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Costumed children and their parents march along Maple Avenue in the 2012 Vienna Halloween Parade.

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Allie Phillips (center) spoke to the Vienna Woman's Club on her initiative to promote pet-friendly domestic violence shelters throughout the U.S. With Phillips are VWC President Diane Abel (left) and Education Committee Co-Chair Jo-Lynn Westlund.



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“Sheltering Animals & Families Together”

Initiative promotes domestic violence shelters that accept pets.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Did you know that approximately 2.3 million people, primarily women, are victims of partner violence? Did you know that over 62 percent of the American households have, at least, one pet? Approximately 48 percent of abused women do not leave an abusive situation because they will not leave their pets behind.

Pets are likely to be victimized by the household abuser. The abuser's animal cruelty is used to force compliance from the victims. “What I do to the dog is what I can do to you” is the message the abuser sends, according to Allie Phillips, founder of Sheltering Animals & Families Together [SAFT].

“As a prosecutor in Michigan, I saw women who stayed with their abusers to protect their pets,” said Phillips. “If they leave, the abuser will turn his anger on the pet. The pet usually is the primary target used to control the victim.”

“I created the safety program to help get these women out of their abusive homes.”

For other abused women, family pets are unconditional love, security and “home.” And here's the tragedy: most domestic violence shelters do not allow pets. But people like Allie Phillips, whose goal is to get abused women and their pets out of abusive homes, are trying to change that. Phillips' goal: to have in-place at least one shelter in each state and the District of Columbia. As of now, the only domestic violence shelter serving the Commonwealth of Virginia and Washington, D.C. that allows victims' pets is one in Arlington that opened in 2009.



Allie Phillips, founder, Sheltering Animals & Families Together [SAFT], said that approximately 48 percent of abused women do not leave an abusive situation because they will not leave their pets to the hands of the abuser.

CREATING A PET-FRIENDLY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER

- ❖ Partner with an animal rescue organization for guidance on building structures and care of pets. The Arlington family/pet shelter partners with the Animal Welfare League of Arlington.
- ❖ Have a veterinarian on-call to provide treatment and wellness exams. Many animal hospitals will donate their services or offer them at reduced rates.
- ❖ Let families care for their own pets. It gives the families a sense of usefulness and normalcy.

Phillips spoke at the Oct. 16 meeting of the Vienna Woman's Club, a community organization which has supported homeless female veterans, veterans and first-responders and the role of pets in PTSD therapy, and homeless teens, all of whom have ties to Fairfax County. More than 30 VWC members turned out to hear Phillips speak and to make donations to the shelter.

The Vienna Woman's Club collected much-needed items for the Arlington domestic violence/pet shelter, including pet supplies, and made a monetary contribution to the shelter. The unidentified Ar-

lington shelter is in the process of weatherizing its outdoor pet facility.

When still a prosecuting attorney, Phillips founded Sheltering Animals & Families Together (SAFT) in the mid-1990s, the first and only global initiative helping domestic violence shelters to welcome families with pets. She is the director of the National Center for Prosecution of Animal Abuse and deputy director with the National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse, programs of the National District Attorneys Association. Phillips lives in Alexandria.

In 2008, Phillips published the first set of guidelines when there were only four known shelters in the U.S. accepting pets. Now there are approximately 80 shel-

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A pirate family views the Vienna Halloween Parade in 2012.

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THE CONNECTION

Halloween Parade Steps Off on Oct. 23

Pre-parade entertainment on Town Green new in 2013.

Vienna's longest-running and most-anticipated annual event—the 67th Vienna Halloween parade—steps off at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 23. One hundred-plus groups, clubs, bands and floats take over Maple Avenue between Berry and Center streets.

With a theme of “Celebrating Music and Theatre Through the Decades,” the parade is led by Grand Marshal Vienna Mayor M. Jane Seeman. The parade was originally founded to give Vienna children an opportunity to dress in costume and march through the town. The tradition holds fast today.

Costumed children are invited to walk in the parade in their Halloween costumes. No registration is required. Costumed marchers meet at 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot of Virginia Commerce Bank, 374 Maple Ave. E. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

“This is one of the top Vienna events,” said VBA logistics liaison and Artful Gift Shop owner, Peggy James. “This is totally down-home local, a family tradition for everyone. It gives Vienna a small-town feel with big city appeal.”

The 2013 Vienna Halloween Parade is sponsored by the Vienna Business Association [VBA] and the Town of Vienna. Special guests, sponsored by local businesses, include the Redskins Marching Band and Slap Shot, mascot of the Washington Capitals. Kicking off the parade are dozens of emergency fire and rescue vehicles, with sirens blaring and police motorcycles.

New for 2013 is a pre-parade show on the stage of the Town Green presented by the Vienna

School of Rock. Musicians play from 5:45 to about 6:45 p.m., while Maple Avenue is still open to traffic. Maple Avenue closes down from East Street to Lawyers Road shortly before 7 p.m.

“It's a multi-generational event,” said James. “Many of the parents who come with their children came to the parade as children themselves. They're carrying on the tradition. It's not just Vienna people; people come from all over the area.”

The parade committee offered tips on Halloween parade placeholders along Maple Avenue. Spectators are asked not to place any items on Maple Avenue prior to noon on parade day. Avoid placing spaceholders in bus shelters; the shelters are there for bus riders. Keep items off the sidewalks and benches, maintaining clearance for pedestrians. Secure all items; weather conditions may cause them to blow into the roadway or sidewalks.

The official reviewing stand is at the Town Green. Freeman Store, with its jars of candy and Virginia-made products, is open until 9 p.m., and many restaurants on Maple Avenue and Church Street are appealing to families for pre-parade dinners.

Each year, the Town of Vienna recognizes parade winners at a Town Council meeting in November. Categories include Youth Band, Float with Music, Youth Performer, Antique/Classic Vehicle, Adult Band, Float without Music and Adult Performer. The public is invited to attend the awards presentation.

For more information on the parade, go to www.ViennaHalloweenParade.com.

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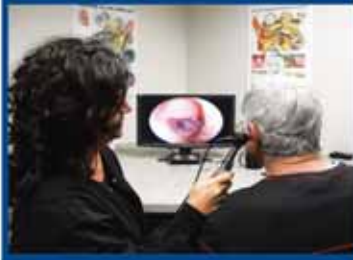
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Denim Do-gooders Help Put Zip on Homelessness

Deltek hosts
“challenge breakfast”
to turn \$5 into \$25,000.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Casual Friday got a twist on Friday, Oct. 18, as thousands of employees throughout Fairfax County became denim do-gooders by throwing on a pair of jeans to help prevent and end homelessness.

Deltek, Inc., the Herndon-based global software and information solutions company, kicked off the third annual Jeans Day in Fairfax County by hosting a fundraising breakfast. The company, founded in 1983 by Don deLaski and his son Kenneth, hosted one of the first Jeans Day events in Fairfax County.

“Jeans Day is a fun, easy way to spread awareness of homelessness in Fairfax County and engage your team while giving back.”

— **Kathy Albarado,**
CEO of Helios HR in Reston

“We were excited to see Deltek host this challenge breakfast that welcomed businesses, nonprofits and other community leaders interested in helping to make jeans day a huge success this year,” said Dean Klein, director of Fairfax County’s Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH). “Even though we continue to have great support from longtime supporters, we also saw so much energy and enthusiasm from new partners.”

Launched in 2011 by OPEH, Jeans Day is a popular fundraiser for homelessness and other causes nationwide. Companies invite employees to wear their jeans to work in exchange for a \$5 contribution to fight homelessness. Since 2011, Jeans Day has involved more than 200 organizations representing more than 10,000 employees.

Jeans Day 2013 was hosted by The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness, The Connection Newspapers and Apple Federal Credit Union.

This year, Jeans Day participants had a special challenge, and an opportunity to turn \$5 contributions into \$25,000.



Deltek staff with Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova and other Jeans Day sponsors supporters.

“We were selected to receive a \$25,000 Challenge grant from the Phillip Graham Fund to support the 3rd Annual Jeans Day event,” Klein said. “This exciting grant helped us challenge businesses, schools, faith groups and individuals to help us to meet a larger goal of \$25,000.”

When the county meets its \$25,000 goal, the Phillip Graham Fund will provide a matching \$25,000, according to Ted Lutz, a member of the governing board of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness and the Phillip Graham Fund.

Nearly 3,000 children, women and men face homelessness and the threat of severe temperatures and hunger today in the Fairfax County-Falls Church community. The majority of people without homes in the community are children and working families. Homelessness affects everyone, with social and economic costs to the community, including increased public costs for medical care and education.

“The need is so great in our community,” said Kathy Albarado, CEO of Helios HR in



Members and staff of Our Daily Bread, a Fairfax County volunteer-based organization focused on easing the plight of low-income residents, show off their Jeans Days spirit.

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Reston. “Jeans Day is a fun, easy way to spread awareness of homelessness in Fairfax County and engage your team while giving back. Think about the impact we could make if everyone collectively wore their

favorite pair of jeans on Jeans Day.”

“We applaud Helios HR for stepping up to support the great work to end homelessness that has already been so successful in our community,” said Fairfax Chamber President & CEO Jim Corcoran. “Northern Virginia organizations like Helios step up every day to support our community in many ways, but we’re especially excited about this opportunity because it’s a chance for their employees to get involved directly.”

“I am so pleased to see how many individuals and businesses have signed on to help us in our fight to end homelessness,” said Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova. “I continue to urge those who have not already committed to take this simple and fun opportunity to help us assist those in need. As we continue to work together, I feel confident that we will be able to prevent and end homelessness as we know it in the Fairfax-Falls Church community.” For more information about homelessness in Fairfax County, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/>

Turn \$5 into \$25,000

Interested organizations can continue to donate to the Jeans Day initiative through Dec. 15. And individuals who wish to take part in this initiative may donate online via Apple Federal Credit Union or drop off a donation at any Apple Federal Credit Union branch.

3 WAYS TO DONATE:

❖ Online

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❖ Where are the donations going?

All funds raised go directly to the Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness. This fund not only supports rapid re-housing activities, but also provides resources that tackle multiple prevention issues.

OPINION

Halloween Party Safety Net

Make plans for a safe celebration;
SoberRide safety net for those over 21.

Halloween is now a major holiday for adults, especially young adults, and also one of the major holidays each year that involve partying with alcohol and the risks of drinking and driving.

The Washington Regional Alcohol Project offers the SoberRide program for the holiday season from Christmas and holiday parties through New Years Day, Saint Patrick's Day, Independence Day and Halloween, providing a safety net of a free cab ride home (up to \$30) to keep would-be drunk drivers off the roads.

Of course if you, or the young adults you know, plan to be out for Halloween celebrations that will almost certainly include alcohol, make a plan now to do that partying within walking distance, near public transportation or to have a reliable designated driver.

But if someone finds themselves without safe and sober way home, the 2013 Halloween

SoberRide program will be offered from 10 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 31 until 4 a.m., Friday, Nov. 1.

To receive a free cab ride home (up to a \$30 fare), call 800-200-8294 (TAXI). AT&T customers may dial #WRAP from their wireless phones. To use the SoberRide service, you must be 21 or older.

Parents of teens who will be headed to parties on Halloween and the weekend after should know that it is likely those parties will include alcohol. Parents must be brave and talk to their teens about how they will get home safely since SoberRide is not available for anyone under-age.

Remember that there are other hazards to drinking too much besides the risks of drinking and driving.

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EDITORIAL

The Damage Is Already Done

BY GERRY CONNOLLY
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE (D-II)



Those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it" was sage advice from the philosopher George Santayana.

Nothing more aptly characterizes the recent actions of the Republican majority in the U.S. House of Representatives. The scene that played out on Capitol Hill over the last few weeks was shameful and dangerous, but sadly, not unprecedented. Unfortunately, unwillingness to compromise has become a hallmark of House Republicans.

For too long, the House majority held the American public and economy hostage — and for what? They refused to accept the Affordable Care Act as the law of the land, even after they tried to defeat the ACA in Congress, in the Supreme Court, and at the ballot box. Each time, with each challenge, the law was upheld.

Can the ACA be improved? Yes, and I am eager to join my colleagues in working to that end. But is it worth shutting down the government, forcing dedicated public servants and private sector employees to stay home from work without pay, and threatening our economy? Absolutely not.

Though the shutdown may be over, the damage has been done.

The pain inflicted is real and was felt across the country. It meant delays in processing veterans' benefits, federal small business loans, and new social security claims. It threatened national security, public health and NIH research. National parks were shuttered and confidence in the American political system was hurt.

No state was hit harder than Virginia, where 25 percent of our commonwealth's entire economy is tied to federal spending.

Across Fairfax and Prince William, I heard from many of those affected by this shutdown. Whether it was the 12-year-old boy worried because his mom was furloughed or the stressed homeowner with two furloughed family members struggling to figure out how they would make it through the month, their stories hit home.

The private sector was not spared either. I heard from federal contractors, laid off or forced to use leave time because of suspended contracts, which will likely never be made whole. I heard from the region's chambers of commerce and other business leaders about the effects on their company employees and Northern Virginia's economy.

It is estimated that the shutdown cost Virginia's economy more than \$200 million a day. That's \$1 billion a week. All of this pain could have been avoided entirely if the House Republican majority had allowed an up-or-down vote on the clean funding bill passed by the Senate. A bipartisan majority of Virginia's congressional delegation supported it — and it would have passed the House with strong support from both sides of the aisle.

As if the shutdown wasn't bad enough, Republican leadership allowed the debate over funding the government to spill into debt ceiling negotiations. Recent history has shown us there are real consequences to threatening the full faith and credit of the United States, both in terms of our national economy and the world economy.

I hoped my colleagues in Congress might have learned from that experience. But once again, we heard calls from tea party Republicans that "default wouldn't be that bad," or as one conservative congressman shockingly remarked, "I think... it [default] would bring stability to the markets."

I worked with a group of pro-business Democrats

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Weekly Reminder To Vote

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 5., less than two weeks away.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR On County Libraries: We Should Know Better

To the Editor:

I am the assistant branch manager at Patrick Henry Library in Vienna. I also worked at Reston Regional Library for four

years. I got my MLS 25 years ago while working part-time in engineering firm libraries in Boston. My first job after getting the degree was in an Army Corps of Engineers Library and I spent several years working for an association information center downtown before it became clear that the commute didn't work with having a child in elementary school, and I joined FCPL.

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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>.

SATURDAY/OCT. 26

AAUW Northern District Meeting. 1-2:30 p.m., at Oakton Public Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. The program topic is "Community Colleges: Affordable, Available, So What's The Barrier?" Dr. Catherine Hill, director of research at AAUW will discuss the AAUW report "Women in Community College: Access to Success." This

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WEEK IN VIENNA

Vienna Recognized For Conservation Efforts

The Town of Vienna has earned "Silver Certification" in the Virginia Municipal League's 2013 Green Government Challenge, a friendly competition among local governments to encourage reduction of carbon emissions. Awards were presented Oct. 14, at the

annual VML conference in Arlington.

Vienna was awarded silver certification for achieving 135 points out of a possible 200 "green points." The highest level is Platinum Certified, which requires a minimum of 175 green points.

The town was recognized for its green efforts based on its strong waste management, land-use and transportation policies, high com-

munity participation and involvement, and innovative programs that support a greener community including the community garden project at Vienna Elementary School, the annual Vienna Green Expo, the Sustainable Home and Garden tour, the Green Homes Initiative, the Green Business Recognition Award, leaf mulching and delivery, purchasing local organic products, creating green gardens and recycling options. Town employees have also implemented a number of on-the-job green programs such as office paper recycling, use of earth-friendly cleaning products and purchase of hybrid vehicles.

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, which 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, 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 a.m. for this fun learning activity. The market is operated and sponsored by the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna.

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Saving Pets from Abuse

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ters covering 33 U.S. states, Canada, and Australia. If the victim loved the pet enough not to leave it behind to the hands of the abuser, that pet deserves to be with its guardian. If an abused woman can safely leave the violent situation with her pet, she should do so even if it means the pet will have to be “fostered” off-site. There are approximately 900 domestic violence shelters in the U.S. that partner with animal rescue organizations that will foster a pet until the guardian can once again take control.

Phillips trains on this initiative throughout the country, promoting the value of family-and-pet shelters. When a young child witnesses pet abuse, that child is eight times more likely to become an offender himself. And consider, then, that 76 percent of kids in abusive households witness pet abuse.

Phillips is licensed to practice law in Michigan and Maryland and has been training prosecutors and criminal justice professionals since 1997. As an assistant prosecutor in Michigan, Phillips handled domestic abuse cases, witnessing the relationships between the abused and family pets.

She was the vice president of Public Policy and then vice president of Human-Animal Strategic Initiatives for American Humane Association.

To learn more about creating a pet-welcomed/domestic violence shelter in your community, go to www.animalsandfamilies.org for more information. Talk with your local service club about sponsorships.

“As a prosecutor in Michigan, I saw women who stayed with their abusers to protect their pets ... If they leave, the abuser will turn his anger on the pet. The pet usually is the primary target used to control the victim.”

—Allie Phillips, founder, Sheltering Animals & Families Together [SAFT]

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Halloween Fun Helps Those in Need

Tyson's restaurant to host pumpkin carving event to raise money for local food bank.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Few things say Halloween like a carved pumpkin. Whether they're smiling orbs on a front porch or eerie candlelit gourds in windowsills, jack-o-lanterns are an iconic symbol of Halloween. This weekend, however, the rib-skinned fall squash will also symbolize charity. A group of children get a lesson in pumpkin carving from local Executive Chef Eddie Ishaq of Wildfire, at Tyson's Galleria, with all of the proceeds going to a local food bank.

"I enjoy seeing all the smiles on the kids' faces as they carve their pumpkins, and [I like] the fact all

the money goes to a great cause," said Ishaq. "I [also enjoy] passing along all of my carving skills."

Proceeds from the event will help support Food for Others, a Northern Virginia food bank. During the class, which will take place on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 3-4 p.m. at Wildfire at Tyson's Galleria, parents and children will get a hands-on pumpkin carving lesson led by Ishaq. At the end of the class, the children will take home their creations.

"By hosting a fun event that kids and families can enjoy, Wildfire helps Food for Others raise awareness about the need to fight hunger right here in Northern Virginia because as we approach Halloween, our shelves are frighteningly

empty," said Jessica Cogen, director of development and outreach at Food for Others. "With missed paychecks due to the government closure, demand for our help continues to run high."



Local children show off their masterpieces after a pumpkin carving class at Wildfire Tyson's Galleria. Proceeds from the class go to Food for Others, a Northern Virginia food bank.

than last year. For September alone, the number of people relying on Food for Others for groceries was 24 percent higher than last year.

Cogen says that almost 90 percent of the food her organization distributes is collected through donations. Contributions don't have to be as elaborate as Ishaq's pumpkin carving class, however. "We accept donations as small as indi-

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- Food for Others has a critical need for food donations:
 - Canned meats (chicken, turkey, ham, beef)
 - Canned Chili
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- For those interested in organizing a food drive, a planning kit can be found at:
www.foodforothers.org/documents/FoodDrivePlanningKit2012.pdf

Kid's Pumpkin Carving Class at Wildfire

SATURDAY, OCT. 26, 3-4 P.M.
Wildfire Tyson's Galleria, 3rd Floor
Call 703-442-9110 or visit wildfirerestaurant.com
Cost is \$15/child plus tax and gratuity. Proceeds benefit Food for Others.

viduals bringing in cans or as large as someone wanting to run a food drive in their workplace," said Cogen. "We have easy-to-follow tips on our website for those who want to put together for a food drive."

For Food for Others, Halloween marks the start of the holiday season, a time when the need increases, says Cogen. "Our food shelves are nearly empty and our lobby is full of people coming to us in need of help with food," said Cogen. "We are optimistic that the community will rally together for food drives and donations. We're counting on people bringing in food for the holidays and into the New Year."

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SPORTS



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From left: Bob Zadeh, VYS TOPSoccer director; Megan Kenny; Becca Benson; Margaret Kerfoot, VYS president.

Soccer Volunteers Named Champions of Character

Vienna Youth Soccer (VYS) has announced Fairfax County Athletic Council's and Neighborhood and Community services recognition of the outstanding efforts of two TOPSoccer volunteers, Becca Benson and Megan Kenny.

The Champions of Character Awards recognize youth, coaches and parents for their extraordinary service in going above and beyond in demonstrating good sportsmanship and positive character in youth sports in Fairfax County.

Becca Benson and Megan Kenny were nominated by VYS as they meet FCAC' criteria for outstanding youth who "have demonstrated extraordinary service in the sports community while modeling the basic traits of good character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship." Since 2009, Becca and Megan have volunteered as

Buddies for VYS' TOPSoccer program, a community-based training program designed to bring the opportunity of playing and learning soccer to any boy or girl who has a mental or physical disability.

According to Bob Zadeh, TOPSoccer director for VYS, "Every Saturday afternoon during the season, Becca and Megan show up with lots of love and energy to help disabled players enjoy the game of soccer. Off the field, these outstanding volunteers demonstrated their commitment to the TOPSoccer program by devoting their time to develop a Buddies Training Manual, posted on the VYS website, to teach others who may want to be a Buddy."

Becca and Megan found ways to make the game fun and educational for players with even the most severe disabilities and their efforts have made a difference in the lives of many children in the community.

McLean Little League Majors Softball All-Stars Recognized

On Oct. 8, the McLean Little League Majors Softball All-Stars and their coaches, team manager and parents were recognized by Dranesville Supervisor John Foust and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for winning the State Championship, the Southeast Regional tournament and for advancing to the finals of the World Series held in Portland, Ore. last month. The World Series semi-finals and finals were broadcast by ESPN. The McLean Majors program has a significant winning history having won 10 State Championships and, in 2005, capturing the World Series trophy.

In this year's State Championship, five McLean players had a



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Dranesville Supervisor John Foust and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors honored the McLean Little League Majors Softball All-Stars.

batting average of .600 or higher and 10 hit .400 or higher. This year's team is made up of 13 middle school girls, six of whom will be eligible to play little league again next year. The team manager is Gerry Megas. Rob Haas and

Colin Sandercock are the team coaches. Lisa Haas is the team mom and "chief operating officer" for the team.

At the ceremony, the team presented an autographed softball to Supervisor Foust.



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Madison senior right-side hitter Amy O'Connor finished with 16 kills against Washington-Lee on Monday.

Madison Volleyball Suffers Second Consecutive Defeat

After winning its first 21 matches, the Madison volleyball team suffered its second consecutive defeat on Monday, falling to Washington-Lee 3-2 (25-22, 10-25, 14-25, 27-25, 17-15) in Arlington.

After dropping the first set, the Warhawks came back to win the next two in lopsided fashion. W-L won a tightly-contested fourth set, 27-25, but Madison jumped out to a 9-4 lead in the fifth set and was in good position to pull out the victory.

A W-L attack error gave Madison an 11-7 lead, but the Generals scored four straight and eventually won, 17-15.

Madison senior right-side hitter Amy O'Connor led all players with 16 kills. Junior outside hitter Marissa Roy had 12 kills, sophomore outside hitter Jaynie Carter had six kills and junior middle hitter Emily Davine had five. Junior libero Virginia Moore had five aces.

Madison (21-2) suffered its first loss of the season against Langley, 3-2, on Oct. 16. As of Tuesday morning, the Warhawks were ranked No. 2 behind Loudoun County in the Washington Post's top 10. Langley was ranked No. 7 and has a 17-2 record. The Saxons face Washington-Lee on Wednesday, Oct. 23.

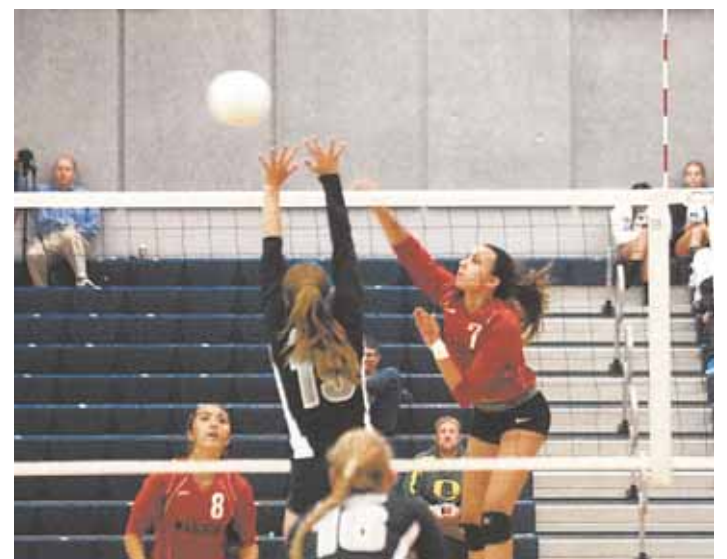
Madison will host Hayfield at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 23.

Madison Football Falls to TJ

The Madison football team lost to Thomas Jefferson 24-21 on Oct. 18, dropping its record to 0-7.

Madison's Willis Gardner carried 16 times for 54 yards, according to the Washington Post's allmetsports.com. Jason Gastrock completed 18 of 23 passes for 190 yards with three touchdowns and two interceptions. Nate Williams had 14 catches for 129 yards and a score.

Madison will travel to face McLean at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 25.



Madison sophomore outside hitter Jaynie Carter had six kills against Washington-Lee on Monday.

WEEK IN VIENNA

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Vienna Halloween Parade on DVD

The entire Vienna Halloween Parade—including extra footage of the “costumed children”—is available on DVD for purchase.

To reserve your copy, complete an order form, available online at www.viennava.gov or at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E. by 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov.1. DVDs will be ready beginning Nov. 11 and can be picked up at the Community Center or mailed for an additional fee of \$5. The cost is \$10 each.

The 67th annual Vienna Halloween Parade will step off on Wednesday, Oct. 23, at 7 p.m. along Maple Avenue (Route 123). For more information, contact the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennava.gov.

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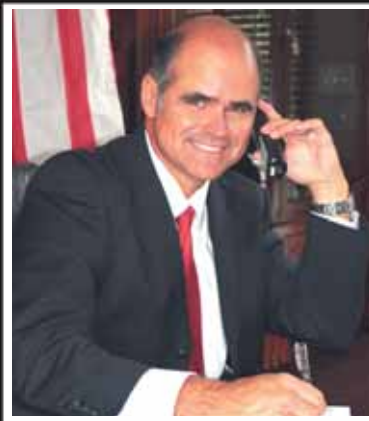


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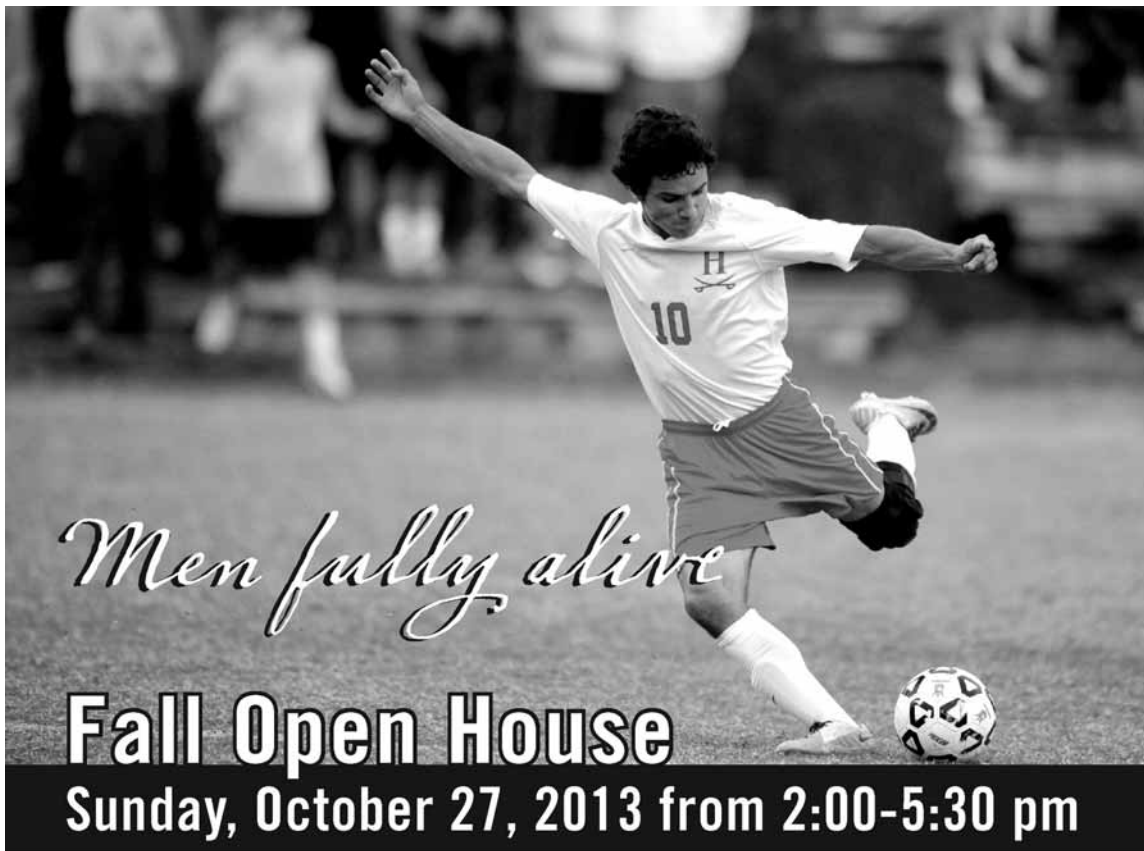


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THURSDAY/NOV. 7

The Vienna American Legion Auxiliary. 10 a.m., at Vienna American Legion, 330 Center St. N., Vienna. Place flags on the graves of veterans at Flint Hill Cemetery (on Route 123 between Courthouse Road and Hibbard Street); meet beside the tool shed inside the cemetery. 703-938-1379.

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.

FRIDAY/NOV. 8

Fall 2013/14 Registration Open House. 9:30-11:30 a.m., at McLean Children's Academy, 6900 Elm St., McLean. Bring your child and come tour the school; registration is available for the morning, afternoon and full day preschool classes. 703-734-2353 or www.childrensacademy.com.

SUNDAY/NOV. 10

9th annual Vienna CROP Hunger Walk. 2 p.m., at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Walk to help stop hunger during the (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Hunger Walk.

The walk is 3 miles and starts and ends at the Vienna Town Green. <http://www.viennacropwalk.org> or <https://www.facebook.com/events/241743379312873>.

TUESDAY/NOV. 12

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WEDNESDAY/NOV. 13

Chronic Pain Support Group. 1:30-3:30 p.m., at Kaplan Center for Integrative Medicine, 6829 Elm Street, Ste. 300, McLean. Dr. Jeff Ericksen, specialist in rehabilitative medicine at the Kaplan Center for Integrative Medicine, explains why over-the-counter pain reliever medications fall short, and discusses more effective ways of alleviating pain, or supporting the immune system and digestive tract if these drugs are medically necessary. 703-532-4892.

THURSDAY/NOV. 14

Historical Talk. 7 p.m., at the Patrick Henry library, 101 E. Maple Ave., Vienna. Susan Gray, curator at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, will discuss the lives of Dr. Kate Waller Barrett, local social activist and founder of the Florence Crittenden Homes for Unwed Mothers, and her daughter, Kitty Barrett Pozer, former Washington Post columnist. 703-321-7499.

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Clerk of the District Court of Baldwin County, Alabama
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An expert is someone who knows some of the worst mistakes that can be made in his subject and how to avoid them.

-Werner Heisenberg

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Compartmen- talization



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

It's not exactly everything in its place any more than it is, for me, a place for everything. It's more like mandatory evacuation – as in self-preservation; of thoughts, concerns, worries, anxieties, facts/feelings, all of which may be harmful to my health and/or my overall demeanor/well being (which anecdotally-speaking is all interrelated). Having stage IV non-small cell lung cancer will do that to you – among other things. If I don't take control of the internal and external complications caused by this insidious disease, then it wins. And the last thing any of us similarly diagnosed patients want is a victory by the other side.

My attempts at sustaining my status as quo are as much mental as they are physical. Physically, the tumors will react to chemotherapy – or not, and my body/internal organs will be "side-effected" how they will despite my wishfully-thought-of intentions. However, mentally (emotionally, psychologically, spiritually) is semi in my control. And control is key – or certainly perceived to be (rhyme not for any effect). As such, whether or not it matters to the cancer how I do what I do (live), it matters to me. And if it matters to me – and I take these matters into my own hands, and don't succumb to cancer's figurative punch, then I can feel as if maybe this battle is not so lopsided (what's more lopsided than a terminal diagnosis from an oncologist?). One where you're encouraged to take that vacation you've always dreamed of because, well, you know. But if I can feel – for even a minute, that my specific man vs. cancer existence is being waged on a level playing field, then I just might think this fight is fair. Realistically, that's all I can ask for. (Regardless of whether I'm ending this sentence with a preposition.)

But since there are no guarantees here, there's a bit of a leap of faith to be made (you'll note I didn't say expected). What I do know is, that if my focus on life is exclusively about yours truly being diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer; if my 24/7 consciousness is totally cancer-centric, and if any and all cancer thoughts are woe is me, then the battle is already lost. It's not about me not caring or giving up – hardly, it's about me not giving in. And the only way I know how to not give in to the pressure/terminal circumstances under which I continue to endure, is to not feel as if everything has to be dealt with all the time. There are just too many variables, and moving and unpredictable parts (euphemistically speaking) which have to be managed – for lack of a better word. Ergo: Coping and hoping. Every minute of every day. (Every second would be a bit of an exaggeration.)

And if and when I should receive any unpleasant news, I'll try to embrace those very appropriate words spoken by Scarlett O'Hara at the end of the Oscar-winning classic, "Gone With The Wind," when Rhett Butler walked away after having said he didn't "give a damn" about what Scarlett "will do" about bringing "him back:" "...I can't think about this now! I'll go crazy if I do! I'll think about it tomorrow..." Compartmentalization. A figurative solution to a set of real problems. It's not exactly pretending. It's more like pacifying. So far, so great.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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Pumpkin Carving Ideas

Local experts offer their best tips for creating your jack-o-lantern.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Whether your goal is to carve and decorate the best pumpkin on the block or simply use this fall gourd for Halloween inspiration, local culinary experts offer pumpkin ideas that will keep the season festive.

Before embarking on a pumpkin carving project, take a look at the condition of your knives. “Generally speaking, a dull knife is a dangerous knife,” said Christine Wisnewski, a culinary instructor at Culinary Cooking School in Vienna. “And a pumpkin, because of its size and shape, can be a challenge, even if you have good knife skills. If you use a knife, make sure it is sharp and work slowly.”

Wisnewski generally advises eschewing chef’s knives for a pumpkin carving kit, usually found in supermarkets and craft stores. “The cutting tools may look less

impressive than your best kitchen knife, but they do work well,” she said. “The small blades are deeply serrated and make quick work getting through dense pumpkin flesh.”

Pumpkin carving kits are also a solution to the safety issue. “If the kids do want to carve, no one’s fingers are at risk with these little carving tools,” she said. “Our family has managed to get many years of use out of the tools that came with our first kits.”

Executive Chef Eddie Ishaq of Wildfire in Tysons Galleria said, “Keep it safe and always carve with adult supervision,” when children are carving. For the third consecutive year, Ishaq will visit the two kindergarten classes at Louise Archer Elementary School in Vienna on Oct. 31 to offer pumpkin carving demonstrations, discuss Halloween and serve slices of pumpkin pie.

Another expert tip is to use templates. While pumpkins with tra-

ditional triangle-shaped eyes and grins with missing teeth have their charm, if you want something more original, patterns can help create an ornate jack-o-lantern.

“Tape the pattern to the pumpkin and then transfer the design by poking along the lines of the pattern and into the pumpkin with the sharp tool meant just for this task,” said Wisnewski. “A nail or skewer would work too. Anyone can be an expert pumpkin carver with the patterns and kits available.”

If you prefer more originality than a pattern or template can provide, Wisnewski suggests letting your design be inspired by the shape of your pumpkin, and any of its individual characteristics. “Maybe that stem is a nose, maybe that tangle of seeds spilling out of its mouth is proof that your pumpkin wasn’t feeling very well — a favorite idea of boys, young and older,” she said. “If you are up for something more mod, drill it full of holes for a polka dotted look. If sparkle is more your thing, don’t carve at all, go with glitter.”

If you’re interested in eating the pumpkin in addition to carving it,



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Carving pumpkins using templates and patterns can make your Halloween creations look spooky and professional.

Anna Reeves, culinary instructor and owner of Tiny Chefs with locations in Arlington, Alexandria, McLean and Fairfax, Va., and Potomac, Md., said, “This is also a great time of year to tell kids that pumpkin is for more than carving and pie. This high-value ingredient fits into every meal of the day.”

She suggests getting a boost of vitamin A by roasting chunks of sugar pumpkin. “[They] are delicious roasted until tender along with quartered shallots and sage

leaves,” she said. “Mix the sweet roasted vegetables with hot pasta and cream cheese or goat cheese for a nice, fall-inspired dinner.”

For more ideas, Wisnewski suggests taking a class at Culinary Cooking School: Pumpkins — Sweet and Savory is being offered Oct. 26 at 2 p.m. and Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. Students will explore the culinary side of pumpkin with dishes like creamy pumpkin chowder with smoked bacon and pumpkin brulee.

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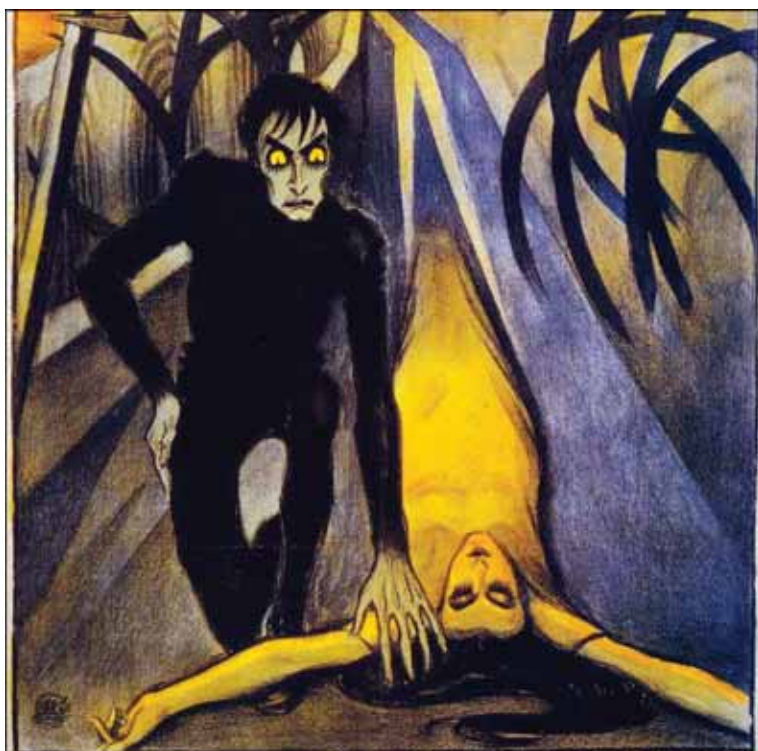
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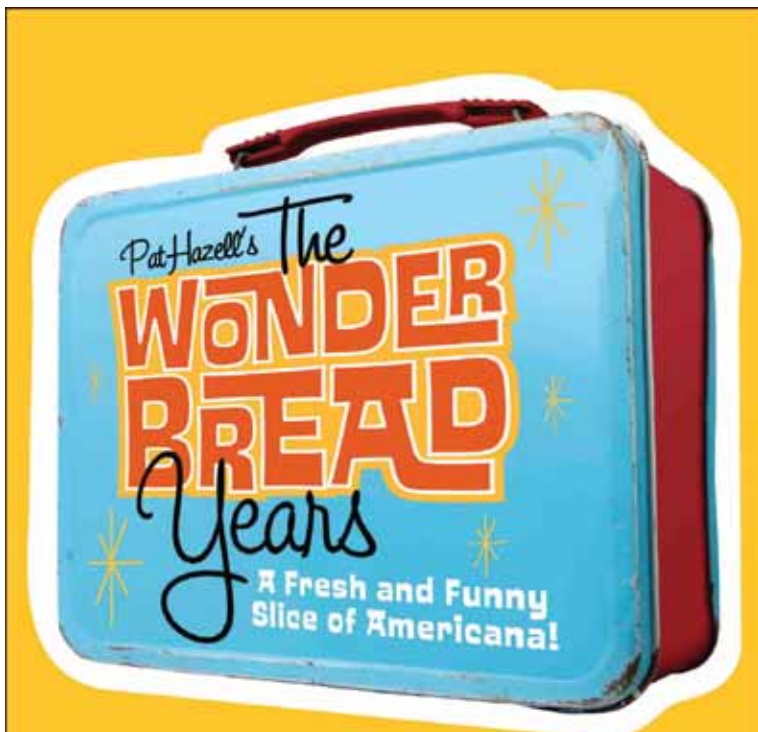
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Vienna Halloween Parade 7 p.m., starting on Maple Avenue and continuing along Church Street in Historic Vienna. The annual Vienna Halloween Parade draws thousands of families. Many parents remember watching the parade as children themselves. Viewers frequently mark their curbside spots early in the day by leaving personal items there.

WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY/ OCT. 23-NOV. 16

Jolanta Noska's Abstracts at the Vienna Arts Society Gallery in the Village Green, 513 Maple Ave. W., Vienna. See the work of Jolanta Noska, who took a master's program in elementary education in her native Poland before moving to Virginia. Her abstract works are created in acrylics, pastels and leather. 703-319-3220 or www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

THURSDAY/OCT. 24

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

FRIDAY/OCT. 25

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

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/25-26

Silk Purse Project. 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.) at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Road S.W., Vienna. A local business tycoon has decided to challenge the incumbent mayor. This poses a problem for his party, as he is both the largest contributor and a buffoon who could ruin the entire party's slate. \$10; half of the proceeds to benefit the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna.

FRIDAYS-SUNDAYS/ OCT. 25-NOV. 3

"Picasso at the Lapin Agile." 8 p.m., 2 p.m. matinees on Oct. 27 and Nov. 3, at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. Albert Einstein and Pablo Picasso meet at a bar called the Lapin Agile in Montmartre, Paris as both men are on the verge of an amazing idea. \$13 general admission. vtcshows@yahoo.com or www.viennatheatrecompany.org.

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The Vienna Saturday Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon, at 301 Center South, Vienna. Features TJ Michaels, a balloon artist and bulb planting sponsored by the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna.

Vienna Choral Society



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'Picasso at the Lapin Agile'

Bill Byrnes, in character as Picasso's agent Sagot, banters with bartender Freddy as Lapin Agile customer Gaston (played by Josephy LeBlanc) takes it all in. Remaining performances Oct. 25, and 26, and Nov. 1 and 2, at 8 p.m. Matinee performances 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., at the door or in advance.

Coffeehouse Concert at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 8601 Wolftrap Road, Vienna. The chorus shares their rich melodies and intricate harmonies with the community. www.viennachoralsociety.org.

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

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

SUNDAY/OCT. 27

Sunday Soiree. 3-5 p.m., in the community hall at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The series of casual, afternoon dances returns for the fall session with an Oktoberfest-themed open dance night. Patrons are invited to dress in traditional German clothing, such as lederhosen and dirndls. \$5 at the door. <http://www.mcleancenter.org/> or 703-790-0123.

Amadeus Orchestra and Choruses. 4-6 p.m., at Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Manfredini's "Concerto for two trumpets," Haydn's "Lord Nelson Mass," and song from the Reston Chorale, Saint Luke Catholic Church Choir and Saint Francis Church Choir. \$30; students under 17, free. 703-759-5334 or www.amadeusconcerts.com.

MONDAY/OCT. 28

Ayr Hill Garden Club Meeting. 1 p.m., at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Longtime AHGC member and a past president Leigh Kitcher will give a presentation about her visit last May to London's famous Chelsea Flower Show. Leigh is now the director of District III of the National Capital Area Garden Clubs. latripp24@gmail.com or 1-203-400-3668.

FRIDAY/NOV. 1

An Evening of Laughter. 7:30 p.m., Flint Hill's Olson Theater, 10410 Academic Drive, Oakton. Flint Hill School announces "An Evening of Laughter," a production of four one-act plays. flinthill.org.

Van Cliburn Orchestra. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna; Filene Center, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna; The Barns, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Hear the DC-area debut of the 14th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition Silver Medalist. \$35.

SATURDAY/NOV. 2

Flicker of Hope Foundation 5K Walk. 10 a.m.-noon, at Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, Engine 402, at 400 Center St. S., Vienna. The Flicker of Hope Foundation announces its third annual 5K walk to benefit survivors of traumatic burn injuries. The walk will be followed by refreshments and a raffle with items supplied by area merchants. www.flickerofhope.org.

Ballroom Dance. 8-9 p.m. Swing lesson, 9-11:30 p.m. dance, at the Colvin Run Dance Hall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Waltz, rumba, tango, foxtrot, cha-cha, samba and extra swing to live music by Mike Surratt & the ECB 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.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 2-3

Book Sale. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Fill a bag with books for only \$5 and browse a sale featuring thousands of top quality used books, hardback fiction, ton of non-fiction and quilting books and cookbooks. Sponsored by the volunteers of the Friends of Patrick Henry Library. 703-938-0405 or FPHL101@gmail.com.

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to reach out to moderate Republicans to see if we could forge a path forward. We had a plan, but it was rejected by House Republican leaders.

Even when a bipartisan compromise seemed to be coming together in the Senate, some House Republicans refused to take yes for an answer, resulting in bond rating houses putting the United States debt on "rating watch negative." The House majority's rhetoric, and the very real threat of default, has jeopardized our standing in the world as international financial markets second-guess the long-held reliabil-

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vestment databases. I develop instructional handouts for use throughout the county. I coach and train my colleagues to do the same. I am a librarian, and my CV is not unusual in Fairfax County—for the time being.

Professional training and expertise matter. When I use a county service, I rely on the person helping me to have the necessary credentials: I want county health services to use degreed nurses. I want county legal services to feature attorneys with appropriate specializations. I want financial services managed by CPAs. I want the teachers in our schools to have more than minimal qualifications to teach my children, and I want the agency directors, trustees, and supervisors in this county to have my back when it comes to defending those expectations.

Staff dissent on the library's reorganization is widespread, but it is not at root self-serving or change-phobic, however others try to characterize it. (Since the job class downgrades would only affect new hires, they don't impact current staff directly.) Rather, it is principled, informed and passionate advocacy for a profession and community that we love and serve with pride.

The continued library de-funding and proposed staff reorganization are wrong on many levels, but one of the biggest ironies is that it makes an argument against the value of knowledge and literacy in a county where so many residents earn a living based on higher education & professional credentials. We owe it to our patrons and ourselves to do better than this.

Deborah Smith-Cohen
Oak Hill

Both Sides of Humility

To the Editor:

Frank Wolf has been a decent congressman, but his column in

ity and safety of American treasury bonds. The antics of the last few weeks will have long-lasting effects on the American economy and public confidence in government.

But even on the heels of this latest in a series of manufactured crises, I choose to find a silver lining. At the very least, I hope my colleagues will learn from their past mistakes so we aren't doomed to repeat them.

In the coming months, as we work towards a larger budget framework that replaces the draconian cuts from sequestration, we must stop playing politics with the American people and the economy, and instead, find real bipartisan solutions. America deserves better.

on state highway rights-of-way, complete with the ability to levy fines against violators. Hallelujah!

Let's hope that the candidates in this year's campaign will continue to observe the law and keep their yard signs where they belong – in yards!

J. Jay Volkert
Tysons Corner

Preserving the Lifeline

To the Editor:

As a long-time resident of Fairfax County, I am concerned about congressional initiatives that would kick 1.7 million Americans off the Food Stamp Program (SNAP). The program has been a lifeline for millions of Virginians suffering the effects of the economic downturn. Even in our prosperous county, over 69,000 residents are at risk of experiencing hunger, including 15 percent of our children according to USDA. Hungry children don't learn well at school, and are more susceptible to illness. Nearly 24 percent of Northern Virginia households don't have adequate income to meet their monthly expenditures such as food, housing and transportation (Regional Profile of Northern Virginia, UVA 2011.) Some of the more insidious provisions of a recent House Bill (HR3102) include changing the definition of work requirement so that unemployed SNAP recipients would become ineligible for the program after three months of unemployment. The bill also includes an incentive for governors to kick people off the food stamp rolls, by allowing them to keep half the proceeds. It is important for our senators, Mark Warner and Tim Kaine, to resist this effort, through the Farm Bill and other legislation, which would take food away from hungry Virginians.

Elizabeth Berry
Falls Church

last week's Connection shows how easy it is for politicians to (unintentionally?) speak with a forked tongue [It's Going to Take Humility, Connection, Oct. 16-22, 2013]. At first he tells us, almost lectures us, about the value of humility. I agree, he's on target here. The swelled heads of congressmen leads to hardened opinions and an unmerited sense of self-importance on both sides of the aisle.

That's good counsel, but then Wolf proceeds to show us all that he has yet to heed his own advice, for in the back half of his column he chastises his opponents and tells us all, in no uncertain terms, what's wrong with the country and his personal vision for fixing it. That doesn't sound like humility to me!

I want to offer to Wolf that if we are going to get government back on track, then we all must embrace humility—including him. Frank, let humility lead you to be a genuine peacemaker (Matt 5:9) and consensus builder in Congress. My vote for you in the next election depends on it.

Chris Johnson
Oakton

Something's Missing

To the Editor:

Here we were in election season again, but something seemed to be missing. Then it occurred to me: Where were all the campaign signs that usually pollute the median strips of our busy streets, distracting drivers and inconveniencing the crews charged with mowing and maintaining these areas? In past years, candidates often became engaged in arms races that resulted in hundreds of signs being plastered on every open space available.

I inquired with the Fairfax County Department of Transportation and learned that the county has new authority to enforce the laws against temporary signage



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Here's What's Happening at MCC



"The Wonder Bread Years"

Saturday, Oct. 26, 8 p.m.

\$30/\$20 MCC district residents

Sunday Soirée Dance Oktoberfest

Sunday, Oct. 27, 3-5 p.m.

Admission: \$5 per person

Halloween Movie "The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari"

Wednesday, Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m.

\$10/\$6 MCC district residents

Children's Flea Market

Saturday, Nov. 2, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Free admission

McLean Kids Series Doug Berky in "No Show"

Saturday, Nov. 2, 2 p.m.

\$15/\$10 MCC district residents

Halloween Movie "Tucker & Dale vs Evil"

Saturday, Nov. 2, 8 p.m.

Free admission

Midday Movie Musicals "Sweet Charity"

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 1 p.m.

Free admission

37th Annual McLean Antiques Show & Sale

Sat. & Sun., Nov. 9-10

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