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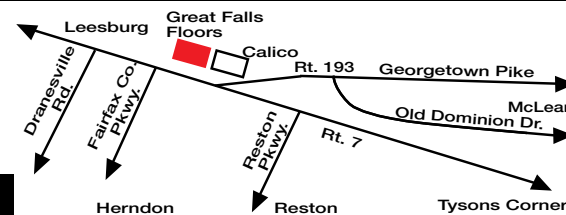
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“The attempt to dive into wedge issues wedges us apart. We’re wedged apart about as far as we can go.”
— Timothy M. Kaine

“[Virginians] deserve a strong independent voice, not an echo.”
— George Allen

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.

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.”





Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) speaks at the Great Falls Grange Tuesday, Oct. 23.



Democratic congressional candidate Kristin Cabral speaks at the Grange in Great Falls Tuesday, Oct. 23.



Independent congressional candidate Kevin Chisholm speaks at the Great Falls Grange Tuesday, Oct. 23.

Photos by Alex McVeigh/The Connection

The 10th District Candidates Speak at Great Falls Grange

Rep. Frank Wolf, challengers Kristin Cabral, Kevin Chisholm hold forum.

By Alex McVeigh
The Connection

Democratic challenger Kristin Cabral faced off with Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) at the Great Falls Grange Tuesday, Oct. 23, in a community forum designed to answer questions about the next two years of the 10th district.

In Fairfax County, the new district contains parts of McLean northwest of Dolley Madison Boulevard, all of Great Falls and parts of Oak Hill and Chantilly.

Wolf, who has represented the district since elected in 1980, said he is running based on his past accomplishments, and his knowledge, which will help get things done in the future.

"I will continue to be a fighter for this congressional district, whether it's creating jobs, dealing with our nation's debt and deficit, dealing with terrorism and other crime issues, fixing regional transportation problems," he said. "Working together in a bipartisan manner is how I have approached my job... I have never signed any political pledge to any lobbyist, and I never will."

THE DEBATE was filled with many Wolf supporters, but many from outside of Great Falls.

"I know the district has changed shape, but I think Frank Wolf is still very intimately aware of the problems we face, and not only can he solve them on the federal level, he is connected enough locally that he can help there," said Andy Colitas of Chantilly. "I don't think he says things he doesn't mean, and I applaud the way he has balanced the needs of this community with his federal government responsibilities."

Cabral said she is running for office because the 10th district needs a change.

"I am running to bring fresh leadership to a broken Congress. A congress that is mired in stalemate and gridlock," she said. "Growing the American

dream means increasing educational and job opportunities... and this is done by ensuring access to such opportunities to those in need."

Cabral is a resident of McLean, and a trained lawyer who has worked as a federal prosecutor, a clerk for a federal judge and taught legal writing at Georgetown University.

Some at the forum said they believed Cabral was a first step toward finding a congress that can get things done.

"Congressman Wolf said himself that he had supported legislation on term limits, so I'm not sure why he doesn't follow his own example," said Ernest Muya of McLean. "This district has changed so much in recent years, and with a lot more to come, and I feel like Kristin is our chance to enact that change."

OTHERS SAID while they liked Cabral and thought she made some good points, that she isn't ready to represent the 10th district at the federal level.

"She seemed like a very nice, very accomplished, very intelligent lady, but I felt she was a little out of her league," said Annie Childress of McLean. "Frank has done a lot of good, and laid out his future plans, but I feel like Ms. Cabral only said she would 'fix' the problems, without giving many examples. And as the challenger, I think she needs to provide those."

Independent candidate Kevin Chisholm did not participate in the forum, but spoke for several minutes before it began. Chisholm, an engineer with a background in environmental sciences, said "It's such a mess in Washington, such a wreck, and it has been for a long, long time, in terms of fiscal things and priorities" he said. "I hear this hyperbole in national politics and it just sickens me."

He said the military, and much of the federal government needs to "trim its belt," citing his government experience as an example of the government's inefficiency.

"I send, and you all send, a lot of tax dollars to the U.S. government, and we want value," he said.

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

— Michelle Kain

David Rice, Age 18, McLean, Thomas Jefferson High School of Science and Technology, Senior

"I'll be voting for Barack Obama for several reasons. First of all, I've been pretty liberal all my life and I've grown up overseas in France, Belgium and Greece and it's no secret that Europe is pretty liberal also. It put American politics into perspective for me and helped shape my views. Also, I'll be going to college next year and it's increasingly expensive. Romney's plan has loans relying on the private sector more than Obama's plan and that idea concerns me. As a person, Mitt Romney is obviously a great businessman but as a president, he flip-flops on several topics and changes his views so often that you don't know if you'll have a moderate Mitt Romney or a severely conservative Mitt Romney. Also, I have two very bright younger sisters and they deserve good opportunities in their futures. Obama's platform involves more gender equality and equal pay for women. After taking several classes where I learned about alternative energy, I am a firm believer in alternative energy and although drilling in Alaska would create jobs, we would be depleting resources and taking away from America's beauty. I believe that jobs can be created with alternative energy as well. Obama is doing a better job of focusing on alternative energy, which is the way of the future. In terms of foreign policy, Romney put politics over national security in his criticism of Obama's actions in Libya. Romney also used and abused the death of the Navy Seal that was killed during the attack in Libya along with the US Ambassador as a political advantage. Additionally, Romney and Ryan don't have the necessary foreign policy background. I have taken Chinese all four years in high school and between sophomore and junior year, I traveled to China where I stayed with a host family and went to a small town where I talked to people and learned more about the culture. I think that Romney has treated China as a cheater from the beginning and cutting down on America's #1 trade partner is not good for the economy. There are steps that need to be taken but his stance is too harsh."



Maddie Stearn, Age 18, Vienna, The Madeira School, Senior

"For me it's a simple choice: I'm voting for Obama because I feel that he makes this country a safer place for me, especially as a woman. People often say that you can't be a 'one-issue voter', but they don't realize that all of the issues are connected in complex ways. I'm voting for the candidate that believes in gender equality because it's the right thing for our country, not just the right thing for women."



Ashley Hadjis, Age 18, Alexandria, The Madeira School, Senior

"I am voting for Mitt Romney in this election because I believe that Obama has not met any of his promises and the economy is still dismal. He focused too much time on Obamacare, which I believe, like Mitt Romney, should be repealed. Romney's time at Bain Capital and as Massachusetts's governor gives him the experience as a businessman that we need to get our country back on track."



Clayton Shepherd, Age 18, Broad Run High School, Senior, Ashburn

"I'm voting for Mitt Romney and it's for a number of reasons. For one, I come from a DOD family and in Obama's first year in office, my father's pay was frozen as a civilian of the Navy. And the second reason is the faltering economy, especially as a soon to be college student with a #1 priority of having a job that can fit my skill set that I acquire at whatever university I attend. I feel like the status quo isn't good enough as proven by the tension in the election."



Ian Rand, Age 18, Northern Virginia Community College, Vienna

"I am voting the Libertarian ticket in this upcoming election. While third party votes generally don't take much hold, I believe in the Libertarian party's conservative government values like states' rights along with Liberal social policies, such as avocation of gay marriage and drug law reforms."



Chelsey Foster, Age 18, The Madeira School, Senior, Purcellville

"I'm voting for Mitt Romney because I believe that his ideas and views are ones that will benefit America, fix the economy, and allow our country to thrive again. Right now in our country, babies are born with over \$35,000 of debt because Obama chose not to cut spending or create a budget. To me, it seems obvious that the right choice for president is Mitt Romney, because America needs to be restored to the principles that once were the core of our prosperity, and he can do that. As the Romney campaign says, 'What we need is a real recovery.'"



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.

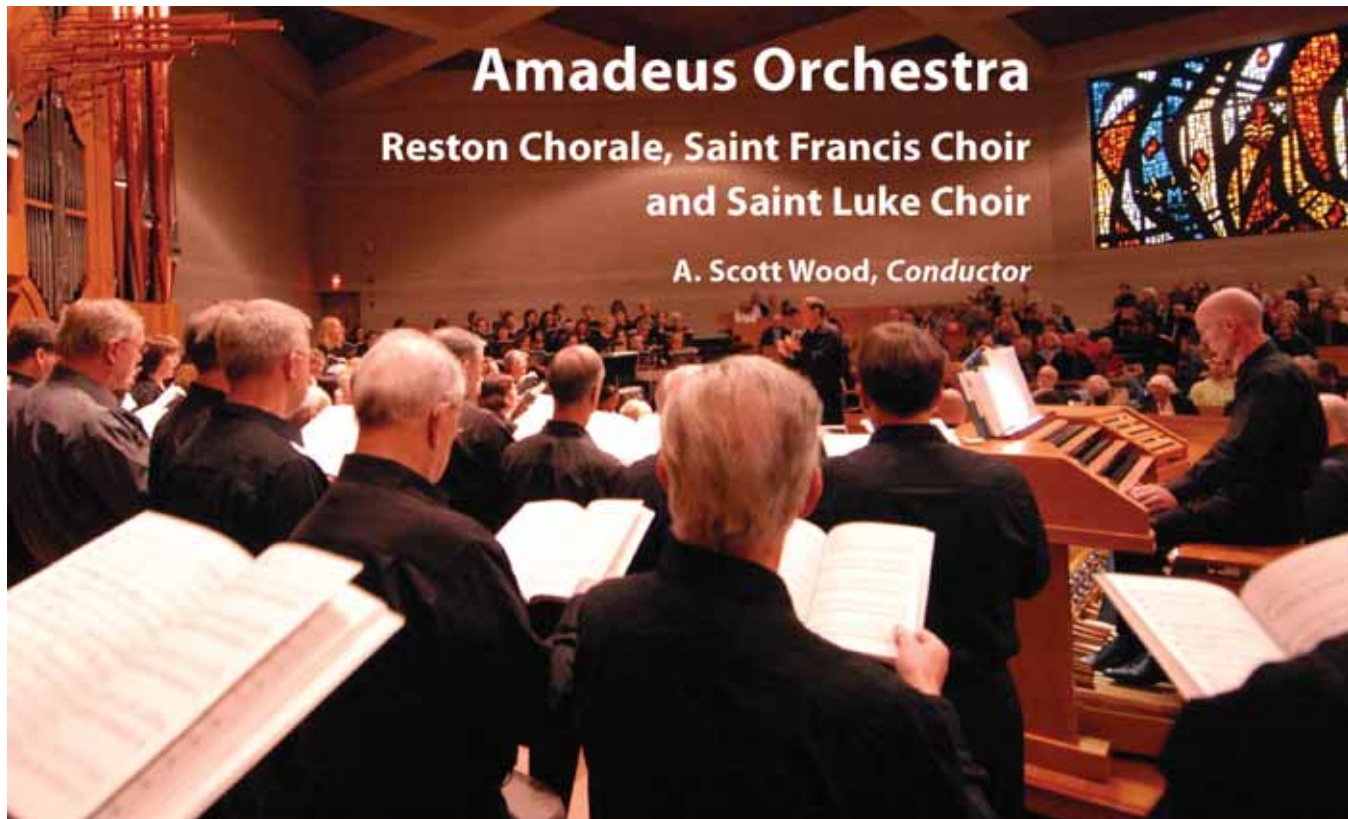
Last night, Vienna resident Wolf Gottshalk reported he drove down Hunter Mill Road past Hunter Station Road to get to his neighborhood.

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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.



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News

Serving More Than a Village

**Alisa Cozzens
named Rotary
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Citizen of the Year.**

By Alex McVeigh
The Connection

The Great Falls Rotary Club named its first Outstanding Citizen of the Year, Alisa Cozzens, executive director of Serve A Village, a Great Falls based nonprofit. Cozzens moved to South Africa as a teenager, and though her travels since have taken her to Northern Virginia, she still continues outreach to the area.

"It was a complete surprise to be named Citizen of the Year," Cozzens said. "We've had a great working relationship with the Rotary Club, they've been a huge local supporter for us."

In past years, Serve A Village has reached out to Haiti, in the wake of the 2010 earthquake, and Russia, but most recently has focused on parts of South Africa and Kenya.



Photo by Alex McVeigh/The Connection

From right, Alisa Cozzens, executive director, and Chris Troger, chairman of the board of Serve A Village, a Great Falls-based nonprofit. Cozzens was named the Great Falls Rotary Club's Outstanding Citizen of the Year.

Since March of last year, Serve A Village has sponsored several initiatives and expeditions to serve the people of Africa. They collected 300 bicycles and shipped them over to be distributed to schools, small businesses and nursing homes.

THE GROUP has also worked on securing treatment for jiggers, a type of flea similar to chiggers that

can get into skin and eventually cause diseases that can be fatal.

"The people need shoes to prevent jiggers from getting into their skin and eventually cause infections to the organs. Between no shoes and the dirt floors in many homes, treatment is needed," said Chris Troger, chairman of the board. "Last time we were there, we did a weekly treatment of po

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Outstanding Citizen of the Year

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tassium permanganate for three weeks on the dirt floors of homes, and we're trying to get shoes for as many people as possible."

They have also started several projects that are designed to make an even more lasting impact. They have collected thousands of books for the local school and plan to start a library. The library serves Vihiga County, an area with the approximate population of Great Falls, Herndon and Reston combined that has never had a library before.

"The kids there are good readers, but their school has about five or six textbooks, which seem to be from the 40s," Cozzens said.

"We've also started an agricultural project on the land the library sits on, and eventually we're hoping that what they can grow there will go to help pay for the rent and salary for staff."

Coming by books hasn't been too big of a problem for Serve A Village, students at local schools collected books and helped raise money to send them over there.

"I think we've seen a lot of book donations because people are converting to iPads and Kindles, so this is a great way to get the paper books to people that can really use them," Troger said. "The hardest part for us is paying of shipping. After a lot of shopping around, it's still about \$1,600 to ship a large carton



From right, Alisa Cozzens and Chris Troger of Serve A Village, a Great Falls-based nonprofit. Cozzens was named the Great Falls Rotary Club's Outstanding Citizen of the Year for her work with Serve A Village, which gives aid around the world, mostly Africa.

of books over there. And it's very hard to buy books over there, which is why we need to send them."

In addition to books, Serve A Village has been collecting other items that are difficult to come by in Africa.

"We went to a public meeting during a trip over there with more than 1,000 seniors, and not a single one of them had a pair of glasses," Cozzens said. "Through donations, we were able to collect around 2,000 pairs, have them graded, and held clinics to teach the residents how to use them."

SERVE A VILLAGE is still collecting glasses, a donation box is available at Great Falls Eyecare.

The group is entirely volunteer-run, and all money donated goes to programs, outreach efforts and funds to send people overseas. Serve A Village sends over several expeditions per year, and also offers information and assistance for groups that plan to go over.

"We set up trips for our various goals, but if there are groups that want to go over, and have personal missions or goals, we do our best to help facilitate that so they can get over there and help," Cozzens said. "We can custom-tailor expeditions for the dates and types of service people are interested in."

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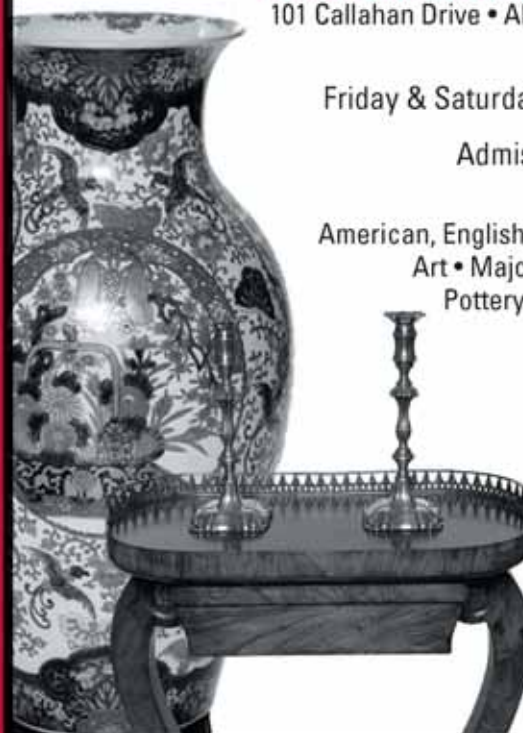
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Opinion

As Sandy Rolls in, 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

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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

some of our important problems.

litical correctness is overrated. If we continue another four years under the policies of the present, the United States citizens may be permanently at the trough of government spending. The government will continue to take over more and more power over our lives, and probably will take over many large companies, as well. One need not speculate what will this do to our free enterprise system, and our cherished freedoms.

Our president came into office supported by a lot of enthusiasm, with the promise to work across the aisle to create cooperation, and he made many promises to solve

some of our important problems. Instead, he squandered his chance of a successful term in office by spending all his political capital on a Federal take-over of our health care system, rather than on focusing primarily on the poor economic situation, which is far more important. This divisive approach lead to protracted gridlock in Congress, in the public and in the courts, with no end in sight. He has not had a budget approved in four years and has increased our National Debt by \$4 Trillion.

The situation four years ago was one of borrowing money to fund our efforts in the Middle-East con-

flicts, and to prop up the banks, which had speculated with the home values. The Republicans were not able to prevent the huge housing bubble created by the easy money approach to mortgage lending during the Clinton years, and Democrat and Republican governments at all levels expanded into more programs funded by increased property assessments and higher real estate taxes. The bubble has burst.

We are currently in a deep economic slump, and continuing the current approach another four years will not possibly allow a re

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Letters to the Editor

Socialism or Recovery?

To the Editor:

I normally do not write about politics, but this year for me the need is compelling, since the American people will need to decide whether they want our country to continue to shift dramatically toward socialism, or whether they want our country to begin to recover from many years of overspending, taxing and borrowing. I encourage people to state their views whether they agree with mine or not, and believe that po-

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covery, and may only make it worse. Our president has shown inadequate leadership, and though he may be likeable, the American people can now direct a new approach.

Mr. Romney has shown an ability to lead in Massachusetts, and worked effectively with Democrats and Republicans alike, to balance the State Budget, to create at the local level, a health care arrangement where more people have health insurance, and he managed a rescue of the Salt Lake City Olympics from financial problems. His experience in business ventures has given him the background to know what it takes to grow small businesses in America, now badly needed. His approach toward energy independence by emphasizing development of all sources of domestic energy will create millions of productive jobs, and reduce our decades-long dependence on foreign oil supplies, which may have lead to some unnecessary involvement in the Middle East. The American People need to, and our talented people and companies can, make and export high quality products, rather than continue to export jobs while buying cheap imported products. Buy American!

In the first presidential debate, Mr. Obama was very passive and unable to assert arguments in defense of his first four years in office. Mr. Romney clearly explained in the first debate, that stimulating small American companies by reducing government restraints and the tax rate, while reducing unneeded deductions, without reducing taxes on upper income levels should generate economic growth, and actually increase public revenue for important programs, and to help restore fiscal sanity. Our president wants to increase tax rates on businesses, and this will have the opposite effect, and hurt our small companies, the engines of increasing jobs and more take home pay for more Americans.

The debate between Vice-President Biden and Mr. Ryan was interesting, but not decisive. Mr. Biden was blustery and defensive on the recent lapse of security at our consulate in Benghazi, during which terrorists killed four Americans in a planned heavy attack. Al Qaeda has not succumbed. Mr. Ryan explained Mr. Romney's plans for economic recovery and maintaining the Medicare program.

In the second presidential debate, many important issues were

covered, and President Obama was much more assertive. However, the President was again not able to defend the record of his first term, because his record is basically indefensible. The weak administration performance in many areas has resulted in increased costs to the people, including health care, the price of gasoline, and there are now fewer Americans with jobs than four years ago. The enthusiasm of many Obama voters has dropped. The president acknowledged his failure to adequately protect the American Consulate in Benghazi. Mr. Romney was also assertive, and repeatedly gave a more hopeful optimistic picture for the future, in creating millions of jobs, in energy independence, in health care, women's pay equality, education, and having government encourage rather than hinder small business.

The third presidential debate clearly showed that Mr. Romney was the more statesmanlike candidate, and described the high road for an American Leadership role in the world, based on helping the nations unify in fighting world terrorism. He also demonstrated that America must have a strong domestic economy, as a prerequisite to this leadership role, as

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News

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Langley High School students Julie Sher and Justin Sher, perform a dragon dance in the Langley HS auditorium prior to the start of the school's orchestra concert on Oct. 25. The concert, entitled *Spirited Away*, showcased Asian culture and music.



Alyssa Katahara, a sophomore at Langley High School, performs a harp solo during the performance of *Dance Sacree*.



Many members of the Langley High School Orchestra, like Cindy Lee and Gene Kim, dressed in traditional clothing of their native countries while the orchestra celebrated the Asian culture with music and performances.

'Spirited Away' at Langley High

School's orchestra concert showcases Asia culture and music.

The Langley High School Orchestra presented "Spirited Away: A Celebration of Asian Culture and Music" to a full house on Oct. 25. Music played by the five orchestras included compositions from Japan, Korea, China, Taiwan, India, and Singapore. Guest performers

included Nen Daiko (Traditional Japanese Taiko Drum Ensemble), Indian dancer Pallavi Rudraraju, the Asian American Arts Center (Korean Jang-goh Drum Dance), and the new student rock band, "Eastward Bound." Many members of the orchestra and audience wore the traditional garments of

their native country. An Asian Festival prior to the concert featured food from different countries and exhibits representing China, India, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Vietnam. The next concert will be on Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. in the Langley HS Auditorium.



The Langley High School Orchestra performs a selection of Asian music during their performance, *Spirited Away*, on Thursday night.



Hoonie Kim, lead singer of Eastward Bound, performs the song *Gangnam Style* during the band's debut performance prior to the start of the Langley High School Orchestra's performance.



The Langley High School Orchestra performs a selection of Asian music during their performance, entitled *Spirited Away*, on Thursday night.



Members of Nen Daiko present a traditional Japanese taiko drum piece, "Buchiwase."



Dr. Scott McCormick, director of the Langley High School Orchestra, conducts a combination of the philharmonic and chamber orchestras during their recent performance of *Spirited Away*. *Spirited Away* featured Asian inspired music and culture, with many students dressed in their native clothing and featured performances from area Asian musicians.



Langley High School Chamber Orchestra musicians: violist Alex Quion, cellist Skye Toor and principal cellist Constance Chiu (all seniors).



Here's What's Happening at MCC

Children's Flea Market

Saturday, Nov. 3
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Free admission

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Jazz Masters with John Eaton: The Wit and Wisdom of Cole Porter

Saturday, Nov. 3
1 p.m.

Free admission

Pianist, scholar and humorist John Eaton explores the career and life of American composer Cole Porter in this lecture/recital.

Alfred Hitchcock's "North by Northwest"

Wednesday, Nov. 7
10 a.m.

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Hot Club of San Francisco: "Cinema Vivant"

Saturday, Nov. 17
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WEDNESDAY/OCT. 31

The Annual Spooktacular. 5-7 p.m., at Great Falls Village Centre Green, 776 Walker Road, Great Falls. Trick-or-treat with area businesses in the heart of town. www.celebrategreatfalls.org/Spook.html.

Halloween Pet Parade. 4-4:45 p.m., at the parking lot by Grandmothers Back Room, 756 Walker Road, Great Falls. Come with a costumed, leashed pet in tow and parade. Judging is at 4:30 p.m., with prizes for special categories; pets must be cleared from area by 4:40 p.m. www.celebrategreatfalls.org/Spook.html.

FRIDAY/NOV. 2

The Spelling Bee. 7:30 p.m., the Olson Theater at Flint Hill School, 10410 Academic Drive, Oakton. See what happens when people will do anything to win. Free with reservations. www.flinthill.org/play.

What I Did Last Summer. 8 p.m., at the Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The WWII coming-of-age story set in Lake Erie; ages 15-plus. MCP offers a \$200 prize and publication for the winning essay on the subject of the play. \$16; \$14 for seniors, students and MCC members. www.mcleanplayers.org.

Ingrid Fliter. 8 p.m., at The Barn at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. The pianist makes her Discovery Series debut with virtuosic interpretations of Classical and



John Byrne plays on Sunday, Nov. 4 as part of the Fireside Celtic Concerts Series at The Old Brogue.

Romantic era works. \$35. www.wolftrap.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 3

Flicker of Hope Vienna 5K Fun Walk. 10 a.m.-noon, at the Vienna Fire Department, Engine 402, 400 Center Street S, Vienna. The second annual 5K walk to benefit survivors of traumatic brain injuries; refreshments and raffle follow race. \$35 (includes t-shirt). www.flickerofhope.org.

Kiln Club Holiday Sale. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. A dozen-plus artisans and potters offer up platters,

bowls, cups, raku vases, vessels and high-fire pottery of all shapes with vivid glassy glazes; cash, check and cards accepted. www.kilnclubwdc.com.

Children's Flea Market. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Children ages 3 to 15 sell gently used items including toys, electronics, games, jewelry, books, clothing and decorative items at a fraction of the original cost. 703-790-0123 ext. 711 or www.mcleancenter.org/kids/events.

Wit and Wisdom of Cole Porter. 1 p.m., McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Part of the Jazz Masters series with John Eaton, a pianist, scholar and

John Byrne at the Old Brogue

The John Byrne Band's Dublin-born Byrne brings an acoustic version of his band to the Brogue, playing Irish songs and tunes on Sunday, Nov. 4 at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., 760-C Walker Road, Great Falls. The Celtic Concerts Series is held on five consecutive Sundays in November and December; it is the 10th season of family friendly, fall traditional Celtic fire-side concerts. \$15. 703-759-3309, www.ionamusic.com/brogue.shtml or www.oldbrogue.com.

humorist; explore the career and life of Porter via a lecture/recital. 703-790-0123.

Evening of Steak, Cabernet & Chocolate. 6:30 p.m., at Wildfire, Tysons Galleria, Third Floor, 1714 International Drive, McLean. A reception preceding a three course meal from the chef; owner of Chouquette Artisan Chocolates & Confections talks on chocolate. \$90. 703-442-9110.

The Spelling Bee. 7:30 p.m., the Olson Theater at Flint Hill School, 10410 Academic Drive, Oakton. See what happens when people will do anything to win. Free with reservations. www.flinthill.org/play.

Jonathan Edwards. 7:30 p.m., at The Barn at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. The singer/songwriter fills the evening with folk classics and Americana from his latest album My Love Will Keep. \$24. www.wolftrap.org.

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Ballroom Dance at Colvin Run Community Hall. 8 p.m., 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Live music by "The Family," playing all your favorite ballroom dance styles from the 1930s to today. \$5 optional rumba lesson, \$15 dance. www.colvinrun.org.

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What I Did Last Summer. 2 p.m., at the Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The WWII coming-of-age story set in Lake Erie; ages 15-plus. MCP offers a \$200 prize and publication for the winning essay on the subject of the play. \$16; \$14 for seniors, students and MCC members. www.mcleanplayers.org.

Amadeus Concerts: Idyll. 4 p.m., at Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Reston Chorale, Saint Francis Choir, Saint Luke Choir and Amadeus Community Singers present Wagner's "Siegfried Idyll" among others. \$30; \$17, students 17-and-under. www.amadeusconcerts.com.

Fall Concerts of Traditional Celtic Music. 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. The Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760-C Walker Road, Great Falls. VA and Barnaby Productions, Inc. present the 10th season of family friendly, fall traditional Celtic concerts; The John Byrne Band plays the first Sunday. Tickets for all 5 concerts, \$65; \$15 each for individual concerts. All ages. Reservations must be made in advance at the Old Brogue. 703-759-3309.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 7

Wayne Wolfersberger. 7:30-9:30 p.m., at Thoreau Middle School, 2025 Cedar Lane, Vienna. The Vienna Photographic Society hosts the wildlife photographer; he'll talk on the in-the-field techniques needed to make stunning wildlife images. www.waynewolfersberger.com/index.html. 703-451-7298 or www.vps-va.org.

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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.

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.

Faith Notes

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

St. John's Episcopal Church in McLean welcomes everyone to an All Saints' Sunday service of Holy Eucharist featuring the Requiem by André Campra on Nov. 4 at 5:30 p.m. Requiem will be sung by the St. John's Choir and a vocal solo quartet. Violins, viola, and organ will provide the accompaniment. St. John's Episcopal Church is located one mile east of Beltway Exit 44, at 6715 Georgetown Pike in McLean. For more information, call the Church Office at 703-356-4902 or visit www.stjohnsmclean.org.

A Walk through Ancient Bethlehem, Dec. 8-9, 2012. Walk through a replica of ancient Bethlehem during the time of Jesus Christ' birth. On Dec. 8 and 9, Parkwood Baptist Church of Annandale will present its 12th annual re-creation of Bethlehem. Tours conducted from 4 to 8 p.m. will feature costumed re-enactors including Roman soldiers and tax collectors, musical performances, and a nativity scene with live performers and animals. Activities and crafts for children and refreshments for all. No admission charge. 8726 Braddock Road, Annandale. Details available at www.bwalk.org or 703-978-8160.

Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1545 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, at the intersection with Westmoreland Street has Sunday worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m., traditional style worship; 9:45 a.m., contemporary style worship; and 11 a.m., traditional style worship. Sunday School and Adult Forum is at 9:45 a.m.

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill

Road, Oakton, offers a rich and unique Religious Exploration (RE) program for all children, from pre-K toddlers through high school seniors, emphasizing exploration of all religious traditions while developing a personal spiritual path. Registration for the RE program, which offers classes on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings, is now open by calling 703-281-4230.

St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls, offers three Sunday services and a host of musical, educational, outreach, and fellowship ministries to enrich spiritual growth. 7:45 a.m. Worship Service without music; 9 a.m. Worship Service, Children's Chapel and Children's Choirs; 10 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Forum; and 11 a.m. Worship Service with Adult Choir. 703-759-2082.

Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1545 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, offers a 9 a.m. traditional service and a 10:30 a.m. contemporary service on Sundays. Also offers two services during the summer - both of which will include children's sermons. 703-356-3346.

Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean, Sunday worship services are at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for adults is at 9:30 a.m. and for children during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Youth Group for grades 7-12 meets Sundays at 6 p.m. A 20-minute service of Holy Communion is held each Wednesday at 12 p.m. 703-356-3312 or umtrinity.org.

The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA) offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. www.jssa.org/growth-learning.

Week in Great Falls

Veterans Day Ceremony at Freedom Memorial

On Monday, Nov. 12, at 11 a.m., the Great Falls Freedom Memorial Committee will hold its annual Veterans Day Ceremony at the site of the Freedom Memorial (behind the Great Falls Library at 9830 Georgetown Pike). The speaker will be James Roberts, who served as an anti-submarine warfare and nuclear weapons officer in Vietnam. In 1995, he founded The American Veterans Center, "honoring the sacrifice and guarding the legacy of America's veterans."

A Marine Corps Reserve Color Guard will present the colors. The sixth Grade classes at Great Falls Elementary School will join the ceremony and members of the Great Falls Village Green Day School kindergarten class will lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The Madrigal Choir of Langley High School will provide music for this event.

The ceremony is open to all and ample parking is available in the library parking lot. In case of rain, the ceremony will move into the Library's meeting room.

Survey on Drinking and Driving in Fairfax County

Fairfax County residents 18 and older are being asked to complete a brief survey on behaviors and attitudes about underage drinking, binge drinking, and alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes in the county. Data collected in the survey by George Mason University will be used by the nonprofit Unified Prevention Coalition of Fairfax County (UPC) to develop and implement strategies to reduce the number of alcohol-related crashes for those 18-24. To take the anonymous survey, go to www.unifiedpreventioncoalition.org by Nov. 9 and click on "Community Perception Survey."

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News

Allen v. Kaine for Senate

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WITH LESS THAN A WEEK before Election Day, 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 schoolchildren."

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."

Letters

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well as an adequate military capability for unseen circumstances. The president continued his small negative attacks, vainly attempting to draw Mr. Romney into petty arguments over bayonets, etc.

Mr. Romney gave the president a pass on the recent terrorist murders in Benghazi, but the American People will likely render a judgment on the administration's failure to provide adequate security on the eleventh anniversary of 9/11.

It has been stated, "It's the economy, stupid." All other domestic and international issues are affected by how well we encourage the American entrepreneurial genius to grow America. Let's not be stupid by continuing the false hope of the last four years! Believe in America—vote for Mr. Romney.

Glen Sjoblom
Great Falls

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

Time for a Change

To the Editor:

As I listened to Congressman Frank Wolf during his debate with challenger Kristin Cabral at the Great Falls Grange on Oct. 23, I realized that he was focused on his past in Congress and not the future interests of the citizens of the

10th District. I also noted that many of the "successes" he noted over his career were local earmark type projects to address traffic issues. While these projects may have been of importance to those affected people, we should expect our Congressman to do more in playing a role on the national stage to shape policies that address the big issues of our time. This is where Frank Wolf falls short. For over three decades, he has out-sourced his position on the big issues to the Republican leadership. In the current Congress, he has voted with the Republican Party 81 percent of the time. That is not a record of one who reaches out to build coalitions across the aisle and move the legislative agenda forward.

Kristin Cabral showed enthusiasm to take on the big issues with respect to jobs, investment in education, protecting Social Security and Medicare and balancing the budget through both spending cuts and tax reform. We live in a dynamic community that has needs significantly different from those of 30 years ago. It is ironic that Mr. Wolf voted for 6-year term limits for the House in the 1980s, yet he has not chosen to follow through on his previously stated position on term limits. It is time for a change and Kristin Cabral offers a new vision for bi-partisan leadership in the Congress.

J. Jay Volkert, Ph.D.
Tysons Corner

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Oakton's Klimkiewicz Repeats as Concorde XC Champ

Madison girls win Liberty District.

By Jon Roetman
The Connection

For the second straight season, Oakton's Allie Klimkiewicz held off Robinson's Macey Schweikert to win the Concorde District girls' cross country championship.

After edging Schweikert by three seconds in 2011, Klimkiewicz beat her opponent from Robinson by one second on Oct. 24 at Burke Lake Park. Klimkiewicz finished with a time of 17:36, leading Oakton to a third straight team title.

"I knew she was there," Klimkiewicz said. "I was pretty sure she was close because you can kind of see shadows."

Schweikert finished second with a time of 17:37, helping Robinson to a runner-up team finish and a berth in the Northern Region championship meet, scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 1 at

Burke Lake Park. Oakton finished with a score of 40 at the district meet. Robinson finished with 45, followed by Chantilly (72) and Centerville (100).

Hailey Dougherty placed fourth (18:22) for Oakton.



Oakton sophomore Allie Klimkiewicz, seen earlier this season, won her second consecutive Concorde District cross country championship on Oct. 24 at Burke Lake Park.



McLean's Katie Montgomery, seen earlier this season, finished third at the Liberty District cross country championships on Oct. 24 at Burke Lake Park.



Langley's Jacquelyn Hulett, seen earlier this season, finished 35th at the Liberty District cross country championships on Oct. 24 at Burke Lake Park.

Kristi Carrigan finished ninth (18:56), Briana Stewart was 12th (19:22) and Kara Kendall was 14th (19:24).

Langley's Jessica Miles finished

second with a time of 19:21. McLean's Katie Montgomery (19:28) and Megan McCormack (19:40) finished third and sixth, respectively. South Lakes' Devin

Nieusma (19:56) and Monica Lannen (19:59) were 10th and 13th, respectively.

IN BOYS' ACTION, Oakton

placed fourth, grabbing the final regional berth. Chantilly won the event with a 19. Robinson finished second with a total of 64, followed by Westfield (92) and Oakton (95).

Oakton's top boys' finisher was Jack Stoney, who placed eighth with a time of 15:52. Chantilly's Sean McGorty won the event with a time of 14:38, one minute faster than his nearest competitor.

Later in the day, a pair of Madison harriers captured the individual Liberty District boys' and girls' championships.

Laura Sullivan won the girls' championship with a time of 19:11, helping the Warhawks capture the team title. Sullivan and her coach said they didn't expect such a strong performance. As a freshman last season, Sullivan placed 20th at districts.

"It came out of nowhere," Sullivan said. "I wasn't expecting it at all. I wanted to medal; I wanted to get top five. I got to the halfway point and I was in first and I didn't think much of it. It didn't process until the two-mile mark and I was like, 'I'm in first.'"

"Laura definitely stepped up," Madison coach Craig Chasse said. "That was a surprise. I wouldn't have predicted her winning. If you ask any of the other coaches, I don't think they would have guessed it. They would have guessed somebody else."

Madison's Amanda Swaak finished fourth (19:37). Christina Galiano placed seventh (19:47), Morgan Wittrock was 15th (20:02) and Anna Stone was 22nd (20:17).

In boys' action, Madison's Matthew Calem took home the individual title with a time of 15:43, edging Stone Bridge's Brady Guertin.

"He ran a smart race," Chasse said about Calem. "Nobody in the boys' race really wanted to take the lead, it looked like. They were pretty slow—5:17 at the mile—it's a little hot today; it became tactical ..."

MADISON FINISHED FIFTH, one spot away from a regional berth. Stone Bridge won the team title with a score of 43, followed by Thomas Jefferson (73), McLean (89) and South Lakes (95).

McLean's David Galdo (10th, 16:36) and Lewis Millholland (13th, 16:41) earned all-district. South Lakes' Ashkan Mohammadi (fourth, 16:12), Michael McHugh (11th, 16:39) and Andrew McCool (14th, 16:42) were also all-district.

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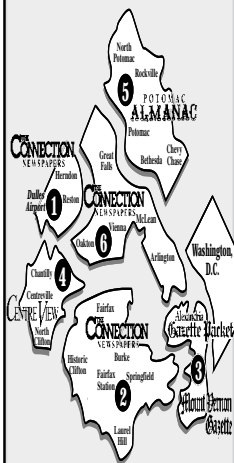
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Hands of Time



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

On the one hand, I want to take note every month on the 27th as yet one more notch on my living-with-cancer belt. On the other hand, maybe I don't need a belt to be notching but rather a life to be living. Perhaps it's time, nearly 44 months post-diagnosis – at press time, to stop counting backwards and try more living forwards. It's not as if keeping a running total in my head (as I do), gets me any closer to some sort of finish line where life can begin anew. Hardly. I'm not exactly cancer-free, more like cancer-stalled. Nevertheless, my monthly total does indicate how far I've come, how long I've lived, but it doesn't necessarily translate into how much longer I may live. In fact, it might suggest the exact opposite (only so much time left on the clock, hypothetically speaking), so why bother tracking time? Why not track the future instead? Go somewhere! Do something! Live a lot, not just a little.

Unfortunately, survivability in the terminal cancer world may simply be the means to your end. If you can't beat it, then you can only join it. Although you hope to outlast it, stay one step ahead and try to keep it from catching you. Perhaps I should consider – and embrace – the words of the great Satchel Page: "Don't look back. Something might be gaining on you." Still, for me, totaling up the number of months since I received my official diagnosis/prognosis, gives me confidence that having survived this unexpectedly long (original prognosis was "13 months to two years"; median life expectancy is eight months) somehow means something positive going forward. Not that there's any statistical relationship between the past and the future. As Starfleet Captain, Kathryn Janeway said to her first officer Commander Chacotay on an episode of Star Trek: Voyager: "I swore I'd never let myself get caught in one of these Godforsaken paradoxes. The future is the past, the past is the future. It all gives me a headache." Certainly they weren't discussing cancer, but for me, wondering if counting the months I've lived with cancer might possibly have an effect on the months I have yet to live with/hopefully without cancer is beneficial somehow to surviving, is sort of how I roll. Whereas choosing the alternative approach: not counting and/or considering anything/everything, gives me a headache.

How do I stay ahead of cancer without betraying who I am or compromising my principles? As Curly Howard of The Three Stooges said while harnessed like a horse and pulling a wagon in an episode called "G.I. Wanna Go Home": "If I'm gonna work like a horse, I'm gonna eat like one, too" (as he began eating an extra-large sandwich). However I do this (live with cancer), I have to do it my way, or at least in a way that doesn't make me miserable. Because being miserable is all it's cracked up to be, and having a bad attitude likely fuels the cancer that unfortunately burns inside me. But I never want to think that I've learned all there is to learn to help my body/my mind fight the cancer. Maybe looking forward to potential accomplishments might extend life more than taking stock of previous achievements? On the one hand, those accomplishments (still living 44 months post diagnosis) might breed a certain confidence that bodes well to be well. On the other, focusing on the past may compromise the future?

I hope this column wasn't too confusing. If it was, welcome to my world. If it wasn't, "You're a better man than I am, Gunga Din," (Cary Grant from the movie of the same name).

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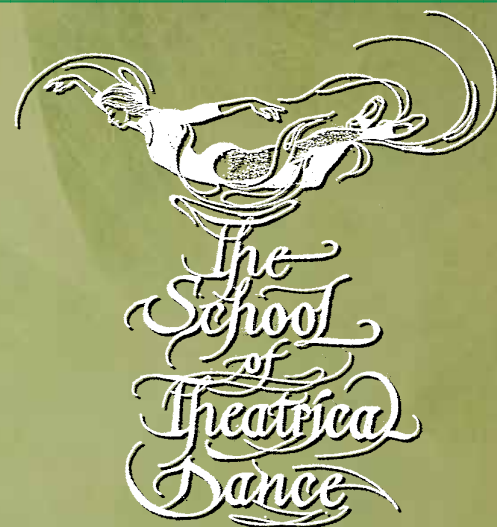
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