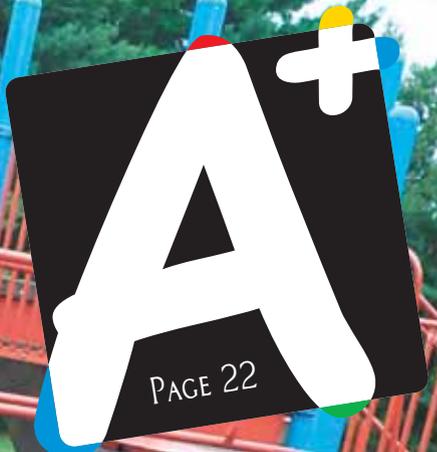


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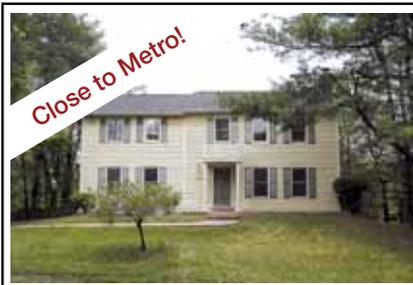
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Negative Campaign

Candidates appear at minority business forum, attacking each other.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

Local and statewide candidates for office appeared at an unprecedented forum in Northern Virginia last weekend, a collaboration of minority business groups of blacks, Hispanics and Asians. But as candidates arrived at the Annandale campus of the Northern Virginia Community College for a Sunday afternoon forum, voters realized that the tone of the campaign would remain unrelentingly negative.

"All three of the Republican candidates are Tea Party right wing extremists," said Del. Ken Plum (D-36), who is running unopposed. "Look at their records and their stands on the issues."

Plum attacked Cuccinelli's lawsuit against the Affordable Care Act as well as his investigation into a University of Virginia professor studying climate change. The longtime delegate also said the Republican attorney general candidate Sen. Mark Obenshain (R-25) has a similar record, including a bill that would have required women to report abortions to police. Together with the candidate for lieutenant governor, Plum said, the ticket is Tea Party from top to bottom.

"For some reason, some folks in the Democratic Party think that the label Tea Party is going to stimulate some kind of negative feelings," said Jay McConville, chairman of the Fairfax County Republican Committee. "But I think those people are great patriots, and they are supporting the candidates they think are best for the commonwealth."

AS CANDIDATES for governor took the stage to make their case to voters, the tone of the campaign remained starkly negative. Each of the candidates spent as much time talking about their own vision of the future as they did castigating their opponent as someone who would harm Virginia. For Republican Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli: "My time as attorney general and my time in the state



Republican Ken Cuccinelli speaks at the Annandale campus of the Northern Virginia Community College.

"Politics has become a blame game. They are always talking about what the other candidate is and how that's not working, but they never say how they can fix it or what is going to lead to fixing it."

— Deborah Williams of Fairfax City

Senate leaves me as the only candidate who would show up on day one knowing how Virginia government works from having participated in it. I will not need on the job training if you elect me on November 5th, and I'm the only candidate who can say that."

For weeks, Republicans have been criticizing Democrat Terry McAuliffe for threatening to shut down Virginia government unless the General Assembly agreed to expand Medicaid. McAuliffe attempted to beat back that argument during the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce debate, pledging that he would not force a shutdown. Meanwhile, the Democrat is now criticizing the Republican for appearing at a fundraiser with Texas Senator Ted Cruz, whom Democrats say is the architect of the government shutdown.

"Ken Cuccinelli was apparently more concerned about his reputation with the Tea Party than with ending the government shutdown that is undermining Virginia's economy," said McAuliffe. "It's the obligation of Virginians to send a message to Washington. A govern-

ment shutdown should never be a bargaining chip."

WITH ELECTION DAY only four weeks away, candidates and their advisors are preparing for the most intense and high-stakes portion of the race. Both of the major-party candidates are responding to that dynamic by trying to frame their opposition in the most negative way possible. That leaves Libertarian candidate Robert Sarvis rising in the polls as his opponents take shots at each other. After McAuliffe and Cuccinelli finished Sunday evening, Sarvis offered a critical review. "A lot of negative attacks. Not a whole lot of substance," said Sarvis, who is polling at about 10 percent support. "And if you want to see dysfunction of voting out of fear for the lesser of two evils, look at the federal government right now."

After the candidates were finished making their pitches, many of the voters had a hard time processing what they heard. The stump speeches left many wondering what the candidates would do if elected. Many of the voters at



Democrat Terry McAuliffe takes the stage at the Annandale campus of the Northern Virginia Community College.



Libertarian candidate Robert Sarvis greets voters at the Annandale campus of the Northern Virginia Community College.

the Annandale forum said they felt the tone of the campaign had become distractingly negative, a series of attacks and counter-attacks that left many feeling isolated from the process.

"Politics has become a blame game," said Deborah Williams of Fairfax City. "They are always talking about what the other candidate is and how that's not working, but they never say how they can fix it or what is going to lead to fixing it."

RECENT POLLS have shown a clear and growing lead for McAuliffe, with the Democrat running five to seven percentage points ahead of the Republicans. That lead grows even larger if the Libertarian is included in the polls, giving the Democrat an eight-point lead in one poll. Republicans reject the idea that their candidates are in trouble, though. When

asked about polling numbers, McConville said Republicans seem more motivated than the Democrats.

"I think that there's a lack of feeling of that same kind of excitement on the McAuliffe side," said McConville. "He's obviously a problematic candidate."

Democrats say they feel national Republicans have delivered an October surprise that has harmed their side, the government shutdown. On the campaign trail and in interviews, Democrats are making the case that Cuccinelli and the Republican ticket are aligned with obstructionists in Washington.

"I feel that Ken Cuccinelli is at a desperate point in his campaign," said Del. Charniele Herring (D-46), who is chairwoman of the Democratic Party of Virginia. "He attacked Terry time and time again instead of talking about what he would do for Virginia."

Shutdown Hurts Colonial Farm

Despite being privately funded and operated, farm closed for eight days because of shutdown.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

On Monday, Sept. 30, volunteers and staff at Claude Moore Colonial Farm were preparing for their busiest month of the year, with thoughts of a looming federal government shutdown far from their minds. After all, in 1995 and 1996 the property was unaffected by similar shutdowns.

"We received a call Monday afternoon telling us that we would be closed, and I passed that information along to the board, who obviously disagreed with the decision," said Anna Eberly, the farm's executive director. "Our position is simple: we are privately operated, we don't get federal funding and we've never been included in any previous shutdown, so why now?"

Eberly said the current status of the farm, funded and maintained

privately, is a "win-win" for both parties, as the farm can stay open and sustain itself, and the National Park Service doesn't have to spend money there.

OCTOBER IS TRADITIONALLY the busiest month of the year for the farm, with a full schedule of rentals, field trips and other events.

"In the first week of the shutdown, we've had to cancel five picnics at the pavilions, a book sale, a farm skills workshop," Eberly said. "I would guess we probably lost about \$20,000 in income."

She said it was frustrating to even get information, since most of the NPS staff they would usually deal with were furloughed, meaning their requests had to go to the Department of the Interior.

"[On Tuesday, Oct. 8] we received the absolute "no" from the Department of the Interior and were told the farm would not open until the shutdown ended," Eberly

said. "An hour later, the park police showed up and barricaded the office gates with us inside."

Hours later, the decision was reversed and the farm was able to open starting Wednesday, Oct. 9, resuming all normal operations.

"I'm not sure what whoever made the decision to close the farm was trying to accomplish other than just trying to be a bully," said Elizabeth Smith of McLean, who tried to visit the Gatehouse Shop Sunday, Oct. 6, only to find it closed. "The lack of federal money wouldn't affect the operations, and I'm sure there's no benefit to anyone to close it, so why go out of your way to push people away?"

Even though the farm has reopened, Eberly says there are serious questions about their relationship with the park service.

"It's scary because it's like our agreement with the park service had no meaning when they decided to shut us down, which



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Claude Moore Colonial Farm spent eight days closed due to the government shutdown, despite being privately funded and operated.

doesn't sound like much of a partnership to me," she said. "The future of a place like this, and others, are in these kinds of partnerships, I'm sure the park service doesn't want to take it back and start paying to maintain it."

CLAUDE MOORE COLONIAL FARM was established as a National Park Service property in 1973, part of the George Washington Memorial Parkway. After it was threatened with closure in the late 1970s when then Rep. Joe

Fisher (D-10) pushed to keep it open.

By 1980, it became apparent that the farm needed to raise more funds, and the Friends of Claude Moore Farm entered into a cooperative lease agreement with the National Park Service to operate the farm.

The lease agreement states that the Friends of Claude Moore Farm will operate the farm and keep it open to the public, and the National Park Service will provide police protection if needed.

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Spookfest Concert At Langley High

Halloween is coming one week early to Langley High School as the LHS Orchestra presents Spookfest on Thursday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Symphonic Orchestra players will join with members of the band to present film scores from "How to Train Your Dragon" and "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows." Theater students will present chilling poetry by Edgar Allan Poe as the freshman orchestra performs "The Evil Eye" and "The Hideous Heart" and "Two Scenes from the Hallow." The sophomore orchestra will present "Ghosts of Brandenburg" after sophomore pianists play the duet from "The Corpse Bride." Finally, the Philharmonic orchestra will dazzle listeners with incantations and a rendition of Michael Jackson's "Thriller." This concert is free to the public and designed for children of all ages.



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Langley HS Orchestra musicians and audience members are encouraged to wear costumes to the Oct. 24 Spookfest concert.

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NEWS

Candidate's Forum Postponed

Set for Nov. 1.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The Great Falls Citizens Association postponed its scheduled candidate's forum Tuesday, Oct. 8, citing fears that outside groups were planning on disrupting the program.

The forum was supposed to feature Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34) and her Democratic challenger Kathleen Murphy. A shorter program, featuring Republican sheriff's candidate Bryan Wolfe and a proxy presentation on behalf of Democratic sheriff's candidate Stacey Kincaid, was also scheduled.

The night before the scheduled forum, the GFCA learned that the Fairfax County Park Authority had issued a permit for a demonstration at the event, which was to be held at The Grange.

According to the GFCA, this was followed by multiple e-mail campaigns from political groups asking for supporters to show up at the event early. They asked the Fairfax County Police Department for support in managing traffic and the anticipated crowd.

"Four hours before the program, with no assurance of police support, a decision was made that the unfolding event would not serve the community's goals and would violate the ground rules for the event previously agreed to by the candidates and their campaigns," reads a statement issued by the GFCA.

Members of the GFCA's Debate Committee also expressed concerns that "verbal abuse had been planned both inside and outside the Grange."

At least one group, the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence, had planned a demonstration for the outside of the Grange. According to their advisory, they planned to "demand Delegate Comstock stop hiding from her record on guns and provide clear answers to questions on universal background checks for all gun sales and guns in bars."

The forum has been rescheduled to Friday, Nov. 1 at a time and place to be determined.

More information, as well as updates, can be found at www.gfca.org.

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On the Job and Hot on the Trail

Finding people is fun for new, police bloodhound pups.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

The newest members of the Fairfax County Police Department don't wear badges or carry guns. But they're officers, just the same — and they're awfully cute.

They're Bolt and Silas (Sy, for short) and they're 14-week-old bloodhound puppies being trained to track and find people by scent. They were introduced to the public recently by their partners, MPO Pete Masood and PFC Kevin Clarke, respectively.

"They've got thousands of years of instinct using their noses in trailing and tracking," said Clarke. "They have the capability to run a very old trail, which is a forte of bloodhounds. They won't do narcotics or criminal apprehension; they'll only learn one discipline — tracking."

The pups will be used to follow clues in homicide investigations and find missing adults, such as Alzheimer's patients, and lost children. And when they locate the object of their search, they won't bite.

Instead, said Clarke, "They're friendly and non-aggressive. All they want to do is be around people. So they'll love [whoever they've found]. They'll jump on them, lick their faces and give them hugs and kisses. Then they'll be ready for their reward from us — which is the love we give them."

First, though, the warm-brown puppies with tender, expressive eyes have to be trained. Last Wednesday, Sept. 18, outside the police K-9 Training Facility in Chantilly, the pair of puppies — who are brothers — stayed close to each other and to their partners.

Since the facility is next to the police firing range, multiple shots often rang out while the pups stood on the grass. And each time, the puppies startled. But it's just one of the many sounds and surfaces they'll have to get used to.

"We'll get them out here and acclimate them to the noises — gunfire, [vehicle] brakes and birds," said Masood. They'll also be exposed to airplanes, wind, rain, heat, car horns honking, plus obstacles such as fences. And they'll learn how it feels on their paws to walk in the woods, through brush, on cement, carpet, tile floors, etc.

That way, said Clarke, "When they get out on the street, when they're almost a year old, they'll be ready."

The police got the purebred puppies from Huntsville, Ala., for \$600 each, when they were just 7 weeks. But, added Clarke, "A fully trained bloodhound goes for \$15,000-\$20,000 because of the training they've re-



Officer Pete Masood (left) and Kevin Clarke show off the newest members of the Fairfax County Police K9 unit, Bolt (left) and Sy, 14-week-old bloodhounds that the two handlers will train to be tracking dogs for the unit.



Litter-mates Bolt and Sy, 14-week-old bloodhounds, are the newest members of the Fairfax County Police K9 unit. They will be trained to find trails and locate missing people.

ceived."

Masood said police have had success with this bloodline, as these pups are the second pair from the Alabama site. They'll eventually be 90-100 pounds but, said Masood, "If they're leaner, they'll have less hip problems and more endurance. We want to be able to work them long hours. It's also easier on us, lifting them up over obstacles, if they're not so heavy."

Bolt and Sy are eating specially designed, high-protein, dry dog food. "But they eat a lot of it — and anything else they can get a hold of — children's toys, hardware," said Clarke. "Officer Masood's dog is named Bolt because, after a week home, he removed a bolt from his crate and ingested it."

"He worked the bolt loose overnight," said Masood. "I found the nut, the next day, and took him to the vet, who X-rayed him, saw the bolt still in his stomach and got it out."

As for Clarke's puppy, he said, "My kids named him Silas after Uncle Sy on [the TV show] 'Duck Dynasty,' and I think it's a fitting bloodhound name."

The department has 15 patrol K-9 offic-

ers, including current bloodhounds Shnoz and Cody. Masood and Clarke also each work with a patrol dog, trained to apprehend criminal suspects. And usually two or three dogs a night are on the job.

"I've been in this section 12 years, working with German Shepherds, and have worked with Shnoz since 2008," said Masood. "Officer Clarke has worked with Shepherds five years, but this is his first bloodhound. Officer Marshal Thielen works with Cody."

Ideally, police would like the dogs to work for 10 years; but sometimes, health problems force them to be retired early. So they want to get Sy and Bolt up and running as soon as possible because they'll eventually replace Shnoz and Cody.

The bond between the K-9s and their partners is critically important. "They want to please us — that's their reward — so the dogs come home with us and our families," said Clarke. "They're with us 24/7; we have safe and secure backyard kennels at our houses."

"My wife used to be a vet," said Masood.

"And she and our 4-year-old daughter both love Bolt."

Colt, Clarke's German Shepherd, and Sy are part of a team now, as are Shnoz and Bolt, where the more-experienced bloodhound teaches the newcomer. "If Sy sees Colt do something, he does it, too," said Clarke. "The same is true of Shnoz and Bolt."

The bloodhound pups will train 30 hours/month and, once they're done, Clarke expects they'll be requested for help throughout the region and even across state lines. "Most regions have patrol dogs," he said. "Bloodhounds are rare because of the time, energy and expense to train them. They're smart and obedient, but stubborn, because they think with their nose first and their brain second."

"They can be given a piece of clothing and they'll stay with that scent, despite other, different odors in an area," continued Clarke. "And they can follow a scent even a week later. For example, they could find a person missing in a park, although hundreds of other people were hiking there."

He said one of the "biggest perks" of having bloodhounds is their scent-specific training. Said Clarke: "A dog can also be trained to identify someone — almost like in a lineup — by putting his paws on the chest of the person whose scent he tracked."

"Each track always yields positive, successful leads for the detectives," he added. "Even if the dog can't find the subject, he could, for example, find the bus stop where the subject last was. Or he could tell us where the scent stopped by just circling around that spot."

Police dogs are also considered law-enforcement officers. "They're working dogs," said Masood. "And if someone assaults them, that person can be charged."

Currently, Bolt and Sy are focusing on bonding with Masood and Clarke. But within a month or two, they'll begin short tracks. "We'll then stretch out the time and distance to teach them to eventually run three- and four-day tracks," said Clarke. "Tracking is in their blood; they're one of the oldest tracking dogs in the world — we're just harnessing it."

Actually, he said, "It's a game to these dogs. So when it becomes real, it's still fun for them."

"Their natural instinct is to hunt animals," added Masood. "We just train them to hunt humans."

The puppies are first trained by someone showing them food and then running away with it, and they have to find it. "They'll learn the game through repetition," said Clarke. "And at the end, there's a party — verbal and physical praise, plus a food reward."

Eventually, said Masood, they'll receive scent articles to track. That's because, said Clarke, "It's what they're bred to do — and they love it."

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Great Falls Man Dies in Silver Spring

Mark Edward Waugh dies, friend Rahul Gupta charged.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Great Falls resident Mark Edward Waugh, 23, was found dead in an apparent homicide in Silver Spring Sunday, Oct. 13. According to Montgomery County Police, they responded to an apartment at 1220 East-West Highway at approximately 3:25 a.m. Sunday morning.

Upon arriving at the scene, they encountered a 23-year-old female, who made the 911 call, and two males. One male, Waugh, was found unresponsive with what police called “cutting wounds.”

Police took the other man, 24-year-old Rahul Gupta, into custody and he has since been charged with second-degree murder by the Montgomery County Police Major Crimes Unit. He is currently in custody in Rockville, with bail set at \$2 million.

According to police, Gupta has a McLean address on record, but is also “known to frequent the East-West Highway address.”

Waugh attended Langley High School and graduated magna cum laude from James Madison University in 2012. He was enrolled in Georgetown Uni-



Rahul Gupta of McLean has been charged with second-degree murder of Mark Edward Waugh of Great Falls, stemming from an incident between the two in the early morning hours of Sunday, Oct. 13.

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versity Law School.

He was an active member of Boy Scout Troop 673, earning the rank of Eagle in December 2007.

While at JMU, Waugh was an active member of the school's debate team. In 2009, Waugh and his partner were took first place at Novice Nationals, a national championship for first year college debaters.

He was named Cross Examination Debate Association All-American Team in 2012, an honor reserved for the top 30 debaters in the country.

David Barton, a Langley classmate of Waugh and Gupta, and JMU graduate, told JMU's The Breeze Monday that Waugh was “one of the top debaters that JMU probably ever had.”

Waugh is survived by his parents, Bill and Nancy and three brothers, Matthew, James and John.

Capt. James Daley of the Montgomery County Police told ABC7

news Monday that it was apparent that the two men knew each other, and that it appeared the men were out drinking earlier in the evening celebrating Gupta's birthday, and upon returning to the apartment, a dispute happened.

Gupta is also a graduate of Langley High School, a member of the Class of 2008. He was pursuing his master's degree in biomedical engineering at George Washington University.

McLean PetFest Comes to Central Park

The McLean Community Center has developed a new event for pets and the families that love them. McLean PetFest will be held from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19, at McLean Central Park, located at 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd. Admission is free.

Pet owners are welcome to bring their pets to the event, which will feature live music and performances, a Howl-A-Ween Pet Parade and Costume Contest, a pet trick contest and exhibitors with pet-related information, products and services. At press time, participating vendors included: A Dog's World Training and Pet Care, A-Plus Pets, LLC, Capitol Canine Club, Dogma Bakery, Dogtopia, Doody Calls, GRREAT (Golden Retriever Rescue), Old Dominion Animal Health Center, Rolling Dog Farm Animal Rescue, The Virginia Search and Rescue Dog Association and VIP Pet Salon and Boutique.

Pets and their owners will find a lot to love at the event, as all of the participating exhibitors will be giving away complimentary products and services, and/or providing services at a discount, such as free photos of their pets, free food samples for dogs and cats, AVID Microchipping at the discounted price of \$35, a free day of pet care or grooming and free nail trims for dogs.



McLean Community Center's McLean PetFest is a family, pet-friendly event in McLean Central Park on Oct. 19.

For more detailed information, call the center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, or visit www.mcleancenter.org/special-events/upcoming.

It's Going To Take Humility'

Get government back open, don't default on debt and then commit to curbing entitlement spending.

BY FRANK WOLF
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE (R-IO)



In Luke 12:48 Jesus said, “From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.”

The Congress and the president have been entrusted with much, namely the responsibility to govern this country. The American people rightly expect us, regardless of party affiliation, to come together, especially during times of crisis, and find ways to get things done. They are understandably fed up with this current dysfunction, and I am, too.

Each side thinks it is winning, but in reality, the country and the American people are losing. Senate Chaplain Barry Black says there's a level of insanity involved in the current government shutdown. Asked what it would take to end the current impasse, the former Navy chaplain said, “It's going to take humility.” Wise words.

Proverbs 16:18 says, “Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.”

There is too much pride poisoning this debate. The American people should be the winner, not one party or the other, not the administration or the Congress.

Short-sighted political victories aimed at capturing the latest headline in the 24 hour news cycle will not stand the test of time, nor will they be viewed well through the lens of history, especially if on our watch the trust that must exist between elected officials and the electorate is frayed beyond repair.

For those of us who think Obamacare is a disaster, its future will not be decided by shutting or opening of the government. The public debate surrounding Obamacare, which will undoubtedly be at the fore-

front heading into the mid-term elections, will play second fiddle until the government is once again operational.

It also bears mentioning, that while important, Obamacare must be placed in a larger context of the exploding national debt and deficit, and unsustainable spending and entitlement programs set against the backdrop of a public discourse bereft of civility. Only through enacting reforms based on the bipartisan Simpson-Bowles recommendations will we ever solve the drivers of our deficits. We have put these tough, but important, reforms off for far too long.

To my colleagues in the Congress and to President Obama who think they are “winning” at this particular moment, we would do well to remember the words of Napoleon Bonaparte in speaking of the changing nature of public opinion: “The crowd which follows me with adulation would run with the same eagerness were I marching to the Guillotine.”

I return again to the sentiments of Scripture: We have been given a great trust, and it is demanded of us to come together to solve these problems.

It is time to show some humility. It is time to govern.

Let's get the government back open, ensure we don't default on our debt and then commit ourselves to curbing unsustainable entitlement spending.

OPINION

Don't Let Negatives Keep You from Voting

Choices are stark; think about what principles should guide governance in Virginia for the next four years.

Every Virginia voter will have the option to cast a ballot for governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general and their member of the Virginia House of Delegates.

While much of the coverage and advertising at the top of the ticket has been negative in the extreme, it will still matter who is governor. Don't turn up your nose, hold your nose if necessary, and go vote. You can vote on Nov. 5; most likely you can vote before that.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Avoiding Questions on Gun Violence

To the Editor:

Regardless of whatever official reason the Republican Party provides for the last-minute cancellation of the Comstock-Murphy debate in the 34th District on Oct. 8, it appeared that Comstock panicked at the sight of a handful of protestors—my McLean friends and neighbors—holding signs that questioned Delegate Comstock's voting record on gun violence. It sure looked like she wanted to avoid explaining why she voted against universal background checks and voted to allow guns in bars.

Linda Burchfiel
McLean

Unanswered Questions

To the Editor:

The debate between the candidates for the 34th District House of Delegates was canceled Tuesday night, Oct. 8. I have seen the various explanations provided by the host, Great Falls Citizens Association, as well as comments that have been posted online which contain statements that clearly are not true. I am a volunteer with the Concerned Citizens Against Gun Violence and was there on Tuesday.

According to the original statement, "Eric Knudsen, president of the Great Falls Citizens Association, said he found out Tuesday afternoon that police had issued demonstration permits that were expected to bring a few hundred extra people to the event that had

in the past already been crowded. ... 'It got to the point where I didn't feel like we were serving the community, and it was going to be a parking, traffic circus.'" The GFCFA posted a separate statement, with a slightly revised explanation: "The night before the program, GFCFA learned that a single-issue interest group from outside the community was planning demonstrations both outside and inside the event. On the afternoon of the event, GFCFA learned that Fairfax County Park Authority had issued a permit for a demonstration at the event, which it was obligated to do. GFCFA quickly explored the feasibility of getting support from the police to handle the anticipated crowd and traffic—our concerns being safety as well as order and civility."

Neither the original explanation nor the expanded explanation square with the facts. CCAGV was

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. Voters can also vote absentee by mail.

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against gun violence. We are not “outsiders,” and no one was or planned to be “disruptive” at the event on Tuesday.

One person, who is close to Del. Comstock, posted online that Mayor Bloomberg was there. Another said that we made robocalls to encourage attendance. Both are among charges launched at us that are pure fiction. It is true that Colin Goddard, one of the victims of the shooting at Virginia Tech, now works for the Mayors Against Gun Violence organization. However, he came to the scheduled debate in Great Falls after his work hours and in his capacity as a Virginian who was shot at Virginia Tech. When I asked him to help us raise awareness, he specifically told me that he was happy to do that, but in his personal capacity only. It is a sad day when anyone suggests that Colin Goddard is not welcome at a community event.

We have been unfairly raked over the coals. The facts simply do not support the attacks. Therefore, it raises the question of why this happened. Since our only goal was to get answers from Del. Comstock about her voting record on gun laws, and we did not hide that, one reasonable conclusion is that someone did not want us to ask the questions. Whatever the motivation, we still do not have answers from Del. Comstock about her position on sensible reforms to gun laws or her reasons for voting to allow guns in bars and to repeal the one-gun-a-

month law.

I do not like all of the negative back and forth that this has generated but I cannot sit back and see false statements being made about dedicated Virginians who are working to reduce gun violence and senseless death.

Ameé Burgoyne
McLean

The Right Decision

To the Editor:

It is unfortunate that the Great Falls Citizens Association was forced to postpone the scheduled Wednesday, Oct. 8 debate between incumbent Delegate Barbara Comstock and challenger Kathleen Murphy. But, it was the appropriate call in keeping with the civilized debate process the GFCA has always followed.

At the last minute it was learned that four gun control groups had an “October surprise” for our community and planned to demonstrate both “before and during” the debate and essentially planned on hijacking our local community effort. The GFCA ground rules stipulated that each campaign was limited to three representatives outside the Grange. Both campaigns had agreed to these rules, but the large number of demonstrators obviously did not think they had to abide by any rules of our community. The

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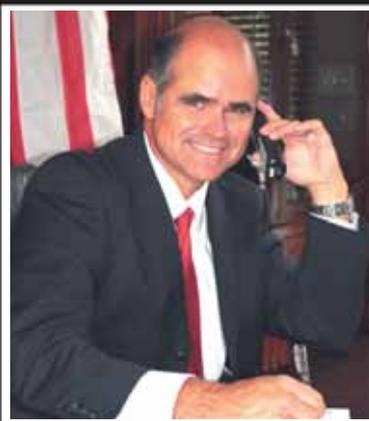
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gun control demonstrators from out of the area also happen to be working closely with the Murphy campaign, who apparently also have little regard for our Great Falls practices.

I appreciate that the GFCMA made the right decision for Great Falls to postpone the debate for safety reasons. The Great Falls Citizens Association has prided itself on civilized debates and they are right not to let their event be hijacked by single-issue groups.

Tim Christy
Great Falls

Campaign Based On Divisive Issues

To the Editor:

As I look at the staged demonstrations that were organized before the now cancelled debate in Great Falls was clear that first, they were closely coordinated by Kathleen Murphy's team; (one of the key organizers held Ms. Murphy's kickoff), and second, that they were organized because Murphy does not want to debate all of the issues we have before our communities—she just wants to discuss her divisive social issues she's based her whole campaign upon.

Consider that on Murphy's webpage she doesn't even include "JOBS" or the "Economy" as an issue! That has been Delegate Comstock's number one priority and she has a string of major achievements on tech jobs, telework and competitive bidding legislation that is already working for this community. (See her webpage of accomplishments: <http://www.comstockfordelegate.com/issues/default.aspx>).

So is it any wonder that the Murphy campaign tries to talk about anything but their candidate's background and her knowledge and record on jobs and key issues of importance to our community?

Ken Vogel
Great Falls

Disruptive and Disrespectful

To the Editor:

Democratic candidate Kathleen Murphy and the gun control groups she is working with were

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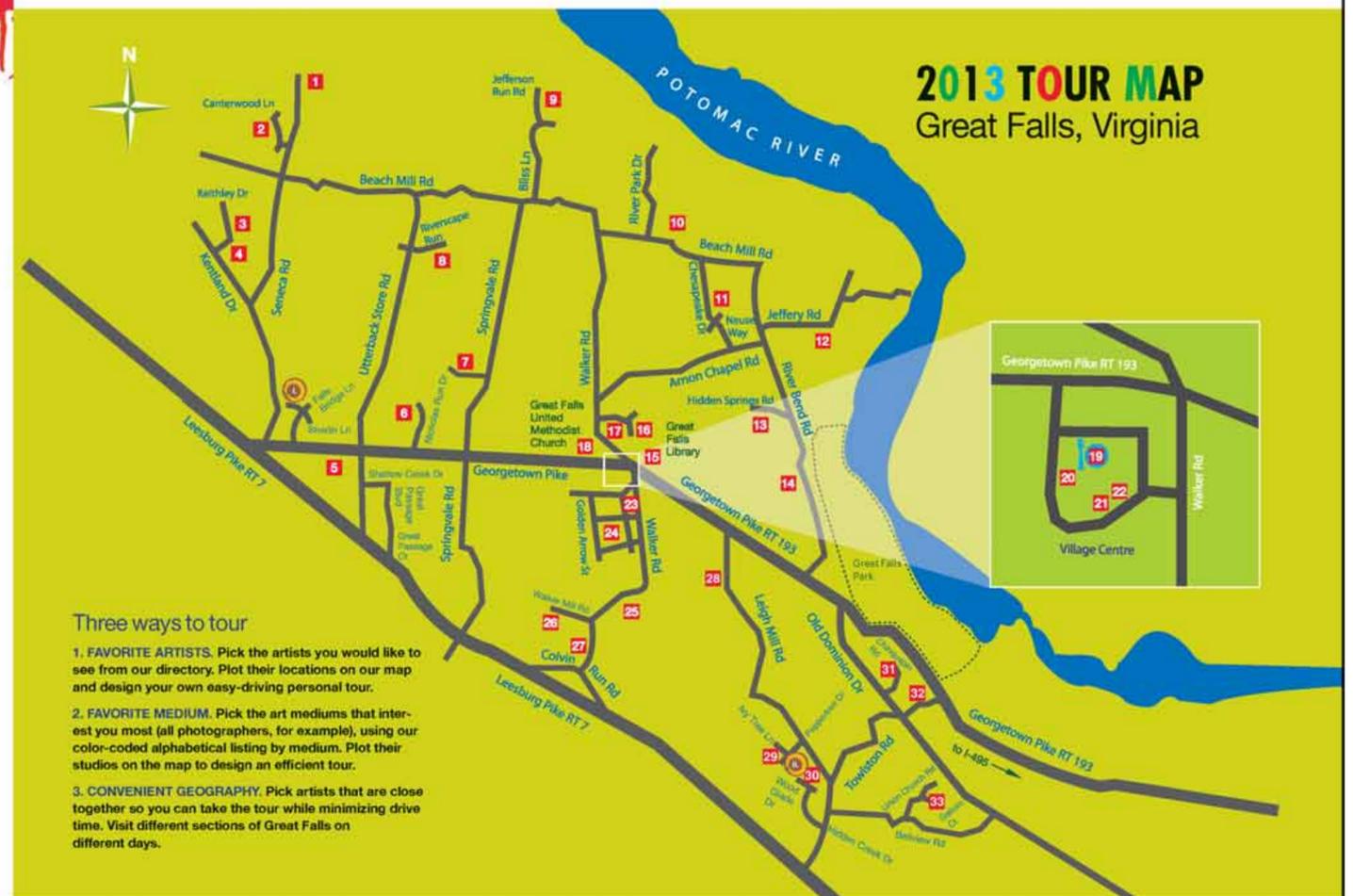
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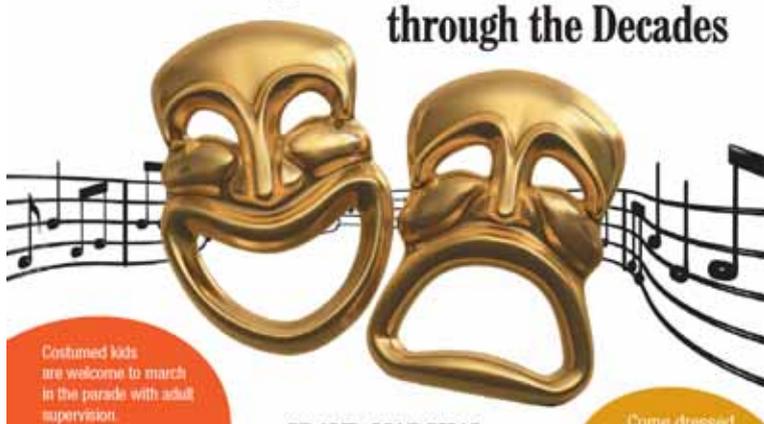


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so disrespectful to the Great Falls Citizens Association debate that instead of trusting our citizens to ask questions about this issue, they “demanded” that all of their questions be answered and organized a disruptive demonstration before and during the debate in order to bully and threaten GFCA and attendees if their questions weren’t answered. As a result the debate between Delegate Comstock and Murphy had to be rescheduled.

So let’s take one of their major issues on Ms. Murphy and the anti-gun groups attack Delegate Comstock on: Concealed Carry Legislation. Most people don’t realize that concealed carry is the law in 43 states.

Concealed-carry permit-holders must go through a background check—something these gun control groups claim they want more of—before they receive a court approved permit. Democrats and Republicans alike have supported this common sense legislation. Our Senator Mark Warner and former Senator Jim Webb (both NRA “A” rated Members of the Senate) not only supported concealed carry legislation but they supported expanding the law so that Virginia

permit holders could use their permits in other states. (And for the record, when Mark Warner was governor, he signed every single piece of pro-gun legislation that hit his desk).

Locally, Democratic state Sen. Chap Petersen long has been a supporter of the concealed carry law and even voted to override Gov. Kaine’s veto of the bill back in 2009. Del. Keam also voted in favor of what Kathleen Murphy and her supporters derisively describe as the “guns in bars” bill. Add Democratic Caucus Chair Mark Sickles and Del. David Bulova to those who support the concealed carry law. If you check out

Ms. Murphy’s website you will

see that she supports all of these Democrats and has had them at her fundraisers. Has she “demanded” that they change their position on concealed carry? Has she rejected their financial support and help? Did these gun groups protest and demonstrate her fundraiser with Mark Warner, a concealed carry supporter?

I think we all know the answers here. This is the political, silly season where hypocrisy runs rampant and Ms. Murphy’s campaign of deception and misinformation has resulted in no case for her candidacy on this or other issues.

Barbara Gloeckner
Great Falls

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Madeira School Interns 'Furloughed' Due to Government Shutdown

Local students turn lost internship into a learning experience.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Katie Barack, an 11th grade student at The Madeira School in McLean was looking forward to spending the fall semester working in a congressional office, walking the halls of the U.S. Capitol and getting a first-hand view of the legislative process. Instead, she's strolling along the National Mall engaging in conversations with those whose lives have been affected by the government shutdown.

"It's so sad as a young adult because I feel powerless," said Barack.

A major component of the school year for 11th grade students at Madeira is an internship on Capitol Hill. However, because of the government shutdown, many of Madeira's high school juniors are unable to complete their congressional internships. So school officials restructured the program and students are now studying the government shutdown.

"The juniors affected by the shutdown [are] divided into two groups," said Ashley Smith, associate director of communications at Madeira. "Group one will research affected monuments, government buildings and federal lands around D.C., while group two will research the more personal impact on tourists, vendors or 'nonessential' employees. After some prep in the morning, girls will travel down to the Hill to research and collect content in the form of interviews, photos [and] videos."

The revised internship plan was created by the co-curriculum department in conjunction with other faculty and staff members. The goal is to help the students gain many of the skills they would have acquired from internships in congressional offices.

School officials hope the students' research will help them understand the scope of the government shutdown. "The idea behind the project was to make

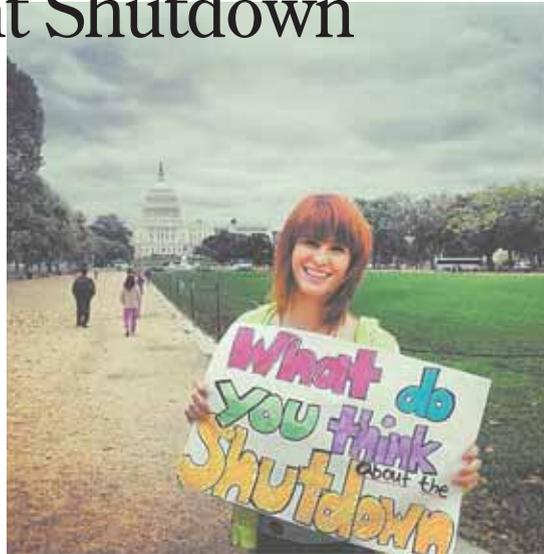


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Rose McAvoy, an 11th grade student at The Madeira School, is spending time on the National Mall studying the effect that the government shutdown has on tourists, government employees and others.

the shutdown come alive for the girls," said Andre Withers, the assistant head of the school and director of co-curriculum. "It is certainly an inconvenience for their co-curriculum placement as unpaid interns, but we constructed the project so that the girls could see a range of the total impact: effects on the city, a family's disrupted plans for touring D.C., or the visceral feeling of being deemed 'nonessential' by the very government that you work for."

Withers added that the revised program is a skill-based exercise. "We wanted the girls to engage with the public and wade into the public dialogue, to research, to create a narrative and do so in a way that was expressive, artistic and compelling," he said.

Madeira officials say they are looking forward to seeing how the students respond to the project and the projects they produce.

"I have a hard time wrapping my head around the idea that hardworking corrections officers and other federal employees will go home without pay," said Barack. "But it makes me really grateful and aware of my privileges. It makes me want to work that much harder to be part of the solution. It's not fair for anybody, so everybody needs to accept responsibility and start making changes."

"The idea behind the project was to make the shutdown come alive for the girls."

— Andre Withers, The Madeira School

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Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) greets Spring Hill Elementary School students who biked or walked to school Wednesday, Oct. 9.



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Janie Strauss, Dranesville representative to the Fairfax County School Board, greets students from Spring Hill Elementary School Wednesday, Oct. 9.

Walk to School Wednesdays at Spring Hill

More than 300 students participate in National Walk to School Day.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Many Spring Hill Elementary Students are used to walking to school every day, but on Wednesday Oct. 9, there was a rush hour of sorts on the paths and sidewalks as more than 300 students participated in National Walk to School Day.

“We had about 344 kids who walked, biked or scooted to Spring Hill yesterday, not including our parents and our awesome faculty, staff and teachers that accompanied them,” said Catherine Macleod, a parent who helps coordinate the walks. “We want everyone who participates to appreciate the fact that by walking, biking, scootering to school they are making a difference, and that it’s fun doing it together. Not only are they improving their own health by exercising, but they are also helping to save the environment by reducing pollution and traffic in and around our schools and neighborhoods.”

Second grade teacher Alison Bauer helped the school begin a program that encouraged students to walk to school on the second Wednesday of every month. For National Walk to School Day, which was founded by the North Carolina-based National Center for Safe Routes to School, walking was encouraged even more and several local officials attended.

Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville), Janie Strauss, school board representative



Capt. Daniel Janickey, commander of the Fairfax County McLean District Station, welcomes students at Spring Hill Elementary School, part of National Walk to School Day and Walk to School Wednesdays at Spring Hill.

for the Dranesville district and Capt. Daniel Janickey, McLean District Station commander, were all on hand to greet students as they arrived.

“For total safety, we need to have everyone involved paying attention. Pedestrians need to always be on the lookout, and driv-

ers need to be alert everywhere, from neighborhoods to busier roads,” Janickey said. “This is a year-long priority for the police department, because most of the accidents we see could be easily avoided if people were paying attention to their surroundings.”

“We wanted to blanket the area with signs for drivers and other information to make sure people were aware of what’s happening,” said Susan Nolan, president of the SCC.



Teacher Samantha Fitzsimmons marches with a group of sign-carrying students as they sing.

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THE SAFE COMMUNITY COALITION, a nonprofit that primarily serves the Langley and McLean High School pyramids, helped spread awareness of the event to schools in the

area, including Spring Hill. They received a grant from GEICO over the summer, to expand their efforts to promote safe driving.

“We wanted to blanket the area with signs for drivers and other information to make sure people were aware of what’s happening,” said Susan Nolan, president of the SCC.

“We had around nine or 10 local schools, including Chesterbook Elementary and Longfellow Middle, register for this year, and we’re hoping to grow it in the future.”

As students arrived on bikes, scooters or on foot, they were able to select a charm for their backpacks indicating their preferred way to get to school, as well as a snack before the 8:40 a.m. first bell.

“We hope to encourage the students who can to walk all-year round. The school serves a pretty vast area, and we understand it’s not safe for everyone to walk, but hopefully this event at least shows people that it’s possible,” Macleod said. “In the future, we hope to grow the event and assist more students in finding safe routes.”

PRINCIPAL ROGER VANDERHYE said the addition of the light and crosswalk to Lewinsville Road in front of the school has been a big help for better access to the school.

Before it was installed students who lived in McLean Hamlet to the east made up most of the walkers. The crosswalk gives a safe access point across traffic to students that live to the north.

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In And Of Itself



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Even though I've been riding this non-small cell lung cancer roller coaster going on 56 months now, post-diagnosis; I still can't separate cancer effects (physically, mentally, psychologically, spiritually, etc.) from normal age-related effects, and by normal I mean reasonably expected at this middle age: gray hair as an example. Certainly I don't want the effects (symptoms if you must) to indicate cancer on the move and/or the stage IV tumors in my lungs doing something to complicate an already precarious set of terminal circumstances. However, as life goes on, I'm likely to experience this sort of fact (cancer) from some kinds of fiction (not cancer). No one ever said living with cancer would be easy, quite the opposite in fact. Nevertheless, living is preferred, so complications be damned.

Still, it's the complications, that if ignored or misunderstood or wishfully-thought-of as insignificant - in the scheme of the cancer world in which I reside 24/7, might actually be my undoing. As an example: the shortness of breath I experienced in late July which led to my week-long hospital admission during the first week in August. I had just begun a new round (six-time) of chemotherapy ("new" meaning an I.V. drug with which I had never been infused) and even after just a few infusions, I was already having difficulty breathing/catching my breath; completing a sentence was difficult. This was a side effect with which I was familiar, having previously been infused many times, as you regular readers know, so to my way of assessing, it was just another day at the office, so to speak, (the cancer office, that is). And not ever wanting to make a mountain out of a molehill (or is that a tumor out of a mole?), I toughed it out, thinking it was par for this particular course of treatment. It turned out I was wrong - almost dead wrong.

As my breathing became more labored and my inability to speak/breathe a complete sentence more obvious, I had to admit - even in my generally delusional this-can't-be-cancer orientation, that something was amiss and maybe it was the cancer asserting itself. When I next saw my oncology nurse for my scheduled infusion, it was quite apparent to him that my condition was more than a side effect, it was a straight-on effect. And after he hooked me up to an oxygen sensor and walked me around the unit and saw how low my oxygen levels were, well, it wasn't too much longer before arrangements were being made and I was "ambulance" to Holy Cross Hospital. Two days later I was operated on by a thoracic surgeon who removed 4.5 liters of fluid from my lung. I don't know if I was drowning, exactly, but neither was I treading water.

But I had read the boiler-plate handouts from my oncologist and thought I knew what to expect - and shortness of breath was what I was expecting, and quite frankly, a side effect I had experienced before. However, when the symptoms went from the sublime (expected) to the ridiculous (beyond expectations and requiring immediate medical attention), I began to realize I likely wasn't in Kansas anymore. I was going to be in a hospital in Silver Spring, Maryland. That's when it became serious.

And though I pulled through with flying colors and a re-inflated lung - with an above-average prognosis from my thoracic surgeon, I've learned my lesson: next time, I'm calling the doctor. Whether any symptoms I'm having are cancer-related or not, I certainly don't know, and as much as I don't want them to be, it would seem awfully foolish and naive of me to think it's not and neglect to inform my oncologist. Everything might not be related, it might just be middle age. The fact that I never know is the scary part.

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SPORTS

Langley Football Runs Over Fairfax

A soaked Langley homecoming crowd was treated to a 28-7 win over conference rival Fairfax on Oct. 11.

The heavy rains pretty much forced both teams to slug it out on the ground as they battled each other as well as the elements. The Saxons overwhelmed Fairfax with 15 first downs while rushing for 290 yards compared to 173 for Fairfax. Langley's offensive was able to handle the ball more securely than the Rebels en route to the win, which pushed the Saxons' record to 4-2 overall and 2-1 in Conference 6.

At the outset, Langley took control of the line of scrimmage behind its huge offensive line, anchored by senior guards Brooks Norris and Bennett Molster, and center Alex Kolencik, enabling senior quarterback Nick Casso to run for 100 yards and two touchdowns, while fellow backfield mate, junior running back Tyler West, went for 190 yards on 29 carries and two touchdowns for the game.

By the end of the first quarter, the Saxons had built a 14-0 lead. Langley's first touchdown came on an 11-play, 79-yard opening drive; and the second on a three-play, 18-yard scoring march set up by linebacker Cooper Besougloff's interception. Fairfax was able to cut the lead in half early in the second quarter when running back Nick Scott ran it in from 6 yards out to make the score 14-7. For the game, Scott had 135 yards and one touchdown.

That would be as close as it would get, as Langley capitalized on a Fairfax failed fake punt that turned the ball over on the Rebel 39-yard line. When Langley scored with only 1:48 left before halftime to make it 21-7, the gamble had effectively put the game out of reach for Fairfax.

Langley controlled the second half, scoring the only points late in the third quarter after a time consuming eight-play, 70-yard drive was capped off on a 2-yard plunge by West for the touchdown, with only 1:22 left to make it 28-7.

Fairfax struggled all game, putting the ball on the ground numerous times before they were able to mount a threat in the fourth quarter, which was turned back by a determined Langley defense on a fourth-and-goal stop by linebacker Austin Denham and safety Garrett Collier.

The Saxons will go on the road to face South Lakes on Friday, Oct. 18.

Langley Volleyball Bounces Back

After suffering its second loss of the season, the Langley volleyball team responded with a 3-0 win against Centreville on Oct. 10. The victory came three days after the Saxons lost to fellow power Stone Bridge, 3-1.

The victory against Centreville improved Langley's record to 15-2. The Saxons will host undefeated Madison at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 16.



The Langley defense, seen against Chantilly on Sept. 27, held Fairfax to a single touchdown on Oct. 11. The Saxons won 28-7 and improved to 4-2.

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Christin Geisler, pictured against Madison on Sept. 20, and the McLean field hockey team enter their regular-season finale with a 10-3 record.

McLean Football Falls to 3-3

After back-to-back victories against South Lakes and Herndon gave the McLean football team a winning record, the Highlanders went back down to .500 with a 35-7 loss to Stone Bridge on Oct. 11.

McLean's Christopher Merrill carried 11 times for 46 yards and a touchdown, according to stats from the Washington Post's allmetsports.com.

McLean (3-3) will travel to face Fairfax at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 18.

McLean Field Hockey Gets Win No. 10

The McLean field hockey team improved to 10-3 with a 3-2 victory against Langley on Oct. 8 at Langley High School. It was the Highlanders' third consecutive victory and sixth win in their last seven games.

McLean will close the regular season with a game at Herndon at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 16.

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Madison Volleyball Improves to 21-0

The Madison volleyball team remained undefeated with a 3-1 victory against Westfield on Oct. 10.

Two days earlier, the Warhawks defeated Yorktown 3-2. The Patriots became the first team to win two sets against Madison this season.

The Warhawks (21-0) will travel to face Langley at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 16.

Madison Football Searching for First Win

The Madison football team dropped to 0-6 with a 39-0 loss to Robinson on Oct. 11.

The Warhawks will travel to face Thomas Jefferson at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 18.

Oakton Football Drops Conference Opener

The Oakton football team lost its Conference 5 opener to Chantilly 21-7 on Oct. 11.

The defeat snapped a four-game winning streak for the Cougars. Alek Schultz carried nine times for 41 yards for Oakton and quarterback Michael Ficarra threw a 31-yard touchdown pass to David Allely, according to stats from the Washington Post's allmetsports.com.

Oakton (4-2) will host Centreville at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 18.

Herndon Football Gets First Win

The Herndon football team won its first game of the season, beating Edison 47-19 on Oct. 12, according to the Washington Post's allmetsports.com.

Herndon's Lamik Bumbrey carried 34 times for 268 yards and two touchdowns. Jack Booma caught four passes for 70 yards and a score. Ryan McLaughlin completed seven of 10 passes for 95 yards and a touchdown. He also ran for a score.

Herndon (1-5) will host Chantilly at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 25.

South Lakes Football Improves to 4-2

The South Lakes football team beat Thomas Jefferson 23-15 on Oct. 11, improving the Seahawks' record to 4-2. South Lakes has won two straight and four of its last five.

The Seahawks will host Langley at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 18.

South Lakes Volleyball Wins Third Straight

The South Lakes volleyball team defeated Oakton 3-1 (17-25, 25-21, 25-22, 25-21) on Oct. 10, giving the Seahawks three straight wins while improving their record to 11-9.

South Lakes faced McLean on Tuesday, after the Connection's deadline. The Seahawks will travel to take on Fairfax at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 22.

Yorktown Football Improves to 5-1

The Yorktown football team defeated Hayfield 19-14 on Oct. 11, improving the Patriots' record to 5-1.

Yorktown running back MJ Stewart carried 26 times for 198 yards and three touchdowns, according to stats from the Washington Post's allmetsports.com.

Yorktown will host Wakefield at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 18.

Choosing a Private School

Local educators offer advice on selecting the right independent school for your child.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Marta Soltes was sitting in an Arlington, Va., coffee shop recently pouring through catalogs and application packets from some of the area's most elite independent schools. Her stack of brochures was almost as high as her extra-large latte.

"There are so many options," said Soltes, who is a mother of twins. "And the application fees are outrageously expensive. I can't apply to all of them."

As the independent school application process gets underway, many parents are struggling to find the best fit for their child. Author and education consultant Ann Dolin, president of Educational Connections Inc., in Fairfax, and Bethesda, Md., says when choosing a school, key factors to consider include the school's location, single-sex versus co-ed, the level of academic rigor, methods of instruction, athletics and a child's chance of acceptance. Dolin recommends school visits, tours and open houses as a way to start narrowing down your choices.

"You'll want to consider certain factors," said Dolin. "Is the school close by or logistically feasible? Are you looking for all-out rigor and accelerated academics or would your child benefit more from a balanced, less intensive approach? Are sports important to your child? If so, this factor may make a school more or less attractive. Is the school known to be highly competitive, meaning that only a small percentage of students gain acceptance each year? Is the school looking for very high test scores and top grades? These are the schools that might be hard to get into. Be sure your list contains some of these 'reach' schools, but also others that may provide a better chance of acceptance."

LOCAL ADMISSIONS DIRECTORS agree that attending open houses and scheduling school visits are effective ways to start the application process. "An admission open house is a great venue to get an overview of a school's environment, sense of community, and the approach to teaching and learning," said Julie Jameson, director of admission at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Potomac, Md. "Opportunities to get to know the school are offered through tours, speaking with current students and parents, meeting faculty and administrators, and learning more about curriculum, activities and student life."

Charlotte Nelsen, director of admission and financial aid for The Potomac School in McLean, suggests visiting a school during the day when classes are in



COURTESY OF THE POTOMAC SCHOOL

Teacher Wassila Taylor reads with lower school students at The Potomac School in McLean. School visits give families a chance to see classes in action and observe the level of student engagement.



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These students at The Madeira School in McLean enjoy each other's company on campus. School visits offer prospective families an opportunity to learn about student life.

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Educators Offer Advice on Selecting Independent School

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session. "Visiting campus gives families a chance to see classes in action, sense the level of student engagement and picture their child at the school," she said.

"Observing classes and teacher-student interactions will give families a feel for the culture of the school," said Mimi Mulligan, assistant head and director of admission and enrollment at Norwood School in Bethesda. "How is the learning environment set up? How do teacher and students interact? Are students working independently or collaboratively? Are they happy and engaged? Do the walls and the sounds in the hallway sing to you?"

Julie Lewis, director of admissions and financial aid at Alexandria Country Day School in Alexandria, said, "Being in the hallways and seeing how students and teachers interact with one another gives a prospective family a feel for the school and its culture that cannot be found on a website."

Richard S. Moss, director of admissions at The Height School in Potomac, Md., says that an open house offers families an opportunity to look into the "heart and soul of a school" and to get a sense of a school's true environment. "On a superficial level, a good school ought to present an organized

and welcoming open house, but a discerning parent and student will look beyond the external trappings to discern what values and principles an institution holds dear and how it implements those principles," said Moss. "If the principles line up with those of family, and the school does a good job of implementing them, it could be a good fit."

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and enrollment, Norwood School

Open houses, said Mulligan, offer a different experience than a school tour. "[They] are wonderful opportunities to really delve into curricular discussions with faculty," she said. "Because open houses typically happen during non-school hours, teachers and administrators are available for conversation. Current students and parents are also usually in attendance, so if hearing about the school experience from that perspective is important to you, then an open house would be a worthwhile activity."

Mulligan said she believes it's important to experience a school in more than one setting. It "allows for a deeper understanding of how a school's mission comes alive."

Ann Richardson Miller, director of admission and financial aid for The Madeira School, in McLean, also suggests that prospective families visit frequently and spend time on campus outside of scheduled tours and open houses. "Come often," she said. "We all have sporting events, announced on our website. You should stop by a game sometime. School plays and concerts are my favorite way to learn about a school. These events often have large numbers of parents and students from the school, and it is a wonderful way to see the culture of the school in one place."

DURING THE VISIT or open house, parents and prospective students should consider the school's environment and ask themselves several questions, said Katherine Carbo, director of Lower School admission at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria: "How comfortable do I feel in this environment? Do the faculty appear passionate and enthusiastic about teaching? Are the students focused and engaged? What is the overall philosophy of the school? Is the approach traditional or progressive?"

Classroom size and structure are other factors to note. "Keep your eyes peeled for the number of children in the classroom, and try to get a feel for their daily schedule," she said. "Could you imagine your child working and playing with the students and teachers you see? Visiting a school provides parents with one snapshot of the community. Learning more about that community takes time."

Carbo also suggests visiting several schools. "Most of the information you collect through reading and conversations will be reliable," she said. "But the right match for your child may be vastly different than your neighbor's child or coworker's child. This is why touring different schools is important."

Start now by calling or emailing a school's admission office to request a tour, said Carbo. "When should you get started?" she asks. "That really depends on what program you are seeking out. Most admission seasons begin in October, and parents will tour in the fall or winter, a year before they hope their child will start school."

The most important guide, say experts, are a parent's instincts. "Each school has its own distinct feel," Carbo said. "It is up to you to visit and see what seems to be a good fit for your family."

Dolin said, "Parents' intuition is a good guide, but you have to balance it with the needs of your child."

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From left, McLean and Great Falls students and academy staff, Director Sarah Bowlen, Founder Barbara Touchton, Enrollment Director Lydia McGrath, volunteers Melissa Gorsline, Catherine Evans, Arendse Hansen, Mary Bassily, Lee Lipsey and Trish Roy and children Mary and Rachel Kim, Catherine Reichert, Kate Romani, TJ Caretti, Katie Gorsline, Ava Kort, Chase Evans, August Straume, Suzy Roy, Jane Lipsey, Grace Bowlen and Carol Shenouda.



Students from McLean Children's Academy, along with parent volunteers and teachers, planted fall flowers to beautify their little corner of McLean, at the intersection of Elm Street and Route 123.

The Beauty of Fall

Last week at McLean Children's Academy, students, parent volunteers and teachers had a great time planting fall flowers. MCA is located at the corner of Elm Street and Rt 123 in McLean. The director, Sarah Bowlen, said "We

always try to have the front of the school look nice so the neighborhood can enjoy it. Pansies stay beautiful even through the winter." This gardening adventure was part of a science lesson for the children.



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BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Who knew? Just by wearing jeans to work, you can actively help nearly 3,000 men, women and children in Fairfax County who face homelessness and hunger every day.

On Tuesday, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors proclaimed Friday, Oct. 18 “Jeans Day Fairfax,” the third annual Jeans Day event in Fairfax County.

Launched in 2011 by the Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH), the event is a popular fundraiser for homelessness and other causes nationwide.

Jeans Day is a relatively simple idea. Companies go casual for a cause, inviting employees to wear their jeans to work in exchange for a \$5 contribution to fight homelessness.

Last year, more than 200 employers, schools and community residents became denim dogooders, pulling on a pair of their favorite jeans to demonstrate their support for ending homelessness.

The day of community give-back is sponsored by The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness, The Connection Newspapers and Apple Federal Credit Union.

“Northern Virginia businesses step up every day to support our community in many ways, but we’re especially excited about this opportunity because it’s a chance for employees to get involved directly,” said Fairfax Chamber President & CEO Jim Corcoran of the Jeans Day initiative.

“The majority of people without homes in our community are children and working families,” said Dean



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Dean Klein, Office to Prevent and End Homelessness; Anna Smith, Pathway Homes; Jim Corcoran, president, Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, and KayAnn Shoeneman, Fairfax Chamber, gather before the Board of Supervisors meeting’s proclamation of Oct. 18 as “Jeans Day Fairfax.”

Klein, Director of Fairfax County’s OPEH.

“Homelessness affects everyone, with social and economic costs to the community, including increased public costs for medical care and education. Everyone can help end homelessness by participating in Jeans Days Fairfax.”

Klein said businesses and individuals can make Jeans Day Fairfax another huge success by being creative.

“It’s fun and simple to organize. Ask people to come to work in their jeans and make a donation of \$5. It’s a great way to bring a team, a floor or the whole company together,” Klein said.

Turn \$5 Into \$50,000 to Help End Homelessness

Dean Klein, the director of the county’s Office to Prevent and End Homelessness, had some good news to share about Jeans Day Fairfax at the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors meeting Tuesday.

“We have been selected to receive a \$25,000 Challenge grant from the Phillip Graham Fund to support the 3rd Annual

Jeans Day event,” Klein said, adding:

“This exciting grant is intended to help us to challenge businesses, schools, faith groups and individuals to help us meet a larger goal of \$25,000.”

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FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 18-19, 25-26

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FRIDAYS-SUNDAYS/OCT. 18-NOV. 3

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SATURDAY/OCT. 19

Oktoberfest Ballroom Dance. 8-9 p.m. foxtrot lesson, 9-11:30pm dance at Colvin Run Dance Hall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Waltz, rumba, tango, swing, cha-cha, samba and extra foxtrot to DJ music by Craig Bukowski playing tunes from the 1930s on; dance includes sodas and light fare, attire is ballroom casual. \$15 for dance; \$5 for lesson. 703-759-2685 or www.colvinrun.org.



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Great Falls Art Studio Tour This Weekend

Great Falls artist Ronni Jolles works in her studio, designing a piece in her signature style of layered paper collage. Jolles is one of over 40 artists who will take part this year in the annual Great Falls Art Studio Tour Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 19-20, sponsored by Great Falls Studios, now in its 10th year.

Family Art Workshop. 10-11:30 a.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Families are invited to learn about art during a day filled with a large variety of activities. \$10 per family. Register at www.mcleancenter.org. 703-790 1953 or www.mpaart.org.

PetFest. Noon-3 p.m., at McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. Features a Howl-A-Ween Pet Parade and Costume Contest, a pet trick contest and exhibitors giving away complimentary products and services, and/or providing services at a discount, such as free photos of their pets, free food samples for dogs and cats, AVID Microchipping at the discounted

price of \$35, a free day of pet care or grooming and free nail trims for dogs. 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, or www.mcleancenter.org/special-events/upcoming.

Wild West Dance Fest. 7-11 p.m., at the VFW, 1051 Springhill Road, McLean. Famous Dave's barbecue, soft drinks and dancing to the sounds of the band, Benny Potter & Western Electric, with help from instructors Mal and Linda Zerden; beer/wine cash bar available. Proceeds benefit the Optimist Youth Fund and scholarships. \$60. 703-759-2959 or Linda.thompson@longandfoster.com.

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Great Falls 10th Annual Studio Tour. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The artists of Great Falls Studios open their studios to the public to demonstrate their techniques and exhibit their latest work.

Claude Moore Colonial Farm 1771 Market Fair. 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at the Living History Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. The thrice-a-year colonial fair's fall incarnation features fires, local apples, savory meat pies, hearty breads, tradesmen and a large representation of the militia. Visit the Dry Goods Store and the Gentleman's Goods stands; dip candles; turn carpenter's wood on the lathe; sip mulled wine; begin holiday shopping. \$6, adults; \$3, children ages 3-12 and seniors; children under three are free. http://1771.org/?page_id=940.

SUNDAY/OCT. 20

Theatre IV's Musical "Johnny Appleseed." 2 p.m., at the Alden, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. A humorous musical for children ages 5 and older; part of the McLean Kids Performance Series, focused on Johnny Appleseed. The apple orchards he planted throughout Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois played a major role in the settlement of the nation. Tickets are \$15, \$10 for McLean tax district residents. 703-790-0123, TTY: 711 or www.aldentheatre.org.

Organ Dedication Recital. 4 p.m., at Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Road, Vienna. Scott Dettra, former organist of Washington National Cathedral, plays music by Bach, Handel, Durufle, and others to honor Holocaust Survivor and former associate concertmaster of Philadelphia Orchestra, David Arben. Freewill offering; reception following concert. 703-938-6521 or www.holycomforter.com.

THURSDAY/OCT. 24

Vienna Halloween Parade along Church Street in Historic Vienna. The annual Vienna Halloween Parade draws thousands of families.

Great Falls Writer's Group. 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m., at the Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Washington Post columnist John Kelly speaks on his column and the challenges of writing.

FRIDAY/OCT. 25

Chica Brunsvold. 10 a.m.-noon, at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The signature member of both the National and American Watercolor Societies will be the featured speaker at the McLean Art Society meeting, where Brunsvold will do a watercolor demonstration on Yupo paper.

SATURDAY/OCT. 26

Spooktacular Pumpkin Carving Class. 3-4 p.m., at Wildfire, Tysons Galleria, third floor, 2001 International Drive, McLean. Carve the spookiest pumpkins ever with help from WUSA9 reporter Jessica Doyle and Wildfire executive chef Eddie Ishaq. \$15/child. 703-442-9110 or wildfirerestaurant.com.

Vintage Hollywood Benefit Gala. 6-midnight, at Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean. The 17th annual gala benefits the Arlington Free Clinic, and features a cocktail reception, silent auction, dinner and dancing. \$300. www.gala.arlingtonfreeclinic.org.



Pat Hazell and dart

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Childhood Happiness Remembered

Pat Hazell in "The Wonder Bread Years" at the Alden.

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

Finding your childhood sense of wonder again is what the "The Wonder Bread Years" is all about. It is a one-man performance combining stand-up comedy and theater. It was written by and stars one of the original writers of the "Seinfeld" show, Pat Hazell.

A "lovely salute to childhood that will have the audience laughing and laughing ... it's hilarious" is how Sarah Schallern, director for performing arts, McLean's Alden Theatre, described the show. "It's not just for Baby Boomers but everyone," said Schallern, a self-described Gen Xer.

Hazell began in stand-up comedy soon opening for Rodney Dangerfield and then Jerry Seinfeld. That led to a writing gig with the Seinfeld show and warming up the audience before a Seinfeld show taping.

In an interview, Hazell described "The Wonder Bread Years" as "a sweet nostalgia, with gentle jokes about reflecting back to childhood." He is an observer and commenter on "what it was like to be a kid, like a form of comfort food in a time when we can feel bombarded by bad news. So many have a hunger for escape into the more positive and hopeful." Audiences can expect to be

Where and When

"The Wonder Bread Years" at the Alden Theater, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Performance: Saturday, Oct. 26, 8 p.m. Tickets: \$15-\$30. Call 703-790-9223 or visit www.mcleancenter.org.

cheerfully reminded of generational influences giving them an "opportunity to laugh as a group as they recall the simple pleasures of growing up."

"The Wonder Bread Years" even employs toys on stage as well as projections of visual images to awaken memories. Hazell uses evocative images of actual real life events as memory inducing touchstones. Stories can run the gamut from Halloween trick or treating to Thanksgiving dinner at the "kids" table, or even how a child dealt with going to the dentist or with carrying around milk-money back in the day. And plenty of family stories, of course.

While the show is scripted, Hazell "listens to the audience as they react, in an open door approach." He enjoys what "sparks the audience as he has a chat with them at the performance." Hazell is always listening to "continually keep the show fresh" as he tours around the country.

The show will be "positive and forward thinking" in its 90 minute, one intermission performance. Hazell "wants the audience to just feel good; like they are at a hangout party with their best friends, remembering when." And then asking themselves, "did I really do that too?"

A good time for good memories. Pass it on.

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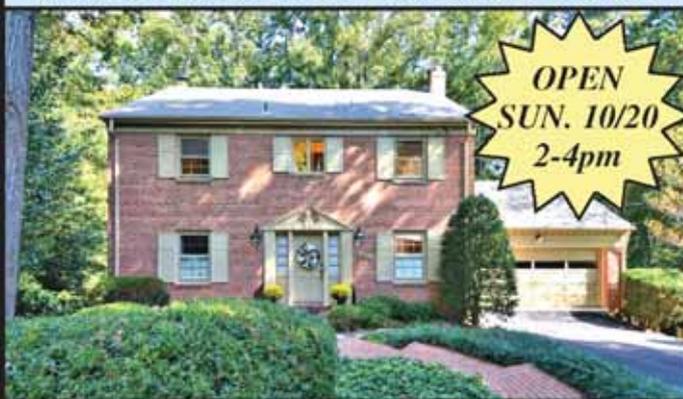


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