

Former Virginia governors, Democrat Timothy M. Kaine and Republican George Allen, are fighting to secure the seat of retiring Sen. Jim Webb (D). In spite of hurricane Sandy, voters in Virginia have important choices to make next Tuesday, Nov. 6.

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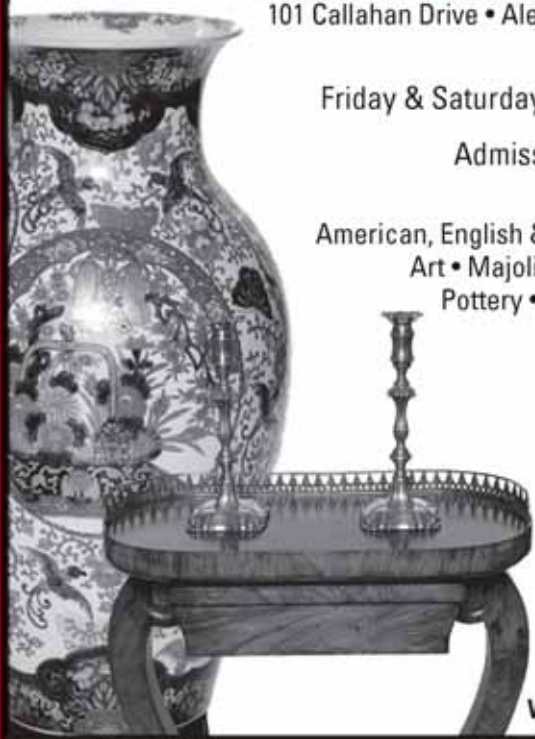
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— Timothy M. Kaine

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— George Allen

Allen v. Kaine for Senate

Voters have stark choice between candidates to replace U.S. Sen. Jim Webb (D).

By Victoria Ross
The Connection

Candidates for U.S. Senate George Allen and his Democratic challenger Timothy M. Kaine have powerful things in common. Both were popular governors of the Commonwealth of Virginia; both have long political resumes; and both men are passionate about the success of their adopted home state.

Now locked in a high-stakes race that could determine control of the U.S. Senate, both candidates are fighting to secure the seat of retiring Sen. Jim Webb (D), spending a record \$55 million-plus on an avalanche of ads to sway swing voters in Northern Virginia and across the state. The message from both candidates is simple: voters have a stark choice.

Kaine, 54, has portrayed himself as a bipartisan bridge-builder who supports gender equality and believes that access to higher education and investing in what he calls the “talent economy” are critical to the success of Virginia and the nation.

Allen, 60, has portrayed himself as the small-business champion, a job creator who will unleash American energy resources and stop defense cuts that could cost 200,000 Virginians their jobs.

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For more: To read more about what the candidates are saying on the issues, go to their official websites at:
www.kaineforva.com/issues
www.georgeallen.com (Click on Blueprint)

JOB CREATION & ECONOMIC GROWTH

KAINE: “I served as Governor of Virginia during the worst national recession in 70 years. But our unemployment rate was among the nation’s lowest, and our median income was near the top. We recruited numerous businesses (MeadWestvaco, Hilton, CSC, SAIC, VW of North America) to move their headquarters from other states to Virginia. ... First, America needs a commitment to being the Talent Society. Just as Virginia’s innovative investments in education—from pre-kindergarten to post-graduate and workforce training—have turned the state into a magnet for talent, America needs to commit to being the best in the world in educational opportunities. Talented people create ideas, companies and jobs. And great businesses locate in places where they know they can hire talented people. America used to be #1 in the world in the percentage of young adults with college or technical degrees. Among developed nations, we are now 12th, and more nations are poised to pass us by. We have to look at reforms—broader early childhood education, more rigorous K-12 curriculums, renewed attention to career and technical education, dramatic efforts to make college more affordable—to return America to tops in the world in educating our population.

ALLEN: “Key to America’s growth is reducing the U.S. tax on job-creating businesses—currently one of the highest in the world—to a competitive 20 percent. With this one policy change, America can begin attracting new investment and expansion in the U.S. and allow U.S. businesses, large and small, to raise wages and create over 5 million more jobs over the next 10 years. The Blueprint further helps the economy grow and create jobs with a tax code that is more fair and simple, including a Flat Tax option for individual taxpayers; new tools to put a check on overzealous regulators; and a focus on educating and training Americans to compete for and succeed in the good-paying, high-skill, high-knowledge jobs of the 21st Century.”

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Viewpoints

Why are you voting for Tim Kaine?

Asked at an Oct. 16 women’s roundtable held at the Dulles Marriott in Chantilly.

—Victoria Ross

Joana Garcia of Fairfax Station

“I believe he is concerned, just as we are, that the rights women fought so hard to achieve are maintained. What’s disappointing about what happened in Virginia this year is that Republican lawmakers should have been focusing on the economy...instead, they were forcing through social legislation targeting women. My big concern is that we are not going to have separation of church and state; we are going to become a nation of Christian ‘Sharia’ laws.”



Mary Cotton of Burke, a retired U.S. Army officer

“My number one reason for voting for Kaine is this incident with our current governor on the ultrasound bill. In this day and age, that’s the dumbest thing I’ve heard. We thought this kind of madness was over in the in the 1950s. I remember my parents talking about the days of the poll tax, a different way to suppress the vote. I don’t want to go back to those days, and I think Gov. Kaine will make sure we keep moving forward. I thought we were making progress, but it’s three steps up and two steps back, as we used to say in the military.”



Eleanor Smeal of Arlington, president of the Feminist Majority Foundation

“This is one of the most important Senate races for women in 2012. There is a stark difference between the candidates on women’s issues. Kaine will support policies to increase women’s access to affordable health care; support women’s pay equity and work expand educational opportunities for everyone. He’s right that these aren’t just women’s issues; they are economic and healthcare issues that affect everyone.”



Why are you voting for George Allen?

Asked at an Oct. 22 veteran’s issues roundtable at the City of Fairfax American Legion Post #177

John Jenkins

“I used to be a chauffeur for Gov. Allen’s father. I believe he hears the Clarion call to serve. He was the best thing to happen to Virginia, and he will be the best thing to happen serving as our next Senator. He’s concerned about keeping promises this nation made to our veterans and their families... I also believe he will be better for the economy. He has a track record of creating jobs and working for Virginians.”



Brad Watkins, an American Legion Rider

“It’s not just what you say on a bumper sticker. We’re at a point where politicians are “up here,” and the rest of us are just “down here,” the little people. It’s important to feel like we can come to the table with George Allen. He’s been here three hours, and he wants to listen and learn from us? That kind of commitment and interaction from a politician is amazing. The American Legion is apolitical, and we will listen to everybody. But I am voting for (George Allen) because I believe he will hold Congress accountable. He will work for veterans, and he keep his promises to Virginians on job creation and financial responsibility.”



Cindy Wilson of Fairfax, a Vietnam veteran

“George Allen is forthright and honest. He takes the time to actually listen to people. My husband died in Vietnam and I had to raise two children. I believe he will fight to help our veterans, many who are jobless and homeless. He was an excellent governor, and I believe he will keep America strong.”



After the Storm

Thousands of residents without power as clean-up efforts continue and residents deal with downed trees, closed roads and schools in wake of Hurricane Sandy.

By Victoria Ross
The Connection

Hurricane Sandy battered the region Monday night, shutting down Fairfax County schools, governments, roads and voting precincts. The mammoth storm made landfall near Atlantic City around 8 p.m., according to the National Hurricane Center, with maximum sustained winds of about 80 miles per-hour.

Driving rains and powerful winds knocked down trees and power lines, leaving at least 70,000 people in Fairfax County without power Monday night.

As of 11 a.m. Tuesday morning, Dominion Power reported that there are 57,000 customers without power County-wide. The Virginia Department of Transportation gave an update at 7 a.m. Tuesday morning, reporting that about 143 secondary roads in Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William counties remained closed due to either high water, downed trees and/or power lines. The majority of these roads are in Fairfax County. VDOT also reported there were 107 signal outages in Northern Virginia, and to treat these outages as four-ways stops.

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"Our crews are working throughout the day and night to assess storm damage, remove debris and work closely with emergency responders and utility companies to reopen roads closed due to downed trees and power lines," said VDOT spokesperson Joan Morris.

VDOT estimates that it will take several days to reopen all roads.

Many residents who were driving this morning said the roads are still slick and there are leaves and debris everywhere.

Last night, Vienna resident Wolf Gottshalk reported he drove down Hunter Mill Road past Hunter Station Road to get to his neighborhood.

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Photo by Victoria Ross/The Connection

Nearly a foot of floodwaters remained on the field of Anjelica Run Horse Farm in Vienna Tuesday, Oct. 30 around 9 a.m. Although Hunter Mill Road was closed, cars were skirting the barriers to go across the bridge that was reconstructed near the farm after it sustained severe flooding last September during Tropical Storm Lee.

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both candidates have spent time in Northern Virginia, emphasizing their differences.

"I have an Irish temper that I usually keep in check," Kaine said, during an Oct. 18 women's roundtable appearance in Chantilly. "During a debate at the Fairfax Chamber last month, my opponent was asked about the Blunt amendment, the personhood bill. His response was 'I don't know why the other side keeps bringing up divisive social issues.' I kind of got mad at that," Kaine said.

Kaine said Allen and others in the GOP want to take away women's choices, and then "step back from the issues."

"The attempt to dive into wedge issues wedges us apart. We're wedged apart about as far as we can go," Kaine said.

Allen has chided Kaine for his 2009-2011 stint as chairman of the Democratic National Committee, calling him an "absentee governor" and an "Obama clone."

"I want to be Virginia's senator. Tim wants to be President Obama's senator," Allen said during the candidate's fifth and final debate on the campus of Virginia Tech on Oct. 18. "[Virginians] deserve a strong independent voice, not an echo."

During five debates, including one last month sponsored by the Fairfax Chamber, they have clashed over pending defense cuts, tax policy, education and over

who has the right prescription to avert the "fiscal cliff" which endangers defense-related jobs in Virginia.

Kaine claims a strong record of bipartisanship, including working with Republican President George W. Bush on strengthening campus security in the wake of the 2007 Virginia Tech massacre. At the final debate, held Oct. 18 on the Virginia Tech campus, Kaine said, "We are all Americans; we are all Virginians."

While meeting with veterans in Fairfax on Oct. 22 at American Legion Post 177, Allen emphasized his record of working on behalf of veterans and their families. "I believe the federal government should lead by example in providing job opportunities for veterans as intended by current veterans' preference hiring laws, as well as the law requiring federal agencies to do business with small firms owned by service-disabled veterans."

BOTH CANDIDATES have tied their campaigns to the national battle for control of the U.S. Senate.

According to Toni-Michelle Travis, a GMU associate professor of government and politics and editor of "The Almanac of Virginia Politics," Kaine's lead in some polls is driven by a strong support among women voters.

"I think this race is still neck-and-neck, but I believe it's a race that will be decided by women in Fairfax County who will vote to protect (their rights)."

On the Issues

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HEALTHCARE

KAINE: "I support the Affordable Care Act as a first step to put patients in charge of their health care decisions and put the brakes on runaway health care costs that were crippling patients and businesses. I am proud that millions of children can now stay on family insurance policies until they are 26, that millions of small businesses are eligible for tax credits to help them purchase insurance for their employees, that millions of seniors are receiving free preventive care and lower prescription drug prices, and that key protections are in place to stop insurance companies denying care to those with pre-existing conditions and from abusing their customers."

Going forward, we have to do more to bring down health care costs while improving the quality of care. The experience of other nations shows that it can be done."

ALLEN: "Repeal Obamacare and replace it with portable, affordable health insurance, including options for personalized Health Savings Accounts. Americans do not want the federal government running their health care."

IMMIGRATION

KAINE: "America is a nation of immigrants. Our strength and international competitiveness has continually been augmented by the skills and talents of people coming to this nation from around the world. But for far too long our immigration system has been broken and for more than a decade Congress has been unable to work in a bipartisan manner to find a way forward that reflects our American values and tradition."

ALLEN: "I have said throughout this debate that we should not reward illegal behavior and this includes allowing individuals who used fraudulent identification or Social Security information to then receive Social Security benefits. I was supportive of [the amendment] and I will support other efforts in Congress to strengthen our security and ensure that only individuals with legal status receive Social Security benefits. If anyone who is here illegally desires the benefits of citizenship they should become citizens legally."

EDUCATION

KAINE: "In the last sixty years, Virginia moved from a low-income, low-education state to one with a dynamic economy that is effective at attracting new businesses, great schools and

a wonderful quality of life. I believe the key to this progress has been our ongoing commitment to expanding and improving educational opportunities in our Commonwealth."

ALLEN: "Public education in America has for too long has been hindered by a federal government that believes Washington bureaucrats know better than parents and local and State school boards how our children should be educated. I believe that education policy should be decided and implemented at the State and local level, where it can be most responsive and accountable to parents and school children."

ENERGY

KAINE: "America's long-term goal should be to expand the use of low polluting forms of energy. It's good for the economy, good for America's security and good for the environment. We need to be on the cutting edge of new clean energy technologies like wind, solar and nuclear power."

ALLEN: "America can and should do more to conserve energy and apply our ingenuity to bring affordable alternative or renewable sources of energy to market. At the same time, let's not forget that we have the most plentiful resources in the world right under our land and water. Reversing current counterproductive energy policies not only will put America on a path toward energy freedom, it has the potential to create over a million new jobs, add over two trillion dollars to the revenue side of the government's balance sheet without raising taxes, promote national security and help preserve our quality of life which is being threatened by skyrocketing gas prices."

ABORTION

KAINE: "I strongly support the right of women to make their own health and reproductive decisions and, for that reason, will oppose efforts to weaken or subvert the basic holding of Roe v. Wade. We all share the goal of reducing unwanted pregnancies and abortions. The right way to do this is through education and access to health care and contraception rather than criminalizing women's reproductive decisions."

ALLEN: "My commitment to protecting innocent human life is firm. I believe that life begins at conception and support legislation declaring the personhood of every individual life. I oppose abortion except in the rare cases where the pregnancy was caused by rape or incest, and when necessary to save the life of the mother."



Photos by Jessica McKay

Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) talked with residents at Greenspring retirement community in Springfield on Friday, Oct. 26. The senior senator from Arizona was stumping for GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney. (From left) residents Charles Fletcher, John Schultz and Tom Harrison.

McCain Stumps At Greenspring

Greenspring had 90 percent voter turnout in '08 election.

Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) made a stop at Greenspring retirement community in Springfield on Friday while campaigning for GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney. McCain was the Republican nominee for president in 2008.

"I know everyone here will vote, so instead of asking you to vote, think about the future generation," McCain said to a group of more than 100 residents at Greenspring. The community became its own precinct in 2003, and since then has traditionally produced the highest voter turnout across the commonwealth. In 2008, nearly 90 percent of registered voters at Greenspring cast ballots in the last presidential election. The community hosts active Democratic and Republican clubs,

and many state, local and national candidates swing by the community on Election Day.

During his visit, McCain thanked the veterans at Greenspring for their service; many of whom were in the audience on Friday listening to the senator's remarks. As the son and grandson of distinguished Navy admirals, McCain said he deeply values duty, honor and service of country. The senator, who launched a 22-year-career as a naval aviator upon his graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy, spent nearly six years as a prisoner of war in 1967 at the now infamous "Hanoi Hilton," during the Vietnam war.

While at the community, McCain also addressed the low approval rating for Congress, as well as the embassy attacks in Libya.

"We need change; hope and change is no more, now it's despair," said McCain.

McCain also made campaign stops at two American Legion locations in Fairfax and Woodbridge on Friday.

—Victoria Ross



More than 100 residents at Greenspring retirement community in Springfield listened to Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) as he campaigned for GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney on Friday, Oct. 26. Resident Peter Straub is standing next to McCain.

Opinion

In Wake of Sandy, Still Plan to Vote

Variety of choices in political landscape.

Hurricane Sandy means that the week preceding the election will not be what we were expecting. This editorial is being written Sunday night, Oct. 28, as forecasters predict five inches of rain and 65-mile-per-hour winds over the next two days.

With some predicting that power could take a week or more to restore, we have to worry about what the likely condition of the Eastern seaboard will be on Election Day, Nov. 6. Absentee voting in person had been cancelled for Monday, and most government offices were closed in anticipation of the storm. What will this mean for voter turnout, for access to voting places on Election Day?

We don't believe that there are significant numbers of undecided voters in Northern Virginia. There are voters who know who they would vote for if they did vote, but they might not be committed to voting if circumstances are difficult. The outcome of the national election, both who will be president and which party controls the U.S. Senate and by what margin, could depend on voter turnout in Virginia. Make a commitment to have your vote counted, no matter how many days you might be without electricity.

We are not endorsing candidates for elected office this year. We do recommend that voters support local bond questions for investments in libraries, schools, transportation, parks, stormwater management and public safety.

Four years ago in the presidential election of 2008, there were 5,034,660 voters registered in Virginia, and 3,752,858 actually voted. On Oct. 3, Fairfax County reported 723,967 total voters registered. Arlington reported 163,919 total voters. Alexandria reported 104,947 registered voters.

At the top of the ticket, in addition to choosing a president and vice president, Virginians will choose a new U.S. senator. Tim Kaine (D), former governor will face George Allen (R), also former governor and former U.S. senator, to replace U.S. Sen. Jim Webb (D) who is re-

tiring from the Senate after a single term. Webb defeated George Allen six years ago. Connection coverage of the U.S. Senate race is available at www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/Election/National/Senate.

Two constitutional questions will appear on all Virginia ballots, one about the use of eminent domain and one about the timing of a particular session of the General Assembly to consider overriding vetoes by the governor of

parts of Fairfax County including Mount Vernon, Lorton and parts of McLean, Tysons and Falls Church.

In the 10th District, Frank Wolf (R), elected to office in 1982, will face Democrat Kristin A. Cabral and independent J. Kevin Chisholm. The 10th district sprawls from McLean to Winchester, and includes Great Falls, Chantilly, parts of Fairfax Station, the Town of Clifton, part of Burke and Springfield.

In the 11th District, Gerry Connolly (D), former chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, elected to congress in 2008, will face Republican Chris Perkins and Independents Joe Galdo, Peter M. Marchetti and Mark T. Gibson. The 11th district now includes the City of Fairfax, the Town of Herndon, Reston, central Fairfax County including parts of Burke, Springfield and Lorton.

In Fairfax County, we recommend that voters support investment in infrastructure based on four bond questions, answering yes to support \$75 million for parks, \$55 million for public safety facilities, \$25 million for library facilities and \$30 million for stormwater and sewer improvements (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/nov_2012_county_bond_issues.pdf).

In the City of Alexandria, voters will also choose a mayor, members of the city council and school board. If you are voting by paper ballot, don't forget to vote both sides of the ballot.

In Arlington, voters will choose one member of the County Board and one member of the School Board. Both Arlington boards are made up entirely of at-large members, so both races will appear on all Arlington ballots.

Arlington voters will also decide yes or no on four bond questions, whether to authorize raising \$32 million for public schools, \$28 million for community infrastructure, \$50 million for local parks and recreation, and \$32 million for Metro and transportation (www.arlingtonva.us/departments/voterregistration/forms/Bonds2012ENG.pdf).

There is more information on our website under www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/Elections/.

Stay safe as you navigate the storm's aftermath.

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legislation that was passed by the assembly. See www.sbe.virginia.gov/webdocs/201211ConstitutionalAmendmentsPoster.pdf.

Coverage of the eminent domain question in particular can be found at www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/Elections.

In the races for U.S. House of Representatives, it's worth noting that redistricting resulted in significant changes in Northern Virginia in terms of who your U.S. representative will be. If you live in Reston, for example, in the last election you were represented by Jim Moran and the 8th district, now you are in the 11th district where the incumbent is Gerry Connolly. See the map for details. Fairfax County is represented by three Congressional Districts, 8, 10 and 11. Connection coverage of congressional races is available at www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/Election/National/Representatives.

In the 8th District, incumbent U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D), seeking his 12th term since being elected in 1990, will face Patrick Murray (R), and two independent candidates, Janet Murphy and Jason Howell. The 8th district includes all of Alexandria and Arlington, plus

Reston Library building, located just north of Reston Town Center, is in an area slated for redevelopment, and bond funds will be used for site studies, design and construction once a new site is identified. Residents of Fairfax County need look no further than the Martha Washington Library in the Alexandria section of the County or the Richard Byrd Library in Springfield to see concrete results from past bond issues. The renovations to these facilities dramatically changed the library experience by offering a brighter, more functional building to better meet the needs of library users. In

libraries will be renovated and brought up to current standards for modern libraries by upgrading building systems, computer access and energy efficiency. In addition, quiet and group study areas will be added along with conference space. Improvements to building systems will save on energy costs, and enhancements to study areas and conference space will benefit everyone from students to researchers to anyone who wants to learn something new. In addition to upgrading these three libraries, \$10 million of the bond issue will be dedicated to relocating the Reston Regional Library. The cur-

Letters to the Editor

Vote 'Yes' on Library Bonds

To the Editor:

There are a lot of choices we will make on Nov. 6, but there is one that will improve the quality of life for all Fairfax residents, and it is not subject to competing politicians or last minute veto. The authorization to issue \$25 million of bonds to improve three public libraries and relocate one will result in changes that we can see, feel and enjoy. The John Marshall Community Library and Pohick and Tysons-Pimmit Regional li-

addition, they are LEED certified, a peer-reviewed process to validate a decrease in construction costs while reducing negative environmental impacts and improving the health and wellbeing of library employees and users.

The value of our 22 libraries is reflected in the nearly 6 million visits made last year. And our libraries do much more than check out books or DVDs. They are used for everything from club and community meetings to education. Stop by any of our libraries after school and see how many children are reading, receiving homework

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Area Roundups

Fairfax County Extends Absentee Voting Hours

Absentee voting will resume at the seven satellite locations on Wednesday, Oct. 31 with extended hours noon to 8 p.m. and will resume at the Government Center with regular hours from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in Suite 323.

These extended hours will also be observed at the seven satellite locations on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 1 and 2. On Saturday, Nov. 3, all absentee voting locations, including the Government Center, will be open with extended hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/election/absentee.

School Boundary Change Meetings

The Fairfax County School Board will hold a listening tour to help determine which schools are included in the scope of study of the upcoming Fairfax High/Lanier Middle School boundary study. The boundary study will address current and projected overcrowding in Fairfax High and Lanier Middle schools and will impact only middle and high-school students who live in Fairfax County.

Those planning to attend the meetings are asked to register at www.surveymonkey.com/s/FairfaxLanierListeningTourSignup.

Questions and comments may be submitted online through Nov. 30. More information about these meetings, plus key dates for the boundary study, are at www.fcps.edu/fts/planning/fairfaxlanier/index.shtml.

The meetings will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. at these locations:

- ❖ Monday, Nov. 5: Robinson Secondary School blue cafeteria.
- ❖ Monday, Nov. 12: Woodson High auditorium.

Election Officers Urgently Needed

Anyone able to volunteer as an election officer on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 6, is asked to contact the Fairfax County Office of Elections as soon as possible. Paid positions are also available, \$125 for a full day, \$75 for a half day.

Help is needed with the election process at the polls, as well as at the Elections Office before and during Election Day. The first priority is ensuring that every eligible voter may vote, without excess waiting, and that every vote

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First-time Voters: Who are you voting for and why?



Ian Criman, 18, Robinson, senior, Fairfax
 “Romney, because I don’t agree with anything Obama has done during his presidency. He’s just not been a good president. A lot of what he stands for I do not agree with because of my religious background. I vote Republican because of social issues.”



Hannah Selz of Burke, senior, Robinson Secondary
 “Obama. Romney’s religious views have skewed his views on women. He can’t outlaw abortion, so instead he’s taking away safe ways to get it. Planned Parenthood gives cancer screenings, STD tests and helps pregnant women and mothers who can’t support their kids. It’s the number one clinic in administering abortions, and so Romney would be taking away the cheapest and safest way of getting one. He’s going to change Obamacare to make it legal for employers to take away employees’ insurance for birth control.
 My brother is 22, and if Romney wins, then by January he won’t have healthcare. I don’t agree with Obama’s stance on Israel, but I agree with him on pretty much everything else.”



Sonia Kahn, 18, Robinson, senior, Burke
 “Obama, mostly because he seems more stable with his plans and Romney seems to flip back and forth with his plans a lot. Also with the economy, [Romney] says he’ll do things but he doesn’t really outline how, so he’s really not very specific. In regards to social problems, I lean left anyways, so I’m way more on board with what Obama says. I think Obama’s just a better candidate for women and more likely to stand up for their rights.”



Nick Bynum, of Fairfax, senior, Robinson Secondary
 “Romney. I’m leaning towards Romney because Obama’s plans aren’t working out, and I feel we need a change. Young voters look for a candidate focused on education and the economy, which Romney talks more than Obama about improving. Romney’s focusing more on the middle class.”



Aleks Towne, 18, Robinson, senior, Clifton
 “Romney, because I believe his economic approach is far more effective. With taxation, the way he’s doing taxes I think is better as opposed to Obama; the tax breaks to businesses will help create jobs and benefit the economy. About Obamacare, my grandmother is from England, where they have universal health care, and she explained to me how it’s impossible to get in to see a doctor, especially if you have a disease like cancer. Also, in regards to private spending, I don’t need the government to tell me how to spend my money.”



Kelly Morgan, of Fairfax, senior, Robinson Secondary
 “Obama. I’m voting for Obama I guess because he believes in equality for all LGBT people and I think that’s really important. However, I don’t like how Obama’s okay with abortion, because it’s not something I believe in.
 Romney I feel doesn’t have younger kids anymore and with Obama’s girls about to enter adolescence he’s more in tune with what people our age want and need.”



Nikki Robinson, 18, Robinson, senior, Fairfax
 “Obama, because I don’t like Romney’s views, especially towards women. I feel like [Romney] would set us back if he became president. Also because of the debates, I couldn’t really take him seriously. When he and Obama were arguing, it was like kids fighting. I feel like [Romney’s] very vague about his positions.”



D’Arcy Sampson, of Clifton, senior, Robinson Secondary
 “Obama. I’m really into Obama because he supports the same ideas that I support, and I like his views on most issues. A lot of anti-Obama people don’t support him because they feel his administration didn’t improve America’s situation, but he inherited it from [the Bush administration]. I’m willing to trust him for four more years. I agree with his social opinions. I don’t think that Romney is a good ambassador for America because he doesn’t support women, immigrants or LGBT. I especially don’t like his policy of ‘self-deportation’ where he would make life miserable for immigrants. Overall, Obama appeals a lot to younger people.”



Helai Karim, 18, Robinson, senior, Fairfax
 “I’m voting for Obama because my main concern as a new voter in this day and age is education and how I’m going to pay for school. It’s also the future in terms of jobs, especially for teachers, because that’s what I want to do. [Obama] also really supports music departments and for me that is really important because I want to become a music teacher but also because it was something that made me who I am in high school.”



Kevin Thompson, Fairfax, Robinson Secondary
 “I am voting for Obama. I believe that Obama has done more good than people give him credit, and I do not trust the constant policy-shifts that Romney has made. I think that young voters like me want to see a president who looks toward the future, and not only leads for today, but thinks about the influence he will have years from now. Short-term fixes may not necessarily be the solutions for future social, economic, or environmental issues.”

—Anagha Srikanth

— Hannah Bunting

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Jeff Blevins of Burke has been named to the President's list at James Madison University for both the fall and spring semesters of his sophomore year. Jeff is a junior majoring in public administration with an Asian minor. He is a 2010 graduate of Lake Braddock Secondary School.

Robyn Gianiny of Burke was on the dean's list fall 2011 and the President's List Spring 2012 at West Virginia University. She graduated from Lake Braddock Secondary School in 2011. She will be attending George Mason University this fall.

Christian Kosko of Burke has been named to the dean's list at Radford University. He is a sophomore majoring in Criminal Justice and is a 2011 graduate of Lake Braddock Secondary.

Michael McVay of Burke has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at the University of Northwestern Ohio in the College of Applied Technologies. He is a 2009 graduate of Lake Braddock Secondary School.

Monica Zinn of Burke has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at the Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, Ga.

Natchanon Ketram of Burke is among the Marymount University undergraduate students who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders and are included in the 2012 edition of Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Ketram is majoring in Biology.

Kelsey Zinck of Burke has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at the College of New Jersey of Ewing, N.J.

Jonathan Austin Kilbourn of Burke has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at Clemson University of Clemson, S.C. Kilbourn is majoring in history.

Franklin Shakespeare of Burke was named to the fall 2011 dean's list at Bryant University of Smithfield, R.I. He is a senior accounting major.

Caitlin Landsman of Burke has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at Marist College of Poughkeepsie, N.Y. She is majoring in communications/public relations.


Mohit Nagaraja Iyyer of Burke has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at Washington University School of Engineering and Applied Science in St. Louis, Mo.

Area Roundups

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From left—Garrett Moore, William Harrell, Charlie Strunk, Tom Biesiadny, Leonard Wolfenstein, Randall White and Lauren Mullerup. Experts from both the Virginia and Fairfax County Departments of Transportation listened to area residents, answered questions and addressed concerns about the Fairfax County Parkway.



At the podium—Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity (R) kept taking notes, listening to comments and answering questions even after the Town Hall Meeting was officially adjourned.

Photos by Andrea Worker

Town Hall Meeting Focuses on Parkway

Fairfax County Parkway the subject at well-attended meeting.

By Andrea Worker
The Connection

In conjunction with the Springfield District Council, Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity (R) hosted a panel of local and state transportation authorities for a Town Hall Meeting, held at the James W. Robinson Secondary School in Fairfax. The press release issued by Herrity's office titled the event as a discussion on the future of the Fairfax County Parkway, but the agenda also included a history of the parkway, as well as updates on current projects, and a frank account of the funding challenges to future improvements and maintenance of the 35-mile thoroughfare connecting the County from the south at Route 1 to the north, ending at Route 7. The parkway's back-story was presented by Charlie Strunk, senior transportation planner for the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) who has been involved with the design, construction and continuing improvement of the parkway since the first phase of construction began in 1987 on what was then known as the "Springfield Bypass and Metro Spur." "And just in case you were wondering," said Strunk, "public hearings do matter." Strunk cited several examples of citizen-driven additions to the parkway, including two wildlife migration tunnels, development of wetlands, the location of several access points and areas where noise abatement walls have been constructed.

IN FEBRUARY, the commonwealth approved the reclassification of the parkway from a secondary to a primary road, changing its numerical designation from 7100 to 286. "This change was a big plus," said Wil-

liam Harrell, senior transportation planner with FCDOT. "This means access to federal dollars for paving and for guard rails. This places the parkway higher on the scale of priorities."

Garrett Moore, Northern Virginia district administrator, and Lauren Mollerup, NoVa district land use and transportation director represented the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) at the meeting. "The main thing I am here to do is listen," stated Moore, "and to work to make considered options fit best with the community." Mollerup provided a status report on projects recently completed, currently under construction, and those already funded for their planning stages. Nearing completion is the resurfacing of most of the parkway. "There are a few pieces still to be done, some markings, things like that," she said. "But we are about there." Scheduled for completion in 2014 is the I-95 at Fort Belvoir ramp, largely funded by the Department of Defense. The Fairfax County Parkway (Saratoga) commuter lot expansion is in progress and expected to be completed by year-end. Currently tracking ahead of schedule is the massive Fair Lakes Parkway flyover. "I checked in with the project team before this meeting. It looks like we may see our first vehicles using the bridge overpasses by mid-November," said Mollerup to the applause of the gathering. The flyover is designed to mitigate the bottleneck at the intersections of the parkway with Fair Lakes Parkway, and with Monument Drive.

Mollerup also reported on a "quiet pavement" pilot program being tested between Rugby Road and West Ox, using new paving mixture technologies to reduce noise. She wrapped her segment with an update on trail maintenance alongside the parkway. The shared-use path runs for more than 26 miles. As Charlie Strunk noted, "It's sometimes hard to find." A study of the trail's maintenance needs has been completed. "The County owns pieces of the trail, so the next



During the public Q&A session, Arnold Daxe of Burke expressed his concern about night time safety on the parkway. "What happened to all the lights? Even places where there used to be lighted signs are dark. It can be really dangerous to travel at night," said Daxe. Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) added Daxe's worries to his To-Do List. "I will follow up on this one," promised Herrity.

step is to work together to put a contract together and source funding."

Supervisor Herrity praised Mollerup and VDOT. "There has been real partnership and cooperation," he said. "And VDOT is to be commended for scraping together the money for the Fair Lakes project in particular," he added. VDOT secured funds through a variety of sources, even re-routing millions in federal stimulus dollars originally earmarked for other states but left unclaimed.

THE TASK of speaking to the funding challenges for road and transportation improvements fell to Tom Biesiadny, director of

FCDOT. Biesiadny recently hosted sessions around the County to solicit public feedback on revenue source options. The FCDOT has identified about \$8 billion in transportation and transit needs over the next ten years, but can only count on \$5 billion from existing revenue sources. The state's funds for primary and secondary new road construction is projected to run dry by 2017. "We have put forth 21 potential sources of revenue to close the funding gap," said Biesiadny, "and we have developed a cost analysis tool to help determine the best use of our limited funds." The FCDOT's study, including the identified needs, proposed funding sources, and the public's responses via print and online surveys are available on the Fairfax County Department of Transportation's website.

Once the formal presentations were concluded, the speakers formed a panel to answer questions and hear suggestions from the public. Concerns were raised over proposed HOV lanes, and significant discussion took place regarding the Route 29-Braddock Road, Sunrise Valley-Dulles Toll Road and Popes Head sections of the parkway, areas deemed the most congested. Many of the questions posed began with the word "when"—used as a query. Despite the best intentions of the panel—"Remember," said Supervisor Herrity, "we live and work here, too. We travel these roads"—the answer to "When?" was most often "Not any time soon." The assembled experts promised to look into all of the issues raised and to make their findings publicly available.

"It's a good thing that we had all three levels of government here tonight," noted Supervisor Herrity, referring to attendance by members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, state senators and delegates, and representatives from members of Congress. "It's critical to have all three to get anything done. We have a lot of challenges in front of us."



Photo courtesy of Marymount University

Burke resident Diane White, director of the Marymount University Student Health Center, teaches Mashawna Kimble how to do a breast self-exam.

Going Pink in October and Beyond

Marymount University hosts "Pink Out" to educate young women about breast cancer.

By Marilyn Campbell
The Connection

A corner of Arlington turned pink last week in observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Marymount University held the first ever "Pink Out MU" day to promote breast cancer awareness and share information on the disease.

The Student Health Center encouraged the community to wear pink to show their support for the fight against breast cancer. "A large number of people joined in the spirit and were wearing pink attire or pink ribbons," said Marymount spokeswoman Laurie Callahan.

University officials provided educational material, gift bags and self breast-exam demonstrations. "We called it 'Explore Your Mountains' to add a bit of levity to it," said Burke resident Diane M. White, RN, MSN, director of the Marymount University Student Health Center. "About every sixth person who came by had a story to tell about how someone they know had been helped by self breast-exams."

White said she and other health care professionals reached out to young women. "There has been recent controversy in the public media about self-breast exams, particularly in younger women," said White. "As a health care provider, I

How Should A Breast Self-Exam Be Performed?

1) In The Shower

Using the pads of your fingers, move around your entire breast in a circular pattern moving from the outside to the center, checking the entire breast and armpit area. Check both breasts each month feeling for any lump, thickening, or hardened knot. Notice any changes and get lumps evaluated by your healthcare provider.

2) In Front Of A Mirror

Visually inspect your breasts with your arms at your sides. Next, raise your arms high overhead.

Look for any changes in the contour, any swelling, or dimpling of the skin, or changes in the nipples. Next, rest your palms on your hips and press firmly to flex your chest muscles. Left and right breasts will not exactly match — few women's breasts do, so look for any dimpling, puckering, or changes, particularly on one side.

3) Lying Down

When lying down, the breast tissue spreads out evenly along the chest wall. Place a pillow under your right shoulder and your right arm behind your head. Using your left hand, move the pads of your fingers around your right breast gently in small circular motions covering the entire breast area and armpit.

Use light, medium, and firm pressure. Squeeze the nipple; check for discharge and lumps. Repeat these steps for your left breast.

believe that if you get to know your breasts' structure when you are young, that can provide many benefits to you as you grow old as far as being able to detect changes. The benefits outweigh the risks."

White highlighted statistics that show that breast cancer is the most common type of cancer among women in the United States, and added that early detection is critical in the treatment of breast cancer.

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Gwen Harrison Lockhart pictured with one of her works called "The Music Lingers."

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Dreaming of Life-size 'Anna'

Local sculptor promotes arts education.

After a 25-year career on Capitol Hill, Gwen Harrison Lockhart turned her sights to the fine art of sculpture. A few years after her retirement in 1990, Lockhart enrolled in her first art class with The Art League of Alexandria, located in the Torpedo Factory Art Center. "It's something I always said Lockhart. "Now, sculpture is my long suit."

Lockhart grew up in Burrton, Kan., and attended Hutchison Junior College before going on to the University of Missouri. She subsequently moved to California for two years to work as a journalist, before moving on to a position with former Congressman Mailliard in Washington, D.C. After seven years with that office, Lockhart became chief minority clerk for the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries and remained there for 18 years before retiring. "I watched C-SPAN regularly for three years after retiring," said Lockhart, admitting it took her some time to disconnect from the hard deadlines and fast-paced environment. Just six months ago, Lockhart moved from Alexandria to Greenspring retirement community in Springfield.

While cultivating her sculpting talent, Lockhart became involved with The Art League of Alexandria, serving seven years on the board of directors including one year as president and board chairman, from 2005-2006. In 2006, she received an Alex Award from the Alexandria Commission for the Arts for Excellence in Service to the Arts. Lockhart, who has shown her work at various galleries and art shows in both Virginia and South Carolina, also has a permanent home for her sculptures at The Loft Gallery and Art Center in Occoquan, Va.



She has a studio in the Art Center where she tries to work three to four days a week. When asked about the inspiration for her work, Lockhart said, "My head is so full of ideas, I have difficulty deciding what I want to do next!"

Lockhart's sculptures feature commissioned works, as well as those created from models and photos. "The commissioned works really got me launched," said Lockhart.

She named her most prized sculpture "Anna" after Anna Pavlova, which is a 31-inch-tall bronze ballerina. "I limit most of my pieces to editions of eight, but

I optimistically increased 'Anna' to an edition of 50," said Lockhart. "Eventually, my dream is to do a life-size 'Anna'!" The original "Anna" took Lockhart one-and-a-half years to perfect.

Lockhart credits her mother for her creative ambitions. "My mother pushed me when I was young; she encouraged me to draw." After all, artistry runs in Lockhart's family history. "My great grandfather was a portrait artist, and my sister was wonderful with pastels," said Lockhart. With National Arts and Humanities Month upon us, Lockhart hopes that schools are able to support and encourage experimentation with art. "Undoubtedly, art education is an area that should continue to be encouraged," said Lockhart.

Lockhart hopes those with an interest in her sculptures will contact her at The Loft Gallery and Art Center or by email at glxpres@gmail.com.

Gwen Harrison Lockhart named her most prized sculpture "Anna" after Anna Pavlova.



(From left) Station 22 Firefighters Sergio Nava, Mark Huehn, Rick Machado, Luis Mata, Bobby Bookwalter, Fire Chief Blake Payne; Greenspring staff members Ken Roland, Executive Director Robin Gliboff, Berwick Drews, resident Bill Campbell, Kimberly Nelson, resident Roy O'Connor, Lynn Keefe, Holly Borrero, Tamika Mitchell, Karen Boyce, Lee Long. Resident Bill Campbell, holding a small medic truck, made the truck at Greenspring's woodshop and presented it to the Station 22 Firefighters.

Supporting Firefighters Greenspring donates 10,000 to Greater Springfield Volunteer Fire Department.

Greenspring retirement community presented a donation of \$10,000 to Station 22 of the Greater Springfield Volunteer Fire Department on Oct. 12. The donation, which was presented during National Fire Prevention Week, serves as a way for Greenspring to extend appreciation for the station's consistent and timely service to the community.

"We are so grateful to have the support of Station 22 at Greenspring," said Robin Gliboff, Greenspring's executive director. "The station provides first-rate service to our community, and we are delighted to be able to support some of their needs with this contribution."

The donation from Greenspring will be used toward equipment, supplies and station improvements. Improvements will include the repainting of the station's facade and the addition of garage signage indicating the positions of specific response vehicles. Additionally, the donation will be used to help purchase necessary office supplies. Finally, the majority of the funds will be going toward the purchase of new exercise and fitness equipment for the station. Some of this equipment in-

cludes additional lockers, locker room benches, upright fans, kettle balls, a rowing machine, stretching bands, weights and multiple-use machines for strength building.

"This is not the first time Greenspring has helped our department," said Blake Payne, Station 22 Fire Chief. "Our firefighters are able to relax on some nice couches every evening that were given to us by Greenspring approximately five years ago."

"We are there to support the residents of Greenspring 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year," said Payne. "It's comforting to know that Greenspring is there for us as well."

The Greater Springfield Volunteer Fire Department is a member of the Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department; about one-third of the County's fire departments are considered volunteer departments. GSVFD volunteers provide additional staffing to engines, trucks, and medic units, and are also active administratively. Station 22 is just over one-and-a-half miles from Greenspring and provides wide-ranging emergency services and support to the community.

—Jessica McKay



Photo by Jennifer Benitz/The Connection

Riverbend Road is cut off at the corner of Jeffery Road in Great Falls after a fallen tree knocked down a power line. This picture was taken on Tuesday, Oct. 30 at noon, the day after Hurricane Sandy swept through Northern Virginia.

Sandy Leaves Thousands Without Power

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"The road was flooded. The bridge is not flooded, but the road on the Hunter Station Road side of the bridge is washed out. I made it through (SUV), but it is very difficult to see and you come up on the water quickly and it is deep," Gottshalk said.

At 5 a.m. Tuesday morning, Hunter Mill Road was still closed, but the floodwaters had receded and cars were driving around the barriers.

Fairfax County Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-at-large) held several news conferences on Sunday and Monday with County Executive Director Ed Long, giving status updates on the storm, County updates and safety information.

She cautioned motorists to turn back if they are driving and encounter a patch of road that is underwater.

"It may look like you can drive through the water," she said, "but it's often deceptive how deep and fast-moving the water is. Don't chance it, just turn around."

Tuesday morning, County officials urged residents to stay off the roads to keep them clear for VDOT clean-up crews, utility restoration and public safety personnel.

"Many trees fell across roads last night and by this morning they were largely cleared thanks to their

efforts and the planning and preparation that took place before the storm.

There are still areas without power. Please check with your neighbors to make sure they are alright and do not need help," said Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield.)

Countywide it is reported that 55 trees fell into homes.

"I saw many trees leaning into other trees, structures and wires this morning. Please keep yourself and kids clear of these trees until they have been assessed and dealt with," he said.

According to VDOT, all interstates in northern Virginia are clear. VDOT officials reminded drivers that HOV restrictions have been lifted today on interstates 66, 95, 395, and the Dulles Toll Road.

VDOT reminds drivers:

- ❖ Treat intersections where traffic signals are out as four-way stops.
- ❖ Since many fallen trees contain power lines, drivers and residents are strongly advised to avoid contact with them.
- ❖ Do not attempt to drive through high water.
- ❖ Slow down on wet roads to avoid hydroplaning.
- ❖ Ensure vehicles have adequate fuel to complete trips during power outages.



Photo by Victoria Ross/The Connection

After the Storm: Officials Urge Residents to Stay Informed

Stay informed by signing up for the County's Community Emergency Alert Network (CEAN) text/email updates that will provide weather alerts and other critical information.

Cars enter floodwaters on Hunter Mill Road in Vienna Tuesday, Oct. 30 at 9 a.m. The road was closed until 10 a.m. Tuesday.



The Community Blueprint will connect volunteers with nonprofits like Veterans Service Initiative and Final Salute Inc., which had a group of students who are veterans, service members, military family members and ROTC cadets, prepare a group home for Final Salute, Inc.

Volunteer Fairfax Supports Veterans Community blueprint allows communities to help.

Volunteer Fairfax, along with the help of The Fairfax County Office of Public Private Partnerships and the United Way, launched a program to support nonprofits serving military and veteran communities.

The program, called The Community Blueprint, supports nonprofits that help veterans in numerous ways by connecting them with ready and willing volunteers. By marketing these services to the community, The Community Blueprint increases awareness about the work being done and connects community members with volunteering opportunities, drawing from Volunteer Fairfax's already sizeable volunteer base.

At the project launch event, held on Tuesday, Oct. 9, William C. Basl of the Corporation for National and Community Service inducted 30

AmeriCorps members—many of them veterans themselves—who will be deployed in Community Blueprint cities across the country.

During the event, ITT Exelis, a global aerospace, defense and information solutions company based in McLean announced its investment of \$5 million over five years for the expansion of The Community Blueprint and deployment of AmeriCorps members in communities of need nationwide. The Exelis Action Corps will engage its 21,000 employees in supporting returning service members, veterans and their families through projects in communities across the U.S.

For more information about supporting military and veteran support organizations or if you are a member of this community and would like to continue to serve, visit www.volunteerfairfax.org.

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THURSDAY/NOV. 1

JCCNV Book Festival Opening Night: An Evening with David Javerbaum. 7:30 p.m., at the JCCNV, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Spend an evening with the author of *The Last Testament: A Memoir by GOD*, the 11-time Emmy Award winner, comedy writer and former executive producer of *The Daily Show* with Jon Stewart. \$25; \$30, JCCNV members (includes champagne and dessert author reception with book preview). www.jccnv.org.

FRIDAY/NOV. 2

Bye Bye Birdie. 7:30 p.m., at Woodson High School Auditorium, 9525 Main St., Fairfax. Get nostalgic as Albert Peterson, the handsome rock star Conrad Birdie's manager, tries to get out of debt by cashing in on a farewell party for Birdie in which he has to kiss one lucky fan on the Ed Sullivan Show before the actor leaves for the army. www.wtwdrama.org/current.

SATURDAY/NOV. 3

Book and Author Luncheon. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Country Club of Fairfax, 510 Ox Road, Fairfax. All booklovers are invited to the AAUF Fairfax City Branch's annual luncheon to raise funds for scholarships for women in the organization; five novelists will speak and sign copies. \$40. 703-978-3258

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The 7th Annual Jewish Book Festival celebrates Jewish literacy and includes outstanding author lectures and programs, as well as a comprehensive selection of books for purchase.

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The JCCNV 7th Annual Jewish Book Festival

Lots and lots of readings, events and discussions at various times, at 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. The Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia hosts a festival through Sunday, Nov. 11 to celebrate Jewish writings and Jewish authors. Ticket prices vary. Visit www.jccnv.org for online registrations and a full list of events.

or suzanne70946@mac.com.

Bye Bye Birdie. 2 p.m., 7:30 p.m., at Woodson High School Auditorium, 9525 Main St., Fairfax. Get nostalgic as Albert Peterson, the handsome rock star Conrad Birdie's manager, tries to get out of debt by cashing in on a farewell party for Birdie in which he has to kiss one lucky fan on the Ed Sullivan Show before the actor leaves for the army. www.wtwdrama.org/current.

Conversation with Actor Stephen Tobolowsky. 7:30 p.m., at the JCCNV, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Hear from the actor who's not only appeared in 100-plus movies and 200-plus television shows, but also wrote *The Dangerous Animals Club*. \$22; \$18, JCCNV members (wine and dessert author reception included). www.jccnv.org.

SUNDAY/NOV. 4

14th Annual Charity Shag-a-Thon. 1-5 p.m., at the Elks Club, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. The Rick Strickland Band plays while you shag; light snacks, cash bar and all proceeds to benefit the Capital Caring hospice organization. \$10. 703-361-8159 or www.nvshag.org.

Two O'Clock Tea Talk: Conversation with Francesca Segal. 2 p.m., at the JCCNV, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Hear from the author of *The Innocents* while you enjoy lite fare and beverages. \$28; \$25, JCCNV members; \$22 per person, group rate. www.jccnv.org.

MONDAY/NOV. 5

Children's Music Performance Series. 10:30 a.m. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. First and third Mondays of each month. Free admission. 703-352-2787 or www.fairfaxarts.org.

Sports Talk and Tailgate Night. 7:30 p.m., at the JCCNV, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Sports experts Steve Buckhantz, Philip Hochberg and Andy Pollin pontificate, moderated by Danny Rubin. \$15; \$10, JCCNV member (includes two drink tickets and tailgate fare). www.jccnv.org.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 7

Blogiversary Bash! 6-9 p.m., at Primetime Sports Bar, 11250 James Swart Circle, Fairfax. The *Real Housewives* of Northern Virginia celebrate

their one year anniversary and invite area housewives to join with their girlfriends to benefit local charity MISSIONSLEEP. \$10 online, \$15 at the door (includes drink ticket, appetizers, raffles and giveaways). www.novahousewives.com or www.facebook.com/realhousewivesnova.

Book Club & Book Lovers' Night: Discussion with Alicia Oltuski. 7:30 p.m., at the JCCNV, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. The author of *Precious Objects: A Story of Diamonds, Family and a Way of Life* brings friends together for discussion and kosher wine; book a table of eight for you and friends/your book club or join a table and bring wine to share. Single tickets: \$10, individuals, \$8, JCCNV members; group prices: \$64, non-member, \$48, JCCNV member (table of eight). www.jccnv.org.

FRIDAY/NOV. 9

Major Works Concert. 4 p.m., at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax. The Robinson Choral Department features the Select Women's Ensemble performing Shona Mass and the Robinson Singers singing African Sanctus; the two join to sing *Freedom Trilogy*. \$9, adults; \$5 students/seniors. www.robinsonsings.org.

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SATURDAY/NOV. 10

American Freedom Festival and the 2nd Annual Veterans Career Hire. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 7:30 p.m. at the Patriot Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Part of a nationwide initiative to help veterans find jobs—companies like Accenture, Northrop Grumman, InfoReliance and many more talk, accept qualifications and give on-the-spot interviews. The freedom festival kicks off at 7:30 p.m., featuring Chicago and Kansas. \$39.50-139.50 (for concert). www.affhiringevents.com or www.patriotcenter.com.

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Letters

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help, or being tutored by one of hundreds of volunteers. Many of our libraries are literally bursting at the seams and the improvements the bond issue will provide will greatly lower the strain. Fairfax County enjoys a triple-A rating from both Moody's and Standard and Poor which translates into lower interest costs for bonds and a savings to taxpayers. The triple-A rating also reflects the judicious use of borrowing by the County and a prudent financial management policy designed to protect the triple-A rating. And there is payback to all residents when these libraries are renovated: when they enter a brighter and more functional building which meets their needs, whether to check out a book, hold a meeting or do some research.

Chris and Rich Peterson
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Richard Byrd Library
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Vote 'Yes' to Protect Property

To the Editor:

Why is there an amendment to

the Virginia Constitution on the Nov. 6th ballot?

It is to protect private property owned by Virginians from being seized by the government by eminent domain for anything other than public use. In Connecticut, the property of Susette Kelo was taken by eminent domain so that a private company could develop the property. "This case went all the way to the US Supreme Court where the majority agreed that the government could take land from one private party for the use of another private party.

To protect our own property in Virginia, vote YES on No. 1 on Nov. 6.

For more information about this issue and the text of the amendment, please go to: <http://www.vaproperyrightspetition.org/>

Mary Bell
Springfield

Unnecessarily Negative

To the Editor:

I was saddened by the cover of the last week's Connection for the partisan display of support for one political party over the other. The headline touting an Obama cam-

paign rally ["Obama Fires Up Fairfax Crowd With 'Romnesia' Quips"] was unnecessarily negative in its message concerning the opposition. Sad to see that even a local community paper cannot keep above trying to influence voters. Rest assured that I am done reading this paper.

Ted Johnson
Burke

Anything But Affordable

To the Editor:

The Affordable Care Act is anything but affordable and will cause great harm to Americans if not repealed. Here are five things everyone should be concerned about in Obamacare:

- ❖ The government, not doctors and patients, will make healthcare decisions. Value-based payments, quality reporting requirements and government comparative-effectiveness boards will be in charge of how doctors practice medicine.
- ❖ There are 20-plus new taxes that will hit medical innovators, health insurance and even the sale of your home.
- ❖ The Independent Payment

Advisory Board (IPAB) will have the power to ration Medicare.

- ❖ The employer mandate will require most companies to provide and pay for expensive government-determined health insurance for their employees or face federal fines, resulting in many employees paying much higher portions of their premiums or losing their insurance altogether.
- ❖ \$1.7-plus trillion in new spending will cause huge deficits that will expand the dangerously increasing national debt.

The Nov. 6 election is our last chance to overturn Obamacare. Please vote for those who will make sure this pernicious law is repealed and replaced with free market solutions to healthcare: Mitt Romney, George Allen and Chris Perkins.

Susan Lider
Clifton

Kudos to Connolly

To the Editor:

Kudos to Congressman Gerry Connolly for his strong remarks about women at the rally with President Obama last week at

George Mason University. Congressman Connolly personalized his strong support for women's rights when he talked about his own daughter and how he was able to cast a vote for the Lily Ledbetter Act to ensure that she and other daughters will have the right to equal pay.

Gerry Connolly's comments were in stark contrast to the Republican War on Women and their repeated attacks on women's health services, Planned Parenthood, contraception, and equal pay and equal rights. Republican candidates are now backing away from their past votes and statements, but let us not forget that actions speak louder than words.

Gerry Connolly's record is clear on women. He talks the talk and walks the walk. His voting record in Congress is a record of respect for women and a clear understanding that we must continue to fight for the future of our daughters and our sons.

I encourage Connection readers to join me in voting to reelect Congressman Gerry Connolly. He has stood with us and we should stand with him.

Patricia Leslie
McLean

Faith Notes

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

The Pastoral Care Network of the Chesapeake Region announces their fall 2012 workshop, the Role of Pastoral Care Team in Dealing with Mental Health Issues, on Sunday, Nov. 4 from 1:30-4:30 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Reston, 1625 Wiehle Ave., Reston. \$20. Register before October at 703-503-4579 or administrator@accotinkuuc.org.

The Women's Ministry at Jubilee Christian Center is having a Fall Bible Study on Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m.-noon, each Tuesday through Nov. 20. The study is on "The Sower and the Seed," and there is no charge for the study. Jubilee is located at 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. 703-383-1170. www.jccag.org.

Lord of Life Lutheran offers services at two locations, in Fairfax at 5114 Twinbrook Road and in Clifton at 13421 Twin Lakes Drive. Services in Fairfax are held on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:15, 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. Services in Clifton are held on Sundays at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. 703-323-9500 or www.LordofLifeva.org.

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Lake Braddock Girls', Boys' XC Win District Titles

Bruins' Chase, Tuck win individual championships.

By Jon Roetman
The Connection

The pressure that comes with being an elite student-athlete was wearing on Sophie Chase as she broke down in tears at the Monroe Parker Invitational on Sept. 8.

After winning the event each of the last two seasons, the Lake Braddock senior pulled out of this year's race due to hip pain. Along with scholastic stress, Chase had concerns whether she could match her junior-year success as a runner, which included a cross country state championship in the fall and a state title in the outdoor 3,200 during the spring.

"I was kind of run down," Chase said recently. "I was a little worried going into the season that I wouldn't be at

the level I was last year, because last year was a pretty big year for me. I was just really stressed out about college and school and everything, and it almost wasn't fun at that point. I just had to take a step back for a minute and start training again [and] get my confidence back up."

Six weeks later, a re-energized Chase won her third consecutive Patriot District championship on Oct. 25, recording a time of 17:02 at the district meet on a warm day at Burke

Lake Park. Chase's performance was part of a dominant effort by the Bruins, who captured the team title with a score of 25. West Springfield (second, 49), West Potomac (third, 79) and South County (fourth, 89) also earned regional berths.

Lake Braddock had five harriers place in the top 10.

"We averaged below 18 minutes, which is flying," Lake Braddock head coach Michael Mangan said. "... That's rare area."

Chase, who said she focused on place, rather than time during the event, finished seven seconds ahead of runner-up Caroline Alcorta of West Springfield, who finished in 17:09.

"[Chase has] done an awesome job," Mangan said. "She's very task oriented and very detail oriented. She took her hip issue and has done all the things to make sure that it's not only recov-



Lake Braddock senior Sophie Chase won her third consecutive Patriot District cross country championship on Oct. 25 and helped the Bruins to a team title.

ered, but is not going to become an issue.

"That day (at the Monroe Parker Invitational) may be the biggest day of our season. When it was bothering her, she spoke up, I asked her to stop and she did. That was a pretty mature thing to be able to say: I've won Monroe Parker the last two years and now I'm going to give it away because I've got to stop.... That was big for our team. Could she have finished that day? Yeah. But would she have probably aggravated it a lot worse? Yeah. She might have missed a lot of time and [we would not be] where we're at."

Lake Braddock's Hannah Christen placed third (17:34). Katie Roche finished fourth (17:39), Katy Kunc placed ninth (18:37) and Misha Suresh finished 10th (18:41).

Roche had a strong performance during a team workout three days prior.

"We ran a workout on Monday that [Roche] did awesome," Mangan said. "We ran a hard mile at the end of it and she actually ran a time that would be a state auto qualifier in the mile in track and you could see the confidence. She got out here and went from being an over-18-minute runner to [17:39]."

Mangan said Suresh struggled during the spring but has bounced back to take over the team's No. 5 position.

"[Suresh] put it all back together, did all the work and has been a great leader this

fall," Mangan said. "[It] makes our team so much better having that big-time No. 5 runner. Before today, we were one short with lots of applicants. Now somebody said, no, that's my job, I've got it."

Lee's Bailey Kolonich placed fifth (17:58), followed by West Springfield's Maddie Wittich (sixth, 18:05), West Potomac's Katie Genuario (seventh, 18:16) and West Springfield's Katie Kennedy (eighth, 18:23).

West Potomac's Lauren Price finished 11th (18:56), Woodson's JaHyun Yang finished 12th (18:59) and South County's Mary Cate Scully (19:02) and Emily Lamontagne (19:02) finished 13th and 14th, respectively. West Potomac's Sophia Passacantando was 15th (19:07).

The Lake Braddock boys' team also captured a district title, led by individual champion Nick Tuck.

Lake Braddock finished with a score of 55. The Bruins had five harriers place in the top 20, including three in the top 15. West Potomac finished second with a score of 66, followed by West Springfield (78) and Woodson (118).

Tuck finished with a time of 15:11, 25 seconds ahead of runner-up Anteneh Girma of T.C. Williams (15:36).

"I'm just glad that our team got it more than me getting it myself," Tuck said about winning a district title. "It's a lot more fun



Nick Tuck led the Lake Braddock boys' cross country team to a district title on Oct. 25. Tuck took home the individual championship, as well.

going up there with my teammates."

Mangan said Tuck is capable of producing a faster time.

"No boy for Braddock has ever broken 15 minutes on this course," Mangan said. "All the great Braddock teams in the past just never had that guy. I think next week (at regionals), if we get a nice weather day—Hurricane Sandy, go away—but if this course is anything like it is today, I think he'll do it."

Lake Braddock's Alex Corbett placed sixth (16:00). Forrest Isenhour finished 15th (16:15), Kevin Monogue was 16th (16:16) and Ben Fogg finished 18th (16:22).

South County's Alec Jones placed third (15:42) and Lee's Biruk Amare finished fourth (15:58). West Springfield's William Rabil placed sixth (16:02), followed by West Potomac's Luca Halladay (seventh, 16:02) and Nick Cucinotta (eighth, 16:03), T.C. Williams' Nick Brown (ninth, 16:08) and West Potomac's Corey Rosenberg (10th, 16:12).

West Springfield's John Amann finished 11th (16:12) and Joey Spaziani was 12th (16:13). Annandale's Aviad Gebrehiwot finished 13th (16:14) and Woodson's David Falcone was 14th (16:15).

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Josephine Marian Salamone, formerly of Springfield, VA, passed away quietly on Sept. 20, 2012 in Woodbridge, VA. Born Oct. 8, 1924 in Perry, NY, she was the daughter of Anthony and Frances Garbo Sardinia who predeceased her. Josephine married the late Samuel J. Salamone on July 10, 1948. Josephine was a school teacher and a life-long student of ballet. She began dancing as a child. Later, she and her brother, Frank Sardinia, danced as an adagio team in New York and in the Washington, DC area. She was a licentiate member of the Cecchetti Council Ballet Society of America. From 1959-2003, Josephine taught ballet, tap, jazz and Hawaiian dance in Fairfax Co. schools as well in her dance school in her home in Springfield, VA. She was a gifted and accomplished artist and a member of the Springfield Art Guild. Josephine received her BS in education at State University of NY. Besides her parents and husband, she was predeceased by one brother, Samuel and one son Dana. Josephine is survived by two sons, Mark Salamone (Sherri) and Christopher Salamone; one daughter, Diana Kirtley (Richard); one brother, Frank Sardinia (Kay); one sister Marian Kelly (Joe); and 5 grandchildren, Samuel and Robert Kirtley; Christina Salamone; Veronica and Anthony Salamone. Josephine had an insatiable curiosity and love for life. Her love for her husband, children and grandchildren was profound and she will be sorely missed. A memorial service will be held on Friday, Nov. 9, 2012 at 10 am at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 5640 Hoadly Rd. Manassas, VA 20112. Interment for Josephine and her husband Samuel will be at Quantico National Cemetery at 12 noon following the church service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association.

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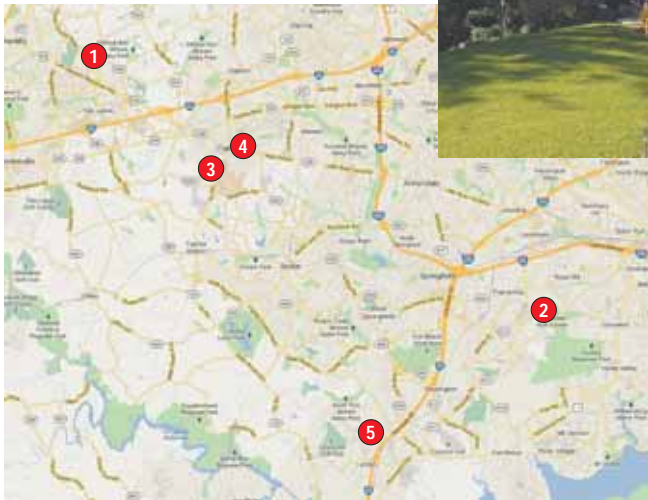
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