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Two-year-old Noah Seymour, the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department's youngest recruit, talks shop with VVFD Chief John Morrison at the station's open house. Even after three hours of visiting, Noah and his brother were not yet ready to call it a day.

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Wolftrap fire station “ambassador” Kristian Joliat [left], and station commander Captain Ronnie A. Rodriguez show off the station’s engine, 442, to the Kirsch family of Vienna, Allison and Rob, with 2-1/2-year-old Maxton and 10-month-old Spencer Kirsch. Kids at the open house received red helmets and Captain Rodriguez treated guests to hotdogs.



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Fire Stations Host Open Houses

Vienna fire department wins best open house for 2nd Battalion for third straight year.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County fire stations capped off National Fire Prevention Week with station “open houses” throughout the county on Oct. 12. In Vienna zipcodes 22180 through 22182, there are two fire and rescue departments, Station 2 in the heart of Vienna, and the newly-launched Wolftrap station, number 42.

The Wolftrap station celebrated its grand opening with the ceremonial “push-in” of its engine.

The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department [VVFD] was turned into a mini-fairgrounds, although one with a safety message. Since “Prevent Kitchen Fires” was the national theme, VVFD went all out. Besides its usual presentation of fire and rescue equipment, games and prizes, activities for children, free hotdogs and popcorn (donations accepted), moonbounce, fire helmets and firehose demonstration, VVFD also set a mock-up kitchen on fire, real fire. Not surprisingly, a firefighter quickly put out the smoking fire with a chemical extinguisher.

“Today is definitely about the kids,” said VVFD chief, John Morrison. “We get the kids in, they have fun, and we use this to present safety messages to parents, at the same time.

“I think all of us remember going to the fire station as kids,” Morrison said. “I think that is why I wanted to join the department.”

BY DUSK, Fairfax County announced that the VVFD had won “best open house”—the third consecutive year to do so—for the 2nd Battalion. VVFD president Anthony Stancampiano and Chief John Morrison sent out congratulations and expression of gratitude when the news was announced.

The difference between a “volunteer” fire and rescue department and a Fairfax County career-only department is that the county funds the latter completely, in both the physical plant and equipment. A volunteer fire department can buy additional equipment from fundraising proceeds and staffs the station with both “career” and volunteer emergency

personnel. Volunteers are trained, at no charge to the volunteers, by Fairfax County Fire and Rescue.

The VVFD supplements its volunteer staff of about 100 operational and administrative members with 18 career firefighters, in groups of six working one of three shifts. VVFD is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Wolftrap station opened on Oct. 1 and made more than 60 calls during its first two weeks of operation. All Fairfax County firefighters are basic-level EMTs. Paramedics receive certification beyond that. Wolftrap station commander Captain Ronnie A. Rodriguez, who came in from the Dunn Loring station, said response time to calls in the station’s area has been reduced “quite a bit.” The Wolftrap station goes out to Crowell and Hunter Mill roads in one direction, and to the four-corner stop at Beulah, Trap and Old Courthouse roads. Wolftrap will become fully staffed with a medic unit on July 1.

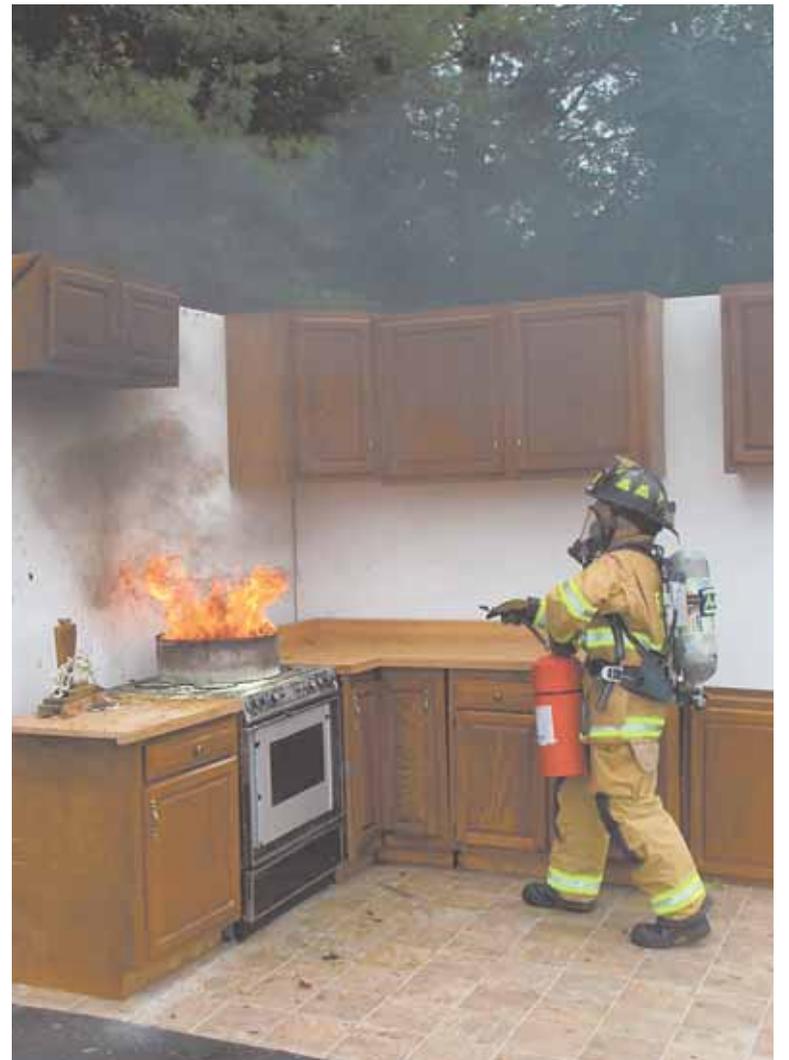
A constant mist may have slowed the stream of visitors to the fire stations on Saturday, but, for those who braved the drizzle, the fun was worth it. Over at the Vienna station, kids still bounced in the bounce house and squirted the hose. They climbed over fire and rescue trucks and stood spellbound when vehicles went out on a call.

“This is a great event,” said lifelong Vienna resident Molly Allred, browsing through the open house with her children, Lilly, 9, Annie, 7, and Reece, 2. The youngsters liked the demonstrations and climbing on fire equipment most of all. “It’s fun for the kids and it’s a real sense of community.”

TO LEARN MORE about the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, its operation and fundraising events, go to www.vvfd.org.



A junior firefighter tried his hand with the fire hose.



Throughout the day, at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department open house, firefighters set a mock-up kitchen on fire and then quickly suffocated it using a chemical extinguisher.



VVFD volunteer Bob Zillian led Sophie Johnson, 7, in a game. Sophie, like all the children did, won a stuffed toy.

Everyone's Got a Story to Tell

Third annual festival brings together storytellers to share films and inspire change.

BY AMBER HEALY
THE CONNECTION

It's a very simple premise: there's something powerful, almost magic, about stories.

Whether it's the friendship formed between a pilot of antique planes and an Indiana farm family, or the struggle for respect for African American soldiers following World War II; an unlikely meeting of a man with nothing left to live for and one struggling to continue; or a family's fight to stay in their home, stories are the common way in which humans relate to and learn from each other.

Starting next Wednesday, the Washington West Film Festival strives to not only share tales from around the world, but to create new ones.

Brad Russell, president of the festival, said the inspiration for the

festival was the surprising lack of one in this area.

"I saw a need or opportunity for a great, prestigious film festival," he said.

Over several days, films are screened in Reston at the Town Center, at George Mason University in Fairfax and at the Artisphere in Rosslyn. Films range from under half an hour to full-length features, including a few from local directors and producers. But the festival isn't just about the movies: The profits from each festival go toward a different charitable effort in a community somewhere in the world, Russell said. The first year, the money went to repair and rebuild a relief center in Haiti that served as a recreation center for children at night, following the earthquake a few years ago. Last year, the proceeds went to two families in Long Island whose homes were destroyed by Hurri-

Details

The Washington West Film Festival kicks off Wednesday, Oct. 23, with a red carpet event at the Reston Town Center's Bow Tie Cinemas and a showing of "Living on One Dollar," a film about four friends who try to live on a dollar a day for eight weeks in Guatemala. When possible, actors, directors or others involved with the film will be on-hand after showings to host Q&A sessions with the audience. More information, including a complete list of films and online ticket purchasing, is available at www.filmfest.com.

cane Sandy. This year, the festival will work a little closer to home, benefitting Shelter House in its efforts to end homelessness in Fairfax County within a decade.

To tie things together, Russell decided the best thing to do is tell the story of how others benefit from the festival. So each year, when the proceeds are distributed, a short, two-minute film is made, which is then screened before each film during the festival.

DONORS AND SPONSORS help the festival run, since all the profits are used elsewhere, Russell said. Fortunately for him and the



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Washington West Film Festival creator Brad Russell with Julia Louis-Dreyfus and her husband, film festival board member Brad Hall, during a previous Washington West Film Festival. This year's event will run Oct. 23-27 at a handful of venues across Northern Virginia.

festival, there doesn't seem to be a shortage of companies willing to help.

Loudoun and Fairfax counties are always near the top of lists ranking the nation's wealthiest communities, or best educated, but Russell hopes to add to the accolades through the film festival's charitable drive.

"Wouldn't it be great if this area became known as the nation's

most generous," he asked. "If we get to our eventual goal of 100,000 attendees, that's the equivalent of \$1 million in box office profits we're giving away."

It also helps that there are some well-known names affiliated with the festival, including two of this year's speakers, actor Ed Asner and movie and TV composer W.G.

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NEWS

Washington West Film Festival

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Snuffy Walden, along with Brad Hall, husband of Julia Louis-Dreyfus and member of the festival's board of directors.

A total of 41 films will be screened this year, including a 10th anniversary presentation of "Bruce Almighty," "Just a Sigh," starring Gabriel Byrne and Emmanuelle Devos, and "Red Obsession," a film narrated by Russell Crowe about Bordeaux wine.

Four films are locally made and have been featured in other festivals, but their creators are excited to share their works here at home.

"Barnstorming" is a 45-minute film about something almost magical: the friendship between a Vienna pilot, Andrew King, and a farm family in Winchester, Ind., that began when King and a friend were flying their antique planes around during the Oshkosh air show.

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For more information and to register, visit moran.house.gov or call 703-971-4700.

WEEK IN VIENNA

Vienna Halloween Parade Oct. 23

The 67th annual Vienna Halloween Parade will step off at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 23, on Maple Avenue from Berry Street to Center Street.

This year's parade theme is "Celebrating Music and Theatre through the Decades" with Vienna Mayor M. Jane Seeman serving as Grand Marshal. Once again, the parade will feature the Washington Redskins Marching Band as a special guest.

Children are invited to walk in the parade in their Halloween costumes. No registration is required; meet at 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot of Virginia Commerce Bank, 374 Maple Ave. E., Vienna (same place as last year). Children must be accompanied by an adult.

❖Road Closures: On Wednesday, Oct. 23, Maple Avenue—Route 123 in the Town of Vienna—between East Street and Lawyers Road will be closed beginning at 6:50 p.m. for approximately two hours for the annual Vienna Halloween Parade. Several side streets off Maple Avenue will be closed and no on-street parking will be allowed beginning at approximately 4:45 p.m. to allow parade participants to line up. All streets will reopen at the conclusion of the parade around 9 p.m.

A detailed map of the parade route and street closures is available at www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?nid=951.

For more information, call Vienna Parks and Recreation at 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennava.gov.

AAUW to Discuss Barriers to Affordable Community Colleges

Dr. Catherine Hill, director of research for the American Association of University Women, will be the featured speaker at the AAUW program at Oakton Public Library on Saturday, Oct. 26 beginning at 12:30 p.m. The program is free and open to the public. The Oakton Library is located at 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton.

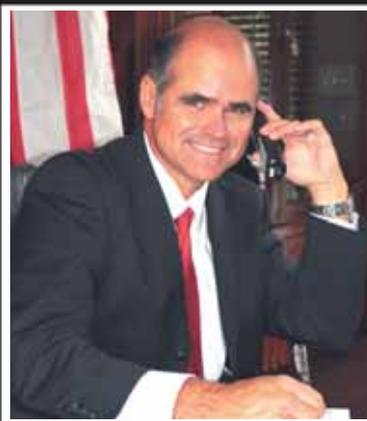
Dr. Hill will talk about the AAUW report Women in Community College: Access to Success that identifies challenges facing student parents and opportunities in STEM fields, as well how community colleges can provide more women with a reliable path to opportunity and economic security.

For more information, contact Sandy Lawrence at 703-569-1588.

Balloon Artist, Bulb Garden at Farmers Market

The Vienna Saturday Farmers Market,
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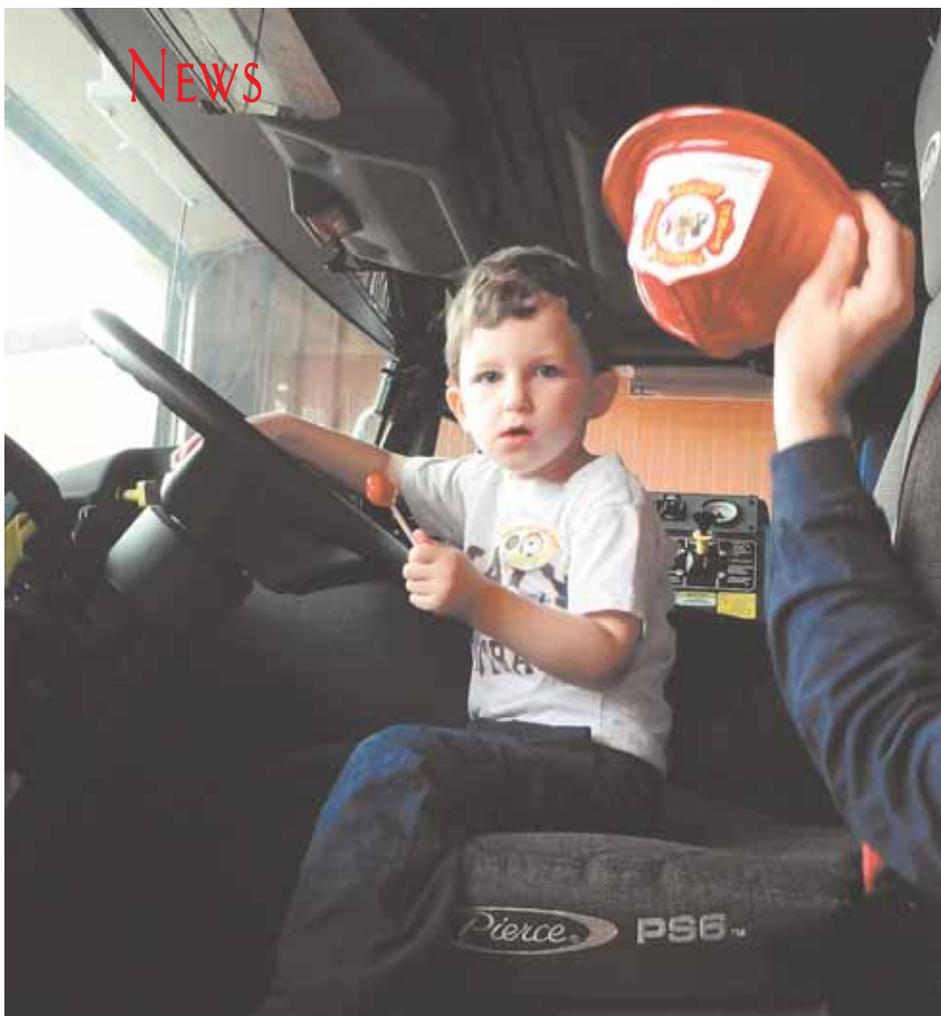
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Visiting the Fire Station

Sitting in a fire engine, Reid Poston, 3, of Oakton, is about to get a fire hat from his dad. He and his parents visited the Fair Oaks Fire Station during its open house, Saturday, Oct. 12.

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Attendance doubled since last year as well as the grand total that was presented to Pets with Disabilities' founders Joyce Darrell and Mike Dickerson: \$2,800.



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located at 301 Center South in Vienna, features TJ Michaels, balloon artist, from 8 a.m. to noon on Oct. 26. Additionally, at 10:30 a.m. Ayr Hill Garden Club will dedicate a new bulb garden at the market. Children are invited to help out by planting spring bulbs. They should report to the market master or the garden club table by 10:15 for this fun learning activity. Market is operated and sponsored by the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna.

Ribbon Cutting For Wolftrap Stream Restoration Project

The public is invited to the Wolftrap Stream restoration ribbon cutting ceremony in Vienna's Wildwood Park on Saturday, Oct. 19, at 10:30 a.m. at 700 Follin Lane S.E., Vienna.

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Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 1125 Savile Lane, McLean, is inviting the public to join author Brian McLaren as he discusses his book, "Why Did Jesus, Moses, the Buddha and Mohammed Cross the Road? Christian Identity in a Multi-Faith World" at Immanuel over the weekend of Oct. 19 and 20 (see <http://ipcmclean.org/> for additional details).

Charles Wesley United Methodist Church (The Hunger Church), 6817 Dean Drive, McLean, is hosting Oktoberfest and Craft Fair on Oct. 19, 2013 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. What to expect: handcrafted jewelry, silk floral arrangements, loads of crafts, and baked goods. There will be free items for children to create their own unique crafts. Lunch will be served between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Items include: Bratwurst, sauerkraut, German potato salad, hot dogs, chips, drinks, and desserts.

Sponsored by the United Methodist Women of Charles Wesley United Methodist Church (The Hunger Church).

GriefShare, a weekly support group for adults grieving the death of a loved one, meets Sundays 6-7:30 p.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Part St., Vienna with a video/discussion format through Dec. 8. \$20 for workbook. GriefShare@viennapres.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.

HAVEN of Northern Virginia offers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly basis. 703-941-7000 or www.havenofnova.org.

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St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, 1830 Kirby Road in McLean, holds a third Sunday service every month at 10:15 a.m. which allows children to play active roles in the music and as greeters and ushers. Traditional services are every Sunday at 8:15 and 10:15 a.m.

Vienna Christian Healing Rooms are open, every Saturday, 1-5 p.m., at 8200 Bell Lane. A team of Christians is available to anyone requesting prayer. Free and open to the public. 703-698-9779 or www.viennachristianhealingrooms.com.

Chesterbrook United Methodist Church is at 1711 Kirby Road, McLean. Worship service is at 11 a.m. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. for adults and children. 703-356-7100 or www.ChesterbrookUMC.org.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and the Jewish Outreach Institute offer the Mothers/Parents Circle, an umbrella of free educational events and resources. Jewish rituals, ethics and the creation of a Jewish home, regular meetings and group Shabbats and holidays. Participants include Sha'are Shalom, Congregation Beth Emeth, Temple Rodef Shalom and the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia. ShalomDC.org.

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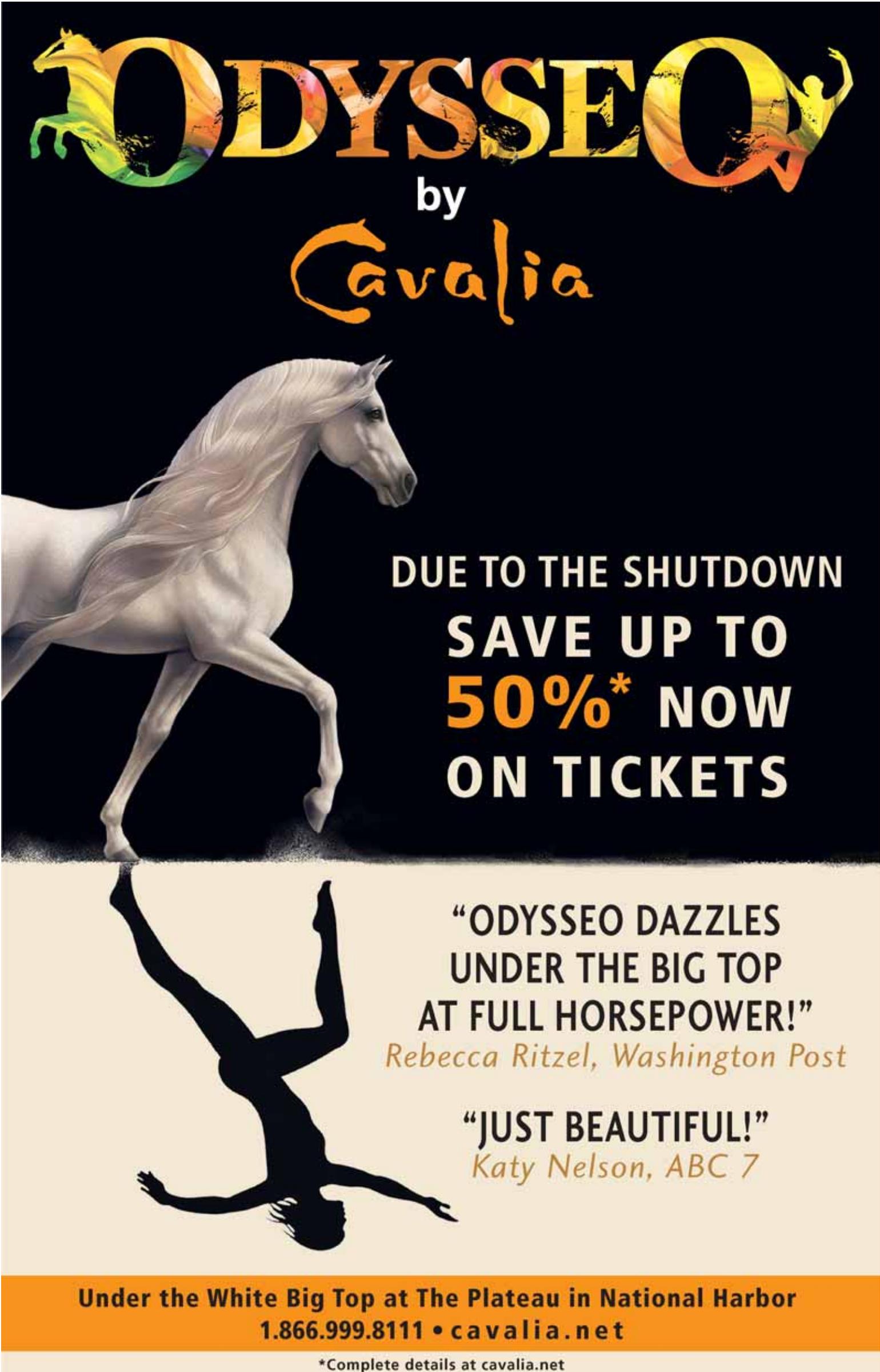
SCHOOLS

Flint Hill School Presents Two Nights of An Evening Of Laughter

Flint Hill School announces "An Evening of Laughter," a production of four one-act plays to be held on Nov. 1 and 2. Six upper school students will perform roles in each of four one-act plays. "I love the one-act and short play format for many reasons," says director and upper school drama teacher Carlo Grossman. "Besides the variety of different pieces the audience gets to enjoy, the actors have an opportunity to stretch their acting skills with roles different plays. In this case, the theme is comedy and the fun is infectious."

The program of short plays, written by various playwrights, includes Woody Allen's "Death Knocks," in which the main character is on his bed reading when a mysterious figure climbs through his window and claims to be death. "Nobody Sleeps" by Guernsey Le Pelley tells of a burglar who robs an unusually calm family of women with very odd habits. In "Cotton Girls," author Scott Tobin writes about three girls getting stuck on a Ferris wheel on their graduation night, forced into self-reflection and facing the real world ahead of them. And, in "Cuttin' Line" by David S. Raine, a family discovers themselves waiting in a long line for accommodations in the afterlife.

Show information: 7:30 p.m. on both evenings. The location is Flint Hill's Olson Theater, on the lower and middle school campus, 10410 Academic Drive, Oakton. For information about this and other fine arts productions, e-mail Tim Mitchell, tmitchell@flinthill.org.



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Sun Design venues. The yellow-and-brown sun icons ☀ correspond to locations where Sun Design is showcasing home renovations. One newly remodeled space is located at 797 Sherlin Lane, open only on Saturday, and another at 9250 Wood Glade Drive, open on Saturday and Sunday. Plan to visit one or both to see the artistry of Sun Design in person.

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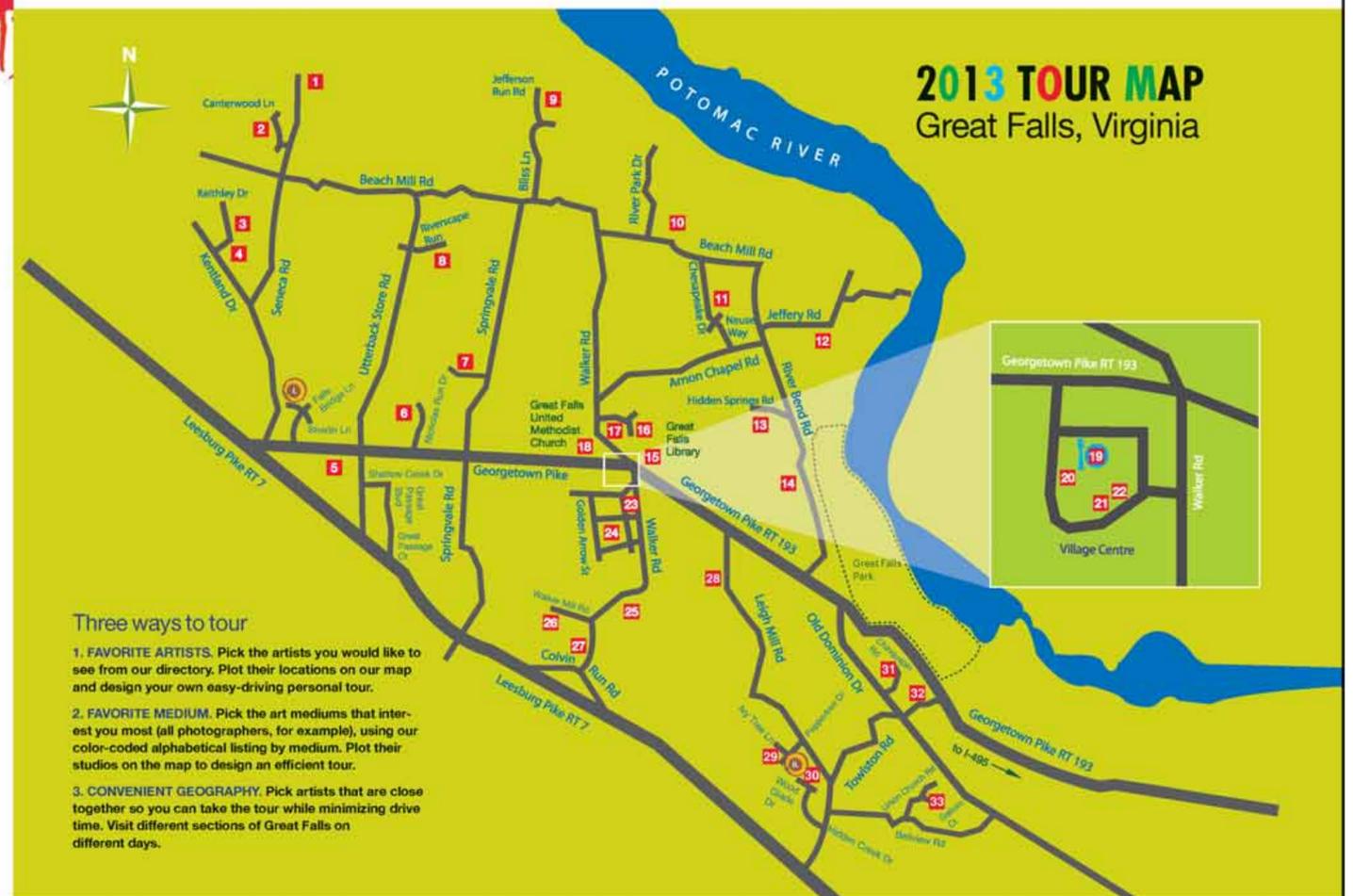
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- 3. CONVENIENT GEOGRAPHY.** Pick artists that are close together so you can take the tour while minimizing drive time. Visit different sections of Great Falls on different days.

OPINION

Don't Let Negatives Keep You from Voting

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

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

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

Voter Identification

Virginia's existing voter ID requirements will change in July 2014. A law requiring photo identification at the polls was signed into law in May 2013. This new photo identification requirement will not take effect until July 1, 2014. The current law allows for the acceptance of all identification documents listed here.

When you arrive at your polling place, a voting official will verify that your name is on the registration list. Voters will be asked to present one valid form of identification. It can be any of the following: Virginia voter registration card; Virginia driver's license; military ID; any Federal, Virginia state or local government-issued ID; employer issued photo ID card; concealed handgun permit; valid Virginia student ID; current utility bill, bank statement, government check or paycheck indicating the name and address of the voter; Social Security card.

On the Ballot 2013

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COLUMN

It's Going to Take Humility'

BY FRANK WOLF
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE
(R-10)



In Luke 12:48 Jesus said, "From every one who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been

entrusted with much, much more will be asked."

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

ably fed up with this current dysfunction, and I am, too.

Each side thinks it is winning, but in reality, the country and the American people are losing. Senate Chaplain Barry Black says there's a level of insanity invol-

ved in the current government shutdown. Asked what it would take to end the current impasse, the former Navy chaplain said, "It's going to take humility." Wise words.

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

There is too much pride poisoning this debate. The American

people should be the winner, not one party or the other, not the administration or the Congress.

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

For those of us who think Obamacare is a disaster, its future will not be decided by shutting or opening of the government. The public debate surrounding Obamacare, which will undoubtedly be at the forefront heading into the mid-term elections, will play second fiddle until the gov-

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

To my colleagues in the Congress and to President Obama who think they are "winning" at this

time would be 11 hours or more between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day. Other reasons include planned travel, pregnancy, illness or disability, being a student out of area and more. Voters can also vote absentee by mail.

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

In Fairfax County, you can vote at Fairfax County Governmental Center or any one of seven "satellite" voting locations.

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Saturdays: Oct. 19, Oct. 26 and Nov. 2, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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Fairfax County voters will be asked to vote YES or NO on the \$250 million school bond question in the general election. The schools plan to use the money to:

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 - ◆ Help renovate 22 schools including 17 elementary schools, two middle schools (Thoreau and Rocky Run) and three high schools (Langley, Herndon and Oakton)
 - ◆ Buy land for the South West County High School
 - ◆ Enhance the capacity of Westbriar Elementary and South Lakes High School
 - ◆ Replace or improve infrastructure, such as roofs, major mechanical systems and parking lots.
- See <http://www.fcps.edu/news/bond13.shtml> for more details.

Vote Now

From now until Saturday, Nov. 2, you can vote absentee in person for a variety of reasons, but you must sign a form affirming that you do qualify. Almost everyone with a job in Northern Virginia qualifies for one particular reason, however: your work plus commute

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OPINION

Wolf

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particular moment, we would do well to remember the words of Napoleon Bonaparte in speaking of the changing nature of public

opinion: "The crowd which follows me with adulation would run with the same eagerness were I marching to the Guillotine."

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

these problems.

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

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

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THURSDAY/OCT. 17

Vietnam Vets of America Chapter Meeting. 7:30 p.m., at Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane, Cedar Lane Shopping Center, Vienna. All veterans, friends and the general public are invited to hear Jack Connolly, Army veteran and career State Department Foreign Service officer, who will share his personal experiences of the battle of Vientiane, Laos in 1961, Saigon intrigue in 1968, and the assassination of an American ambassador to Lebanon in 1976. 703-255-0353 or www.vva227.org.

SUNDAY/OCT. 20

5K to Benefit Wounded Warriors. 9 a.m., at the Vienna Community Center St. S.E., Vienna. A timed 5K race sponsored by PureChiro to benefit Wounded Warriors. Register. <http://www.bishopseventregistrations.com/>

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THURSDAY/OCT. 24

Homelessness Fundraiser. 6:30-9:30 p.m., at The McLean Project for the Arts Emerson Gallery, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. A gourmet reception, silent auction and networking opportunities to benefit Housing and Community Services of Northern Virginia as they assist at-risk homeowners in stabilizing their housing situations. Register. www.hcnsv.ticketsocket.com or <http://hcsnv.org>.

FRIDAY/OCT. 25

Disability Awareness Day. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring. The FCPS Parent Resource Center holds four workshops and provides resources, lunch and a day to help inform. Register. <http://www.fcps.edu/cco/prc/resources/events/index.shtml>.

THURSDAY/NOV. 7

Northern Virginia Leadership Awards. 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Westwood Country Club, 800 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. The annual NVLA awards celebrate the actions and attitudes of community leaders. 703-938-2593.

SATURDAY/NOV. 16

Future Quest. 8 a.m.-2:40 p.m., at GMU Johnson Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A college and career forum for students with disabilities, their families and educators. Participants can learn about educational and career opportunities for life after high school. <http://futurequest.gmu.edu/>.

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Preserving the Past to Enrich the Future

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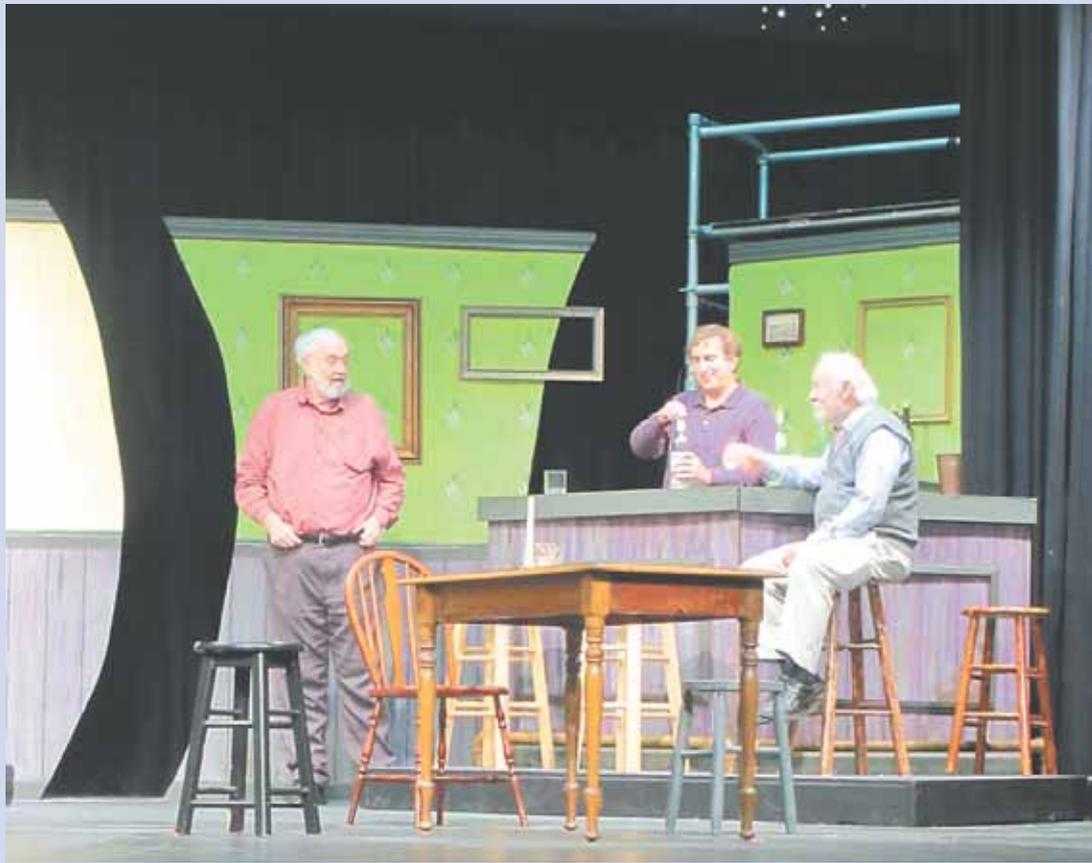


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Bill Byrnes, in character as Picasso's agent Sagot, banter with bartender Freddy as Lapin Agile customer Gaston (played by Joseph LeBlanc) takes it all in.

Picasso and Einstein Meet in Vienna

Vienna Theatre Company presents "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," a Steve Martin comedy.

If you smile at Steve Martin's humor and appreciate high-quality community theatre, you can find both at the Vienna Theatre Company's upcoming production of Martin's "Picasso at the Lapin Agile." Characterized as a comedy, the 90-minute one-act play incorporates thought-provoking perspectives infused with episodes of levity. In other words, it embodies the essence of Steve Martin's humor interpretation.

In this fictional accounting, two famous minds of the early 20th century—Pablo Picasso and Albert Einstein—meet at a Parisian bar in 1904. Amid a cast of colorful and quirky characters, Picasso and Einstein verbally spar about the meanings of science and art. A year after this "imagined" meeting, Einstein publishes his special theory of relativity, and emerging artistic talent Picasso is selling pieces that generate interest in the burgeoning art-as-an-investment community.

"I was fascinated by the trail of Einstein," said Bill Byrnes of McLean, who moonlights as a theoretical physicist by day. Byrnes's Sagot, Picasso's art agent and dealer, recognizes the potential economic value of Picasso's art pieces and encourages buyers to invest in them. "The play's a mixture of goofiness and profundity," said Byrnes. "Genius is lurking everywhere."

Vienna resident Stu Fischer, a retired attorney, brings Freddy the bartender to life. Freddy plays off the repartee of Picasso, Einstein and Sagot, reacting to clashes and egos breaking out. "He's

not particularly the brightest person around, but, he likes to think he is," said Fischer. "He likes ideas, he's interested in the people.

"There's clever banter going on in the bar that is, sometimes, surreal. They get into silly arguments, and you think, 'are they really arguing about this?'"

Gaston, as described by Joseph LeBlanc, is the "Groucho Marx of the Parisian bar scene."

"Nobody impresses Gaston," said LeBlanc. "He's just a sarcastic old guy who hangs out there." LeBlanc himself once visited the real Lapin Agile when he was in Paris, working on his dissertation.

Rehearsals for this production began in August and the cast of characters comes from throughout Northern Virginia. Director Pat Kallman started development of this project a year ago.

"There are some weighty subjects brought up in the bar, even though it's a comedy," said Kallman. "You can draw correlations between what they thought then and what we know now."

Added Fischer, "it's also pretty funny."

The Vienna Theatre Company is sponsored by the Town of Vienna Department of Parks and Recreation, and holds its performances in the auditorium of the Vienna Community

Center.

Tickets for "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" are priced at \$13 per admission. Performances run on Oct. 18, 19, 25, and 26, and Nov. 1 and 2, at 8 p.m. Matinee performances are at 2 p.m. on Oct. 27 and Nov. 3. Buy tickets for "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna, at the door or in advance.

"Picasso at the Lapin Agile" is directed by Patricia Kallman and produced by John Ingargiola. To learn more about the Vienna Theatre Company, go to www.viennatheatrecompany.org.

—DONNA MANZ



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Costumed children dance in the street during the Vienna Halloween Parade, coming Oct. 24. The event is a quintessential Vienna experience.

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characters. \$13 general admission, \$11 seniors and students. <http://www.viennava.gov/>.

SATURDAY/OCT. 19-26

Ayr Hill Garden Club Bulb Sale. 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays only, at the Vienna Farmers Market, 301 Center St., Vienna. Browse 28 varieties of bulbs for fall and spring planting in addition to hypertufas and tussy mussions for sale; proceeds go to support the public gardens planted and maintained by AHGC in Vienna.

SATURDAY/OCT. 19

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

PetFest. Noon-3 p.m., at McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. Pet owners are welcome to bring their pets to the event, which will feature live music and performances, a Howl-A-Ween Pet Parade and Costume Contest, a pet trick contest and exhibitors giving away complimentary products and

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FRIDAYS-SUNDAYS/OCT 18-NOV. 3

"Picasso at the Lapin Agile" by Steve Martin. Time TBD, at The Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Albert Einstein and Pablo Picasso meet at a bar called the Lapin Agile in Montmartre, Paris on October 8, 1904, and both men are on the verge of an amazing idea; the two geniuses have a lengthy debate about the value of genius and talent while interacting with a host of other



PHOTO BY DEAN SOULETES

Scott Dettra, former organist of Washington National Cathedral, plays music by Bach, Handel, Durufle, and others Sunday, Oct. 20 at 4 p.m. Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Road, Vienna.

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services, and/or providing services at a discount. 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, or www.mcleancenter.org/special-events/upcoming.

Fall Fair. Noon-4 p.m., 3124 Fox Mill Road, Oakton. A petting orchestra, an inflatable planetarium from the Udvar Hazy Center and children's Lego activities from First Robotics. Boy Scouts are back with their Haunted Forest. Also: costume parades, talent show, exhibitors, artisans, used book sale, balloons, door prizes and raffles.

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

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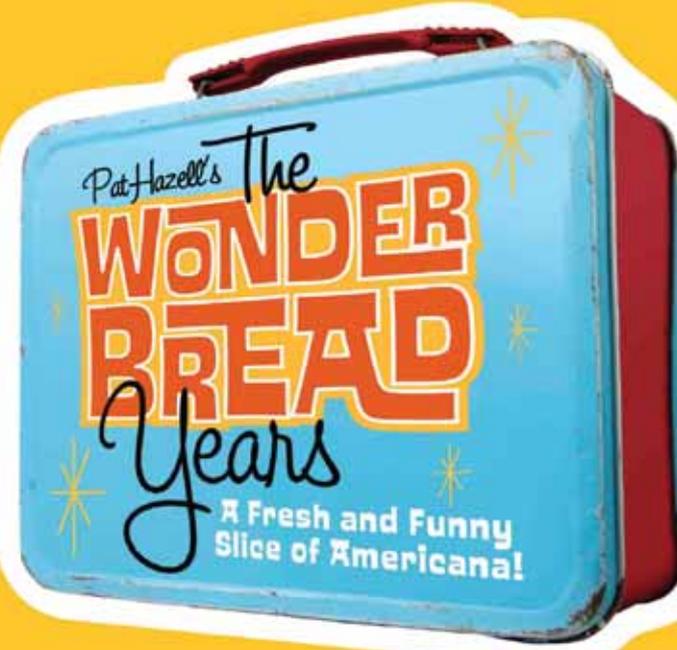
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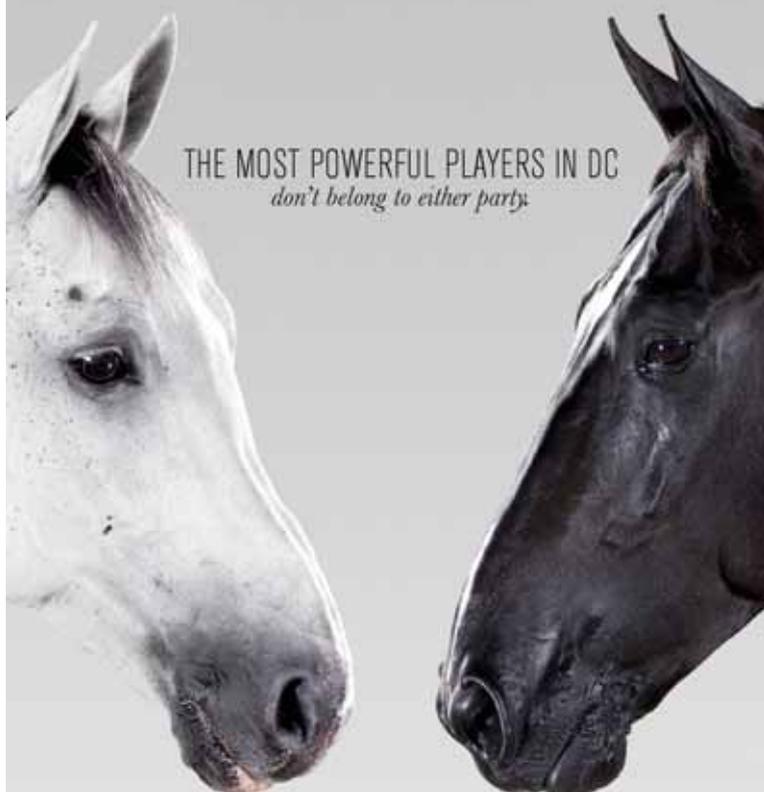
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SPORTS

Langley Football Runs Over Fairfax

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Langley Volleyball Bounces Back

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

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



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

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

McLean Football Falls to 3-3

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

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

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

McLean Field Hockey Gets Win No. 10

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

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

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Madison Volleyball Improves to 21-0

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

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

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

Madison Football Searching for First Win

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

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

Oakton Football Drops Conference Opener

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

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

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

Herndon Football Gets First Win

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

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

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

South Lakes Football Improves to 4-2

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

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

South Lakes Volleyball Wins Third Straight

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

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

Yorktown Football Improves to 5-1

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

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

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

Choosing a Private School

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

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



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

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Educators Offer Advice on Selecting Independent School

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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In And Of Itself



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

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

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

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

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

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

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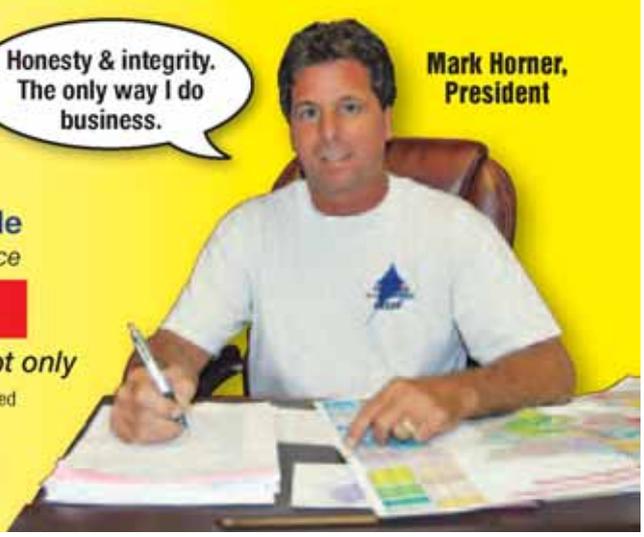
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