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Kristin Cabral

Kristin Cabral is a native of New Jersey, and moved to Northern Virginia in 1995. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and her law degree from Harvard.

She has worked as federal prosecutor for the Department of Justice, a clerk for a federal judge and a law professor teaching legal writing at George Washington University. She also serves on the board of trustees on the Fairfax County Public Library Board.

She lives in McLean and is married to her husband Joe. They have a son and a daughter.



Kevin Chisholm

Kevin Chisholm grew up in a small town near Albany, N.Y. He attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, where he received a degree in engineering. He moved to Northern Virginia in 1981, and has served as an environmental consultant in energy efficiency and conservation solutions, for private companies and governments.

From 2003 to 2010, he was in charge of energy and utilities for Arlington County Public Schools.

He is 55, is based in Leesburg and has two daughters.



Frank Wolf

Frank Wolf is originally from Philadelphia, Penn., and attended Penn State for his undergraduate degree in Political Science in 1961 and received his law degree from Georgetown University in 1965. He also served in the Army Reserve from 1962-63.

He became a legislative assistant to Pennsylvania Rep. Edward Biester from 1968 to 1971, and from 1971 to 1975, he was an assistant to Secretary of the Interior Rogers Morton. He was first elected to Congress in 1980.

He lives in Vienna with his wife Carolyn, with whom he has five children.

Three-Way Race in 10th

Kristin Cabral, Kevin Chisholm oppose Frank Wolf in new-look 10th district.

By Alex McVeigh
The Connection

Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) is attempting to be re-elected for a 16th term come Nov. 6, but he will face two challengers in Kristin Cabral (Democrat) and Kevin Chisholm (Independent).

The 10th district was altered due to 2010's redistricting, with large areas adjacent to Route 66 lost from Gainesville to Strasburg. Closer to Fairfax County, areas east of Manassas to West Springfield were added to the district, including sections of Fairfax Station.

The district also lost sections of McLean south of Dolley Madison Boulevard to East Falls Church, but gained sections of Oak Hill east of Chantilly and bordering Oakton.

CABRAL is a Harvard-trained attorney, who was the first in her family to attend college. She says she is running to "cut through the partisan gridlock" in Congress and plans to focus on strengthening education, economic growth and women's rights.

"To think that Congressman Wolf was elected during the same election as Ronald Reagan, and still oversees such an important district that has seen tremendous changes, it's time for a new voice," said Edward Blume, a Cabral supporter from Great Falls. "I don't think he's a bad guy, and he's done some good things, but I think it's time the 10th district take a step into this century."

Cabral credits her development from involvement at a young age in her school district's Head Start

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The new 10th Congressional District, which will see incumbent Rep. Frank Wolf (R) face off against Kristin Cabral (D) and Kevin Chisholm (I) Nov. 6.

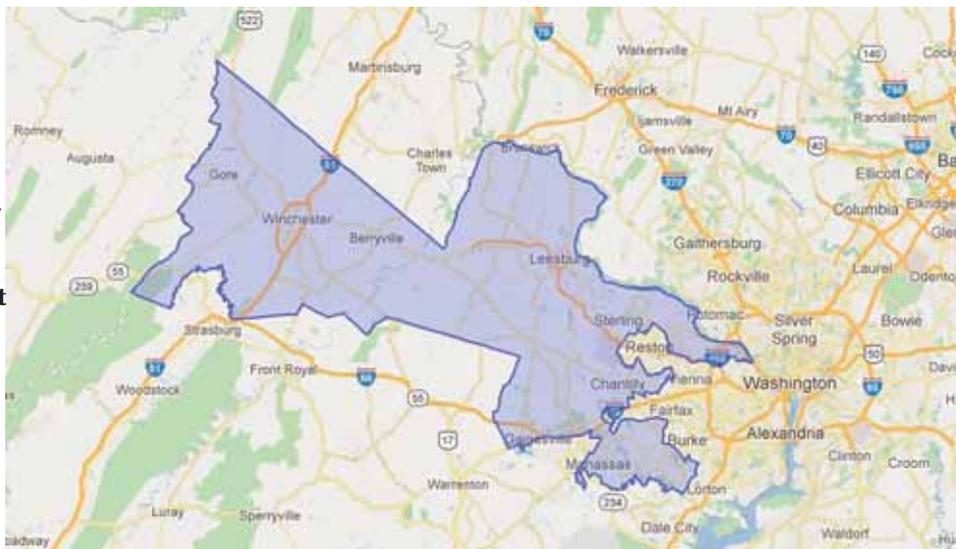


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Members of the McLean Project for the Arts accept the Arts Education Award from the Arts Council of Fairfax County Friday, Oct. 12.

MPA Hosts Annual ArtFest

Nonprofit recognized by Arts Council, holds annual festival.

By Alex McVeigh
The Connection

The McLean Project for the Arts celebrated a banner weekend: they were recognized by the Arts Council of Fairfax County Friday, Oct. 12 and ended the weekend with their 50th annual ArtFest Sunday in McLean Central Park.

The Fairfax Arts Council presented the MPA with the Arts Education Award at their awards luncheon, recognizing MPA's leadership in local arts education, including their ArtsReach program that sends dozens of professional artists to schools and brings students to art galleries.

Council Chair Gerald Gordon commended the McLean Project for the Arts for their "superlative arts education, opportunities, experiences and training for youth, students and emerging artists."

ONE SUCH EMERGING ARTIST who came to the MPA 12 years ago is Kathy Brady of McLean. Searching for a hobby as her children got older, she took a class to learn painting.

"I had never been involved with art in my life, but I learned to draw, to paint and what was needed to succeed as an artist," Brady said. "I took the classes with three other women, Cherry Baumbusch, Diane Blackwell and Carolina Correa, and 12 years later, all four of us are still doing it, and we host regular exhibits together and we still gather every Thursday at my house."

Brady was one of dozens of artists showing off their work at ArtFest on Sunday.

"This is my first time here at ArtFest displaying my work,

and it really feels special," said Brady, who works primarily in abstracts. "It feels like I've come full circle."

Brady's booth was right next to painter Julie Lansaw, who taught all four of them so many years ago.

"I think it's great that they're all still working together, and it serves as a great example for my current students," Lansaw said.

"It's good for my new students to see how the old students are doing."

ELSEWHERE during ArtFest, visitors could not only browse the works of artists, but work on creating their own. A station set on the park's east side featured models posing and easels set up for would-be artists to start sketching.

"I hadn't tried much art before except in a class, but it was nice to sit in the beautiful weather and work like a real artist would," said Samantha Parker, 12, of McLean. "It's harder than it looks to draw someone, even when they're standing perfectly still."

This is MPA's 50th anniversary; it began as a collective of local artists and evolved into the far-reaching organization it is today. They target at-risk schools and conduct interactive tours of local galleries while connecting the curriculum to subjects like geometry, poetry, history, science and math. Since the ArtsReach program began in 2003, 36 schools, including seventeen Title One at-risk schools, participated.

"We try to bring arts into the community, particularly targeting schools and we reach about 3,000 to 4,000 students per year," said Nancy Perry, executive director of the MPA.

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News

Charlotte Barnwell McCutchen, 67, Dies

Great Falls resident of 16 years and accomplished neurologist dies in San Diego, Calif.

Charlotte Barnwell McCutchen, M.D., died Sept. 11, 2012 in San Diego, Calif., age 67, of complications from Guillain-Barre Syndrome. She was a resident of Great Falls for 16 years, from 1984-2000.

Her only immediate survivor is her sister Lilla Richards of McLean, who has arranged a private burial in Fallbrook, Calif., the town of McCutchen's retirement following a prestigious career in neurology research.

Richards remembers her sister as a woman known for her wit. Once when asked about the specifics of her job as a lab assistant to a drug pioneer who experimented on overcoming heart transplant rejection in mice, McCutchen replied "Have you ever given mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to a mouse?" says her sister Richards.

McCutchen attended George Washington University in Washington, D.C. from 1962-1963. She went on to hold a bright academic career including a residency in neurology at Vanderbilt University and a fellowship at the University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, Wash., among other positions.

Other honors McCutchen earned included fellowships at the American EEG Society and the American Academy of Neurology; certifications for neurophysiology and neurology from organizations including the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology; and receiving the National Institutes of Health Award of Merit "for outstanding contributions in coordinating research efforts as a member of the Congressionally mandated National Commission on Sleep Disorders Research" in 1992.

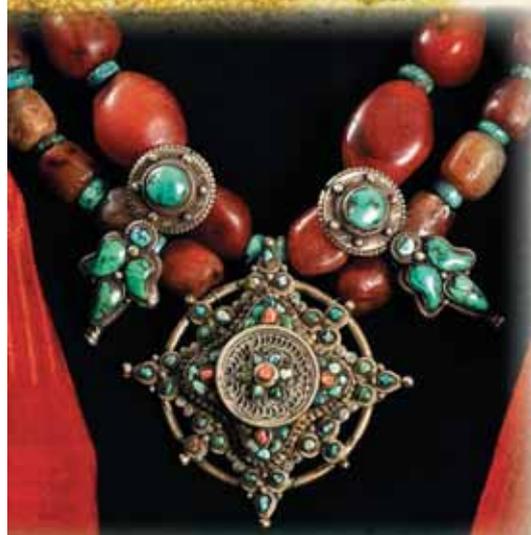
McCutchen taught at the University of Washington School of Medicine, the University of California San Diego in the School of Medicine, La Jolla, and the Department of Neurology at Georgetown University. She directed programs at the VA Medical Center, Seattle, Wash., the San Diego VA Medical Center, the NIH in Bethesda, Md., and the VA Medical Center.

McCutchen was born in Camp LeJeune, N.C. on Oct. 31, 1944, and raised in Arlington, where she graduated from Washington-Lee High School in 1962.

—Chelsea H. Bryan

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Rev. Lari R. Grubbs speaks at the **Antioch Christian Church**, 1860 Beulah Road, Vienna, from 9:30-11 a.m. A luncheon in the church follows the 11 a.m. worship service; child care is provided and the public is invited. 703-938-6753 or www.antiochdoc.org.

The Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Road NE, Vienna, holds a 5 p.m. contemplative worship service in the style of the Taizé on Sunday, Oct. 28; the service combines chant, scripture with time spent in silence and a setting of greenery, candles

and icons. 703-938-6521 or www.holycomforter.com.

The Holly Hill Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 17, at 9:45 a.m. at the **Trinity United Methodist Church**, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. Mark Ludlow, owner of For the Wild Birds, will give a lecture and presentation entitled Winter Backyard Birds and Getting Ready for Winter. 703-790-0682.

The Shepherd's Center of McLean and Falls Church sponsors a concert at McLean Baptist Church, 1367 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, called the **Lunch n' Life** performance and luncheon on Wednesday, Oct. 17 at noon, featuring the Harmony Heritage Singers. The men's chorus sings popular tunes

from the "good old days," in barbershop style. \$10. Prepay by Oct. 11, 703-506-2199 or rekcockcalb@hotmail.com.

Oktoberfest Bazaar and Craft Fair. Charles Wesley United Methodist Church, 6817 Dean Drive McLean is hosting an Oktoberfest Bazaar and Craft Fair on Saturday, Oct. 20, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Handcrafted jewelry, silk floral arrangements, hand carved birds, baked goods and loads of crafts abound at the bazaar. Lunch will be served between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Fare includes bratwurst, sauerkraut, German potato salad, hot dogs, soft pretzels, chips, drinks and desserts. Sponsored by the United Methodist Women of Charles Wesley United Methodist Church. <http://www.charleswesleyumc.org>.

Bulletin Board

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 17

Breast Reconstruction Awareness Day. 6:30-8 p.m., at the National Center for Plastic Surgery, 7601 Lewinsville Road, Suite 400, McLean. Learn about what the next step for a woman's altered silhouette can be; bring gently used bras for donation to women in shelters and third world countries through the Bra Recyclers. 703-287-8277 or manager@nationalpsurg.com.

Fall Community Meeting Prescription Medicine Awareness Night. 7-8:30 p.m., at McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. A community discussion with local health and law enforcement experts on the topic of prescription drug abuse. www.mpaarts.org.

2012 Election Issues Panel. 7-9 p.m., at the American Legion Auxiliary, 330 Center Street N, Vienna. The American Legions hosts a panel to help educate voters. 703-242-7651.

SATURDAY/OCT. 20

Avoiding Divorce Court I—How to Negotiate or Mediate Settlement Agreements. 10a.m.-1p.m., at The Women's Center, 127 Park St NE, Vienna. Separation, Custody and Property Settlement Agreement sans courtroom; the workshop led by a divorce attorney provides strategies. \$40, \$30 for Members or \$70 per couple, \$50 for Member couples. Register at www.thewomenscenter.org or 703-281-2657, ext. 276.

TUESDAY/OCT. 23

Milestones Meetings. 7:30 p.m., at McLean Community Center, 123 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The MCC Governing Board hosts meetings open to residents to evaluate the feasibility of renovating MCC's main facility; three concept floor plans will be presented. 703-790-0123, ext. 711.

SATURDAY/OCT. 27

Foster Parent Training Class. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., at 10455 White Granite Drive, Oakton. This class answers questions and provides training for those with the time, energy and desire to provide support to a teen or child in need. 571-748-2557 or Nvfs.org/fosterparenting.

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From left, Roberta Chaves as Grace and Catherine LaValley as Elsie in the McLean Community Players' production of "What I Did Last Summer."

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A Drama on Growing Up

McLean Community Players present "What I Did Last Summer."

By David Siegel
The Connection

An intimate memory play about growing up and discovering new worlds and new ideas is next for the McLean Community Players as they put on A.G. Gurney's "What I Did Last Summer." The production takes place in the summer of 1945: WW II is nearing its end and a teenage boy develops self-awareness before heading off to boarding school.

Veteran director Adriana Hardy has had a long interest in the master dramatist A.G. Gurney. "I love the way Gurney writes about family relationships. He is a most lyrical writer who writes about the upper middle class. In a Gurney play, it is the words, interactions and relationships that are that so significant. In this play, there are many dynamics between the characters who all change over the course of the evening."

Local teens are cast into the characters of "What I Did Last Summer." Forrest Browne is the lead, playing the 15-year-old Charles. Browne attends West Springfield High School. He described his character as "struggling to grow up, learning how to treat others including adults...trying to act toward others as equals, not always superiors." In the play, Charlie's dad is away at war. In a recent interview, Browne said he could relate to his character since his own dad was often deployed while in the Navy.

Catherine LaValley is Elsie, Charlie's older sister. LaValley attends South Lakes High School. She auditioned because the play and the characters were intriguing. "I liked the idea of playing a character from the 1940s who is learning insights into situations and issues. She really grows up in the play."

Jessie Roberts is Anna, a key character in the drama. Anna is an older, avant-garde type woman. With so many men away at war, she has hired Charles to do work around her house. According to Roberts, her character "has views on life that are different from most women, she is quite unconventional." She has a significant showdown with Charles' mother that



From left, Roberta Chaves as Grace and Forrest Browne as Charlie.

Where and When

"What I Did Last Summer" produced by the McLean Community Players, Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Road, McLean. Performances are Oct. 26-Nov. 4, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and matinees on Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$14-\$16. Call: 703-790-9223 or visit www.mcleancommunityplayers.org. Note: suitable for ages 15 and up.

is crucial to the play's resolution.

Roberta Chaves is Charlie's mother, Grace. She is conservative and "proper in her views and protective of her son," said Chaves. She is very put off by the lifestyle philosophy of Anna.

"I want the audience to feel and remember what it was like to grow up; to perhaps recall their own teen years and all their own struggles," concluded Hardy.



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Opinion

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It's called "absentee voting in person," and there are a lot of reasons why you should.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 6. The deadline to register to vote is past, although in Northern Virginia, it's clear that a very high percentage of eligible voters are registered.

Four years ago in the presidential election of 2008, there were 5,034,660 voters registered in Virginia and 3,752,858 actually voted. Just in the month of September 2012, Fairfax County saw more than 6,000 newly registered voters, for a total of 646,881 active voters. Arlington registered more than 3,300 new voters in September, with more than 130,000 active voters total. Alexandria added more than 1,300 new voters last month alone, with 81,847 active voters.

Voting on Election Day at one's home precinct is often a wonderful experience, especially if you are a regular voter. Yes, there will be lines, but if the weather is nice, you can chat with your neighbors and enjoy the process. Assuming you can get to your polling place, the weather is nice and...

In a survey by The Weather Channel last month in battleground states, between 20 and 35 percent of registered voters said that if there is bad weather on Election Day, they would be likely not to vote. Remember that the great Northern Virginia Earthquake was on a Primary Election Day, and that moderately unusual

events, weather-related and otherwise can turn the commute home into a multi-hour ordeal that could cause many voters to miss the 7 p.m. closing time at the polling places.

There is a way for voters to choose their own Election Day. Pick a day that works for you, check the weather forecast and go vote.

From now until Nov. 3, you can vote absentee in person for a variety of reasons, but you must sign a form affirming that you do qualify. Almost everyone with a job in Northern Virginia qualifies for one particular reason, however: your work plus commute time would be 11 hours or more between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day. Other reasons include planned travel, pregnancy, illness or disability, being a student out of area, and more.

In Fairfax County, you can vote at Fairfax County Governmental Center or any one of seven "satellite" voting locations. If you have not been to the government center, it's worth having a look.

❖ Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 323, Fairfax, VA 22035. Open for voting Monday-Friday: 8 a.m.-8 p.m. and the next three Saturdays, Oct. 20, Oct. 27, and Nov. 3: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

The satellite locations in Fairfax County are

Editorial

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

also open for absentee in person voting through Nov. 3, Monday-Friday, 2-8 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

❖ Franconia Governmental Center, 6121 Franconia Rd., Alexandria, VA 22310

❖ Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean, VA 22101

❖ North County Human Services Building, 1850 Cameron Glen Dr. Reston, VA 20190

❖ West Springfield Governmental Center, 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA 22152

❖ Mason Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003

❖ Mount Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers La., Alexandria, VA 22306

❖ Sully Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151

For more on voting absentee in Fairfax County, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee.htm>

Saturday, Nov. 3 is the last day to vote absentee-in-person.

Voters can also vote absentee by mail. The deadline to submit an application to have an absentee ballot mailed to you is Tuesday, Oct. 30 at 5 p.m. The application must be received at the Voter Registration Office by that time. Voters who request a mailed absentee ballot must return them to their local elections office by 7 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 6, for the ballot to be counted.

It's worth looking at the absentee ballot application online before going to vote absentee in person. <http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/Files/Forms/VoterForms/ABApplication.pdf>

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
McLean

Write

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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 ques-

tions on this year's ballot.

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

Two Challenge Wolf in 10th District

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program. Over the years she supported herself through grants, student loans, scholarships and part-time jobs to put her through college, where she was a Harvard classmate of Barack Obama.

"Even at the Virginia General Assembly level, we've seen this attack on women's rights when it comes to their own bodies," said Evan Scott. "I think Kristin is the kind of person we want looking out for women, and families, in this district."

More information on Cabral can be found at www.kristincabral.com.

CHISHOLM is running for the 10th district seat as an independent. He has lived in Northern Virginia for the past 31 years.

He describes himself as a "fiscally conservative progressive." An engineer by trade, he ran for the Arlington County Board as a member of the Green Party in 2010.

"I hear a lot about how our two-party system is broken and that people need to think about voting someone else in to affect real change, but in the next breath they talk about how it's throwing away your vote to go third-party," said Boris Palidnor of Chantilly. "It's easy to say that, but until we start actually casting the votes, any change is going to be a pipe dream."

Chisholm said he remembers hoping that the election of Reagan would mean a smaller government and less government waste, but he was disappointed.

He supports a simpler tax code and energy policy reform.

Supporter Christy Pergola of Sterling said, "I think it's evident that neither party has earned re-election, and maybe having someone like Kevin in a prominent, wealthy district like the 10th would open some eyes."

More information on Chisholm can be found at www.chisholmforcongress.com.

WOLF was elected in 1980 when he defeated incumbent Democrat Joseph Fisher. Since then, Wolf opponents have only gotten more than 40 percent of the vote once since 1988, and Wolf's last two elections were won by more than 20 percent. Since his first re-election, he has never garnered less than 57 percent of the vote.

"Congress has its historically low approval rating for a reason, but Mr. Wolf is one of the good ones," said Janet Paice of Oak Hill. "I think he's been so successful through many different administrations and public moods because he comes across as genuine and not particularly partisan, which Congress seems to be becoming more of."

Wolf's primary issues of concern are human rights and transportation. In August, he proposed a bill that would reduce the size of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Board. Wolf called the board "broken and broken badly," and his bill also proposed to give Virginia a majority of seats on the board.

More information on the Wolf campaign can be found at www.wolfforcongress.com.

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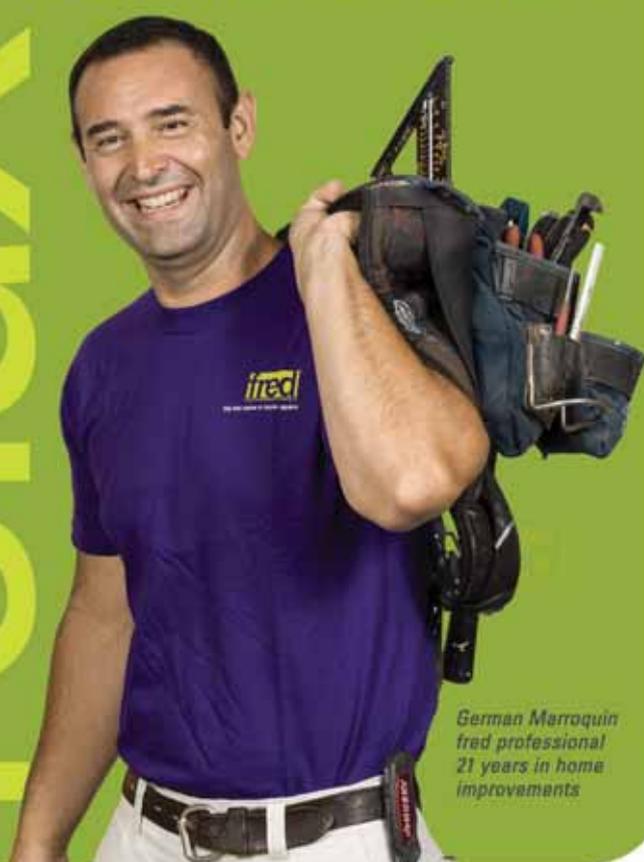
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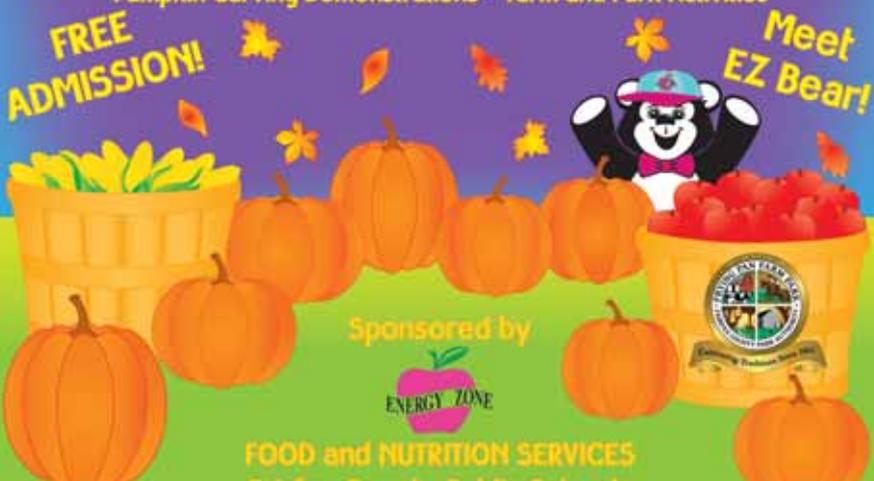
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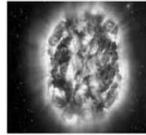


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News



Students from Yabe Elementary School in Japan perform at Spring Hill Elementary School Tuesday, Oct. 9.



Staff from Spring Hill Elementary School present a bell to staff and parents from Yabe Elementary School in Japan Tuesday, Oct. 9. Students, staff and parents spent part of the summer in Japan, and now Japanese students are spending time at Spring Hill.

Spring Hill Welcomes Japanese Students

Elementary school participates in exchange program.

By Alex McVeigh
The Connection

Over the summer, 13 students and four staff members from Spring Hill Elementary spent more than a week in Yokohama, Japan. On Tuesday, Oct. 9, several students and parents from Yabe Elementary in Japan returned the favor, arriving in great fanfare from students, staff and parents.

The trip came about when parent Dave Hunt, whose children attended Spring Hill, connected with Spring Hill Principal Vanderhye and told him he had friends in Japan, and it might be possible to start an exchange program.

"It's been a pleasure to be a part of the exchange program," Hunt said. "It's a great honor and pleasure to see the children get to know each other, and see the schools bond, and it's an experience we hope to continue."

Students used the first part of the assembly to introduce their counterpart from Japan, greeting the student body in both English and Japanese.

While the students did share some interests, Vanderhye enlightened the Spring Hill students about the responsibilities of elementary school students in Japan.



Roger Vanderhye, Spring Hill Elementary School principal, welcomes a delegation from Yabe Elementary School in Japan Tuesday, Oct. 9.

"They have no custodians, the children help cook the food, help clean the kitchen every single day," he said. "They don't have a cafeteria like ours, the children eat in classrooms. And after every meal they clean the entire classroom, until it's spotless. And at the end of every recess, the children clean their entire recess area."

The students from Japan and Spring Hill took turns performing several songs. The students from Yabe performed "It's a Small World" and several Japanese songs on their recorders, while the Spring Hill chorus and band performed a

square dance and several other numbers.

For band teacher Dan Freeman, the exchange reminded him of one that took place almost 80 years ago.

"If there's one country that loves baseball as much as America, it's Japan. In 1934, some of our biggest stars, like Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig, went over there for a tour, and they learned a lot and eventually started their own league. And what they did in 1934, exchanging players, is what we're doing now, and hopefully we get some positive results out of it."

School Notes

Send School Notes to mclean@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.

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Students from Spring Hill Elementary School play Japanese instruments to welcome a delegation from Yabe Elementary School Tuesday, Oct. 9.

McLean High School in McLean, will perform with the Capital City Symphony on Sunday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. at the Atlas Performing Arts Center, 1333 H Street NE, Washington, D.C. Tickets are \$20/25 for adults, \$16 for students and \$20 for seniors. 202-399-7993 or capitalcitysymphony.org.

Kaneko has presented solo performances at George Mason University's Performing Arts Center Young Artists Series,

the Rising Star Concerts at The Alden, JoAnn Rose Gallery and Harris Theater and has won in the Lichtenberg Competition, Friday Morning Music Club High School Piano Competition, MTNA Virginia Senior Competition, Old Dominion University Harold Protsman Competition, Washington Music Teachers Association Ylva Novik Concerto competition, and Northern Virginia Music Teachers Concerto Competition.



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WEDNESDAY/OCT. 17

John Jorgenson. 7:30 p.m., at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna. "The U.S. Ambassador of Gypsy Jazz" and his quintet bring world class music to town. \$20. www.jamminjava.com.

Vienna Photographic Society's Photo Competition. 7:30-9:30 p.m., Thoreau Middle School, 2505 Cedar Lane, Vienna. Northern Virginia Photographic Society Photographer of the Year Sandi Croan will judge the VPS competition's three categories: digital, print and "Cemeteries" category photos. 703-451-7298 or www.vps-va.org.

The Greencards. 8 p.m., at The Barn at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. The Grammy-nominated foursome brings worldly influence to the country-bluegrass genre from their latest album *The Brick Album*. \$20. www.wolftrap.org.

THURSDAY/OCT. 18

Susan Werner. 8 p.m., at The Barn at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. The singer/songwriter brings introspective blues and folk from her latest album *Kicking the Beehive*. \$22. www.wolftrap.org.

FRIDAY/OCT. 19

Battlefield Band. 8 p.m., at The Barn at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. The annual gig with Scottish



McLean Symphony

McLean Symphony: Favorites by Request

The fall 2012 symphony season begins on Saturday, Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Alden Theatre, at McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Audience members and symphony musicians spoke and the favorites are in: Overture to "Oberon" by von Weber, Symphony No. 7 in D Minor, Op. 70 by Dvorak, Danse bacchannale of Charles Camille Saint-Saens and Franz von Suppe's Baccacio—Minuet and Tarantella. \$25, adults; \$20, seniors, \$15, students with ID. 1-866-811-4111 or www.aldentheatre.org.

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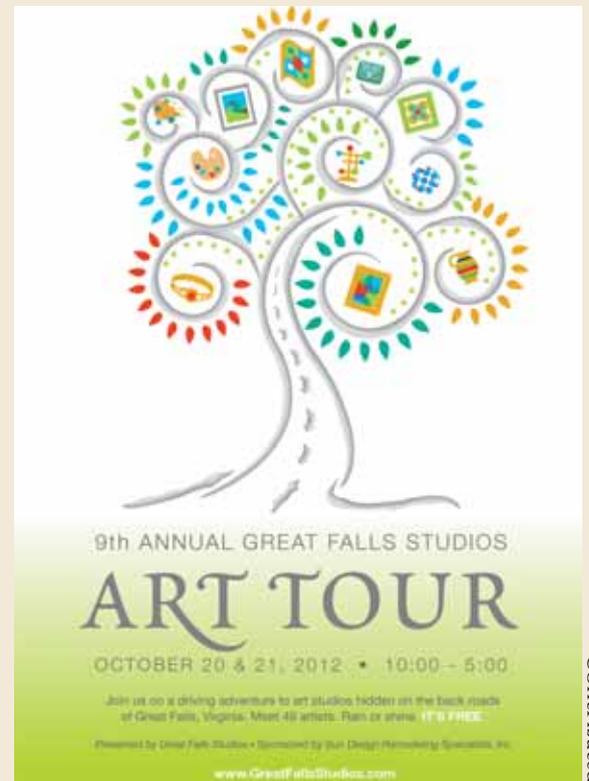
SATURDAY/OCT. 20

Ninth Annual Great Falls Studios Art Tour. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Great Falls. A free, self-guided driving tour to meet 49 artists in their home studios or group venues with a concurrent tour to visit a home

renovated by Sun Design; art purchasing info, map, artists details, all online. www.SunDesignInc.com and www.GreatFallsStudios.com.

Oktoberfest Bazaar and Craft Fair. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at Charles Wesley United Methodist Church, 6817 Dean Drive, McLean. Handcrafted jewelry, silk floral arrangements, hand-carved birds, baked goods and crafts; lunch

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Ninth Annual Great Falls Studios Art Tour

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Wounded Warriors Lobster Boil & Barnyard Festival. 2-7 p.m., American Legion Post 180, 330 Center Street, Vienna. Project Enduring Pride provides New England lobster, caribbean music, bar-b-cue, GM Silverado Warrior trucks and live music from the Charlie Groover Band. \$25; Wounded Warriors dine free.
slddggn@gmail.com.

Amanda McBroom. 7:30 p.m., at The Barn at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. The Broadway songstress, famous for her Golden Globe-winning song "The Rose," brings her songs to Vienna. \$25.
www.wolftrap.org.

McLean Orchestra: Phantoms and Fantasies. 8 p.m., at Oakcrest School, 850 Balls Hill Road, McLean. A night of Halloween haunts, with Mussorgsky, Debussy and Hector Berlioz's Symphonie Fantastique; post-concert cake and champagne reception. www.mclean-orchestra.org.

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Music from Oberlin at Oakton. 7:30 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. The Oberlin College Conservatory of Music brings an 12th season of concerts to the church; the program includes Fugue Gottschalk Le banjo; fantasia grotesque, Hummel Concerto in E-flat Major and Neruda Trumpet Concerto in E-flat Major, among others. 703-842-3156.

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The Apiarists' Tale. 1 p.m., at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna. The Ayr Hill Garden Club hosts an apiarist who tells how he and his wife decided to start beekeeping, from classes on raising bees to building top bar hives. RSVP at latripp24@gmail.com.

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TUESDAY/OCT. 23

The George C. Marshall Orchestras. 7 p.m., at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 8601 Wolftrap Road, Vienna. The choir and orchestra perform. www.fcps.edu/marshallhs/.

Langley Choral Department Fall Concert. 7:30 p.m., in the Langley High Auditorium, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean. The award-winning choral department presents their annual fall concert. 703-790-9573.

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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. "Stu-

dents 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 go-

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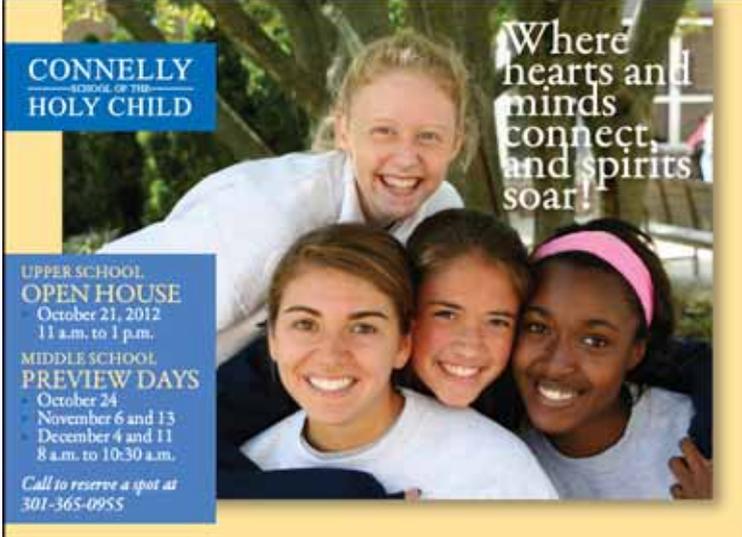
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Students Get Involved in Upcoming Election

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ing 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 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 ac-

curately 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 director 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 oppor-

tunity 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 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 eighth 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

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

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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.”

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Sports Breifs

Marshall Field Hockey Falls to Fairfax

Statesmen lose emotional Senior Night contest.

By Jon Roetman
The Connection

Katie Clark knelt on the sideline and emptied her emotions following the Marshall field hockey team's regular season finale on Oct. 11. After a teammate consoled Clark, head coach Christina Carroll crouched by the senior midfielder and placed a hand on her head.

Marshall had just lost to Fairfax. It was Senior Night for the Statesmen, who failed in their attempt to beat the Rebels and earn the top seed in the Liberty District tournament, which comes with a first-round bye and automatic regional berth. Adding to Clark's disappointment was the experience of playing against Fairfax captains Shannon Cosgrove and Sam Zelenack, who are club teammates with Clark and fellow Marshall captain Madeleine Lewsen.

"It's really hard," Clark said after the game. "I have a lot of friends on the Fairfax team. I play club with them and it's hard to play against them."

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— Marshall senior captain Katie Clark

ALONG WITH PLAYER RELATIONSHIPS, Carroll and Fairfax head coach Amber Beaudoin are friends. Neither side was overly thrilled with having to complete against the other. Beaudoin said coaching against Carroll can be "awkward" at times. Cosgrove said playing against her club teammates is "tough because all four of us are really competitive." In the end, it was the Rebels that made the most of an

uncomfortable situation, beating the Statesmen 2-0 at Marshall High School.

Cosgrove scored on an assist from Zelenack with 8:41 remaining in the first half and junior Sara Allen added an insurance goal late in the second half as Fairfax improved to 15-1 and completed an undefeated run through the Liberty District. The Rebels' last loss to Marshall came in 2010.

Cosgrove's goal was her team-leading 15th of the season and proved to be the game-winner.

"I think it completely affected the game," Cosgrove said. "I think we started dominating after that, especially at the end of the second half. We were moving the ball really well and that set the whole tone for the game."

Fairfax started the season 11-0 before suffering its only regular season defeat—a 3-0 loss to Westfield on Sept. 24. Cosgrove said the loss caused the Rebels to address their sub-par practice habits. Beaudoin said it gave younger players a taste of adversity.

"We have a lot of sophomores on our team and they just don't understand that things aren't



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Marshall senior captain Katie Clark led the Statesmen with 14 goals in the regular season.



Marshall senior Alexandra Sandlin, right, defends against Fairfax senior captain Shannon Cosgrove on Oct. 11.

always going to be awesome," the coach said. "When you lose like that...it makes them have to work."

The Rebels responded with four straight wins, outscoring opponents 8-0. During the regular season, Fairfax outscored its opposition 45-4.

MARSHALL FINISHED the regular season with a 12-4 record and earned the No. 2 seed in the Liberty tournament with a 4-2 district mark.

Lewsen, who finished the regular season with 10 goals, said Marshall will use the loss to Fairfax as motivation in the postseason.

"The drive is all there and the want to win is all there," she said, "especially now that we have this loss on Senior Night."

Clark led Marshall with 14 regular season goals.

Marshall hosted No. 7 South Lakes in the first round of the district tournament on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline. Fairfax will play in the semifinals.

"It's so emotional for so many different reasons—but for Senior Night, specifically," Carroll said after Marshall's loss to Fairfax. "We tell [the players] that we're still in it, we still have a season.... We need to pick up the pieces and go. So what? We didn't get the automatic [berth] into regionals and we have to work for it. It's OK. We can do it...."

"I was just saying [to Beaudoin] that we're in the same situation every year playing for first place. One of these times, I'd just like to beat her."

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.



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Langley's Philip Mun runs against the Yorktown defense on Oct. 12.

Records Set at Glory Days Invitational

Chantilly's Sean McGorty and West Springfield's Caroline Alcorta each set a course record at the 20th Annual Glory Days Invitational on Oct. 13 at Bull Run Regional Park.

McGorty was the boys' top finisher with a time of 14 minutes, 45 seconds. His time blew away the previous course record of 15:08, set by Quince Orchard's Neal Darmody in 2007, and meet record of 15:03, set by Handley's Bobby Lockhart in 2001. The meet had a course change in 2005.

McGorty led Chantilly to a first-place team finish with a score of 31. Severna Park (91) finished second, followed by Georgetown Day School (163) and Robinson (200).

Alcorta was the girls' top finisher with a time of 17:42, breaking the course record of 17:49, set by James River's

Kristen Wolfe in 2007. Centreville's Laura Heiner posted a time of 17:23 in 1997 and Hayfield's Melissa Dewey recorded a 17:37 in 2004, prior to the course change.

West Springfield won the girls' team title with a score of 112. Washington-Lee (119) took second, followed by Chantilly (124) and Patriot (210).

The Langley girls' team finished 22nd with a score of 543. Jessica Miles was the Saxons' top finisher, coming in 41st (19:48). Elissa Purdy (98, 20:52), Courteney West (133, 21:25), Rebecca Powell (151, 22:01), Blair Purdy (155, 22:31) and Mara Detrani (165, 23:29) also competed.

The Langley boys' team finished 31st with a score of 827. Alessandro Shapiro (80, 15:56), Brian Reilly (164, 17:47), Ryan Anger (204, 18:33), Kristian Hutchinson (211, 18:51) and Chris Maloney (217, 19:14) competed for the Saxons.



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Courteney West and the Langley girls' cross country team finished in 22nd place at the 20th Annual Glory Days Invitational on Oct. 13 at Bull Run Regional Park.

The County Line

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 is helping 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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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.

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"Hey Beez; Beez, It's Me"



By **KENNETH B. LOURIE**

It was my father all right – in a dream. Standing five feet away, approximately, in a well-lit, local convenience store with which I am extremely familiar. This was no case of mistaken identity. Besides, he was wearing those blue, terrycloth shorts of his that my mother always hated. So yes, I called out to him, surprised as I was to see him, locally as it were.

It's been nearly six years since my father died. But this was the first time (of the half-dozen or so dreams I've had in which my father was present) where he did not respond to me, either verbally or physically (we've actually touched in a couple of dreams). Mostly, we've exchanged pleasantries, looks, awareness and/or acknowledgment of one another. This dream, however, offered no such comfort. It was him. It was me. But it wasn't us.

Disconcerting, unsettling, disappointing; depressing if you want to know the truth. I woke up thinking that whatever connection we had maintained since the his death in early December, 2006 had been severed somehow. Not that we spoke regularly since his passing, or that I ever had a sense of his spiritual hand guiding me, but I did feel he was sort of aware of who I was/what I was doing. Oh sure, I visit his grave site and update him – and my mother of course, on what's happening in my life, but never had I heard back, so to speak, except in the occasional dream where although nothing of substance was ever discussed or any references/inquiries made acknowledging my graveside utterances, I always felt looked after, you know what I mean?

But now, since this last dream, maybe I don't feel so "looked after." And so what? So who knows? Maybe six years is the median length of time after a loved one dies when the spiritual connection fades? Maybe six years is a world record for such relationships and maybe the next dream which includes my father will be different and my father will be cracking some of the same Henny Youngman jokes back to me that I regularly – and repeatedly, said to him after his second stroke left him semi unresponsive? He could never remember the jokes or remember hearing them, so every visit (every other day; my brother and I alternated days), I would start our visit by saying: "Hey Beez, I just came back from a pleasure trip. I took my mother-in-law to the airport." Smile, laughter. "Hey Beez, do you know I've been in love with the same woman for 30 years? If my wife finds out, she'll kill me." Bigger smile. More laughter. "Hey Beez, I just came back from the doctor; he gave me six months to live. I told him I couldn't pay his bill. He gave me another six months." "Yeah, I know that one," he'd mumble. And on and on I'd go for as long as he laughed.

We had multiple connections: sports, humor, both salesmen, words (he loved crossword puzzles); and we all got along and enjoyed spending time together. However, in this last dream, although we were together, it felt like we were apart. A part of me has accepted it and moved on; and a part of me, as reflected in this column, hasn't.

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