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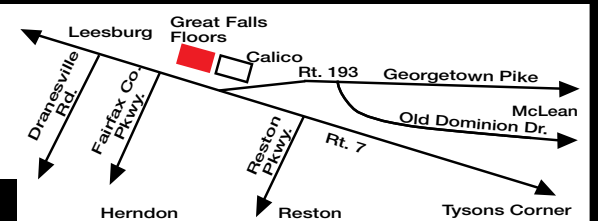
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Comstock, Murphy Face off in 34th

Republican incumbent Barbara Comstock goes against Democrat Kathleen Murphy Nov. 5.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Republican incumbent Barbara Comstock will face off against Democratic challenger Kathleen Murphy for the 34th delegate seat on Tuesday Nov. 5.

The 34th district covers most of McLean and Great Falls, northern sections of Vienna and a portion of Sterling east of Leesburg Pike. Fifty-nine percent of the district's population is located in Fairfax County.

In 2012, the district was split with 49 percent of the vote apiece for Barack Obama and Mitt Romney, but went 52 to 47 percent to Democrat Tim Kaine in the senate race.

According to the Virginia Public Access Project, \$742,895 has been spent on this race as of Sept. 30, from the average of \$221,577 spent in similar races.

COMSTOCK was first elected to her seat in 2009, and won re-election in 2011. She has lived in McLean for the past 30 years.

She has served as an aide to Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10), as chief counsel for the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee and was director of the Department of Justice's Office of Public Affairs.

She graduated from Middlebury College in Vermont with a bachelor's in political science, and received a law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center.

She says her number one priority is jobs, and that she supports increased funding for Virginia Economic Development Partnership that attract what she calls "21st century jobs."

During her tenure, Comstock has supported bills in favor of tax incentives for data centers, extending the capital gains tax exemption and extending the telework tax credit, among others.

Locally, her supporters say she has demonstrated excellence in working with the community and government officials to find solutions to a wide variety of issues.

"I support Barbara because I believe she knows her district, knows what they want and most importantly, knows what we don't want. She was instrumental in helping us resolve some of the Georgetown Pike-Leesburg Pike intersection issues, as well as many others," said Daniel Smith of Great Falls. "I also like that she seems to be proactive when it comes to reaching out to the community. Her participation in everything from human trafficking forums to educational initiatives shows me that she is interested in the people she represents."

Comstock's detractors say one of the biggest factors in their decision was her vote against the transportation bill passed earlier this year.

"I've seen Barbara around this community a lot, and I think she's done some



Incumbent Barbara Comstock (R) will take on challenger Kathleen Murphy (D) for the 34th district delegate seat.



Democratic challenger Kathleen Murphy will run for the 34th district delegate seat against Barbara Comstock Tuesday, Nov. 5.



Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34) will attempt to win re-election to her third term Tuesday, Nov. 5, facing off against Democrat Kathleen Murphy.

An App for Election Day Information

Voting information for the Nov. 5 election is easily accessible on a smartphone. After downloading the county's app for Android or iPhone, residents can:

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www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/mobile, or search Fairfax County Government on Google Play or the Apple App Store. Once you download and launch the Fairfax County app, look for the "Vote" icon.

"All Fairfax County voters with smartphones can take advantage of this opportunity to get critical election information on the go," said Fairfax County General Registrar Cameron Quinn. "The app will be a tremendous help on Election Day, Nov. 5, particularly for those coming from someplace other than home who may want driving directions."

good over her two terms, but we also are electing someone to vouch for us at the state level, and I'm not comfortable with the fact that she voted against the transportation bill," said Ian Holm of McLean. "I think that plan is a great, bipartisan, innovative solution for some of the biggest problems we face as a state and a

region, and the fact that she wasn't on board suggests to me she's not as concerned with the big picture as I'd like her to be."

She has also come under fire from gun control advocacy groups for voting for legislation that would repeal the purchase limits on handguns, would allow guns in bars

and hides information on concealed carry permits.

As of Sept. 30, Comstock has raised \$940,367, with \$808,292 coming in the form of cash donations of more than \$100.

MURPHY has worked as a senior advisor for international trade issues at the Department of Commerce, handled congressional affairs at the U.S. Agency for International Development and worked for Texas Rep. Charlie Wilson on defense and foreign operations appropriations.

She is a member of the Human Services Council for Fairfax County, McLean Community Foundation, Fairfax County Health Care Task Force and on the fundraising board for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Murphy says her main issues of concern are education, protecting women's rights, transportation and what she calls "common sense gun regulation."

She says she wants to lower the student-to-teacher ratio in the state, increasing the number of in-state spots for college students and using the community college system to play a larger role in workforce education.

"Kathleen seems to be someone who will bring fresh leadership to the district, I worry that Barbara Comstock is a little too worried about her role within the Republican party to worry about going against them with her vote," said Mary Bell of McLean. "I'd much rather see someone that votes issue-by-issue to her conscience, rather than just go with the flow."

Murphy, whose brother was killed in a shooting 11 years ago, says she supports universal background checks, closing the gun show loophole and limiting high capacity magazines.

A major issue used against her is her several tax delinquencies in the past decade. According to Virginia property tax records, she has been late five times since 2005 in paying property taxes on the home her and her husband own in McLean.

New York state tax records also show two late payments on property taxes for a home she owns in 2010 and 2011.

"Kathleen Murphy seems like a smart, dedicated woman, but I haven't seen anything in her positions or her various public appearances that indicates to me that she is ready to head to the House of Delegates and make an impact for the 34th," said Benson Fleming of McLean. "I feel like she's running against Barbara just because someone has to run against her, rather than bringing anything new and unique. I haven't heard anything other than the standard rhetoric coming from her campaign, no specific solutions to specific issues, just vague generalities."

As of Sept. 30, Murphy has raised \$381,728, with \$313,073 coming in the form of cash contributions of more than \$100.

Fairfax County Sheriff's Race Heats Up

Kincaid, Wolfe trade barbs over guns, vandalism.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Like many of her neighbors, Vienna resident Jane Li said she didn't know Fairfax County had a sheriff's department until a few weeks ago.

"That's when I started to see the campaign signs along Hunter Mill Road, and I thought I should find out what the sheriff does," she said.

The sheriff's office, with more than 600 employees and a \$60 million budget, has three primary functions: operating the Adult Detention Center, providing security in the courthouse, and serving civil papers, such as eviction notices, child protective orders and subpoenas.

"The police do a good job of rounding up the bad guys, and the sheriff's deputies make sure they stay where they're supposed to," said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee), a reserve deputy sheriff himself. "Most people don't know the sheriff exists because they're not doing anything wrong."

"This race matters," McKay said. "There's the potential for a lot of things to go wrong in courthouse security. We've never had that happen. No one has escaped from the jail; no tragedies at the courthouse; the sheriff's department returns money to the general fund, and deputies do a lot of things that we take for granted."

Fairfax County Sheriff's Capt. Stacey Kincaid, the Democratic candidate, and her Republican opponent, retired Fairfax City Police Officer Bryan A. Wolfe, agree the campaign is an opportunity to educate residents about the role of sheriff.

But that may be the only issue on which they agree.

Kincaid, a 26-year-veteran of the sheriff's department, said her first order of business if elected would be to sign the Civil Service Protection Agreement which guarantees due process for department employees.

"I've been on record and said countless times that the primary thing it does it prevents any employee for being fired without just cause and prevents any political retaliation," Kincaid said.

Wolfe does not see the protection agreement as a priority. "That's a critical difference between me and my opponent," Kincaid.

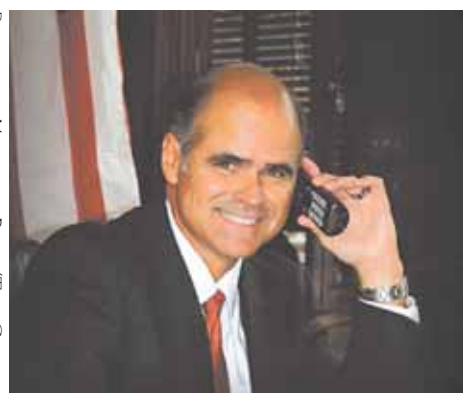
Instead, Wolfe said his first act as sheriff would be to "modernize" the department with video recording equipment in the jail.

"Video cameras protect inmates and deputies in the jail and the cameras protect the taxpayer from frivolous lawsuits and suspicion of law enforcement generated by lawsuits," said Wolfe, who said that Kincaid "has said several times that it's too costly" and "it's a solution for a problem that doesn't exist."

The contest is the only county-wide office on the ballot this year, a special elec-



Stacey Kincaid, a 26-year veteran with the Fairfax County Sheriff's Department, in front of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee headquarters on Oct. 21.



Bryan Wolfe, a retired officer with the Fairfax City Police, was selected Officer of the Year twice during his 26 years with the police department.

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On the Issues

STACEY KINCAID has made diversity a key issue of her campaign:

"Diversity is as important to me as it is to the citizens that I will serve. When I became a deputy sheriff in 1987, women were underrepresented in policing. The same can be said of many other underrepresented groups as well. The Fairfax Sheriff's Office has been slow to adapt to the change. No longer can values be self-serving. It is my belief that the Office of the Sheriff must face up to the evolving needs of the community and the expectations placed upon its top leadership. I am committed to developing new strategies and approaches that can be used to increase our effectiveness and, in turn, better serve our community. I am deeply committed to equal protection of the rights of all members of our community."

❖ For more information on Stacey Kincaid, go to www.staceycincaid.com

tion to fill the post held by Democrat Stan Barry, who retired midway through his fourth term in July.

If elected, Kincaid will become the first woman sheriff in the County's history, and one of a handful of women sheriffs in the nation. A 26-year veteran of the sheriff's office, Kincaid has worked all four divisions. She began her career with the sheriff's office in 1987 as a summer intern, and in 2008, she received the agency's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award.

A self-proclaimed "rookie politician," Kincaid soundly defeated acting Sheriff Mark Sites for the nomination in a July caucus, 63 percent to 37 percent. She won with the guidance of Kate Hanley, a family friend and former chair of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

Wolfe garnered the Republican nomination in late August. Although he has been endorsed by several prominent local Republicans, he has not received any campaign

BRYAN WOLFE has said better programs for the mentally ill would be a top priority if he is elected sheriff:

"The mentally ill are currently thrown in with hardcore criminals in a toxic situation. That's why I want the mentally ill whose only offense is causing a disturbance or committing a misdemeanor diverted into a program that helps the underlying problem, which is psychiatric and not criminal."

"As sheriff I want to start a Crisis Intervention Team approach modeled on the program currently in effect in Memphis. I propose that deputies receive an initial 40 hours of specialized training from experienced mental health professionals and law enforcement experts. After completing the initial training, qualified deputies would have annual in-service training and an additional eight hours of classroom work. The goal of this new CIT program is to provide immediate response to situations where the mentally ill are in a state of crisis and to prevent, reduce or eliminate potential injuries to deputies and inmates. Finding appropriate care — whether in the ADC or in an outside mental health facility — and working on a treatment program will help keep the mentally ill out of jail."

❖ For more information on Bryan Wolfe, go to www.wolfeforsheriff.com.

contributions from the Fairfax County GOP.

While the race has put the sheriff's office in the spotlight, it has also exposed the uglier side of politics. One of Wolfe's first acts as a candidate was to do "oppo research" on Kincaid and her family. Through the Freedom of Information Act, he requested all of Kincaid's emails, iPhone photos and texts.

In August, he called Kincaid a "hypocrite" on gun control issues, and said he was motivated to run for the office after hearing Kincaid say she supports expanded back-

ground checks on firearms. Wolfe, an NRA member, opposes such measures.

While declining to confirm or deny Kincaid's allegations that she recently purchased two AR-15 rifles, Kincaid said she is a responsible gun owner and has purchased firearms legally.

On Friday, Oct. 25, Fairfax County Republican Committee (FCRC) Chairman Jay McConville entered the fray with a statement also denouncing Kincaid as a "hypocrite" for her gun purchases.

"When addressing the nominating body of the Fairfax Democrats, Stacy Kincaid said that she was in favor of both an assault weapons ban and a ban on high capacity magazines," wrote McConville.

"Specifically she railed against the notion that anyone would need either. I guess that is what she needed to say to get the nomination. Why then, did Stacy Kincaid order and purchase, for her own personal use, both an AR-15 Rifle and multiple high capacity magazines? This is hypocrisy of the most blatant sort, and should cost her the election now that it has become known," McConville said in the statement.

Kincaid declined to comment on McConville's statement, but said she stood by her earlier statements.

Wolfe also alleged that Kincaid's supporters tried to intimidate him by vandalizing his vehicles and tearing up a flower bed on his property in Clifton.

"They are bullying me ... and now the intimidation factor is affecting my volunteers," Wolfe said in a phone call on Friday. "(My volunteers) don't want to drive their cars into Fairfax County with my signs because they're afraid their vehicles will be vandalized. They tell me 'This has gotten too hairy for me.'"

Wolfe said the repeated vandalism has impacted his entire family. "I just want the race to be over. I want to get my life back," he said.

"Unfortunately vandalism seems to be a common occurrence. My campaign has had a number of instances where my signs have been stolen or destroyed," Kincaid said in a call Sunday.

"While the appropriate response is to report these incidents to the police, as a law enforcement officer, I have no intention of diverting police resources for such childish behavior," she added. "Campaigns are about discussing the issues and making the community a better place and there is no place in campaigns or otherwise for acts of vandalism to personal or campaign property."

The two major party candidates are joined on the ballot by independents Robert Rivera, a security analyst and former sheriff's deputy, and Chris DeCarlo, a propane salesman.

A frequent candidate for local offices, the 55-year-old DeCarlo, who is also running against Del. Eileen Filler-Corn, the Democratic incumbent in the 42nd district, has livened up the race with rap videos against government corruption.

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While you're away
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—NIKKI CHESHIRE



Mary Fouse, Great Falls, University of South Carolina

"I don't plan on voting absentee this year. Because I haven't been living in Virginia for a majority of the past year, I don't feel like I know the gubernatorial candidates or other issues well enough to make an informed opinion or decision. Last year I voted absentee only because of the presidential election. Virginia was a swing state, so I wanted my vote to have more influence than it would in South Carolina. I've never felt pushed either way while at school here, other than to be informed of the issues for whatever district I choose to vote for!"



Craig McKenzie, McLean, Virginia Tech

"I already voted absentee at college! I decided to vote absentee because, even though the statewide offices would be the same for me since I go to Virginia Tech, I care a lot about my local candidates. I have really been able to connect with my delegate over the past years in high school and I simply cannot think to not support her! I was harassed almost everyday by a local partisan "get out to vote" group. However, I stayed strong in voting for who I still consider my hometown candidates."



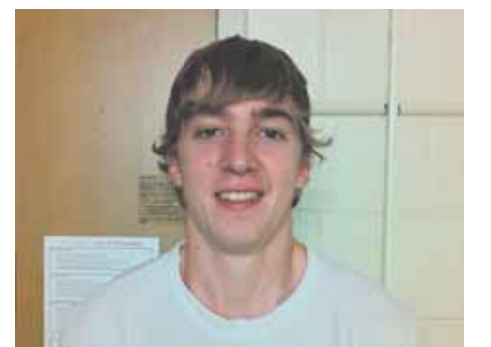
Patrick Healey, McLean, The College of William & Mary

"I definitely want to vote absentee, but that would involve being registered in Fairfax. The last time I voted was in the presidential election, and I registered in Williamsburg to vote. While I definitely care more about the election in Fairfax rather than here, and I'm not sure if it's worth the hassle, or if I even can re-register without being there."



Meigan McManus, McLean, University of Virginia

"I am planning on voting absentee. I'm voting not just because I find that this election is an important one, even though it's not a presidential election, but also from what we learned in AP Government. I remember [my teacher] Ms. Cohen noting how in non-presidential election years, the turnout rate for people our age is especially low. Now that I'm able to vote, I want to make the most of what I can do."



Joel Rasmussen, Great Falls, Ohio State University

"I do not plan on absentee voting. I feel that while being at school currently in Ohio, I am not up-to-date enough with current issues to make an educated vote for Virginia. However there is very much pressure to vote in my current county, and I also receive multiple emails on a weekly basis about absentee voting from people back in Virginia. I don't intend to vote in this upcoming election."

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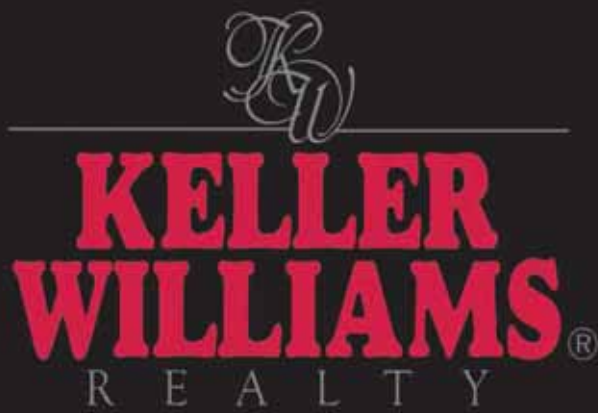
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Dave Ramos

A Book Challenging Business Leaders

Great Falls resident Dave Ramos recently published "Decide One Thing"—a book challenging leaders who want to escape mediocrity and build high performance organizations. "Decide One Thing" features case studies examining iconic brands, such as BMW, Nordstrom and Dyson, as well as high-growth innovators such as Site Organic, BTI360 and NeoSystems. Ramos, a Harvard Business School alumnus who previously held leadership positions at IBM and Nortel Networks, now serves as the CEO of SHIFTPPOINTS, Inc.

Begoña Morton Exhibits at Katie's Coffee

Great Falls painter Begoña Morton is exhibiting a collection of her daily paintings at Katie's Coffee in Great Falls.

As a member of the Daily Painting Movement, Morton paints alla prima, completing a work from start to finish in just one day. Daily painters commit to finish a small painting in one session and then sell it online normally via auction sites like eBay. Morton posts on her website www.begonamorton.com two to three daily paintings per week. Recently she commemorated #100, now hanging at Katie's. She challenged herself to finish the 24" x 36" format—exceptionally large for daily painters—in one day.

"I love the energy and speed of this art movement and connection with the Internet," explains Morton. "It allows me to share my work with people all over the world." She chooses her subject matter according to the changing seasons, often inspired by her passion for food, family and travel.

Her exhibit, titled "Virginia Autumn," showcases fall landscapes and seasonal produce from the surrounding area. It runs through the month of November at Katie's.

You can follow Morton's progress on her website, www.begonamorton.com, displaying Daily Paintings #1 to the present.

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EDITORIAL

For voters in Virginia, it is hard to overstate how important it is to go out and vote next week. All Virginia voters will see statewide races for governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general, plus one delegate race. In addition, there are a few local races in Alexandria and Arlington, a bond question in Fairfax County and a referendum question about the housing authority in Arlington.

These off-year elections attract many fewer voters.

In 2008, 74.5 percent of Virginia's registered voters turned out to vote in the presidential election. In 2009, the last time Virginians elected a governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general and members of the House of Delegates, just 40.4 percent of registered voters came out to vote.

That is to say that 1.7 million voters went missing in the commonwealth.

Last November, more than 70 percent of Virginia's registered voters turned out. Will this November see 40 percent or less? Choices at the statewide level could hardly be more stark, and low turnout will make the outcome unpredictable.

This week's Connection includes what you need to know about the mechanics of voting and what is on the ballot.

Don't be among the missing.

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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, but this new photo identification requirement will not take effect until July 1, 2014.

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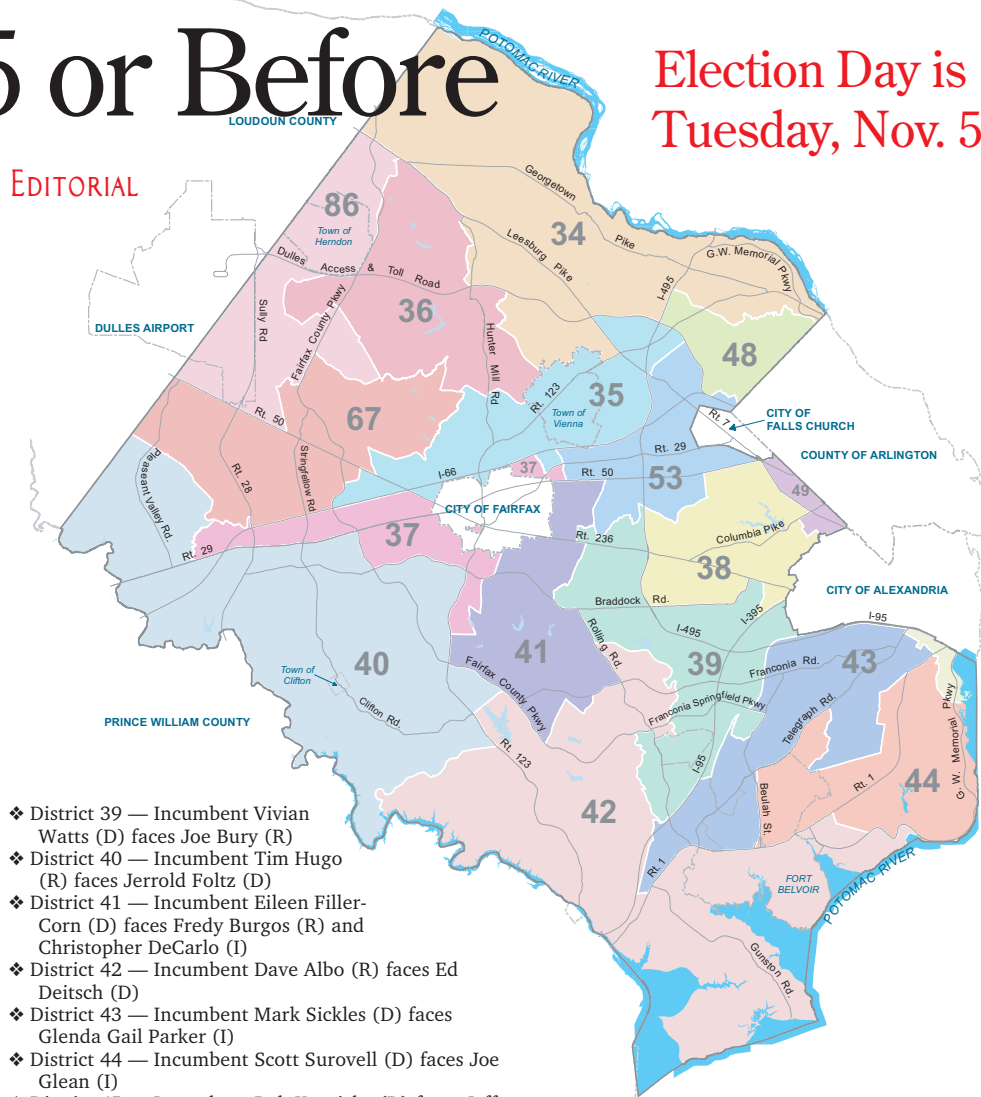
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HOUSE OF DELEGATES 2013 ELECTIONS

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- ❖ District 34 — Incumbent Barbara Comstock (R) faces Kathleen Murphy (D)
- ❖ District 35 — Incumbent Mark Keam (D) faces Leiann Leppin (R)
- ❖ District 36 — Incumbent Ken Plum (D) is unopposed
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- ❖ District 43 — Incumbent Mark Sickles (D) faces Glenda Gail Parker (I)
- ❖ District 44 — Incumbent Scott Surovell (D) faces Joe Glean (I)
- ❖ District 45 — Incumbent Rob Krupicka (D) faces Jeff Engle (I)
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- ❖ Buy land for the South West County High School
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- ❖ Replace or improve infrastructure, such as roofs, major mechanical systems and parking lots.

See <http://www.fcps.edu/news/bond13.shtml> for more details.

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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.

Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 323, Fairfax, VA 22035. Saturday, Nov. 2, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, Nov. 1, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

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LETTERS

A Test of Leadership

To the Editor:

I attended a debate On Tuesday, Oct. 22, between Barbara Comstock and Kathleen Murphy, candidates for State Delegate for the 34th District. After all the nasty flyers I've been receiving, it was good to hear the candidates respond to each other face to face and debunk some false claims. But more striking than the answers was the conduct of the audience. Most of the hundreds of attendees were polite and respectful. But five or six Murphy supporters were scattered throughout the audience hissing, jeering and laughing every time Ms. Comstock spoke. Although Kathleen Murphy refused to ask her own supporters to behave, Ms. Comstock, the moderator, the host and the ushers eventually were able to silence them.

Only Ms. Murphy remained silent on the issue. Perhaps she'll show more leadership if faced with a civic challenge like this in future debates.

Jon Pelson
Great Falls

Colors of Democracy

To the Editor:

Something seems different. Actually, 59,629 things seem unusual. Why such a specific number? It is the almost exact number of registered voters in Virginia's 34th House of Delegates district (the same district that Great Falls is a part of). And what is so precisely different about these voters? Their shifting political tendencies.

Let's take a look at 15 years worth of election statistics for the 34th House seat (keeping in mind that in 2011 the district was slightly redrawn due to the 2010 census). According to The Virginia Public Access Project a Republican has won every election cycle—except in 2007 when the Republican incumbent withdrew from the race. In fact, in 2003 and 2005 Republicans ran unopposed for the delegate seat. Financially, in 1997 the Republican candidate raised \$205,786 compared to the democrats lowly \$12,023—similar financial reports from the 1999 election.

As of Oct. 14, according to blue Virginia, the Democratic candidate for the 34th seat, Kathleen Murphy, is up 3 percent in the polls over incumbent Republican Barbara Comstock. Three percent does not

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Members of Western Electric performed without vocalist Bennie Potter.



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Peter Broida and his wife Patricia enjoyed some country dancing while attending the night's fundraiser event.



Mal Zerden (center) and his wife Linda provided lessons in country dancing.

Great Falls Optimists Host Benefit for Youth Fund and Scholarships

BY RYAN DUNN
THE CONNECTION

The Great Falls Optimist Club held a Wild West Dance Fest hosted at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8241 in McLean, on 1051 Spring Hill Road. The event had a live band, “Bennie Potter and Western Electric,” and barbecued ribs and chicken from Famous Dave’s on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 7 to 11 p.m. This was a ticketed event to raise funds for the Great Falls Optimist Youth Fund and Student Scholarship Award.

“We are a small club dedicated to helping youth in the Fairfax County and Loudoun County area. We have

these fundraisers throughout the year,” said club member Linda Thompson. The band “Bennie Potter and Western Electric” played musical works from musicians including Johnny Cash and Jimmy Buffett. Unfortunately, Bennie Potter was unable to attend the event due to a sudden health concern. [Later it was announced that Potter died on Oct. 19 from a heart attack.]

Western Electric was born when George Welling stopped for directions and met Bennie Potter. George was instrumental in bringing together Chick Hall, Jr. on Telecaster, Chris Hall on bass, Tommy Auldridge on pedal steel and Mike Toole on drums. George and Bennie offered rhythm guitars and vocals.

Thomas “TR.” Cook, president of the Great Falls Optimist club was also attending the fundraising event. “I have been a member of the club for approximately 10 years,” said Cook. Linda and Mal Zerden, residents of Annandale, attended the event to provide a lesson on country dancing. Also attending the event were Peter Broida and his wife Patricia, both fans of the “Bennie Potter and Western Electric” band. “We first heard the band when they used to play at the Serbian Crown restaurant in Great Falls,” said Broida. The Great Falls Optimist Club is a child-

centered (501-c3) non-profit organization that focuses on supporting, encouraging and challenging children to reach greater heights. A voluntary organization, the club is always interested in welcoming new members and volunteers. Among the many annual family-oriented events sponsored or assisted by the club are the Great Falls Children’s Spring Festival and Egg Hunt, and the Fourth of July celebration in Great Falls. To learn more about Great Falls Optimist Club, visit their webpage at <http://greatfallsoptimist.org>.

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seem like a lot, but with Election Day only a few weeks away, it speaks volumes of the realigning this community has experienced in the past year. In previous elections Democrats were outspent, slaughtered in local elections, and it was not even a contest.

This kind of political change is contagious. It is a slow process, but it yields results. For example, Virginia Public Access Project states that the 34th went blue for President Obama in the last two elections. This trend will continue in the upcoming elections. I believe that the beginning of this liberal transition starts with the 34th, and Kathleen Murphy. The fate of the commonwealth will be determined on Nov. 5th.

Laura Roman
Great Falls

The author is a Langley High School graduate and current George Washington University freshman majoring in political science.

Comstock Wants Accountability

To the Editor:

Delegate Comstock laid out a clear plan for ethics reforms at the McLean Citizen's Association debate. Delegate Comstock pointed out that currently there are no substantial punishments or penalties for break-

ing an ethics law. In order to change the behavior of certain politicians, on both sides of the aisle, laws need to be in place to hold candidates that misuse campaign money accountable with financial or personal penalties.

Delegate Comstock's opponent, Kathleen Murphy, wanted to add new rules and regulations, further complicating an already unclear and tangled process of disclosure. The problem is that making new regulations makes new loopholes, and no punishments. Delegate Comstock suggested that we must look at not allowing politicians convicted of felonies to receive retirement pensions and requiring the pre-clearance of trips and events as well as requiring the disclosure of family gifts. New regulations would have no effect, but penalties would. Just like real life, decisions have consequences; let's hold everyone accountable.

Delegate Comstock brought to light that Murphy herself is delinquent on her taxes, not just here in Virginia but in numerous other states. How is she able to run for public office while owing taxes, which would in turn pay for her tax-funded job? When asked about the taxes she just awkwardly smiled neither denying nor confirming and the moderator said, "we will move on."

A number of candidates at the debate, representing multiple political parties, all called for the ethics regulations to be clearer so the people of Virginia can understand

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NEWS

Colvin Run Elementary School Principal Kenneth Junge welcomes students to the ribbon cutting of the school's new playground Wednesday, Oct. 23.



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Colvin Run Opens New Playground

Addition features reading garden, new blacktop, reading benches.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Students, parents, teachers and administrators at Colvin Run Elementary School celebrated the opening of their new playground Wednesday, Oct. 23. The renovation doubled the footprint of the original playground, replacing a fenced baseball with a new blacktop, swing set and other features.

Planning for the project began last year, and construction started in August, and while the students could play on the existing equipment during the build, they couldn't be kept away from the new pieces

once installed and secured.

"This project was made possible because of the time, ideas and collaboration from students, parents and staff," said Principal Kenneth Junge. "All of the students are the inspiration for this project, and we're thrilled we could make this happen for them."

The project also included the addition of a new blacktop area, reading gardens and commemorative benches. The benches are engraved with several names, including former principal Stephen Hockett and former student Erik Seewald, who passed away in May at the age of 13.

The benches also contain the words "honesty," "compassion," "respect," "responsibility" and "courage" on them.

"We hope these character traits are engraved in the benches, and by the time these students graduate, we hope it's ingrained in them," Junge said.

The school's Parent Teacher Organization started the initiative to fund and build the playground.

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“Michael Jackson” and his mirror image made a surprise appearance as the orchestra performed “Thriller.” From left, senior violinist Justin Nguyen and senior violist Henry Takane.



From left, sophomores Kevin Le, Tony Lee and Steven Pyon prepare for the orchestra concert.

Langley High Orchestra Thrills Audience

In a night full of spooky music, costumes and theatre, the Langley High School Orchestra presented a thrilling concert to a full house on Thursday, Oct. 24. The Symphonic and Chamber Orchestras opened the concert with film scores from “How to Train Your Dragon” and “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows,” boosted by several band members in Superman and Batman costumes. Fine acting from members of the theatre department prepared the audience for the freshman orchestra’s pieces, “The Evil Eye and the Hideous Heart,” and “Two Scenes from the Hallow.” In character as the Corpse Bride, Lyric Yu played a piano duet with Theron Masters before she disappeared, and Masters took over the piano with a thundering rendition of “Themes from Pirates of the Caribbean.”

The sophomore orchestra, notable for many violin and viola players dressed as cowboys, cowgirls and Indians, performed “Ghosts of Brandenburg.” The Philharmonic and Chamber Orchestras kept up the Halloween mood with “October” and “Incantations.” During the concluding piece, Michael Jackson’s “Thriller,” a special appearance by Justin Nguyen and Henry Takane enabled the high school students to see the moonwalk and other iconic dance moves popularized before they were born. Said the father of Kurt Tran (senior violinist), “This was great! I loved the Michael Jackson ‘Thriller;’ it really brought back memories.”

According to audience member Caroline Cassidy, fifth grade cellist at Spring Hill Elementary School, “The concert was cool, especially because the music was so fun and exciting. I cannot wait until I will be able to play fun music like that in orchestra at Langley.”

By including volunteer musicians from the band, the string players had the experience of playing in a full orchestra.

Sophomore Kerry McConnaughay, french horn player, commented: “I thought the orchestra concert was great in that everyone could participate, and especially being part of the band, I really felt part of the whole group. The concert had music for everyone to enjoy and the theme made it super fun!”



The concert was directed by Ms. Bo-Min Son and Dr. Scott McCormick.



Only at a Langley Orchestra concert will you find Chicago Bulls’ Michael Jordan sharing a music stand with a cardiothoracic surgeon. From left, senior violinists Quan Pham and Damien Islek.

Krista Hackmeier, a junior theatre student who read a passage of scary literature at the concert said, “I think it’s wonderful that orchestra director Dr. McCormick reached out to Ms. Karasek (the new Langley HS theatre director) to put together this concert, which combined the talents of a few different departments. Seeing the inner workings of an orchestra concert was fascinating and I had such a great time working with the musicians and other actors.”

As senior viola player Amelia Sugianto said, “I’m so happy, the concert really brings us together and the orchestra is like a family.”

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FRIDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 1-3

“Picasso at the Lapin Agile” by Steve Martin. 8 p.m., 2 p.m. matinee on 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; the two geniuses have a lengthy debate about the value of genius and talent while interacting with a host of other characters. \$13 general admission. vtcshows@yahoo.com or www.viennatheatrecompany.org.

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.

Children’s Flea Market. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The sale allows young vendors, ages 3-15, to learn how to run a small business venture while reducing the toys, clothes and other treasures they no longer use at home. Sale items include: toys, electronics, games, jewelry, books, clothing and household and decorative items priced at a fraction of their original selling prices. 703-790-0123, TTY: 711 or <http://www.mcleancenter.org/kids/events>.

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



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Maggie Sansone, who plays the hammered dulcimer as well as Scottish small pipes, guitar and bodhrán, plays with Scottish Celtic harpist Sharon Knowles and Irish singer and guitarist Pat Egan at The Old Brogue Sunday Nov. 10 at 5 and 7 p.m.

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.

SUNDAY/NOV. 3

St. John’s Episcopal Church Choir. 5:30 p.m., at St. John’s Episcopal Church, Beltway Exit 44, at 6715 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. St. John’s Choir will sing “Requiem” by Gabriel Fauré, accompanied by violin, harp, and organ during the All Saints’ Sunday evening service of Holy Eucharist at 5:30 p.m. 703-356-4902 or www.stjohnsmclean.org.

TUESDAY/NOV. 5

The Playmaker Accolades. 4:30-7:30 p.m., at the Gannett Center in McLean, 7950 Jones Branch Drive, McLean. Panelists for the event include: Joe Theismann, entrepreneur and former quarterback, Steve Mariotti, founder of The Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE), and Dr. Kurt Newman, president and CEO of the Children’s National Medical Center.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 6

Dan Rosenberger on Light Painting. 7:30-9:30 p.m., at Thoreau Middle School, 2505 Cedar Lane, Vienna. The photographer will speak to the Vienna Photographic Society on light painting, a special type of night photography. 703-255-2452, www.vpsva.org or bjw.1989@verizon.net.

THURSDAY/NOV. 7

The GFWG Meeting. 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m., at the Great Falls Library in the large conference room, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. The guest speaker will be the best-selling, award-winning children’s book author and illustrator **Henry Cole**, who’ll discuss his work and engage in audience Q&A. 703-757-8560.

FRIDAY/NOV. 8

16th annual Rotary Monte Carlo Night. 6:30-11 p.m., at the Fairview Park Marriott in the ballroom, 3111

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NEWS

Chipping in to End Domestic Violence

Great Falls Friends and Neighbors women participated in the Chipping in to End Domestic Violence charity golf tournament, hosted by Cooper Ginsberg Gray since the inaugural tee-off in 1999. The 13th annual tournament was held on Friday, Oct. 4 at the Laurel Hill Golf Club in Lorton and raised \$25,000. All of the proceeds benefited the women and children at Artemis House.

During the years since 1999 the tournament has raised over \$212,000 for Artemis House. This success is thanks to a wide range of support from the community. Throughout the tournament's history, over 1,000 golfers have participated and each year approximately 100 businesses and individuals participate as sponsors or donors.



From left, Lorraine Barnhart, Susan Reber, Barbara Slaybaugh, Mary Ward, Bootsie Humenansky, Nancy Raybold and Pam Miller at the Great Falls Friends and Neighbors golf event. Not pictured are Lisa Spoden and Tina Mather.



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Langley Wins 'Cosby Cheer for the Cure'

The Langley cheerleading junior varsity team won first place at the "Cosby Cheer for the Cure" invitational in Richmond, held Saturday, Sept. 28 to benefit breast cancer. The team was also led to place second out of 10 teams by coaches Greg O'Brien and Nina Palazzolo at the 6th annual Spirit Bowl on Saturday, Oct. 5 at Stone Bridge High School.

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Route 7 Widening Fairfax County Public Information Meeting

Wednesday, November 6, 2013, 6 - 8:30 p.m.
Colvin Run Elementary School
1400 Trap Road, Vienna, VA 22182

Find out about an ongoing study to widen Leesburg Pike (Route 7) from four to six lanes between Reston Avenue and the west end of the bridge over the Dulles Toll Road, to increase capacity, decrease congestion, and improve safety, in conformity with the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan.

The project would also include intersection improvements, as well as a 10-foot shared-use path on both sides of the road to increase mobility for cyclists and pedestrians.

Stop by between 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. to view displays and learn more about the project. VDOT and Fairfax County staff will be available to answer your questions.

Review project information at www.virginiadot.org, at the information meeting, or during business hours at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive in Fairfax. Please call ahead at 703-259-2118, 800-367-7623 or TTY/TDD 711 to ensure appropriate personnel are available to answer your questions.

Give your written comments at the meeting, or submit them by **November 16, 2013** to Mr. Leonard "Bud" Siegel, P.E., Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030, or email meeting_comments@VDOT.virginia.gov. Please reference "Route 7 Widening - Reston Avenue to Dulles Toll Road" in the subject line.

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LETTERS

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the rules that their elected officials are expected to follow. Delegate Comstock agreed with the other candidates, with the addition of the suggestion to increase punishments for breaking ethics regulations, I believe that we can make Virginia's government more transparent and representative of the people starting with the re-election of Delegate Comstock. This is why I am supporting Delegate Comstock, she is honest, transparent and knows she is not above the tax code or law.

Lisa Nelson
McLean

Elections Matter If We Mean Business

As campaigns across Virginia make their final push to engage voters, disaffection about the election is capturing headlines and salting conversations from kitchen tables to online chats. According to news reports, many voters, especially younger voters, have tuned out or turned off the whole statewide campaign scene claiming fatigue from 2012, disgust with the negative advertising or cynicism about whether any of it really matters to them. Considering that state decisions affect so many aspects of our lives, the reaction is alarming.

Elections do matter, and here in Northern Virginia, they have a profound impact on our quality of life! This region is going to add almost 650,000 jobs in the next decade, and half of them will be new positions that did not previously exist. The half that will be applicants to replace retiring workers will need a higher skill set than their predecessors. According to a 2011 George Mason University study by Dr. Stephen Fuller, over 50 percent of the net new jobs will be in the professional, scientific, technical services and health care sectors.

What does this mean for the voters who live and work here now?

We are going to need an educational system from K-12 through graduate programs at our universities that will prepare our students for the highly skilled workforce they will encounter when they seek employment. That system must include strong community colleges that can build partnerships and training programs with our local Northern Virginia businesses for our future technical support and health care workers. A huge influx of highly

skilled workers is arriving over the next decade. Will we be ready?

Our future workforce values walkable communities far more than their parents did. Our transportation infrastructure choices will be key to attracting and retaining a highly skilled population. Smart transit, road and rail priorities will drive more urban centered growth while our ports, airports and freight corridors will impact our commercial mobility. We need to move commuters and commerce. Will we make the necessary transportation investments to remain competitive?

This emerging workforce will not just be highly skilled; they will be innovation leaders, critical thinkers and entrepreneurs. They will expect an open, diverse, inclusive and tolerant society—not one that seeks to isolate or punish groups of people through legislation for their ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation. Will highly educated women—or men—favor a place where birth control or other personal health care decisions are made for them by legislators in Richmond?

We ought to expect that our elected state representatives will vote for Northern Virginia funding and policy priorities. The votes they take today on education, transportation and other government services will shape the kind of society we have 10 years from now. This past legislative session, the legislature passed a bi-partisan transportation bill that will help fund our top regional projects including Dulles Rail. The 2013 budget bill included funds for teacher pay raises, more in state slots at our state universities for our students, and job creating economic development projects. Voters who favor these common sense solutions should take the time to find out how the incumbents really voted and which policies their candidates really support.

The choices for this year's elections are stark and the stakes are high. The evidence that voters—and especially parents of young children—may be disengaged should raise concerns around every school and business conference table. If our state leaders do not invest in education and transportation or if they allow a culture of intolerance and exclusion to be promoted under the guise of "traditional values," then our whole state will suffer competitively, and Northern Virginia will suffer the most.

The question for this Nov. 5th is: What kind of Virginia do we want?

The people we choose to represent us will be spending our tax dollars and shaping our communities. They should be voting for our priorities today and for a pros-

perous future for all those workers who are coming over the next decade. Many of those workers may be our own children. That is why elections really matter. And here in Northern Virginia, we literally cannot afford to sit them out.

Margaret Vanderhye
McLean

Stunned by the 'War' Theme

To the Editor:

The false slogan of "war on women"—trumpeted throughout the 2012 election—is being dusted off to slander a candidate who, unlike his opponents, has spent a verifiable lifetime of helping Virginia's women.

I had a chance to hear Ken Cuccinelli a couple months ago, and his wife shared some of Ken's accomplishments that—yes—are pro-woman. For example, as a student at UVA, Ken Cuccinelli started a sexual assault awareness program that is still in place today. The attorney general has received national recognition from the anti-human trafficking group Polaris Project and has quantifiably improved the state's ability to fight sexual exploitation and predators. His expansion of the Address Confidentiality Program allows countless victims to keep their addresses unknown to their abusers, affording them to live more peacefully.

Having sworn to uphold Virginia's Constitution, Cuccinelli has both defended laws he has supported and some he hasn't. One of those laws, which the attorney general directed to be enforced over the objections of the Board of Health, set standards for safety and hygiene in abortion clinics. Given the deplorable and dangerous conditions in Kermit Gosnell's "House of Horrors," who could be against safe conditions for women in facilities where sensitive and invasive procedures are being performed?

Ken Cuccinelli's history of standing up for women goes largely ignored by the media. As a woman, I am stunned by the opposing party's "war" theme. I have found no evidence of such a war. The attack appears to be more about the candidate winning at any cost—moral or not—than it does about the truth. The truth should always prevail.

We need someone who stands on principle and doesn't pander to the populace with flimsy promises. That person is Ken Cuccinelli. I hope you will join me on Nov. 5th in supporting him.

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Excuse Me, Pardon Me, Excuse Me...

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



If it wasn't a coincidence, it was the next thing to being one. What it was, was the hiccups; occurring after chemotherapy infusion number one and again after chemotherapy number two. The first episode lasted only a few days and annoyed my wife, Dina, way more than it annoyed me. The first hiccuping episode was fairly constant; however it was not exhausting – and I wasn't having any trouble sleeping because of them. Nor was I making any disturbing sounds or having any difficulty breathing – when caught in mid-hiccup, and/or eating because of the herky-jerky movements/spasms of my diaphragm. In general, it was a fairly benign effect. In the big picture, it didn't seem particularly important that it was the hiccups I was having, so I never called my oncologist. It was the hiccups after all. It might as well have been a skinned knee. Jeez. And sure enough, within a couple of days, I was "hiccuped out."

Now when they started again after the next infusion, I gave that coincidence more consideration (two representing a pattern). Perhaps there was a relationship between the infusion (the drug Alimta) and the hiccups. Nonetheless, I stood stubbornly firm yet again in my decision to not call my oncologist, anticipating that the hiccups would subside after a few days as they had done previously, and so I waited. Unfortunately, that was not the case.

This second episode did not stop. In fact, it intensified until blockhead-Kenny gave in to a new reality: multiple days and nights of non-stop burping/hiccuping, no sleep and very little eating made me a shell of my former self. Not only was I burping/hiccuping constantly, my throat/diaphragm was becoming so sore and so swollen from the constant spasming that it began to impact my voice, which became raspy and weak – and my throat, which seemed to narrow, made swallowing food and liquids a scary challenge. Moreover, the burping sounds that were coming from my throat were ones rarely heard from man or beast, and when out in public were disturbing to others in spite of my best efforts to muffle them. After nearly a week of progressing difficulties, I was a beaten man. No rest for the weary, I suppose. No sleep. No food. No nothing. This induced me, shall I say, to finally e-mail my oncologist with a list of my particulars and await medical instructions.

I picked up the prescription the next morning after having e-mailed my doctor the night before. Oddly enough, a side effect of the pills – to help settle my diaphragm/stop the hiccuping/burping, was sleepiness, hardly an effect I was happy about. I was already half asleep – from not sleeping, and unable to sleep because of the burping/hiccuping, so I didn't want to feel any sleepier. But what could I do? I had to make some progress. I was completely out of patience. For the first 24-36 hours, the medication barely took off the edge, but eventually it took off more than the edge, it stopped the burping/hiccuping altogether so I was once again able to sleep – when I meant to, at bedtime. I had survived the ordeal – yes, ordeal, and lived to fight another day.

Who would have thought? The hiccups, for crying out loud. It was unpleasant. I was unpleasant. However, in the cancer picture, the hiccups were not particularly unpleasant (meaning significant). They were, I suppose, just another hiccup on the road to find out (Cat Stevens reference) and learning to live with a terminal disease.

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

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Police were called to the area of Old Dominion Drive and Dolley Madison Boulevard on Monday, Oct. 28 around 3 p.m. for the report of a crash. Detectives from the Crash Reconstruction Unit responded to the scene. Their initial investigation revealed that a 2001 Toyota Sienna, being driven by an 81-year-old Falls Church woman, was travelling north on Dolley Madison Boulevard. There was a 103-year-old McLean woman in the front passenger seat of the Sienna. A 2008 Audi sedan and a 2008 Toyota Camry were in the westbound, left turn lanes of Old Dominion Drive, waiting to turn left on to southbound Dolley Madison Boulevard. The driver of the Sienna apparently lost control of the vehicle while attempting to turn right onto Old Dominion Drive. The Sienna jumped the center median on Old Dominion Drive, struck the Audi and then struck the Camry. Both occupants of the Sienna were transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital. The passenger in the Sienna, Katie Grosse, was pronounced dead at approximately 6:15 p.m.

Alcohol was not a factor in this crash. Detectives are still attempting to determine if speed was a factor. The investigation continues.

BULLETIN BOARD

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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.childreacademy.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>.

Food for Trees Holiday Food Drive. Orders for 50 percent off freshly-cut Christmas trees which benefit the local community must be placed by Nov. 10; pickup is Saturday, Dec. 7 at the Old Firehouse Teen Center in McLean, with non-perishable food donation benefiting SHARE requested. Cookie decorating and games are available for children inside as trees are prepared. www.foodfortrees.org.

TUESDAY/NOV. 12

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SPORTS

TJ Unable to Solve Saxons

Langley's Senior Night honoring the class of 2014 didn't need any "illuminations" as the Saxons starters supplied all of the fireworks necessary with a 62-7 route of overmatched Thomas Jefferson.

The Colonials didn't have the firepower or front line to slug it out with a lethal Langley offense that combined 214 yards and four touchdowns through the air with 363 yards and five scores on the ground for a total of 577 yards. The surging Saxons have now won five in a row to improve to 6-2 overall and 4-1 in Conference 6.

It was clear from the outset that TJ didn't have any answers for the Langley offense, as the Saxons scored on every possession of the first half to take a commanding 55-0 halftime lead. The only thing that did not work to perfection was Erik Swayne missing his first PAT of the season after hitting 40 in a row. The teams traded scores in the second half, with Langley playing its reserves most of the half.

Langley was again led by senior quarterback Nick Casso, who completed 5 of 6 passes for 213 yards and four touchdowns. He also rushed for 107 yards. Garrett Collier had a career-high three touchdown receptions (12, 62, and 42 yards) and totaled 116 yards. Austin Denham had one catch for a 67-yard touchdown. Junior running back Tyler West once again chewed up huge chunks on the ground, rushing for 214 yards and five touchdowns on 15 carries. West currently leads the conference in rushing yards and running touchdowns.

The Saxons defense turned in one of its best efforts of the year, intercepting the Colonial quarterback five times – twice by Collier and one each by Scott Rosener (a drive-ending INT in the Langley end zone in the first quarter), Daniel Salamone, and Cooper Besouloff.

Langley goes on the road to face Madison on Friday, Nov. 1.

Langley Volleyball 'Peaking' as Postseason Nears

Since losing to Stone Bridge on Oct. 7, the Langley volleyball team has won five straight, including victories over Madison and Washington-Lee.

The Saxons, 19-2 overall and undefeated in Conference 6, sit atop the conference standings with one match remaining in the regular season.

"[The] team seems to be peaking at the right time," Langley head coach Susan Shifflett wrote in an email. "We always have five solid attack options on the court at any given rotation. Girls are excited, but level-headed as we approach the tournament. They understand they need to 'bring it' every night to meet our goals."

Last week, Langley faced conference foes Yorktown, Washington-Lee and South Lakes in a four-day stretch, yet managed to sweep each one.

Alex Andrejev leads Langley in assists (396) and attack percentage (.338). Jess Donaldson has a team-high 241 kills, 78 aces and 182 digs. Caroline Mannon is top in blocks with 47.

Langley will close the regular season at home against Fairfax at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 31.

Oakton Looks to Snap 3-Game Skid

Last year's Oakton football team overcame a four-game losing streak to win the Northern Region championship. This year's team will have to overcome a three-game skid to reach the playoffs.

The Cougars lost to Robinson 41-21 on Oct. 25. It was Oakton's third consecutive loss that dropped its record to 4-4.

Last year, Oakton started 6-0 before losing its final four regular-season games. The Cougars bounced back to win the Northern Region title and reach states. This year, after dropping their opener to T.C. Williams, the Cougars responded with four consecutive victories, but lost the next three.

"Obviously, we are all disappointed," Oakton head coach Jason Rowley wrote in an email. "We have had some obstacles that we have had to overcome as a group, but we are certainly all disappointed; however, we feel like if we can fix a few things, get a little more consistent, we can find success. We are determined, as a group, to become more consistent."

Oakton closes the regular season with a home game against Westfield on Friday, Nov. 1 and a road game against Herndon on Nov. 8. Rowley wrote that the Cougars want to "[w]in those last two and get into the playoffs."

While Oakton has struggled, linebacker/running back Bobby Lam has played well of late, Rowley wrote. The head coach also mentioned quarterback Michael Ficarra, defensive lineman Miles Lindsey and offensive lineman Connor Fagan as having played well.



Senior quarterback Nick Casso, seen earlier this season, and the Langley football team improved to 6-2 with a lopsided win against Thomas Jefferson.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church. A black tie optional night of dancing to The Loudoun Jazz Ensemble, an unlimited dinner buffet, silent and live auctions and gaming tables including Blackjack, Roulette, Craps & Texas Hold-em Poker, each with prize drawings. \$75; sponsorships available. 703-929-1451 or www.dunnloring-merrifieldrotary.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 9

Holiday Bazaar. 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., at Vienna Community Center (corner of Cherry and Park streets), Vienna. Browse among 70 plus local and regional artisans and vendors. There will be an old fashioned bake sale, white elephant items at Aunt Alice's Attic and a gently used book sale. \$2.
37th Annual McLean Antiques Show and Sale. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. An exceptional group of dealers representing antiques, decorative accessories, furniture, folk art, porcelains, silver and much more. \$7. <http://www.mcleancenter.org/> or 703-790-0123.

Community Tysons Harvest Dinner. 4-7 p.m., at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 7628 Leesburg Pike (Route 7), Falls Church. Enjoy a turkey dinner at the closest church to Tysons Corner, with sides, drink and dessert. \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 10 and under (takeout available).

SUNDAY/NOV. 10

Live Irish & Scottish Musicians Perform. 5, 7 p.m., at The Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760-C Walker Road, Great Falls. Enjoy music from Maggie Sansone, who plays the hammered dulcimer as well as Scottish small pipes, guitar and bodhrán; Scottish Celtic harpist Sharon Knowles; and Irish singer and guitarist Pat Egan, in addition to ales and Irish cuisine. \$17; \$12 for children. 703-759-3309 or www.instantseats.com/events/oldbrogue.

MONDAY/NOV. 11

Veterans Day Ceremony. 11 a.m., at the Freedom Memorial, behind the Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. The speaker at this year's ceremony will be LCDR John A. "Sandy" Pidgeon, a retired Navy SEAL Officer who served in Somalia, Haiti and Iraq. A Marine Corps Reserve Color Guard will present the colors. The sixth grade at Great Falls Elementary School will join for the event and the Madrigal Choir of Langley High School will provide music.

TUESDAY/NOV. 12

Steak and Cabernet Dinner. 6:30 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. dinner, at Wildfire, Tysons Galleria, 3rd floor, McLean. Enjoy a four course menu featuring an array of steak preparations plus dessert, each paired with a Cabernet Sauvignon from a different winemaking region. Todd Lieberman of Stock Yards Packing will speak on the selections. \$90 per person. 703-442-9110.

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY/NOV. 12-13

The Creative Arts. 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., James Lee Community Center Theater, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church. This year's showcases will highlight dance performances, science presentations, theatre, music, storytelling, puppetry, multi-media presentations, and much more. RSVP. caps@artsfairfax.org, www.artsfairfax.org/caps/program/news or <http://artsfairfax.org/caps>.

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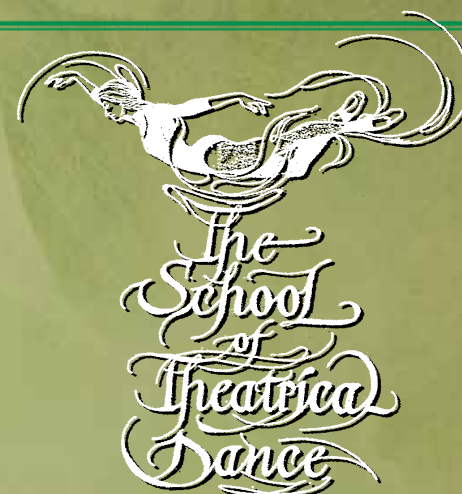
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