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Elections 2012

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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On the Issues

For more: To read more about what the candidates are saying on the issues, go to their official websites at:
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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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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.



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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.

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Viewpoints

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

Week in Fairfax

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.

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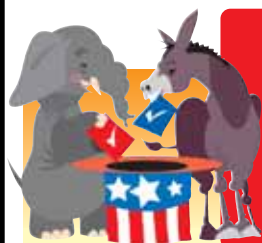
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Opinion

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

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-

braries 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-

rent 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

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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Week in Fairfax

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ority is ensuring that every eligible voter may vote, without excess waiting, and that every vote counts. But first, the Office of Elections must recruit more than 3,000 election officers to work at the polls this Election Day, and it's currently several hundred short.

Volunteers need not live in Fairfax County, but must be Virginia registered voters and must attend a three-hour training class. For more information, call: 703-324-4735 or e-mail: elect@fairfaxcounty.gov and write "election officer" on the subject line.

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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.

SUNDAY/NOV 4

CCFA Patient Education Program; You, Me and IBD. 2-5 p.m., Inova Fair Oaks Hospital, 3600 Joseph Siewick Drive, 3700 Medical Plaza Building, Fairfax. The local chapter of the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation invites the public to a half-day education program on healthy living with the help of experts in gastroenterology. Register. 877-807-5271 or www.ccfa.org/chapters/washingtondc.

SATURDAY/NOV. 10

Women in the NAACP Meeting. 10 a.m.-noon,

the Optimist Club of Fairfax, will be offering Safe Assured identification kits for children on Saturday, Nov. 17, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at police headquarters at 3730 Old Lee Highway.

Parents will receive a full-color photo ID and a mini-CD containing digital fingerprints, a digital photo, video showing movement and mannerisms, a general physical description, vital personal information and a family code word. Private information is encrypted and accessible only by law-enforcement personnel.

Missing-persons posters can be created and printed directly from the CD in English, Spanish and French. The Safe Assured ID kits can also be used as a valuable aid for adults with special needs. The kits are free and an appointment is necessary. Call Sgt. Joe Johnson at 703-385-7966 for further information and to make appointments.


at Burke Centre Library, 5935 Fred Oaks Rd., Burke. Meet and discuss the upcoming the NAACP holiday event, to be held Dec. 8.

Dog Adoptions. 1-4 p.m. PetSmart, 12971 Fair Lakes Center, Fairfax. Every Saturday. Sponsored by Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation. www.lostdogrescue.org.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 14

Where Do I Go For Help? 1: 30 p.m., at the Alzheimer's Family Day Center, 2812 Old Lee Highway, Suite 210, Fairfax. Learn about services available in Fairfax and the greater area for those facing Alzheimer's. RSVP. 703-204-4664.

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The starting line of the Goblin Gallop 5K race.

(From left) are Finn Sharp, 4; Tyler Pettibone-Clark, 6; and Mackenzie Sharp, 6.



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(From left) are Edree Espiritu and Eunice Baskin.



Candy bars variety pack (from left) Anita Gossett, Michael King and Elaine Houska.



Angry Birds (from left) Savni Puri, Christine Conner, Lyn Howard and Michelle Mai all work together at The Eye Doctors in Springfield.

Costumes Galore at Goblin Gallop

The 19th annual Goblin Gallop was Sunday, Oct. 28, at Fairfax Corner, benefiting the John Quadrino Foundation for children with cancer.



Hudson Langan-Stark, 2, is cute as a bumblebee.



Kira Freedman, 11, a sixth-grader at Saratoga Elementary in Springfield, won the 1K Fun Run.



(From left) are Sebastian Di Pietro, 7, and Samik Bhinge, 7.



(From left) are Dayvin Clime, 8; Caysen Chadha, 6; and Camryn Chadha, 4.



Springfield's Ryan Walls holds daughter Arabella, 2.

Satire, Comedy and Beautiful Costumes

Paul VI Presents "Tom Jones."

By Bonnie Hobbs
The Connection

Featuring a cast and crew of about 65, Paul VI presents the comedy, "Tom Jones." Show times are Thursday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, Nov. 9-10, at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 11, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5, students and senior citizens; \$10, adults; get yours by emailing pviproducers@yahoo.com or purchase them at the door. "This isn't the movie version; it's based on the book," said Director Katherine Miller. "It's a satire on what people perceive is a person of quality vs. who really is a person of quality. Tom Jones is an orphan—a founding, but he's raised in a well-heeled family and they love him. Yet he's clearly not one of their class. He's a person of great virtue but, when he wants to marry Sophia, in the upper class, he's scorned."

The actors have been rehearsing since September and Miller says they're doing a great job. "This is a young cast that's risen to the challenge," she said. "Even in crowd scenes, with both experienced and new actors, we pride ourselves on working on everyone's characters, down to the tiniest details. The story takes place in the 1750s, so they're also working on diction. And they have the most beautiful, colorful costumes." The scenes take place in the country, the woods and in London. "It's very quick, with each scene running into the next," said Miller. "I think the audience will have a good time. It's fun watching the pompous, rich people pat themselves on the back for how kind and generous they are and their charitable deeds, while Tom Jones—the truly kind and charitable person—is ostracized."

PORTRAYING TOM JONES is junior Max Snyder. He says his character's a nice guy who means well and does things out of the kindness of his heart. "He



Bonnie Hobbs/The Connection

In costume (from left) are Taylor Kiechlin, Will Holley and Elinor Curry. Paul VI performs "Tom Jones," Nov. 8-11.

wants the best outcome for everyone in every situation," said Snyder. "He's selfless and has a natural charm, so almost all the girls have some kind of feelings for him. But he's oblivious to it and doesn't realize when they try to seduce him."

Snyder enjoys playing someone who acts that way and calls Jones a "goofy guy." It's his first big part so, he said, "I'm almost always onstage, and it's such a great experience. I love performing; I'm having a wonderful time." Snyder said the show's so over-the-top that "the audience will enjoy seeing us having a great time with it." Junior Elinor Curry plays Sophia Western. "She's sweet and innocent, but has a plotting side and will do anything to get what she wants," said Curry. "She's very passionate and runs away from home to be with the man she loves."

Curry enjoys her part because her character has so many different emotions. "She's all over the place—angry, sad, happy," said

Curry. "And it's my first major role." She said the audience will like the show because it's so funny. "It has a lot of physical humor, plus wit," said Curry. "We always crack up while we're rehearsing. I think the audience will want to see it again."

"He's selfless and has a natural charm, so almost all the girls have some kind of feelings for him. But he's oblivious to it and doesn't realize when they try to seduce him."

— Max Snyder

Playing Sophia's aunt, Miss Western, is senior Taylor Kiechlin. "She's unmarried and has come from London to the English countryside to live with her brother and niece. She's there to help raise Sophia because her mother died. So Miss



Max Snyder plays Tom Jones.

Western teaches her the ways of London and how to flirt and be a woman."

Kiechlin says her character has a strong personality and "won't take anything from anyone. She feels she knows what's best for her niece and that everyone needs to do what she says. It's so much fun because I get to be mad at people and boss them around."

She said attendees will enjoy the satire. "We also break the fourth wall and talk with the audience," said Kiechlin. "And the costumes are big and bodacious—the dresses have petticoats, lace and bows."

Junior Will Holley portrays Partridge, who narrates the show's action in the first half and joins it in the second half as Jones's servant. "It's really cool," said Holley. "Being the narrator, you're kind of omnipresent and know what's going to happen, so you can wisecrack and make jokes. Partridge pokes fun at the upper class with his sharp wit. He does it to their face, but they don't pick up on it. They think they're fantastic, but none of them really are."

EVEN THOUGH "Tom Jones" is a period piece, Holley says it's understandable and works well. "All the actors really gel and do a good job of executing their parts," he said. "The audience will like the relationships between the characters, plus the romance, comedy and drama thrown together in one, ridiculous situation that's very entertaining. They'll want to watch and watch."

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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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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.

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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.

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

Members of the Friends of the
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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.vapropertryrightspetition.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 campaign 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

A Danger of Moving Backwards

To the Editor:

It is especially timely that certain Republican candidates for Congress have spoken and clearly stated what their true opinions are regarding rape specifically and women's health issues in general. The words they speak, as scientifically inaccurate, insensitive and seemingly irrational as they are, raise a deeper issue in terms of the society in which we live. The deeper issue is that if we allow people like these to be in positions of power and leave it to them to create policy based on their beliefs, our pluralistic and tolerant society will move backwards. We need to think carefully about these candidates and what they really stand for. We need to elect representatives who will promote sensitivity towards women, work hard for fair and equal treatment of them, and reject turning back the clock to a time when women had few rights and were not treated equally. To quote Mao Zedong, "Women hold up half the sky." I believe the people in the various states throughout the country, Virginia included, will make the correct decisions when they vote in two weeks. We will be able to celebrate another step towards equality for women.

Robert Cox
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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Allen v. Kaine for Senate

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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."



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(From left) Jim Chandler, director of LIHTC Credits, VHDA; Delegate David Bulova (D-37); Mayor Scott Silverthorne, City of Fairfax; Jane Henderson, president and CEO, Virginia Community Capital; Stephen Smith, vice president, Enterprise Community Investment, Inc.; Wilma Huff, West Wood Oaks resident; and J. Michael Pitchford, president, Community Preservation and Development Corporation, celebrate the completion of the \$6.7 million green renovation of the West Wood Oaks apartments in Fairfax.

Green Renovation

Affordable apartment community completes \$6.7 million green renovation.

Mayor R. Scott Silverthorne and City Manager Bob Sisson joined residents of West Wood Oaks Apartments, located in the heart of Fairfax, to celebrate the community's \$6.7 million green renovation and brand-new clubhouse, just completed by Community Preservation and Development Corporation (CPDC). Known as Suburbia Fairfax before the renovation, the 54-unit property is the only dedicated affordable property in the City of Fairfax by virtue of its income restrictions.

As Northern Virginia's economy continues to thrive, rents have outpaced household incomes, meaning that families must spend more of their hard-earned dollars on housing costs. A study by the National Low-Income Housing Coalition showed that a household in Fairfax must earn \$60,240 per year to afford a typical two-bedroom apartment, a level that is out of reach for many types of professions, such as teachers, social workers and health care workers.

The renovation of West Wood Oaks will ensure quality apartments at rents affordable to many families who otherwise could not afford to live in Fairfax. The property includes 39 apartments reserved for households earning 50 percent or less of area median, considering their family size. Rents for these apartments are 25 percent lower than the average apartment rent in the City of

Fairfax. The other 15 apartments are reserved for households earning 51 to 95 percent of the area median.

"This residential community has been a great asset to the city, helping to ensure that people who work in the area can afford to live here," said Silverthorne. "We are delighted that CPDC decided to preserve and update the property for the long term with this wonderful green renovation and beautiful new clubhouse."

"Our mission is to ensure that communities include high-quality housing that families of all incomes can afford, and we certainly have that here in the City of Fairfax," stated CPDC President and CEO J. Michael Pitchford.

Wilma Huff moved to West Wood Oaks 35 years ago after praying to find a safe, affordable place to call home near her job, then at the National Bank of Fairfax. She moved on to a 25-year career with the City of Fairfax, appreciating her convenient location less than a mile from City Hall and the friendliness of her neighbors. Recently retired, Huff now can stay in a renovated apartment near doctors, shopping and good neighbors. "I feel fortunate to have a beautiful new apartment in a place that is really a small community, rather than an apartment building," she said. "I commend the owners for improving the property and keeping it affordable for the next generation."

News

Springfield Lieutenants Earn Ranger Tab

Class of 2007 Robert E. Lee High School graduates have been best friends since the fourth grade and remained so throughout college.

U.S. Army Second Lieutenants Sean Camperson and Mathew Leegan completed the United States Army Ranger School, an intense 61-day combat oriented course designed to train soldiers on small unit tactics, combat arms functional skills, and close combat engagement techniques, with a graduation on Aug. 24, 2012 at Fort Benning, Ga. Ranger School is considered the most challenging school the Army offers and pushes students to exhausting limits physically and mentally. Earning the coveted "Ranger Tab" is the goal of every infantry officer and its wearer is immediately recognized as some-

one who can go the distance, and then some. Camperson and Leegan both hail from Springfield.

They attended Robert E. Lee High School where each excelled academically and athletically, graduating in 2007. Camperson is a recipient of the International Baccalaureate Diploma. Camperson's excellence in the classroom and athletic fields earned him a four-year Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) scholarship at Lehigh University located in Bethlehem, Pa. He was commissioned a second lieutenant of infantry upon graduation in May 2011. Camperson is the son of Brian and Cyndie Camperson, both of whom are retired U.S.

Army officers residing in Springfield. Brian Camperson earned his Ranger Tab in 1981. Camperson is also a graduate of the U.S. Army Paratrooper and Air Assault Schools. Leegan excelled in the classroom as well and earned varsity letters in cross country, golf and swimming serving as team captain his senior year. Leegan's accomplishments earned him an appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. He was commissioned a second lieutenant of infantry upon graduating in May 2011. Leegan was a member of the USMA's men's swimming team for all four years serving as its team captain his senior year. Leegan is the son of Michael and Tara Leegan residing in Springfield. Michael Leegan is a retired U.S. Navy officer. Leegan is also a graduate of the U.S. Army Paratrooper School.

Comperison and Leegan have been best friends since the fourth grade and remained so throughout college. Graduating from



From left, Mathew Leegan and Sean Camperson of Springfield completed the United States Army Ranger School.

Ranger School together and having their parents in attendance was an honor both will cherish. Leegan was Camperson's best man at his wedding in December, 2011.

Camperson is assigned to Fort

Hood, Texas where he joins his wife Laura Eull Camperson (U.S. Army second lieutenant, engineers) who is currently on deployment to Afghanistan. Leegan is assigned to Fort Polk, La.



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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



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.

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

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).

The Northern Region cross country championship meet is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 1 at Burke Lake Park.

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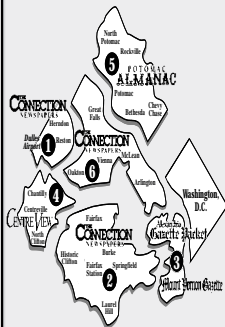
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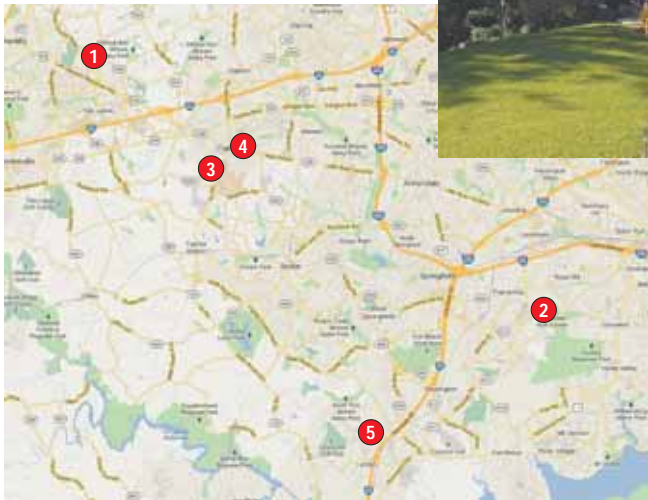
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