whenever and wherever. The genie is out of the bottle, and unlike Barbara Eden, I don't see it returning — with or without folded arms and a nod. Putting toothpaste back in the tube seems like child's play compared to the effort required to change these new (comparatively speaking) habits of today's “cell phoning” drivers.

For those of us drivers/cell phone users too stubborn or stupid or disinclined to figure out how to integrate and/or connect a hands-free device into our talking-while-driving routine, unfortunately, not talking on the phone is not really an option anymore. Continuing to talk on the non hands-free phone is, though admittedly unsafe — and distracting, and now against the law as well. However, this new requirement/law is still a process with which many of us are unfamiliar. And though it may be dangerous, it is a danger that is known. What danger isn't known is what will happen when police officers start unexpectedly blaring their sirens and pulling cars over for erratic driving (as a semi pretense), and then ticket the drivers “secondarily” for cell phone usage without a hands-free device.

And so, to avoid this inevitability, what did I find myself doing on that first day of the new law, something that I had never done before — and have no experience doing? Not only looking at the road on which I was driving; front, back, side view, but looking as well at the adjacent cross and parallel roads for police cars ready to pinch my “cell phoning” butt even though I was not committing any other driving infraction. Now that's distracting, all that looking around. (If ticketed, I don't see myself taking a day off from work either in order to go to court to dispute the officer's recollection of my alleged “erratic” driving which led to my “secondary” infraction.)

When I'm talking on the cell phone now, I'm not looking around. I'm looking and driving as I normally do but with my focus on two places: on what I'm seeing and what I'm hearing. If my cell phone rings now while I'm driving, to avoid being ticketed, I'll need to be looking around for what I can't see and can't hear (a police cruiser/siren) in addition to what I can see and can hear; in effect, doubling my distractions. Now that's scary.

And though I'm sure the intention of the law was not to make drivers and driving matters worse, I wonder if maybe it has. It's not the law that worries me, it's my reaction to it.

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Jorge Adeler and Caryl Morgan

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Jorge Adeler said, "It was a pleasure to present Mrs. Morgan with this gift card and share in her excitement. We have been members of the Great Falls community for over 30 years and have worked hard to get to know our clients. These cards help us get to know our clients just a little bit better."

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Report Suspicious Activities, Police Say

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There have been four reports in Great Falls, on two separate nights, with the last incident occurring Sept. 18. The latest were in the Hunter Mill District Oct. 11. Reston District Commander Capt. Deborah Burnett said the suspect's method of operation has remained consistent during the past month-and-a-half.

"When the suspect enters the particular neighborhood, we find that he's not just hitting one house, he's hitting a cluster of homes," she said. "We do a pretty extensive canvass when we go out on these cases ... going door-to-door to identify potential victims. That's a common theme we're seeing."

She said that incidents had been reported as far north as Fair Oaks and Sully, and as far south as Springfield. With the crimes spread across multiple districts, each district has a detective on the case, and they are also sharing staff to make information exchange more efficient.

The Great Falls Citizens Association is rallying neighborhoods and homeowners associations to set up neighborhood watch groups to aid police in identifying the suspect. According to police, there are 70 neighborhood watch groups in the Reston District, but only two in Great Falls.

"We're trying to coordinate more with neighborhood associations to share information, but also to make sure we're all working together," said Wes Callender, outreach director with the GFCA. "A rash of crimes like this can create a lot of fear, especially in a community that doesn't see much crime."

BURNETT said that the lack of crime in Great Falls has helped create a more casual atmosphere, with people leaving doors, windows and cars unlocked, which is what the burglar is preying on.

"Most people in this community haven't been victimized this way, and people get complacent," she said. "We're working hard to change their mindset."

"These are for the most part preventable crimes," Callender said. "Lock your doors and windows, leave a light on. It's just a matter of awareness."

In addition to cash, two handguns have been stolen, and police say they have to consider the suspect armed and dangerous. This raised the issue of the use of force in self-defense, as several residents wanted to know to what extent they would be able to defend themselves.

"We advocate that if you see or hear anyone on your property, the best thing is to create distance between you and call 911," Burnett said. "Please take the safety of yourself and your family into respect, but call us."

Police are still urging people to call them when they see or hear suspicious things, and the consensus among county officials is a vigilant citizen will ultimately be responsible for catching the suspect.

"When we catch him, it's going to be because someone saw something and called the police right away," said District Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville). "This is an area that usually has a low crime rate, and that's because the police do an outstanding job."

GFCA President Jackie Taylor says the association is doing their best to be a resource for the community.

"We want to promote community watch-type groups and HOA's to actively participate in neighborhood watches," she said. "We're also keeping a lot of links and information on our website, and trying to do anything else we can to be a resource to the community."



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