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Moderator Kenneth R. Harney anchors the podium and questions panelists Jamie Gregory, Dr. Michael Fratantoni and Dr. Stephen Fuller.

Good News on Housing Market

Realtors host economic summit.

By Andrea Worker
The Connection

The Northern Virginia Association of Realtors (NVAR), in partnership with the George Mason University Center for Regional Analysis hosted their Annual Economic Summit at the Mason Inn Conference Center. The housing market is a key driver of the economy and home ownership is almost synonymous with the “American Dream,” so it’s no wonder that this year’s distinguished panel played to a packed house of realtors, brokers, economists and area business people.

To date, Northern Virginia has experienced less of the unemployment and home foreclosure traumas that have plagued other parts of the country. The area continues to be the place where most domestic migration occurs. More people move in—and out—of Northern Virginia and the D.C. Metropolitan area than anywhere else in the country, a fact that leads to a busy, but often confusing, housing market. The conferees gathered in the Mason Inn Ballroom were there to determine if recent positive trends would continue and to gain a heads-up as to what issues of importance may be lurking just around the bend.

THE SPEAKERS included Carol J. Galante, the Acting FHA commissioner and asst. secretary, U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development; Jamie Gregory, the deputy chief lobbyist for the NVAR; Dr. Michael Fratantoni, vice president, Single-Family Research & Policy Development, Mortgage Bankers Association; and Dr. Stephen Fuller, the Director, Center for Regional Analysis at George Mason University. Together, they possess an impressive collection of educational credentials, public and private sector experiences and appointments, as well as a catalogue of published materials.

The Washington Post “The Nation’s Housing” nationally syndicated columnist Kenneth R. Harney moderated the discussion.

There was good news. Statistics supported the positive trends being felt in the area markets. A 7.89 percent increase in home sales in 2012 vs. 2011 YTD.



Carol J. Galante, Acting FHA commissioner and asst. secretary, U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, delivers her presentation.

A 21.43 percent decrease in the average days on the market for the same time period. Several of the panelists presented documentation showing that housing prices in close-in communities like Alexandria and Arlington have returned to near pre-bubble burst levels, while other areas are seeing a more modest, but welcome increase. “There is a shift in buyers’ psychology,” said Dr. Fratantoni. “More optimism.”

One factor driving the higher prices and lesser selling times is the supply crunch. The relatively low unemployment rate in the area, the higher-income profile of many Northern Virginian workers, and the slowdown in new home construction have all contributed to the imbalance between supply and demand. An NVAR Home Sales report from August 2012 listed the housing supply as being down by 33.83 percent compared to last year, equating to only about a two-month supply. Virginia’s better-than-average performance in the housing industry can also thank the state’s guidelines on foreclosure proceedings, which are slower and more measured than many others, including Maryland and the District of Columbia.

The presentation by Carol Galante was met by applause on several occasions, particularly when she spoke of new guidance taking immediate temporary effect that would aid in the purchase of condominiums, putting in place an exemptions process to ad

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Michael McDonald, (left), a GMU professor and political analyst, moderated a panel discussion Monday, Oct. 15 on the impact of Latino voters in Virginia. The panel included Vanessa Cárdenas, executive director of Progress 2050 Action, Center for American Progress Action Fund; Del. Alfonso Lopez (D-49); and Frank Sharry, executive director of America’s Voice.

The Politics of Immigration

GMU panel addresses the impact of Latino votes in Northern Virginia.

By Victoria Ross
The Connection

Del. Alfonso Lopez (D-49) became visibly emotional talking about “the decidedly anti-immigrant sentiments” held by his conservative peers in the Republican-controlled Virginia General Assembly.

Speaking before a group of political analysts, Latino advocates and community leaders at George Mason University Monday, Lopez—the Commonwealth’s first Latino elected to the state legislature—said that several bills are on the table this GA session that would “demonize” immigrants.

“The Mac-Daddy (of the proposed bills) which has made Arizona and Alabama look pretty bad, requires carrying an ID with you everywhere,” Lopez said, referring to the commonwealth’s Arizona-style anti-immigration policies requiring all law enforcement officers in the state to inquire about the immigration status of anyone stopped or arrested. “The fact is...what would be the basis for stopping someone and asking for ID?”

In Venezuela, where Lopez’s family is from, “random police would go up to anyone and say ‘give me your ID.’ If someone came up to me and I’m wearing a suit, and looking like my mom, instead of actually my dad, they’d think my name was Al Smith, not Alfonso Lopez. This is a slippery slope to racial profiling, and this is going to be

proposed next session.”

Lopez said the increasing percentage of Virginia’s Latinos and immigrant voters make him hopeful that the political polarization regarding immigration reform will diminish.

HE POINTED OUT that, since 2000, Latino voter participation in the Commonwealth of Virginia has gone up between 1 and 3 percent every election cycle. Currently, there are 683,000 Latinos in Virginia, and approximately 183,000 of those are eligible voters, according to the State Board of Elections.

The rising impact of the Latino vote is well documented.

Earlier this month, the Pew Hispanic Center reported a record 23.7 million Latinos will be eligible to vote in the 2012 election—representing roughly 11 percent of the country’s electorate, and that 17 percent reside in presumptive battleground states.

“There’s something huge about what’s happening in the Commonwealth,” Lopez said. “The demographic shifts coming to Virginia will wipe out the effects of the short-sighted anti-immigrant politicking we see now.”

In Virginia and at the national level, Latino voters are changing the political landscape in unprecedented ways, and hold increasing influence on the 2012 campaigns, according to Lopez and other panelists at

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What Would \$155 Million Bond Package Buy?

New fire stations, library renovations, park improvements and more on Nov. 6 ballot.

By Victoria Ross
The Connection

On a recent Saturday afternoon, Monique Bell of Oakton helped her 5-year-old daughter McKenzie sort through a dozen Halloween craft books at the Reston Regional Library.

The library, one of the busiest branches in Fairfax County, has a collection of more than 215,000 volumes and circulates more than a million books a year.

For children, there is a separate wing with everything from board books for infants to chapter books for school-age readers; special events such as Spiderella's Spooktacular Tales, and a full-service children's information desk.

"We're new to the area," Bell said, "but this has already become one of our favorite places. It's where a lot of moms spend time. We love all the story-time events."

Built in 1985, the 30,000-square-foot library is located north of the Reston Town Center and near the planned Reston Parkway Metro station. Because that area may be redeveloped into a more urban, mixed-use center, the library may be relocated.

The \$10 million project, which includes site studies, design and construction of a new library, is just part of Fairfax County's \$155 million bond package on the ballot Nov. 6. Specifically, the ballot will include four bond referendums for parks, public safety facilities and storm water projects.

"I didn't know about the project, but I can't imagine not supporting library projects," Bell said. "They're important for our children, like good schools, and one of the reasons we moved here."

IF MOST VOTERS think like Bell, their approval of the bond package would allow the County to borrow \$25 million to redesign the Reston library, as well as renovate three other libraries: Pohick Regional, Tysons-Pimmit Regional and John Marshall Community libraries.

The public safety bond would raise \$55 million, including \$35 million to replace three fire stations—Baileys Crossroads, Jefferson and Herndon—and \$20 million to renovate 22 courtrooms in the Jennings Judicial Center.

The \$75 million park bond for local and regional parks, according to County officials, would generate \$63 million toward a 10-year, \$435 million capital improvement plan and \$12 million to renew a four-year plan to contribute capital funds to the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority. Another \$30 million is earmarked for a levee and other storm-water improvements in the Huntington community.

"The projects the bond referenda will pay for are community priorities that essentially enhance our quality of life," said Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-at-large). She said Fairfax County's triple-A credit rating—one of only 39 counties in the country to earn the rating - allows

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Monday, Oct. 29 at 10 a.m. on the Parks bond exclusively at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/AskFairfax/ActiveDiscussion.aspx?roomid=45

the County to borrow money at a low cost to pay for public facilities and infrastructure. She said the County has a fiscally-conservative policy of rapid debt retirement and strong debt management. Since 1978, the County has saved more than \$543.28 million on bond and refunding sales as a result of the triple-A ratings. Bulova said none of the bonds are expected to raise tax rates for residents.

"The County has benefited from the low cost of construction to make these kinds of improvement to our parks, libraries and public safety facilities. It's the silver lining, so to speak, in the economic downturn," she said.

In Fairfax County, bonds typically have a high rate of passage and, for the most part, have bipartisan support from the Board of Supervisors.

"All residents benefit from parks, libraries and, of course, the courthouse renovations. Efficient handling of court cases come from better facilities. Park and library funds are spent in an order established based on needs. Over time that covers the whole County," said Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock).

However, a partisan divide separated supervisors on the \$30 million storm water bond referendum, which would provide flood-prevention measures such as a new levee for residents in Mount Vernon's flood-prone Huntington community.

In April, Huntington residents appeared before the board, asking the County to support measures that would protect their community from continued flooding along Cameron Run. On Sept. 8, 2011, during Tropical Storm Lee, Cameron Run peaked at 15 feet and flooded homes, causing the evacuation of more than 200 residents.

"We have 1,341 signatures from people who support our request. By our count, 1,193 of them are Fairfax County residents," said Huntington Community Association (HCA) secretary David Coon, who spoke about the community's "Stop the Floods" campaign at the April 12 board meeting.

During the May 22 board meeting, Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon) urged the board to include a \$30 million bond referendum for flood-prevention measures in Huntington, arguing that the county should fulfill a 40-year-old promise to protect the neighborhood.

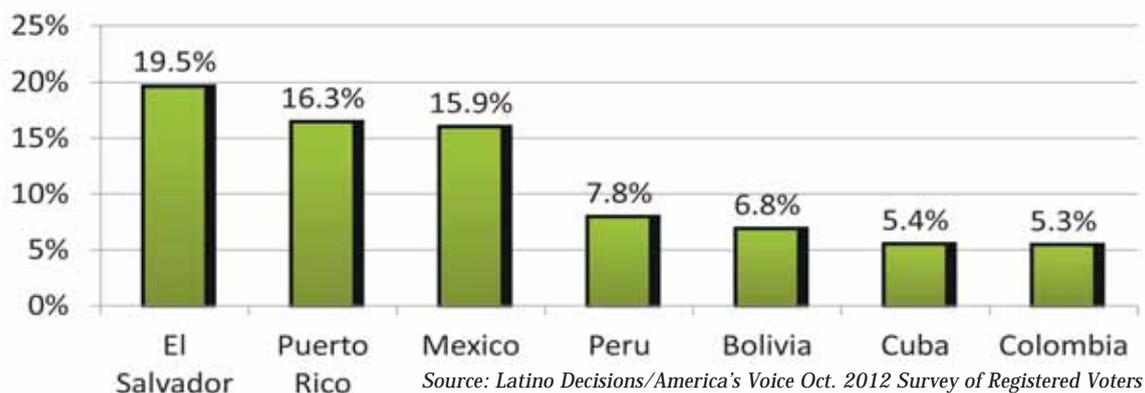
THE BOARD'S THREE Republican supervisors—John C. Cook (Braddock), Michael R. Frey (Sully) and Patrick S. Herrity (Springfield)—opposed the extra bond referendum for flooding.

"I voted against the storm water bond because it only helps about 200 households in Huntington," Cook said. "It will significantly increase the value of those homes, which is good for them, but at others' expense." Cook said supervisors should have explored the option of a private developer who had expressed an interest in buying the homes and building an apartment building, which would meet current FEMA floodplain regulations.

Virginia Latino Population

Total Population	8.0%
Non-citizen	36.0%
Citizen Population	5.6%

Source: Census Bureau's 2011 American Community Survey



Source: Latino Decisions/America's Voice Oct. 2012 Survey of Registered Voters

Immigration Issue High On Latino Voters' Agenda

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Monday's forum, which was co-sponsored by the GMU Department of Public and International Affairs and America's Voice, a Washington, D.C.-based immigration organization advocating for comprehensive immigration reform.

"There does seem to be an awareness that tectonic plates are shifting," said Frank Sharry, executive director of America's Voice.

While Virginia isn't traditionally a state where Latino voters have held a lot of sway, Sharry said that may change in 2012. "These voters are poised to play a decisive role in both races," Sharry said, pointing out that despite Mitt Romney's surge in national polls in recent weeks, his numbers with Latino voters are at "a dismal 22 percent."

During the panel discussion, moderator Michael McDonald, a professor of government and politics at GMU, released fresh polling of Latino voters in Virginia, from a poll conducted by Latino Decisions for America's Voice.

The bottom line: candidates' immigration positions matter to Virginia Latinos.

More on Poll Findings

- ❖ In the presidential race, 66 percent of Virginia Latinos said they will vote for President Obama, while 22 percent said they will vote for Romney and 7 percent are undecided.

- ❖ In the U.S. Senate race, 64 percent of Virginia Latinos said they will vote for Tim Kaine, while 24 percent said they will vote for George Allen and 12 percent are undecided.

- ❖ After hearing about Senate candidate Tim Kaine's support for the DREAM Act, 65 percent of Latinos said they were "more enthusiastic" about Kaine and 6 percent said they were "less enthusiastic."

- ❖ After hearing about George Allen's opposition to the DREAM Act and proposal to build a fence along the border, 8 percent of respondents said they were "more enthusiastic" about Allen and 49 percent said they were "less enthusiastic."

- ❖ 48 percent of Virginia Latinos said that immigration was the most important issue facing the Latino community that Congress and the president should address, while 47 percent said the same about the economy, jobs and unemployment.

- ❖ When asked how enthusiastic they are about voting in the election this year, 73 percent of respondents said that they were "very enthusiastic" about voting in the upcoming election.

SIXTY-FOUR PERCENT of respondents said that immigration was "the most important issue" or "one of the most important issues" in their voting decisions this year.

"Immigration is a personal issue that affects Latinos' attitudes toward candidates even if they don't explicitly name immigration as one of the most important issues facing the country," McDonald said. For more information on the poll, go to: www.latinodecisions.com/files/7213/5028/2350/Virginia_Toplines.pdf.

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Two constitutional questions will appear on all Virginia ballots, one about the use of eminent domain and one about the timing of a particular session of the General Assembly to consider overriding vetoes by the governor of legislation that was passed by the assembly. See <http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/webdocs/201211ConstitutionalAmendmentsPoster.pdf>.

In the races for U.S. House of Representatives, it's worth noting that redistricting resulted in significant changes in Northern Virginia in terms of who your U.S. representative will be. If you live in Reston, for example, you were represented by Jim Moran and the 8th district, now you are in the 11th district where the incumbent is Gerry Connolly. Fairfax County is represented by three Congressional Districts, 8, 10 and 11.

In Fairfax County, voters will also decide whether to invest in infrastructure based on

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four bond questions, answering yes or no to supporting \$75 million for parks, \$55 million for public safety facilities, \$25 million for library facilities and \$30 million for stormwater and sewer improvements. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/nov_2012_county_bond_issues.pdf.

Editorial

Letters to the Editor

Vote Yes for Area Parks

To the Editor:

As Connection readers know, the upcoming election is a pivotal one. What readers may not be aware of is that a park bond referendum question is on the ballot for Fairfax County residents. I'm writing to ask readers to vote YES for the 2012 park bond.

The Fairfax County Park Authority's operating budget is almost 60 percent funded by revenue generating park activities. The remaining 40 percent is covered by appropriations from the County's General Fund derived from taxpayer contributions. This total contribution to parks amounts to less than 1 percent of the entire County operating budget. However, the operating funds do not include capital improvements such as renovations, new facilities, land acquisitions and the like. The funds for those endeavors are primarily funded through general obligation bonds. These types of bonds require the approval of the County constituency. This is just one of the bond questions on this year's ballot.

I know in our troubled economy some will argue that taking on debt is not a smart decision. How-

ever, I would argue that right now is the best time to embark on projects this bond will fund. Fairfax County maintains their debt payments at 10 percent or below tax revenue. The current bond request is projected to remain below that limit. With the current economic climate, purchases and construction costs are significantly lower so the funds can stretch further. Fairfax County's outstanding credit rating also enables it to obtain lower interest rates. Please visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/2012bond.htm for more detailed information about projects funded by the bond and more about the bond process.

I live in a neighborhood near the recently completed section of Pohick Stream Valley Trail in Burke. This project was paid for with park bond funds and I am so pleased with the results. Living in the suburbs outside the beltway, it is rare that you can easily walk or bike to shopping centers or commuter hubs. I can now easily and beautifully do both. Fairfax is such a family friendly and great place to live primarily because of its dedication to green, historic, and recreational spaces. My hope is the County continues to add more of these gems throughout the region with your help on Nov.

6. Please remember to vote YES for our parks.

Beth Gamble
Burke

Protecting Visitors to Clemyjontri Park

To the Editor:

Clemyjontri Park captures memories. My grandchildren and I swing, climb, balance, run, jump, go through the maze and ride the carousel horses. On the weekends, we park in the overflow lot and have to make our way across Route 193. The street curves right

before the point of crossing so we have to be extremely cautious. And when I drive by Clemyjontri and see families pushing strollers and waiting to cross, I slow down and stop. Unfortunately, I am one of very few.

Before something really tragic happens and we lose a child, it would be wonderful if our community were to join together to request a pedestrian bridge or, at the very least, seriously high speed bumps on either side of the walkway across Route 193.

I'm absolutely certain that we would all prefer happy memories to a terribly sad memorial.

Penny Morrill
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Elections Come to Area Schools

Educators use current election to teach students about campaigns and elections.

By Marilyn Campbell
The Connection

How would you change the current tax situation and, at the same time, address the larger issue of our national debt? Do you believe it is the government's job to provide health care for all citizens? Why or why not?

Would you approve the Keystone pipeline and what other changes would you make to help make the U.S. energy independent, while also protecting the environment?

Sound like questions that belong in a presidential debate? These are actually inquiries written by Advanced Placement (AP) government students at Alexandria's St.

Stephen's & St. Agnes School, and they're just some of the local students getting involved in this year's election. From mock debates to in-school voter registration, some local educators are using the upcoming election to bring American government books to life.

"[Students in] ninth through twelfth grade are holding a student debate between the Peoples' Democratic Front and the Young Conservatives, and then will hold a mock election after the debate," said Linda Stratton, St. Stephen's and St. Agnes' director of communications. Stratton said the students prepared questions to introduce the four debate topics: health care, the economy, foreign policy, and energy and environment.

"The AP government class will be predicting the Electoral College result of the presidential race and the overall make-up of the House and Senate," she added.

Students at the Potomac School in McLean even used social media to simulate a real campaign. "Students put together a mock Facebook profile for a selected candidate," Jenni Ashley, an intermediate school humanities teacher at

the school, said. "To explore the issues, students researched the two candidates, particularly their websites and their positions on the issues.

"The majority of my students are 12. I would say that all of the students knew the candidates and had some idea of who they are. However, they were quite uninformed on the issues," she added, saying the election provides an opportunity to explore these issues.

Her students are learning about campaign issues in preparation for a pre-Election Day mock debate. "We will start to explore how the candidates are trying to win the election," said Ashley. "We are going to discuss the effectiveness of yard signs and create our own signs. And we will explore TV ads, both current and from past elections."

IN FACT, TEACHERS SAY mock debates are a way to teach students about elections and current events in way that keeps them engaged. "A few days before the election, the [middle school] history department is hosting a mock debate that will lay out all of the issues of the

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— Jenni Ashley, the Potomac School in McLean

election," said Stratton of students at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes. "On Election Day, they will set up polling places throughout the school where students will vote on issues." While the students will not vote on actual candidates, they will receive "I voted" stickers.

Stratton added that the history department is sponsoring a "March Madness"-style contest to see which student can most accurately predict the results of the Electoral College and Senate races.

At Norwood School in Bethesda, Md., even kindergarten students are becoming politically active. "Students in kindergarten through fourth grade will be asked a 'Question of the Day' relating to the election process in general and the presidential election specifically," said Leanne Gill, Norwood's direc-

tor of communications. "The questions will be on display on an election table situated at the entrance to the lower school library."

Students write their answer on a piece of paper and place them in a box. The number of correct answers is posted each morning. "The goal ... is to provoke discussion and provide new information about the election process for our younger students," she said.

The school is holding a "Norwood School Voter Registration Week" prior to the Nov. 6 election. "As students attend library class, they will be given the opportunity to register as citizens of Norwood School," said Gill. "On Tuesday, Nov. 6, we will hold our own Norwood presidential election."

Students will also receive an "I



Photo courtesy of Norwood School

Fourth graders at Norwood School in Bethesda, Md., gather around the school's lower school election table to answer the "Question of the Day."

voted" sticker after casting their ballots and teachers hope to announce the results of the Norwood election before the end of Election Day. "Throughout the weeks leading up to the election, the library will showcase a display of books about elections, presidents, and government," she added.

In addition, teachers asked Norwood seventh and eight grade

students to watch at least 20 minutes of each presidential debate. "The school is holding 'Election Days' after each debate when we discuss the debate and other issues related to the election," said Gill.

SOME STUDENTS SAY the lessons on political culture and good citizenship can extend beyond the election. "When you are running

for president, it doesn't matter who you are—black or white, man or woman—it just matters that you work hard and do a good job," said Julius Camper, a fourth grade student at Norwood School.

Asma Poshni, also a fourth grade student at Norwood added: "Even though there are two people running in the election, none are bad. Both can do a good job."

School Notes

Send School Notes to greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

Langley High School will celebrate the Homecoming Pre-game Talegate Party on Friday, Oct. 19, 5:30 p.m. until the game time at 7:30. Look for the tables set up in parking lot to the right of ticket booth along the baseball fence.

Freshman Class Families: bring your favorite Tailgate dish to share. **Sophomore Class Families:** bring your favorite Tailgate drink to share, (waters, soda cans, etc.)

Junior Class Families: bring fruit, veggies, and/or desserts to share.

Senior Class Families: bring paper goods (napkins, plates, utensils trash bags) and / or a dish to share.

Alumni Families: come be part of the party and bring something.

There is also a need for portable tables for food, if you got one bring it.

Don't miss car decorating on Friday, Oct. 19, beginning at 4:30 p.m. out front of the Brogue and caravan to Langley. Contact Ginger Mahon with any questions, gingermahon@aol.com

The following students were

named semifinalists in the 2013 National Achievement® Scholarship Program: **Taylor N. Brown** and **Zakiy S. Gharad** from McLean High School; **Margaret C. Secor** from James Madison High School; **Misa C. Mori** from Oakton High School.

The following students were named semifinalists in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program: **Patrick F. Sanguineti** from Flint Hill School; **Katherine Fowler, Benjamin Haines, Thomas E. Lomont, Atussa Mohtasham, Jeremy K. Park, Amanda N. Rones, Abigail C. Skwara, Anna E. Stone** and **Faith C. Tetlow** from James Madison High School; **Bridget J. Bauman, Melissa C. Chang, Ambareesh Gorle, Tamera R. Lanham, Irene S. Lee, Andrew R. Seastram** and **Stewart C. Silver** from Oakton High School; **Paul Bernstein, Ryan W. Cheng, Aimee A. Cho, Christie S. Goddard, Eunyong C. Kim, Gene Kim, Margaret R. Mahoney, Yasmeen K. Mushtaq, Praveena Mylvaganam, Najeda S. Nikolova, Kelvin Nui, Caitlin A. Rose** and

Mujtaba M. Wani from Langley High School; **Taylor N. Brown, Shannon Chen, Maia D. Foster, Joshua D. Higbee, Annemieke L. Janssen, Vivek V. Kunnath, Lewis C. Milholland, Madelyn S. Paquette, Polina V. Tamarina, Nivetha Vijayakumar** and **Cedric Whitney** from McLean High School; **Stacey Y. Chiu, Charlotte A. Ferenbach, Julia L. Keller, Nicholas M. Kensinger** and **Caroline J. Resor** from Potomac School.

Harrison Voslow, of Great Falls, has been named a semifinalist in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program. He is among four students from Landon School and among 16,000 semifinalists nationwide. The National Merit will announce finalists in February.

Sabrina Caldwell of McLean has been awarded a J. William Fulbright grant, and will travel to Germany for an English Teaching Assistantship. An International Studies and German major with a minor in BC's Faith, Peace and Justice Program, Caldwell graduated cum laude from Boston College.

Private Schools

Applying to Private Schools: Getting to Know the Schools

Considering private school? Local independent school officials offer advice on what to do and how to select the right school for your child after you've identified several choices.

"Now that you know where you are applying, be on time and follow the admissions calendar. Call the admissions director to introduce yourself, ask questions and let the director know who you are. Putting a face, or a least a voice, with an application file can go a long way."

— **Rich Moss**, director of admissions, The Heights School, Potomac, Md.

"Find out when each school is having open houses or other events that help you get to know the program. Some schools have a limited number of these 'get to know you' events. If you miss them, you can still visit and tour the programs, but you will sometimes have missed the one opportunity to also meet faculty and talk with a variety of students and volunteers. Remember, your child spends the majority of her or his waking hours at school. You should want to get to know as much as you can about the schools you are interested in, this is the time to do that."

— **Pat Harden**, director of admissions and financial aid, Connelly School of the Holy Child, Potomac, Md.

"Each school has its own mission and community. It's important to experience the school to get an accurate picture. Can you envision your child and family there?"

— **Diane Dunning**, director of admission and financial aid, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, Alexandria.

"Track your application progress. Online systems are great and usually very efficient, but if you've not heard back from a school after you've applied, call to check on your status and to ensure that your application is complete and no further steps are needed."

— **Tim Simpson**, director of admission, Bullis School, Potomac, Md.

— Marilyn Campbell

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Clifton's Haunted Trail



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Halloween Happenings

Springfield

HAUNTED POND JR. AT HIDDEN POND NATURE CENTER

This program—Friday, Oct. 19 & Oct. 26 at 7 p.m.—covers nocturnal wildlife and local lore features live animals, a walk into the forest at night, a campfire with spell-binding stories, s'mores, and who knows what other happenings! This session will have only mild stories, but the Oct. 26 Haunted Pond will have scary stories. To register, go to http://parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov/rev1_coursedetail.asp

HOWL-O-WEEN AT PETSMART

An annual favorite for pet-lovers, the PetSmart Howl-O-Ween on Saturday, Oct. 20 from 3-5 p.m. at 6535 Frontier Drive gives your pets a chance to trick-or-treat. Dress up your pet in costume, and bring them in for fun activities, including a costume contest. You will also be able to purchase a photo of your pet with commemorative frame. For more information, call 703-922-4990.

TRICKS & TREATS AT PETCO

Get in the Halloween spirit and take it to Petco, 8070 Rolling Road, Saturday, Oct. 27 from 2-3 p.m. Petco is holding costume competitions this month, and you know your pet is the perfect candidate in that Harry Potter costume. Prizes include Petco gift cards and lots of treats. For more information, call 703-440-6782.

GOBLIN GOLF AND BONFIRE AT LAKE ACCOTINK PARK MARINA

Dare yourself to venture onto the haunted golf course to play a round of miniature golf with glow-in-the-dark golf balls, ride the spooky carousel, and join in storytelling over a cup of hot chocolate around a beach bonfire on Saturday, Oct. 27 from 6-9 p.m. Fun for all ages. Cost is \$8 per person. Costumes welcome but not required. Advance registration requested: Call 703-569-0285 to pay by Visa or Mastercard.

ANNUAL 'HOWLOWEEN' DOG COSTUME CONTEST & BONEYARD HUNT

Ready for some howlin' good Halloween fun? Show off your furry family member's unique personality and compete for special prizes on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 2-4 p.m. at Lake Accotink Park. The contest is followed by a walk through the "boneyard" to sniff out well-earned treats. All dogs must be leashed and friendly toward other dogs, children and people of all ages. Cost is \$6 per dog. Advance payment and registration requested: Call 703-569-0285 to pay by Visa or Mastercard.

Burke

HALLOWEEN ROCKS & MORE!

Celebrating its 40th anniversary, Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, is hosting a Halloween party and interactive music show for the entire family on Saturday, Oct. 20, from 1-2 p.m. Dance, sing and play in the band! Spooky or kooky costumes are welcome. This event, for all ages, is cosponsored by the Friends of the Kings Park Library. The library is located at 9000 Burke Lake Road in Burke. To register, go to <https://va.evanced.info/fairfaxcounty/lib/eventsignup.asp>

6TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN COSTUME RUN

South Run RECenter teams up with Burke Lake Park on Saturday, Oct. 20 at 9 a.m. to host the annual Halloween Costume Run at Burke Lake Park. Register by calling South Run at 703-866-0566.

TAKE A RIDE ON THE GHOST TRAIN AT BURKE LAKE PARK

Take a ride through the haunted forest decorated for

Halloween with ghosts, goblins, witches and more on Saturday, Oct. 27 and Sunday, Oct. 28 from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Meet costumed characters along the way. The carousel will also be running. The Ghost Train is a joint venture between Northern Virginia Community College and the Fairfax County Park Authority. The cost is \$4 per person. For information, call Burke Lake Park at 703-323-6600.

TRICKS & TREATS AT PETCO

Get in the Halloween spirit and take it to Petco, 9230B Old Keene Mill Rd, Saturday, Oct. 27 from 2-3 p.m. Petco is holding costume competitions this month, and you know your pet is the perfect candidate in that Harry Potter costume. Prizes include Petco gift cards and lots of treats. For more information, call 703-455-2007.

Lorton

SUPER-NATURAL HAYRIDE AT LAUREL HILL PARK

Journey into the past at Laurel Hill Park, site of the former Lorton Prison on Saturday, Oct. 27 at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Discover its secrets and the stories of its past while enjoying an old-fashioned hayride. Be prepared for spooky stops at various locations along the way. To get everyone in the mood, Elvis Presley's Jailhouse Rock will be played at the start of the ride. To register, go to http://parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov/rev1_coursedetail.asp

Clifton

THE CLIFTON HAUNTED TRAIL BUCKLEY PARK IN CLIFTON

It's back! This year's haunted trail winds through Clifton's eight-acre Buckley Park on Saturday, Oct. 27 from 7-10 p.m. This year will include several new terrifying skits including re-enactments, popular scary movie scenes and plenty of frightening lighting and props. Parents should accompany children along the Trail. This year the Haunted Trail features several new and scarier skits from zombie land and the legendary headless horseman may ride by on his stallion from time to time.

No flashlights allowed in the park. Arrive early since this popular event tends to get crowded during the later hours. Hardy shoes are recommended.

Also new this year, look out for the new Clifton Haunted Trail t-shirts for sale at the concessions stand. Hot apple cider, fresh pizza by Domino's, cookies and snacks will be available for sale. Parking is free of charge and will be available at the Clifton Floodplain, Clifton Elementary School and Clifton House Shops where hayrides will take and pick-up trail-goers to the event. For more information, go to www.cliftonhauntedtrail.com.

Fairfax

19TH ANNUAL VALVOLINE INSTANT OIL CHANGE GOBLIN GALLOP

Sunday, Oct. 28, Fairfax Corner Shopping Center, 1K Fun Run at 8:30 a.m.—5K Run, at 9 a.m.—5K Walk at 9:10 a.m. The Goblin Gallop is a competitive 5K chip race over a USATF certified course. Prizes for first, second and third place, male and female, are awarded in all group categories from 14 and under to 80 and older. Prizes to the top 3 male and female finishers in the Overall and Masters categories will also be awarded. The Goblin Gallop is also a 1K Fun Run, which annually draws more than 450 youngsters, from teenagers to toddlers. Glow-in-the-dark t-shirts are given to all 5K and 1K runners. Many run in costume, some accompanied by their parents. Every 1K participant receives a runner's medallion! For more information, call 301-840-2042. All proceeds from the Goblin Gallop support the John Quadrino Foundation to Benefit Children with Cancer.



The 18th Annual Fall Festival.

Burke Nursery & Garden Center's 18th Annual Fall Festival

During the month of October, Sundays through Thursdays from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. and Fridays through Saturdays until 9 p.m., at 9401 Burke Road, Burke, there will be pumpkins galore and hayrides all day—from a pumpkin fort, a ghost tunnel slide, rope swing and farm animals, to the fall produce market and the carveable pumpkins that comes with admission, the festival has something for everyone. \$9-12. www.pumpkinplayground.com.

Calendar

To have community events listed, send to south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416 with questions. Deadline for calendar listings is two weeks prior to event.

THURSDAY/OCT. 18

Rockin' Ever After. 7 p.m., at the Patriot Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Disney showcases classic and new starts on ice. Playing through Sunday, Oct. 21. \$15-75. 1-800-745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com.

FRIDAY/OCT. 19

Rockin' Ever After. 10:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m., at the Patriot Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Disney showcases classic and new starts on ice. Playing through Sunday, Oct. 21. \$15-75. 1-800-745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com.

SATURDAY/OCT. 20

Rockin' Ever After. 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., at the Patriot Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Disney showcases classic and new starts on ice. Playing through Sunday, Oct. 21. \$15-75. 1-800-745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com.

Kings Park 40th Anniversary Festival.

10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Face painting at 11 a.m., Korean Autoharp Club playing at noon, "Halloween Rocks" at 1 p.m., commemorative tree planting at 2 p.m., the Kings Park Band at 2:30 p.m. and a book cart sorting contest at 3:30 p.m. 703-978-5600 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events.

SUNDAY/OCT. 21

Rockin' Ever After. 12:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., at the Patriot Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Disney showcases classic and new starts on ice. Playing through Sunday, Oct. 21. \$15-75. 1-800-745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com.

FOODRAISER and Community Event.

2-5 p.m., at 10515 School Street, Fairfax. Our Daily Bread invites all ages are invited to create an Art for the Sky photograph taken from high above; live music, entertainment, refreshments and food donations.

\$5 and a non-perishable food item. 703-273-8829 or www.ODBFairfax.org.

College Fair. 7:30-9:30 p.m., at Fair Oaks Mall, off I-66 at Route 50, Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. Fairfax County Public Schools students meet 350-plus colleges and universities in the open-fair setting. Register. 703-359-8302 or www.fcpscollegefairs.com.

MONDAY/OCT. 22

My Name is Asher Lev. 7:30 p.m., at the JCCNV, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. A reading of Aaron Posner's play, adapted from Chaim Potok's visionary novel; Asher Lev, graced with prodigious artistic ability and drawn to draw and paint the world, finds his genius estranging him from his Hasidic community—he must choose between art and faith. \$10; \$8, members; \$5, students or groups of 10-plus. 703-537-3000 or www.jccnvarts.org.

SUNDAY/OCT. 23

Movie: Fatal Promises. 2 p.m., Research Room 163, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A screening to promote domestic violence awareness. 703-216-8297.

SATURDAY/OCT. 27

Fairfax Bike Summit. 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at the HUB at George Mason University, 10423 Rivanna River Way, Fairfax. Featuring sessions on innovative road improvements, safe routes, growing bicycle participation, bike share, implementing the County bicycle master plan, sports and recreation. Registration. ffbikesummit.eventbrite.com or fabbikes.org. **Cuban Missile Crisis 50th Anniversary.** 10 a.m., at the Harris Theater, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. The Cold War Museum and the Department of History & Art

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Home Sales

In August 2012, 57 Burke homes sold between \$630,000-\$189,900. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$630,000-\$280,000 range. For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	Postal Code	Subdivision
6110 PUEBLO CT	5	3	1	BURKE	\$630,000	Detached	0.28	22015	BENT TREE
9713 WALTHORNE CT	4	3	1	BURKE	\$630,000	Detached	0.22	22015	WOODRIDGE
9303 POPLAR SPRING CT	4	3	1	BURKE	\$615,000	Detached	0.09	22015	MILLSTONE POND
9433 GOLDFIELD LN	5	3	1	BURKE	\$607,500	Detached	0.33	22015	INGLEWOOD ESTATES
9531 WATERLINE DR	4	2	1	BURKE	\$601,500	Detached	0.21	22015	LONGWOOD KNOLLS
9164 BLOOM CT	4	3	1	BURKE	\$600,000	Detached	0.34	22015	DUNLEIGH
6911 SPANKER DR	3	3	1	BURKE	\$599,950	Detached	0.20	22015	LONGWOOD KNOLLS
9803 WOODFAHL CT	4	2	1	BURKE	\$599,000	Detached	0.21	22015	WOODRIDGE
7006 VEERING LN	4	3	1	BURKE	\$590,000	Detached	0.20	22015	LONGWOOD KNOLLS
9204 WYETH LN	5	3	1	BURKE	\$585,900	Detached	0.20	22015	SOUTHPORT
9623 TINSMITH LN	4	2	1	BURKE	\$575,000	Detached	0.25	22015	PARK LEE
9525 DEBRA SPRADLIN CT	5	3	1	BURKE	\$570,000	Detached	0.24	22015	PEPPER TREE
6004 BURNSIDE LANDING DR	4	3	0	BURKE	\$560,000	Detached	0.30	22015	BURKE CENTRE
9615 WATERLINE DR	5	3	1	BURKE	\$549,000	Detached	0.23	22015	LONGWOOD KNOLLS
9531 HEATHWOOD CT	4	2	1	BURKE	\$546,000	Detached	0.24	22015	QUEENS GATE
10100 MARSHALL POND RD	4	2	2	BURKE	\$545,000	Detached	0.23	22015	BURKE CENTRE
9222 BYRON TER	4	2	1	BURKE	\$535,000	Detached	0.22	22015	SOUTHPORT
10004 BEACON POND LN	3	3	1	BURKE	\$530,000	Detached	0.16	22015	BURKE CENTRE
9912 MANET RD	4	2	1	BURKE	\$525,000	Detached	0.24	22015	BURKE CENTRE
6527 KOZIARA DR	4	3	0	BURKE	\$500,000	Detached	0.26	22015	CHERRY RUN
7202 CAULKING PL	5	3	0	BURKE	\$495,000	Detached	0.25	22015	LONGWOOD KNOLLS
6108 WINDWARD DR	3	3	1	BURKE	\$490,000	Detached	0.15	22015	BURKE CENTRE
9827 WOLCOTT DR	3	2	2	BURKE	\$485,500	Detached	0.24	22015	BURKE CENTRE
9301 WYNARD PL	4	2	0	BURKE	\$465,000	Detached	0.33	22015	LAKE BRADDOCK
9427 WILLIAM KIRK LN	3	2	1	BURKE	\$424,900	Townhouse	0.04	22015	CAROLINE OAKS
9345 PETER ROY CT	4	3	1	BURKE	\$423,000	Townhouse	0.06	22015	CAROLINE OAKS
5450 MERSEA CT	4	3	1	BURKE	\$420,000	Townhouse	0.06	22015	LAKE BRADDOCK
9520 VANDOLA CT	4	2	1	BURKE	\$420,000	Detached	0.27	22015	BENT TREE
9422 GOSHEN LN	3	2	2	BURKE	\$415,000	Townhouse	0.05	22015	LAKE BRADDOCK
7300 COMPASS CT	3	2	0	BURKE	\$415,000	Detached	0.22	22015	LONGWOOD KNOLLS
5743 WATERS EDGE LANDING CT	3	3	1	BURKE	\$409,000	Townhouse	0.08	22015	BURKE CENTRE
7001 BALLAST CT	3	2	0	BURKE	\$400,000	Detached	0.24	22015	LONGWOOD KNOLLS
5817 PARAKEET DR	3	2	0	BURKE	\$385,000	Detached	0.21	22015	CARDINAL ESTATES
5805 SHANA PL	3	3	1	BURKE	\$380,000	Detached	0.09	22015	WAVERLY EAST
5516 CONISTONE CT	3	3	1	BURKE	\$379,888	Townhouse	0.06	22015	LAKE BRADDOCK
9867 BURKE POND CT	3	2	1	BURKE	\$372,000	Townhouse	0.06	22015	BURKE CENTRE
9640 BLINCOE CT	3	3	1	BURKE	\$368,000	Townhouse	0.05	22015	BURKE VILLAGE
10091 BUNKER WOODS CT	3	2	1	BURKE	\$357,000	Townhouse	0.04	22015	BURKE CENTRE
5752 CROWNLEIGH CT	3	3	1	BURKE	\$353,000	Townhouse	0.04	22015	CROWNLEIGH
6119 QUIET POND CT	3	3	1	BURKE	\$349,000	Townhouse	0.03	22015	BURKE CENTRE
5825 BANNING PL	4	2	1	BURKE	\$347,000	Townhouse	0.04	22015	BURKE STATION SQUARE
6000 LIBERTY BELL CT	4	2	2	BURKE	\$338,000	Townhouse	0.06	22015	HERITAGE SQUARE
10222 HERON POND TER	3	3	1	BURKE	\$336,500	Townhouse	0.05	22015	BURKE CENTRE
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Calendar

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History form a panel of historians and authors to commemorate the anniversary; book signing to follow. www.coldwar.org/articles/60s/CubanMissileCrisis50thAnniversary.asp.

Live Boxing. 6 p.m., at the Patriot Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A 10-round middleweight battle between Jimmy Lange and Tony "Mo Better" Jeter. \$40-500. 703-993-3000 or www.patriotcenter.com.

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Sports



Lake Braddock linebacker Dwight Lomax wraps up Robinson running back Joe Wilson on Oct. 13.



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Lake Braddock running back Aaron Hollins carried 17 times for 95 yards and two touchdowns during the Bruins' 32-7 victory against Robinson on Oct. 12.

Defense, Running Game Lead Lake Braddock Past Robinson

Bruins have won four straight after 1-2 start.

By Jon Roetman
The Connection

The Robinson Rams had the ball on the Lake Braddock two-yard line in the closing moments of the teams' rivalry football matchup on Oct. 12 when Bruins defensive back Rory Renzi shouted encouragement to his teammates.

"Twelve seconds!" Renzi said. "Don't give them anything!"

The outcome was all but decided as Lake Braddock held a 25-point lead. That didn't matter. This was about pride.

Lake Braddock stuffed Robinson standout running back Joe Wilson at the one-yard line on the game's final play and the Bruins ended a lengthy regular-season losing streak against the Rams with a 32-7 homecoming victory at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

WILSON CARRIED 12 TIMES for 72 yards and a touchdown on Robinson's opening drive as the Rams jumped out to a 7-0 lead. From that point, however, the Lake Braddock defense stymied Robinson's ground-oriented offense, limiting Wilson to 49 yards on his final 20 carries.

"I thought [defensive coordinator Eric] Henderson did a good job mixing the front up and kind of changing the scheme," Lake Braddock head coach Jim Poythress said. "He had a back-up plan.... I thought that we played smart. Joe Wilson is a heck of a football player. In the beginning, you saw us running up field and he'd cut and we'd miss and we'd look silly. Then we kind of built walls and tried to [force] him [to] run through the walls and to dominate up front and we were able to do that, and that kind of changed the course of the game."

According to stats from the Washington Post's Web site, Wilson leads the Washington, D.C. metro area in rushing yards (1,548) and touchdowns (22) through seven games. He rushed for at least 230 yards against four opponents and twice scored six touchdowns in a single game. Wilson carried 31 times for 413 yards, caught one pass for 34 yards and scored six touchdowns against T.C. Williams on Sept. 14. He rushed 31 times for 262 yards and six scores against South County on Sept. 28.

While Wilson got off to a strong start against Lake Braddock, the Bruins made the necessary adjustments to contain No. 32. Wilson finished with 32 carries for 121 yards and a touchdown.

"[Opposing defenses] know who the ball is going to most of the time," Wilson said after the game, "so it's hard for me to find the holes."

While Lake Braddock bottled up Wilson, the Bruins offense got things going on the ground. Senior Aaron Hollins, who moved from receiver to running back earlier in the season, carried 17 times for 95 yards and two touchdowns. His 32-yard scoring scamper gave the Bruins a 19-7 lead with 5:57 remaining in the second quarter.

"This whole day, everyone was talking about Joe Wilson, Joe Wilson," Hollins said. "That didn't even put me down. I stayed focused and that motivated me."

Hollins also scored on an 11-yard run in the fourth quarter.

"I don't know if there's a quicker kid around," Poythress said. "Here's a kid who just can stop on a dime and get going. He's a difference-maker for us. It's opening up our running attack. We're a much different football team with him playing there and some of the other personnel changes that we made."

Poythress also said Jason Hoskins, who moved from running back to defensive back earlier in the year, played well against Robinson. Hoskins had four tackles.

Lake Braddock quarterback Caleb Henderson completed 14 of 21 passes for 95 yards a touchdown. He carried 12 times for 51 yards, including an 11-yard, game-tying touchdown run early in the second quarter.

THREE PLAYS LATER, Renzi intercepted a Robinson pass and returned it 21 yards for a touchdown, giving the Bruins a 13-7 lead they wouldn't relinquish.

"We just knew we were going to win the whole time," Renzi said. "We believed it. We didn't think; we believed it."

Defensive lineman Joseph Achour led Lake Braddock with 11 tackles and one sack. Achour attended Robinson as a freshman.

"This is my old school, so it's the best feeling in the world," he said.

"This is the most important game in my high school career, my senior year, especially homecoming. This meant the world to me."

The Lake Braddock defense also benefited from the return of lineman Romario Peart,

who had four tackles and a 1/2 sack while playing in his first full game coming off an injury.

"It felt great," Peart said. "I missed my teammates so much."

Linebacker Patrick Farrell had 10 tackles for Lake Braddock and linebacker Kevin Hankton had eight. Linebacker Dwight Lomax had seven tackles, including a team-high four solos, and a 1/2 sack.

On offense, receiver Austin Wolfe had eight receptions for 60 yards and a touchdown.

Robinson (3-4 overall, 1-1 Concorde District) will host Herndon for homecoming at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19. Lake Braddock (5-2, 4-0 Patriot District) has won four in a row and will travel to face Lee at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19.

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Langley Football Falls to Yorktown

The Langley football team lost to Yorktown, 24-14, on Oct. 12. It was the Saxons' third consecutive loss and fourth in the last five games.

Langley (3-4) will close the regular season with Liberty District contests

against South Lakes (home, Oct. 19), Fairfax (away, Oct. 26) and McLean (home, Nov. 2). The Saxons are 2-2 in the district, with wins against Thomas Jefferson and Marshall, and losses against Madison and Stone Bridge.

Realtors See Recovery

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dress what many believed to be overly strict regulations regarding the ratio of commercial space to a condominium project. Galante also assured the crowd that the FHA was "mindful of credit overlay. We are working with our partners to help lenders and see if they can loosen up a bit.... and we are looking at ways to make short sales easier."

THE TOPIC of rentals versus home sales sparked interest in the crowd. In an uncertain economy, rentals have been understandably on the rise. There was also agreement among the speakers that the newest generation to enter the workforce is not as motivated to buy as previous generations. "When we were coming up," said Dr. Fuller, "buying your own home was a motivator. Today's young workers don't see it that way. They don't necessarily see housing as a good investment. They also seem to like the flexibility of renting." The general conclusion of the panel was that many renters would ultimately become homeowners, but that the gap between renting and owning would be a longer one and require adjustment by the industry.

Despite a generally positive outlook, the panelists addressed a number of serious speed bumps on the immediate horizon, not the least of which being the federal budget "fiscal cliff" looming in January 2013. Known as sequestration, the "cliff" refers to the massive tax increases and federal spending cuts that will be mandated unless Congress acts quickly. As the NVAR Deputy Chief Lobbyist Jamie Gregory pointed out, "Not much will be happening until after the election, during the lame duck session. And there is so much that needs to be addressed. Expiring Bush era tax cuts, payroll tax cuts, the 2007 mortgage cancellation that expires on Dec. 31, the debt ceiling." Gregory also noted that getting things done on these issues in Congress is further hampered by the lack of institutional knowledge among its members. "Since 2006," he said, "50 percent of the Congress are freshmen. And if projections are correct that the upcoming elections may yield no clear majority, that makes it even harder to get things accomplished."



Genie Giau Nguyen, president/CEO of Voice of Vietnamese Americans, takes to the mic with several questions for the panel. Nguyen attended the summit primarily to gather information for her weekly radio show, broadcast in Vietnamese.

Dr. Fratantoni reminded the audience that job creation and stability were still the cornerstones of a healthy housing market. Northern Virginia can currently boast some of the best employment-related figures in the nation. If sequestration is not avoided, however, the consequences for Virginia could be dire. In a July 2012 report, panelist Dr. Stephen Fuller concluded that Virginia could account for nearly 10 percent of the estimated 2.14 million jobs that could be lost.

The first question from the floor during the Q&A brought a laugh from the audience, but a serious response from moderator Kenneth Harney. The question? Which party in the White House would mean the faster recovery. Harney's reply? Both parties "were ignoring the elephant in the room. Housing didn't even get a mention at either of the conventions, and yet, the health of housing and real estate is essential to the economic health of the country."

Deputy Chief Lobbyist Gregory added, "The action, or the inaction, will be in Congress, not the White House," but he assured the assembly that the NVAR would certainly do everything in its power to aid in a detour away from the cliff, allowing the Northern Virginia housing market to continue along its slow, yet steady path of recovery.

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FRIDAY/OCT. 19

Dog Adoptions. 6:30-8:30 p.m. PetSmart, 12971 Fair Lakes Center, Fairfax. Every Friday. Sponsored by Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation. www.lostdogrescue.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 20

Saturday Morning Coffee with Del. David Bulova. 9-11 a.m., at Jireh Bakery and Cafe, 13848 Lee Highway, Centreville. Chat with your delegate about issues of interest, ask questions about legislation affecting the community and express your opinion in person during informal office hours; no appointment needed. info@davidbulova.com.

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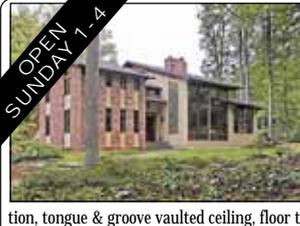
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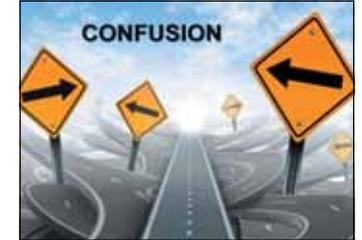
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