

U.S. Sen. Mark Warner (D-Virginia) and Republican challenger Ed Gillespie shook hands after an hour-long debate before Northern Virginia business leaders on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at The Capitol One headquarters in McLean. The U.S. Senate debate was hosted by The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce.

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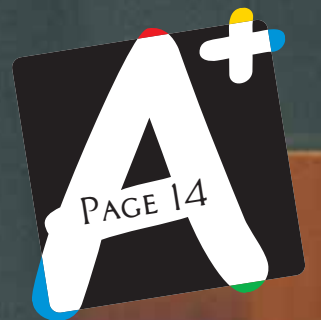
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## Warner, Gillespie Clash in U.S. Senate Debate in McLean

**Stark distinctions on same-sex marriage, immigration, abortion and health care.**

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

**I**n front of an audience of Northern Virginia business leaders, U.S. Sen. Mark R. Warner (D-Va.) and Republican challenger Ed Gillespie honed their attacks on each other during a sharp, wide-ranging debate Tuesday evening, Oct. 7.

While the candidates mostly avoided headline-making confrontations, they drew stark distinctions between their visions of the nation's future, staking out familiar ground on politically polarizing issues such as same-sex marriage, immigration, abortion and health care.

The debate, sponsored jointly by NBC4 and the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, was held in the two-story auditorium of Capitol One's headquarters in McLean.

Both candidates quickly established their pro-business positions, vowing to clear the way for greater economic opportunities for Virginians.

"I want future generations to have the same opportunities that I've had. My grandfather was an immigrant janitor. My parents never went to college. And I got to be counselor to the President of the United States of America," Gillespie said in his one-minute opening remarks, taking a familiar swipe at Warner by adding that he "feared we're losing that kind of economic opportunity and upward mobility as a result of the Obama/Warner policies."

"My policies will ease the squeeze on hardworking Virginians and make it easier for them [and] for the unemployed to find work .... Under the Obama/Warner policy, for every net job created in Virginia two people have gone onto food stamps. There are 65,000 more women living in poverty today. And 250,000 of us will have our health care plans cancelled as a result of the Affordable Care Act, Obamacare, which the senator still supports," Gillespie said.

**IN HIS OPENING STATEMENT**, Warner positioned himself as the moderate, bi-partisan problem solver who will help break the paralyzing gridlock in Washington. The former governor is seeking another term in Washington, where he said he had a record of working with other lawmakers to push forward pragmatic, "sensible" solutions to challenges like health care costs, crushing student debt, the nation's immigration crisis, and its slow economic recovery from the 2008 recession.

"You know what, on every major piece of legislation I work on I start with a Republi-



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE FAIRFAX CHAMBER

**The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce hosted a U.S. Senate debate between U.S. Sen. Mark Warner (D-Virginia) and Republican challenger Ed Gillespie, on Tuesday, Oct. 7 at The Capitol One headquarters in McLean. The forum was moderated by Chuck Todd, host of NBC's "Meet the Press." Panelists included Aaron Gilchrist and Julie Carey of NBC4 and Karen Tumulty of The Washington Post.**

### Incumbent: Mark R. Warner, Democrat

**Family:** Wife Lisa; 3 children: Madison, Gillian, Eliza

**Birthplace:** Indianapolis, Ind.

**Home City:** Alexandria, Va.

**Religion:** Presbyterian

**Education:** JD, Harvard Law School, 1980; BA, George Washington University, 1977

**Political Experience:** Senator, U.S. Senate, 2009-present; Candidate, U.S. States President, 2008; Governor, Commonwealth of Virginia, 2002-2006; Candidate, U.S. Senate, 1996; Chair, Democratic Party of Virginia, 1993-1994

**Current Legislative Committees:** Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, Member; Budget, Member; Finance, Member; Joint Committee on Printing, Member; Rules and Administration, Member; Select Committee on Intelligence, Member; Subcommittee on Competitiveness, Innovation, and Export Promotion, Member; Subcommittee on Economic Policy, Member; Subcommittee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Growth, Chair; Subcommittee on National Security and International Trade and Finance, Member; Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment, Member; Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight, Member

**Professional Experience:** Co-Founder, Nextel Communications; Former Staff Member,

Sen. Chris Dodd, U.S. Senate; Former Employee, TechRiders; Managing Director, Columbia Capital Corporation, 1989-2002

**Religious, Civic, and other Memberships:** Honorary Chair, AmeriCorps Support Group; Member, Board Member, Medical Care for Children Project; Member, Board of Directors, Alexandria Volunteer Bureau; Member, Board of Directors, United Community Ministries; Member, Board of Trustees, George Washington University; Member, Board of Trustees, Virginia Union University; Chair, National Governors Association, 2004-2005; States' Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, 2003-2004; Chair, Education Commission of the States, 2003-2004; Chair, Southern Governors' Association, 2003-2004

**Awards and Honors:** TIME Magazine's Five Best Governors in 2005; Newsweek's "Who's Next" issue in 2006; Governing Magazine's Public Officials of the Year in 2004

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### Candidate: Ed Gillespie, Republican

**Family:** Wife Cathy; 3 Children: John, Carrie, Mollie

**Birth Place:** Alexandria, Va.

**Home City:** Lorton

**Pets:** 2 dogs - Sunny and Skye

**Education:** Graduated, Catholic University of America

**Political Experience:** Chairman, Republican Party of Virginia; Chairman, Bob McDonnell's Campaign for Governor, 2009; Counselor to the President, Bush Administration, 2007-2009; Chairman, Republican National Committee, 2004

**Professional Experience:** Communications Consultant, Alexandria, Va.; Former Employee, Family Grocery Store; Policy and Communications Aide, House Majority Leader Dick Armey; Parking Lot Attendant, U.S. Senate Parking Lot

**Religious, Civic, and other Memberships:**

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first ran."

Chuck Todd of NBC's "Meet the Press," the debate's moderator, addressed the first

question to Gillespie, noting the day's breaking news of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision not to review the case on gay marriage.

"It is now legal here in the commonwealth of Virginia. You personally oppose gay marriage. Are you comfortable? Can you accept this decision by the Supreme Court not to act?"

Gillespie said it was a matter for the state, not the federal government.

"I love people and respect them for who they are. I believe we are all created in the image and likeness of God. And as you noted, in my faith, marriage is between one man and one woman ...," Gillespie said.

He added that same-sex marriage "is the law in Virginia today. And — as I do not believe that — a federal law ... is the proper approach, then of course I accept the ruling of ... the decision by the Supreme Court not to take up this decision of the circuit court."

"I support marriage equality," Warner said, when it was his turn to address the question. "I think it is appropriate that we live in a commonwealth that doesn't discriminate."

Debate panelists included Aaron Gilchrist and Julie Carey of NBC4 and Karen Tumulty of The Washington Post, who each asked the candidates two questions.

Carey asked Warner if he thought U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine was wrong when he sought to constrain the president's unilateral power to make war.

"Your own colleague, Sen. Tim Kaine, has said, quote 'You don't ask people to sacrifice their lives until the nation has debated and committed to the mission.' Is he wrong about that?"

Warner said he agreed with Kaine, and also said it was an example of his difference with the president.

"This is where I differ where the president," Warner said. "I believe that we need a more forceful response against Syria and Iraq. I think it is very important that we also ... I've been calling since early March for stronger actions against Mr. Putin in Russia."

Warner and Gillespie repeatedly went back and forth on the "97 percent question." A prominent theme in Gillespie's campaign has been hammering home the statistic that Warner voted with President Obama 97 percent of the time.

"My opponent's whole campaign has been pretty much based on this bogus charge, the 97 percent charge," Warner said after Gilchrist asked both candidates to list how they differed from the President. "I mean, independent political analysts have called it both misleading and not reflective of my record. The National Journal which still does a review of all the votes, not just a subsection, ranks me right in the sensible center."

Gillespie responded that while "Senator Warner's press releases are very bipartisan ... his floor votes are very party line ...

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# Marriage Equality in Fairfax and Beyond

## County courthouse marries all couples.

BY REENA SINGH  
THE CONNECTION

**W**earing matching hot pink outerwear and short, spiky hair in front of the Fairfax County Government Center on Oct. 6, Yvonne Landis and Melodie Mayo of Falls Church were the first same sex couple to say “I do” in the county.

After nearly two decades of commitment, the couple was able to make their love official after the U.S. Supreme Court denied a writ of certiorari in the case that overturned the state’s gay marriage ban.

“On Sept. 30, I was diagnosed with breast cancer,” said Landis. “We felt that is was an important thing to have that legal status.”

She was lucky, she said, that it was caught early.

She was on the phone looking up marriage options in other states when she saw a newsflash on her television stating that courthouses around the state were allowed to perform same-sex weddings, effective immediately.

**BY THE TIME** she got there with her now wife, Mayo, the minister was set up outside. The couple rushed into the courthouse, signed a marriage certificate, and asked the minister, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax Rev. Laura Horton-Ludwig, to perform their marriage ceremony.

Fairfax County Government Public Information Officer Ellen O’Brien said she did not have a number of how many same-sex couples married at the government building last week.

“We cannot answer the question of how many ‘same-sex marriage’ licenses were is-



PHOTO BY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF FAIRFAX  
**Yvonne Landis and Melodie Mayo of Falls Church were wed by Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax Rev. Laura Horton-Ludwig on Oct. 6, becoming the first same-sex couple wed legally in the county.**

sued on a given day, precisely because we treat all people equally — we do not track that query,” she said.

However, she said a total of 24 couples received marriage licenses on Monday, Oct. 6 and 21 couples received them on Tuesday, Oct. 7.

“This is a historic and long overdue moment for our Commonwealth and our country,” said Gov. Terry McAuliffe in a statement issued on Oct. 6. “On issues ranging from recognizing same-sex marriages to extending health care benefits to same-sex spouses of state employees, Virginia is already well-prepared to implement this historic decision. Going forward we will act quickly to continue to bring all of our policies and practices into compliance so that we can give marriages between same-sex

partners the full faith and credit they deserve.”

U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine issued a statement on the eve of his arrival to India to meet with defense and foreign affair officials saying that he is celebrating alongside Virginians during the historic day.

“Today, we have taken a major step toward Jefferson’s ideal that ‘all men are created equal,’” he said.

Landis said she met Mayo in 1991 at a New Year’s Eve party and had a commitment ceremony in 1995. Two decades later, with Landis at 50 and Mayo at 58 years old, they finally were wed legally in their home state.

“It was a little surreal,” she said. “It was a bit overwhelming, but we were really happy for the state to recognize equality.”

## Free Ceremonies

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax (UUCF), a leading advocate for marriage equality in Fairfax County, is celebrating the Oct. 6 legalization of same-sex marriage in Virginia. To help make marriage a reality for the many Fairfax-area couples who have long dreamed of this opportunity, UUCF will offer clergy and facilities for brief religious marriage ceremonies free of charge through the end of the year. For more information on available dates and clergy, contact 703-281-4230 or [uucf@uucf.org](mailto:uucf@uucf.org).

Even more so, she was overwhelmed with support when her family and neighbors found out about their courthouse union. When they first came out about 40 years ago, she said, it was taboo to even talk about, she said.

“That’s probably brought more tears than the whole thing,” she said.

According to NOVA Pride Vice President Kyle Rohen, many of the organization’s members had already married in other states because they were not expecting the opportunity to marry in Virginia to happen so soon.

He said he heard about the news as he was driving.

“I had to immediately pull the car over and tell my husband we were finally married in Virginia,” he said.

**HIS WEDDING WAS** in August 2011 in Washington D.C. to a Herndon resident.

“At the time, we didn’t think that Virginia would have marriage equality for another decade,” he said. “As a transplant from Louisiana, I found that Virginia was surprisingly accepting of me and my husband.”

Although marriage equality is a reality for Virginians, he said the fight for gay rights are not over.

“While I am very thankful that Virginia has marriage equality, we still don’t have equality in many states, and they won’t have that equality for the foreseeable future.”

# FCPS Audit Committee Grows, New Positions Added

## Auditor general will be hired to expand audit activities.

BY REENA SINGH  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he school system’s audit committee is growing.

The Fairfax County School Board agreed to add another school board member to the committee and add an auditor general position to the budget at their Oct. 9 meeting.

“We have come a long way,” said Mount Vernon District board member Dan Storck. “When I first came on the board in 2004, we did not have an audit committee.”



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All motions on audit committee changes passed unanimously.

The committee grew from two members to three in 2012, according to at large board member Ilryong Moon.

“This has been a discussion for some time,” he said.

**At-Large board member and Audit Committee chairperson Ilryong Moon explains the night’s proposals at the Fairfax County School Board meeting Oct. 9.**

**THE BOARD** will choose a board member to serve as the fourth member of the committee at its next meeting on Oct. 23. Currently, Moon, Storck, and Dranesville District board member Jane Strauss serve on the committee.

“As most of the departments in the recession had to take cuts, our audit office had

to as well,” said Strauss. “We are now in the position of making sure we have enough school board members on the committee, we will have more staff. That’s the only way we’ll be able to get more work done.”

She noted that all audit committee meetings are open to the public for those curious about how it is run.

“When you look at the school board subcommittees, the audit function is one of the most important things we do,” said Braddock District board member Megan McLaughlin. “I’m excited about this evening’s vote on this proposal.”

Fairgrade and Fairfax Education Coalition co-founder Louise Epstein said more changes are needed before the committee can reach its potential.

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## AREA BRIEFS

### Great Falls Studios 2014 Studio Tour

Now in its eleventh year, the Great Falls Studios 2014 Studio Tour will take place on three days, October 17-19 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. each day. It's a free self-guided driving tour to visit 50 artists in their own creative spaces—from a rustic farmhouse to a contemporary loft, from a converted garage to a contemporary home.

The multi-artist venues are all on Walker Road, including the studio and gallery of Artists on the Green, tucked in the original Village Green on Walker Road, the AHH! (Art Happens Here) Studio located north of the intersection of Walker Road and Georgetown Pike, and the Artists' Atelier situated in an airy loft at the intersection of Walker Road and Colvin Mill Road.

The Tour Headquarters will be at the Great Falls Community Library, where there will be an example of the work of each artist on the tour. Visitors may sign in to win Art Bucks valued at \$50 toward the purchase of art during the tour. Go to the Great Falls Studios website at [www.GreatFallsStudios.com](http://www.GreatFallsStudios.com) to plan your visit.



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## OBITUARY

# Real Estate Pioneer John McEneaney Dies at 87

McLean resident was Vietnam veteran, community philanthropist.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
THE CONNECTION

For John McEneaney, helping the area's most vulnerable citizens was part of his family's decades-long commitment to giving back.

"My father instilled in me a strong sense of responsibility to the community," McEneaney told The Connection in 2011 of his father Charles, a successful car dealership owner in Trinidad and Barbados. "He was a very successful businessman and felt strongly about the need to pass some of that success on to the neighborhood."

A resident of McLean, McEneaney was an active supporter of more than 50 community charities at the time of his death on Oct. 8 of renal failure. He was 87 years old.

Born Nov. 8, 1926 in Paterson, N.J., John Edward McEneaney grew up in Trinidad, where his father, an Irish immigrant, ran a car dealership. McEneaney went on



PHOTO BY JEANNE THEISMANN/THE CONNECTION

**John McEneaney reminisces with daughter Maureen McEneaney Dunn over the first photo taken of the firm's agents in 1980.**

to graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1949 and served in the Navy for 27 years. His tours included Korea, Antarctica, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Brooklyn and Washington, D.C. During his service in Vietnam, in direct support of the U.S. Marines, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Valor, presented to him personally by four-star Gen. Lewis Walt of the United States Marine Corps.

**THE DAY FOLLOWING** his retirement as a Navy Captain in 1976, he joined Golubin and Warwick residential brokerage firm in Alexandria. After acquiring

his broker's license, he founded the real estate company that bears his name in 1980.

What began as a single office in Old Town, Alexandria now numbers seven offices, a commercial division, a relocation department and three locations for property management. Serving all of Northern Virginia, the District of Columbia and Maryland, the firm is consistently ranked among the 75 largest real estate firms by sales volume in the United States.

"When my father founded McEneaney Associates more than 34 years ago, his goal was to gain the respect of the public and to

provide real estate services that are second to none," said Maureen McEneaney Dunn, who succeeded her father as president of McEneaney Associates in 2007. "His devotion and loyalty to the company and our associates, clients and customers is a testament to the major contributions and success of the firm throughout the years. John absolutely loved everything about the real estate business and was completely devoted to his agents and staff."

McEneaney served on the board of directors of the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors and was recognized as Businessman of the Year by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce in 2006. Other awards include the Hopkins House's Lifetime Community Stakeholder award and Senior Services of Alexandria's Generation to Generation award in recognition of his dedication and generosity. He consistently recognized his employees and agents who duplicate his dedication to community involvement.

"Dad has always been big on giving and we try to give back in all of our communities," Dunn said when she was honored for her own community philanthropy. "When you have a profitable business that gets its business from the community, you need to give something back."

McEneaney's wife of six decades, Virginia "Ginny" Myers McEneaney, died in 2009. Survivors include six children, Sean McEneaney of Alexandria, Sharon Bagby of Atlanta, Mark McEneaney of Arlington, and Maureen McEneaney Dunn, Michael McEneaney and Kathy McEneaney, all of McLean; 11 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

**A FUNERAL MASS** will be held on Friday, Oct. 17 at 11:30 a.m. at Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Burial at Arlington Cemetery with full military honors will be scheduled for later in the year. In lieu of flowers, charitable contributions can be made to Capital Caring (formerly Capital Hospice) and So Others Might Eat.

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## News

**Sami and Salma Saout, Selina and Jwana Al-Shihabi at their lemonade stand.**



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### Holding Benefit for Homeless Animals

On Saturday, Sept. 27, Salma, 10, and Sami Saout, 7, and Selina, 10, and Jwana Al-Shihabi, 8 — all students at Churchill Road School — held a benefit at Kings Manor Park, selling lemonade, brownies and dog and cat treats to benefit the rescue kittens looking for homes through Mehr Flowers. On Sunday, they made their surprise donation of \$107.50 that they collected.

Mehr's Flower Farm wants to thank the children and their parents who have helped over the years to socialize kittens brought from rural Virginia, demonstrating their compassion for homeless animals. They also want to thank those who have donated to this cause and to families that have taken under their wing, provided shots, spayed or neutered, and given a home to a kitten or two.

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We publish artwork, poetry, essays, creative writing, opinion pieces, short stories, photography, photos of sculpture or gardens or other creative efforts.

We ask that all submissions be digital so they can be sent through email or delivered on CD or flash drive. Writing should be submitted in rich text format (.rtf). Artwork should be photographed or scanned and provided in .jpeg format.

Some suggestions:

- ❖ Drawings or paintings or photographs of your family, friends, pets or some favorite activity. These should be photographed or scanned and submitted in jpeg format. Photos of sculpture or larger art projects are also welcome.

- ❖ Short answers (50 to 100 words) to some of the following questions: If you could give your parents any gift that didn't cost money what would that gift be? What are you most looking forward to in the upcoming year? What is one thing that you would change about school? What do you want to be when you grow up? What is your favorite animal? What is your favorite toy? What makes a good parent? What makes a good friend? What is the

best or worst thing that ever happened to you? What is the best gift you've ever given? Ever received?

- ❖ Your opinion (50 to 100 words) about traffic, sports, restaurants, video games, toys, trends, politics, etc.

- ❖ Poetry or other creative writing.

- ❖ News stories from school newspapers.

- ❖ Photos and text about activities or events.

We welcome contributions from public and private schools, individuals and homeschoolers.

Email submissions for the Children's Connection to [editors@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:editors@connectionnewspapers.com).

Identify each piece of writing or art, including the student's full name, age, grade and town of residence, plus the name of the school, name of teacher and town of school location. Please provide the submissions by Monday, Dec. 8.

To send CDs or flash drives containing artwork and typed, electronic submissions, mark them clearly by school and hometown and mail the CD to Children's Connection, 1606 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Please send all submissions by Dec. 8. The Children's Connection will publish the week of Dec. 27, 2012.

## Halloween Parties, SoberRide

Halloween is now as much of an adult party as a children's festival. Along with the Fourth of July, the holiday period including New Year's Eve and a few other dates, Halloween stands out as a holiday connected to increases in drinking and driving.

If you will be out celebrating with alcohol, you can plan ahead. Assign a designated driver. Celebrate at home. Take public transportation. But if these plans fall through, the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP) Halloween SoberRide program provides a safety net.

For six hours from 10 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 31 until 4 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1, SoberRide serves as a way to keep impaired drivers off the road. During this six-hour period, area residents ages 21 and older celebrating with alcohol may call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI and be afforded a no-cost (up to a \$30 fare), safe way home.

For more information visit [www.wrap.org](http://www.wrap.org)

## Last Call for Letters

Letters to the editor from local residents about the upcoming election should be received by Friday, Oct. 24 to be considered for publication ahead of Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 4. Letters on candidates, bond questions, election procedure or any other local, election related topics are welcome and encouraged. Letters should be original, and include the writer's full name and address; we will print your town name, not your full address. Letters will be under 200 words and convey opinion with civility. Send letters to [editors@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:editors@connectionnewspapers.com)

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## Responding to Domestic Violence in Fairfax County

BY JOE MEYER  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
SHELTER HOUSE, INC.

**D**omestic violence is a prevalent issue in Fairfax County and in some cases, too many cases, even result in fatalities. In fact, approximately 50 percent of the homicides occurring in the community are a direct result of domestic violence.

Relatively low homicide rates in the community overall prove that proactive public safety efforts are effective, but the presence of any domestic violence, regardless of the outcome, can not and should not be tolerated.

Shelter House, Inc. is a community-based non-profit organization that operates Artemis House, Fairfax County's only 24-hour emergency shelter for families and individuals fleeing domestic and sexual violence and human trafficking.

In a community comprising more than 1 million members,

with just 34 beds, Artemis House regularly stretches beyond capacity to accommodate those in need. Shelter House, Inc. also provides transitional housing and supportive services for survivors of domestic violence through the Community Housing Resources Program and NOVACO.

Shelter House also operates the Katherine Hanley and Patrick Henry Family Shelters where 33 percent of the homeless population experienced domestic violence.

The recently trending hashtag, #WhyIStayed, illustrates the complexities a victim faces when leaving the abuser and these programs are crucial in ensuring safe housing is available. However, these programs alone are not enough to eradicate domestic violence in our community.

Shelter House works alongside law enforcement, prosecutors, victim advocates, probation officers, courts, judges, offender service providers, mental health provid-

ers, homeless services and other human service providers to implement a coordinated community response orchestrated by Fairfax County's Office for Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, and the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness. Each service component contributes to meeting the unique needs of those fleeing domestic violence.

Measuring the effectiveness of a collaborative response such as this can be challenging, but studies have shown that combining approaches in a coordinated effort reduces future incidents of violence. Collaboration is the solution to increasing victim safety and decreasing future violence in our community and your help is needed to continue our efforts.

Shelter House is participating in The Allstate Foundation's "Purple Purse Challenge," a project that is aimed at raising awareness and building the financial empowerment of domestic violence survivors. The Allstate Foundation part-

ners with leading national and local nonprofits to expand their efforts and Shelter House is honored to have been selected to participate. To learn more about the Purple Purse Challenge and to make a donation, visit [www.shelterhouse.org](http://www.shelterhouse.org). Contributions go directly to supporting our programs serving survivors of domestic violence. With 1-in-4 women estimated to have experienced domestic violence in her lifetime, expansion is needed to adequately serve those fleeing domestic violence in our community and ultimately work towards ending the occurrence domestic violence altogether. We hope you'll join us in the "Purple Purse Challenge" to help raise funds and awareness as we change the conversation from #WhyIStayed to #HowIHelped."

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, contact the 24-hour hotline or Artemis House to discuss: 24 hour hotline/helpline: 703-360-7273, TTY: 703-435-1235 Artemis House: 703-435-4940

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## News

# School Board to Expand Audit Activities

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"After attending audit committees for the last few years, it became apparent that four board members were working consistently to fend off or limit the impact of well intentioned proposals," she said during the public comment period.

Epstein said adding a fourth member could be the wrong move for the committee if the member wants to minimize their independent scrutiny. She also asked why there was not a proposal at the meeting to add two community committee members at the meeting.

"With Dr. Garza at the helm, things have improved a lot," she said. "I even wonder today if I should declare victory on tonight's motions, but all organizations need checks and balances, even those with great CEOs."

**ACCORDING TO MOON**, the board will discuss adding two community members in November.

He said adding an auditor general will expand the scope of audit activities. The budget passed in May accounted for the new position, he said, so the board will not have to seek additional funding.

"It might take us a little bit of time to find the right person, but I have every bit of confidence that we will," said Storck.

Springfield District board member Elizabeth Schultz said the position will help FCPS perform performance audits for teachers, schools and programs. She said that just because something has been done for years does not necessarily mean it is the best for the schools — and the position will help to spot FCPS's weaknesses.

"This is an absolutely, critically essential function that has long been essential," she said. "We see that it's a best practice. The Board of Supervisors sees that this has a tremendous return in terms of the savings that are realized, and it isn't about cutting. It isn't about cutting programs or cutting people out or cutting educators."

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## FOOD & WINE

# Wine-themed Dinners Served in Area

**A sampling of upcoming "themed" dinners in neighboring restaurants.**

BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

If the abundance of hosted "themed" dinners, particularly those paired with complementary wines, are an indication of popularity, one may then conclude that themed dinners are quite in vogue now. And fall seems to bring out seasonal themes, from harvest to rich beer, that celebrate nature and festivities. The restaurants featured not only serve finely-prepared cuisine, but, they are "good neighbors" to the area communities.

Here is a sampling of themed dinners open to the public from mid-October to mid-November.

❖ **Maple Avenue Restaurant** is intimate, unassuming, and loved by local folks. Owner/executive chef Tim Ma has a deft hand with updated classics. On Wednesday, Oct. 15, and Thursday, Oct. 16, beginning at 7 p.m., Ma hosts "tasting table" dinners. Only six seats are available each evening.

October's tasting table dinner is dedicated to fall comfort food. The five-course dinner is \$59 per person and paired wines are available for an additional \$20 per person. Ma selects fresh, sustainably-farmed ingredients for his dishes.

To reserve a seat, e-mail name, phone number, dinner date, number of seats and any food allergies or restrictions to Joey@mapleaverestaurant.com. Or call 703-319-2177.

Maple Avenue Restaurant is located at 147 Maple Ave. West, across the street from the Vienna Drug Center. To stay updated with menu selections, check out the restaurant's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MapleAveRestaurant>.

❖ **Bazin's on Church** hosts a Joseph Phelps Vineyards wine-paired dinner on Monday, Oct. 20, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Oysters Casino partnered with a Sauvignon Blanc opens the menu, followed by salmon croquettes with a wild mushroom ragout paired with a Freestone Chardonnay. Third course is seared duck breast, sourdough bread pudding accompanied by Fog Dog Pinot Noir. For the fourth and main course, Chef Patrick is preparing Creekstone Farms New York strip steak, accented with a cabernet sauvignon sauce, paired with a Cabernet Sauvignon.

Dessert is fried apple pie with salted caramel ice cream.

Cost per person is \$115, excluding tax and gratuity. Reservations are required; call 703-255-7212 to book and confirm with credit card.

For full menu and cancellation fine print, go to [http://www.bazinsonchurch.com/josephphelps?no\\_redirect=true](http://www.bazinsonchurch.com/josephphelps?no_redirect=true).

❖ **L'Auberge Chez Francois**, in Great Falls, has been celebrating its 60th anniversary all year with specialty and themed dinners and special events. From wine-paired dinners with music to garden-to-



PHOTO COURTESY OF L'AUBERGE CHEZ FRANCOIS

**Proprietor and Executive Chef of L'Auberge Chez Francois, Jacques Haeringer, keeps a watchful eye during one of the restaurant's wine dinners. Chez Francois sits along a winding Great Falls road on grassy acreage. The restaurant pulls fresh produce from its own gardens.**

table feasts, Chez Francois offers a selection of twice-monthly special hostings.

An Alsatian-styled inn set amidst a Great Falls country retreat, Chez Francois — under the direction of executive chef Jacques Haeringer — continues the tradition of classic French cuisine and attentive customer service brought to life by Papa Francois Haeringer.

On Wednesday, Oct. 22, L'Auberge Chez Francois hosts a Quintessa Family Estates Wine Dinner, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Jacques Haeringer is joined by Master Sommelier Larry Stone. Quintessa Estates Winery includes a valley, a lake, five hills, four microclimates and many soil types, producing 40 very different wine lots from 26 different vineyard blocks.

The wine celebration begins with hors d'oeuvres and an Illumination Sauvignon Blanc. Dinner starts off with a roulade of lemon sole stuffed with Julienne Vegetables and accompanied by Flowers Chardonnay. Dinner continues with grilled Gulf shrimp and a root vegetable puree and a Flowers Pinot Noir. A roasted veal loin chop with wild mushrooms takes center-stage, paired with a Faust Cabernet Sauvignon and a Quintessa Rutherford.

Hazelnut and almond cake with hazelnut sauce closes the meal. Cost per person is \$165, all-inclusive. Chez Francois accommodates dietary concerns.

For full menu and details and to book, go to <http://www.laubergechezfrancois.com/cooking-demos-wine/?ee=64> or call 703-759-3800. L'Auberge Chez Francois sits on a country road at 332 Springvale Road, Great Falls.

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# CALENDAR

## THROUGH NOV. 13

**Adventures in Learning.** 10 a.m. on Thursdays. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Seniors: come in and learn during classes you can attend on a variety of topics of interest from health issues to world affairs for all adults age 50 or older, all taught by volunteer experts. Tuition payment of \$40 entitles you to attend any of the classes you like offered during the fall session. The class schedule and registration form will be available on: [www.scov.org](http://www.scov.org). You may print the registration form and mail it at any time during the term with your payment.

## THURSDAY/OCT. 16

**Reading Buddies.** 4:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike Great Falls. Beginning readers and teens practice reading together.

**Black 47.** 7 p.m. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Black 47 plays a uniquely Irish form of rock 'n' roll that touches on many social and political issues, and yet is never less than entertaining and riveting. Purchase tickets at: [jamminjava.com/](http://jamminjava.com/)

**Sam Amidon with Bill Frisell and Shahzad Ismaily.** 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Folk artist Sam Amidon performs with jazz guitarist Frisell, bassist Ismaily, and rebel rock guitarist Cy Dune. Tickets: \$25-\$27. For more information, visit [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Evening Book Group.** 7:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike Great Falls. Call branch for the title of the book being discussed, 703-757-8560.

**Book Sale.** All day. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Wide selection in excellent condition for all ages.

**Bunco! Fun-raising for the arts!** 7-9 p.m. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St. NW, Vienna. A FUNraiser for the arts benefiting the Vienna Arts Society. Enjoy wine and Halloween-themed refreshments. See the current art show, "Autumn Glows," featuring dozens of works by Kinda Barazi and other VAS members. Win artsy prizes. No experience is needed to play. \$20. Call to make your reservation, 703-319-3971. [www.ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://www.ViennaArtsSociety.org).

## THURSDAY/OCT. 16- SATURDAY/OCT. 1

**Great Pumpkin Gathering.** 6-10 p.m. Town Square at Tysons II, Tysons Blvd., Tysons Corner. Artisan pumpkin carvers showcase a display that changes every day. [www.tysonspartnership.com](http://www.tysonspartnership.com).

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 17-19

**11th Annual Great Falls Studios Art Tour.** 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. 1144 Walker Road, Suite G, Great Falls. Join Great Falls Studios on a self-guided driving tour to art studios tucked along the scenic roads of Great Falls. [www.greatfallsstudios.com/](http://www.greatfallsstudios.com/)

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 17-18

**"A Thurber Carnival."** 8 p.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, SE, Vienna. "A Thurber Carnival" is a collection of humorous scenes from American life including some of Thurber's most celebrated and insightful satires based on his cartoons and humorous short pieces from The New Yorker magazine. Tickets: \$14. [www.viennatheatrecompany.org](http://www.viennatheatrecompany.org)

## FRIDAY/OCT. 17

**Book Sale.** All day. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Wide selection in excellent condition for all ages.

**Drop-in Chess and Backgammon.** 1 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike Great Falls. All skill levels welcome.

Send announcements to [north@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:north@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged.

**Drop-In Chess.** 1-6 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. All ages are welcome.

**Look at the Stars!** 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. Turner Farm Park, Springvale Road, Great Falls. For more information visit Observatory Open. Come to the observatory park for Friday Night viewings. [www.analemma.org/](http://www.analemma.org/).

**Masters of Hawaiian Music.** 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Kona-born George Kahumoku Jr. will perform selections indigenous to Hawaii. Tickets: \$25-\$30. For more information, visit [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

## SATURDAY/OCT. 18

**Cars & Coffee.** 7- 9 a.m. Located at 760 Walker Road Great Falls. Gathering of antique, custom and exotic cars at Katie's Coffee House.

**Farmers Market.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 778 Walker Road, Great Falls. Bring recyclable bags. For more information visit [www.greatfallsfarmersmarket.org](http://www.greatfallsfarmersmarket.org).

**October Bulb Sale.** 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Vienna Farmers Market, Center Street, Vienna. The Ayr Hill Garden Club will host their annual Spring bulb sale. This is the opportunity to buy unique premium spring blooming, fall planted, bulbs. Some of the many specialty bulbs offered include: four varieties of Alliums, the "Pittsburgh" tulip and an "instant garden" mix of bulbs. Sale proceeds go to support the five public gardens planted and maintained by Ayr Hill Garden Club in Vienna.

**Annual Vale Fall Fair.** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Vale Schoolhouse, 3124 Fox Mill Road, Oakton. Vale Schoolhouse will once again be sponsoring its annual Fall Fair for the community. Free.

**Finding Wholesale Happiness in a Retail World.** 2 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Jeff Yeager (the Ultimate Cheapskate) delivers practical and even life changing advice about money, happiness, and our consumer culture. Books available for sale and signing. Adults. Free. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library).

**Family Halloween Party.** 2-3 p.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. SE, Vienna. The hauntingly good time will feature festive games, crafts, door prizes, a hayride and fun for everyone. Come in costume. Vienna Parks and Recreation Department and Optimist Club of Vienna. 703-255-6360.

**Cheesetopia.** 2-5 p.m. Balducci's Food Lover's Markets, 6655 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. Balducci's will host their second Cheesetopia. Jennifer Ong, [jong@bratskeir.com](mailto:jong@bratskeir.com).

**Alexandra Nechita.** 6-9 p.m. Wentworth Gallery Tysons Galleria, 1807 U. International Drive, McLean. Artist visit. RSVP, 703-883-0111 or [tysons@wentworthgallery.com](mailto:tysons@wentworthgallery.com).

**An Evening of Indian Dance.** 7:30 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Traditional dance featuring classical and folk Indian dance and music performed by professional dancers from the Indian Dance Educators Association. Tickets: \$20-\$25. For more information, visit [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Vocal Trash.** 8 p.m. The Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The group's Broadway-style show features world-class singing, industrial drumming, light-hearted comedy and award-winning break dancing. \$20/\$15 MCC district residents. [www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org).

**Ballroom Dance.** 8-9 p.m. Tango Lesson. 9 -11:30 p.m. Colvin Run Dance Hall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. DJ music with Craig Bukowski playing favorite dance tunes from the 1930s to today. Attire is ballroom casual. Everyone is welcome. \$15. 703-759-2685 or [www.colvinrun.org](http://www.colvinrun.org).

**Black & White Masquerade.** 7-10 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Don your finest Black & White apparel and join ArtSpace

Herndon in celebrating its second annual Fall Gala. Enjoy an evening to support The Herndon Foundation for the Cultural Arts with hors d'oeuvres, desserts, wine, champagne, prizes and live music. Limited tickets. \$25 single, \$40 couple. Call 703-956-6590 or visit [www.artspaceherndon.org](http://www.artspaceherndon.org).

**Book Sale.** All day. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Wide selection in excellent condition for all ages.

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT.18-19

**Claude Moore Colonial Farm 1771 Market Fair.** 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. A variety of different activities and crafts will be available as well as traditional foods. \$3-\$6. 703-442-7557.

**Tyson's Harvest Festival.** 12-6 p.m. Town Square at Tysons II, Tysons Blvd., Tysons Corner. Crafter exhibits, cider, pumpkins, country music, tastings, farm mart and kids fun zone. [www.tysonspartnership.com](http://www.tysonspartnership.com)

## SUNDAY/OCT. 19

**Neighbors Feeding Neighbors 5K.** 9 a.m. 7925 Jones Branch Dr, McLean. Funds go to Foods for Others to support those living in poverty in Northern Virginia. \$38. [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com)

**Wasmuth String Quartet.** 4 - 6 p.m. Saint Francis Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. This concert will feature works by Anton Webern, Joseph Haydn, and Maurice Ravel. Tickets are \$30 at the door. Season passes are available for purchase online, at [www.amadeusconcerts.com](http://www.amadeusconcerts.com), or at 703-759-5334.

**Paula Cole.** 7:30 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Singer and songwriter Paula Cole will perform. Tickets: \$25-\$27. For more information, visit [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Chamber Music Concerts.** 3 p.m. The Alden, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Free chamber music concerts cosponsored by the Music Friends of the Fairfax County Public Library and The Alden.

**Grinding Grain.** 12-3 p.m. 10017 Colvin Run Road Great Falls. The miller will be grinding, conditions permitting. Cornmeal, grits and whole wheat flour for sale in the General Store. For more information call 703-759-2771.

## MONDAY/OCT. 20

**Preschool Storytime.** 10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike Great Falls. Join in for stories, songs and activities. Ages 3-5 with adult.

**Kids Book Club.** 5:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike Great Falls. Featuring the Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman. Ages 8-12.

**Lachlan Bryan.** Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave E, Vienna. Winner of the alt-country Album of the Year at the 2014 Australian Country Music Awards, Lachlan Bryan & The Wildes are on their Black Coffee USA Tour. 703-255-1566.

## SUNDAY/OCT 19 - TUESDAY/OCT 21

**Kay Witt Pastel Workshop.** 10 a.m-4 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. The workshop will include warm up exercises of Kay's light touch application technique using multiple layers of pastels on mounted velour paper, photo transfer techniques to the painting surface, an eye study exercise, painting demonstrations and individual instruction. \$300. To register go to [www.artspaceherndon.org](http://www.artspaceherndon.org). 703-956-6590.

## TUESDAY/OCT. 21

**Lego Club.** 4:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Drop in and paly with LEGOs. For preschool and school-aged children.



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## Here's What's Happening at MCC

**Friday Field Trips**  
**Kings Dominion Halloween Haunt**  
**Friday, Oct. 17, 3:30-10 p.m.**  
\$75/\$65 MCC district residents



**Onstage @ The Alden**  
**Vocal Trash**  
**Saturday, Oct. 18, 8 p.m.**  
\$20/\$15 MCC district residents

**Silent Film Series**  
**Alfred Hitchcock's "Blackmail" (1929)**  
**Wednesday, Oct. 22, 7:30 p.m.**  
\$12/\$8 MCC district residents

**Haunted Gingerbread House Workshop**  
**Thursday, Oct. 23, 6:30-8 p.m.**  
\$45 per house/\$35 MCC district residents  
Activity No: 1271.214

**Monster Mash 5th & 6th Grader Party**  
**Friday, Oct. 24, 7-9 p.m.**  
\$30/\$20 MCC district residents.  
*Registration is required.*

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**U.S. Senate candidate Ed Gillespie, a Republican and former White House aide, speaks in a debate held in McLean.**



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**U.S. Sen. Mark Warner (D-Virginia) speaks in a debate held in McLean.**

## Senate Candidates Debate in McLean

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While he just said he supported the Keystone XL Pipeline, on two different occasions when there was an opportunity to move forward with (the Keystone XL Pipeline), Senator Warner voted to block that from moving forward.”

Warner replied that those votes were “mostly procedural votes ... What he didn’t say as well is when I voted against off-shore drilling is because there was no proceeds coming back to Virginia.”

Tumulty, a former Time Magazine writer, kicked off a spirited debate on immigration reform and the DREAM act (Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act.)

Supporters argue the latest version of the bipartisan legislation would produce a variety of social and economic benefits, while critics contend that it would reward illegal immigration and encourage more of it, inviting fraud and shielding gang members from deportation.

She asked the question to Gillespie first.

“A moment ago you spoke quite passionately about your own family’s story as an example of the kind of opportunity this country has offered immigrants,” Tumulty said. “Back in April, Mark Herring, the attorney general of Virginia declared that undocumented, qualified immigrants who grew up in Virginia, who graduated from high school in the commonwealth could qualify for in-state tuition at universities and colleges in Virginia. Do you agree with this policy?”

“I understand it,” Gillespie said. “It’s a state policy. I’m running for the U.S. Senate.”

Gillespie went on to say that the U.S. “should have a means by which we can issue fresh visas to people who are here if they have, you know, not violated any other laws beside our immigration law.”

But he also said any legislative approach begins with securing our borders.

“The fact that we have a porous southern border today is not just an immigration concern, it is a national security concern with the growing threat if ISIS or ISIL. And it is a public health threat and a public safety threat with the growing concerns about Ebola ...”

Warner said he agreed the immigration system is broken.

“The thing is, the Senate actually put together a bipartisan plan that would do that ... It more than doubles border security,” Warner said.

Warner said the bipartisan bill dealt with the question about special work visas, and other immigration reform issues.

“How do we make sure we have those tech workers that graduate from George Mason or Virginia Tech, they don’t have to go home, and they simply have to go to Canada for those high-paying jobs now because (Canada) fixed their immigration system ...”

**IN THE MOST CONTENTIOUS MOMENT** of the debate, Warner castigated Gillespie for withdrawing his support of the bill.

“Remarkable thing, this bill was supported by 68 senators ... Was it perfect? Maybe not. But we got nothing back from the House. And what I find curious is back when this bill was being debated my opponent, Ed, wrote and said that this bill was both good policy and good politics. Now he said on the campaign trail that he’s against the comprehensive Senate immigration reform bill. And I just wonder what’s changed? Did the policy change or the politics changed?”

“Nothing changed on my end,” Gillespie shot back. “And it’s, you know, PolitiFact,

## Warner-Gillespie Debate ‘Disappointing’

**Libertarian candidate says chamber’s decision to include only major-party candidates in U.S. Senate debate a “disservice” to voters.**

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

**A**fter a full day of campaigning at Fort Belvoir on Friday, Oct. 11, Robert Sarvis talked about his campaign for U.S. Senate, and his disappointment in not being invited to participate in Tuesday’s U.S. Senate Debate — a major televised debate hosted by The Fairfax Chamber at Capitol One’s convention center in McLean.

“The Fairfax Chamber informed us that it was nothing other than ‘tradition’ to only invite major party candidates,” Sarvis said.

“But this was after we formally requested an invitation, noted that over 145,000 Virginians voted for Robert Sarvis for governor in 2013, and sent them a petition signed by over 1,000 Virginians in support of a three-candidate debate.”

“It was disappointing,” Sarvis said. “Once again, Virginia voters did not hear from all the candidates on the ballot in Tuesday’s debate.”

Sarvis noted that neither of the first two debates featured questions about civil liberties and privacy, and he is the “only candidate in the race who will fight to protect all our constitutional liberties, end the mass surveillance of innocent Americans, and rein in America’s interventionist foreign policy.”

“If I had been on stage with my oppo-



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**Robert Sarvis**

nents, I would force them to open up and defend their records on these issues,” Sarvis said.

“Independent and libertarian-leaning voters aren’t the only victims of establishment-only debates,” Sarvis continued. “Had I been on stage tonight, I could have challenged the spin and hypocrisy of both my opponents. All Virginia voters would benefit from a real debate among all the candidates on the ballot.”

“Moreover, my ‘Open-Minded and Open for Business’ vision resonates with voters who don’t identify with either major political party, particularly the majority of millennial voters who are willing to support a candidate who is both fiscally responsible and socially tolerant.”

### Robert ‘Rob’ C. Sarvis, Libertarian

**Family:** Wife Astrid; 2 children: Harlan, Ai-Li

**Birth Place:** Falls Church, Va.

**Home City:** Annandale, Va.

**Education:** MA, Economics, George Mason University, 2013; JD, Law, New York University, 2005; MA, Mathematics, University of Cambridge, 1999; BA, Mathematics, Harvard, 1998

**Political Experience:** Candidate, Commonwealth of Virginia, Governor, 2013; Candidate, Virginia State Senate, District 35, 2011

**Professional Experience:** Co-Founder, Wertago Limited Liability Corporation (LLC), 2008-present; Graduate Fellow, Mercatus Center, George Mason University, 2011-2013; Attorney, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, 2006-2008; Law Clerk, E. Grady Jolly, U.S. Court of Ap-

peals, Fifth Circuit, 2005-2006; Summer Associate, Kirkland and Ellis, 2004; Summer Associate, Fish and Neave, 2003; Software Developer, Bang Networks, 2000-2002; Technical Assistant, Department of Defense, 1994-1998

**Religious, Civic, and other Memberships:** Member, Virginia Citizen Defense League, 2011-present; Member, District of Columbia Bar Association, 2007-present; Member, New York State Bar Association, 2006-present; Founder, Journal of Law & Liberty, New York University

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which you cited earlier, looked at my position on immigration reform and said it’s been entirely consistent. And it has been.”

In the past month, several polls have come out showing that support for Gillespie is growing, although Warner still has a commanding lead. A survey from the Wason Center for Public Policy at Christopher New-

port University, which came out the same day as the debate, showed likely voters favoring Warner by 12 points on the day of the debate. Gillespie noted his growing support in a brief post-debate Q&A with reporters.

“I feel real momentum ... the race is narrowing,” Gillespie said.



## FOOD & WINE

**Wildfire Tysons Galleria hosts beer or wine-themed dinners monthly. Wildfire's focus is on steaks, chops and seafood.**



PHOTO BY DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION

# Restaurants Serve 'Themed' Dinners

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❖ **Pazzo Pomodoro** hosts monthly 4- to 5-course wine dinners featuring a global selection of wine varieties. The next wine dinner, spotlighting Conn Creek wine from Napa Valley, is on Monday, Nov. 3, starting at 7 p.m.

Dinner begins with an antipasto of prawns sautéed with mascarpone brandy sauce and risotto cake. First course is spinach ravioli stuffed with sausage and ricotta. Third and main course is beef tenderloin wrapped in pancetta and puff pastry served with rossini sauce and wild currants.

The grand finale, dessert, is centered around Pazzo Pomodoro's housemade gelato — a pumpkin cheesecake served with salted caramel gelato.

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Pazzo Pomodoro is active in fundraising for the national capital area lymphoma society.

Cost of the Conn Creek wine dinner at Pazzo Pomodoro is \$75 per person, tax and gratuity not included.

Pazzo Pomodoro is located at 118 Branch Road SE, Vienna. To book the wine dinner, call 703-848-1747. See [www.PazzoPomodoro.com](http://www.PazzoPomodoro.com) for full wine dinner menu.

❖ **Wildfire** Executive Chef Eddie Ishaq and St. Michelle Wine Estates representative Benny Torman host a Stag's Leap Wine Cellars wine dinner on Monday, Nov. 10. The reception, with poached prawns in coconut-curry broth, and jumbo lump-crab beignets and Stag's Leap Wine Cellars Sauvignon Blanc begins at 6:30 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m. Wildfire Tysons Galleria -Steaks, Chops and Seafood – is located at Tysons Galleria.

The four-course dinner includes pan-seared duck breast and Stag's Leap Karia Chardonnay to begin, followed by a second course of braised short ribs and stuffed chanterelle mushrooms and a Stag's Leap Wine Cellars "S.L.V." Estate Cabernet Sauvignon. Third course includes a hand-picked selection of artisan cheeses and a Stag's Leap Artemis cabernet sauvignon. Dessert is a raspberry trifle with compote and chocolate mousse, accompanied by a Stag's Leap Hands of Time red.

Charge per person is \$120 plus tax (gratuity not included). RSVP to Amanda or Erika at 703-442-9110. To see full menu and details, go to [www.wildfirerestaurant.com](http://www.wildfirerestaurant.com).

And while there will certainly be no wine included, there will be pumpkins galore when Wildfire hosts a pumpkin-carving workshop for children on Saturday, Oct. 25, from 3 to 4 p.m., and on Sunday, Oct. 26, 9 to 10 a.m. Each session costs \$20 per child. A portion of the proceeds benefits Food for Others.

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**Beginning Wednesday evening Oct. 15** at 7 p.m. the Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road in Vienna, will begin a six week group study for the public called The Reason for God: Conversations on Faith and Life. There will be a discussion of questions such as: Isn't the Bible a Myth? Hasn't Science Disproved Christianity? Future topics include: How can you say there is only one way to God? What about other religions? What gives you the right to tell me how to live my life? Why are there so many rules? Why does God allow suffering? Why so much evil in the world? Why are

Christians such hypocrites? How can God send good people to hell? There is no charge and the public is invited. For more information call 703-938-6753 or go to [www.antiochdoc.org](http://www.antiochdoc.org)

**The Antioch Christian Church** offers a time of Prayer and Healing on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for anyone wanting encouragement and healing through prayers. People are available to pray with you or for you. Antioch Christian Church is located at 1860 Beulah Road in Vienna. [www.antiochdoc.org](http://www.antiochdoc.org)

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

**HAVEN of Northern Virginia** offers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly basis. 703-941-7000 or [www.havenofnova.org](http://www.havenofnova.org).

**McLean Bible Church Fitness Class at Body & Soul Fitness.** Gain balance, energy and strength at 9:45 a.m. Mondays and Fridays. Free childcare for registered students. [bodyandsoul@mcleanbible.org](mailto:bodyandsoul@mcleanbible.org).

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

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# The Private School Admissions Process

Local educators offer insider tips on how to select and get your child admitted to the perfect school.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

**W**hile this school year might still feel new, some parents are already thinking about next fall. Or if they're not, they should be. For parents who are considering sending their children to one of the area's private schools for the 2015-2016 school year, the application process should be underway.

"Now is the time to begin the independent school admission process for the 2015-2016 academic year," said Diane Dunning, director of admission and financial aid at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria. "Application deadlines vary by school, but generally fall between mid-December and late January.

"Parents often start the process by exploring school websites and speaking with trusted friends who have personal experience with specific schools. Doing your research may be time-consuming, but what

could be more important than finding the right educational fit for your child?"

Use this time to peruse school websites and get to know the schools you think might be a good fit for your child. "Go beyond the admission [web] pages," said Mimi Mulligan, assistant head and director of admission and enrollment management at Norwood School in Bethesda, Md. "Read a school's magazine or its weekly parent memo. Follow a school's Facebook page or Twitter feed. Looking at a school through varied lenses will provide a better sense of culture at the school.

"Talk as a family about what would be the best kind of school for your child," she continued. "Coed versus single gender, traditional versus progressive, suburban versus urban, no uniform versus uniform, kindergarten through second versus kindergarten through eighth versus kindergarten through 12th."



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**Visiting prospective schools will give parents and students a sense of the institution's atmosphere and culture.**

Consider your child's strengths and weaknesses, and what they need to be happy and successful in school. "Keep your mind open," said Mulligan. "The spectrum of excellent schools in our area is broad, enabling parents to think beyond name recognition and focus on right fit when selecting a school."

There are a few factors for parents to consider: "Does a school's mission resonate with your family's values?" asks Dunning. "Will the curriculum challenge your child's strengths and support him or her in other areas?"

**PARENTS AND STUDENTS** should begin by creating a list of schools where they plan to apply and start contacting their top choices. "The most important piece of advice for a family is to visit the school website often. That is full of interesting stories about a school," said Ann Richardson Miller, director of admission and financial aid at The Madeira School in McLean.

"Once you've narrowed down your choices, make plans to visit the schools. Tours have started, and there will be additional opportunities such as open houses, student visiting days, and curriculum nights," said Dunning. "It is impor-

tant to experience the culture of the school to get an accurate picture. Each independent school has its own distinctive mission, and you will feel it as soon as you step onto campus."

Miller says open houses can help reduce the potential anxiety a student might have about other parts of the application process, such as an interview or standardized test, which are often requirements for private school admissions. She also suggests attending a school play or athletic event. "Those are great ways to see a school community."

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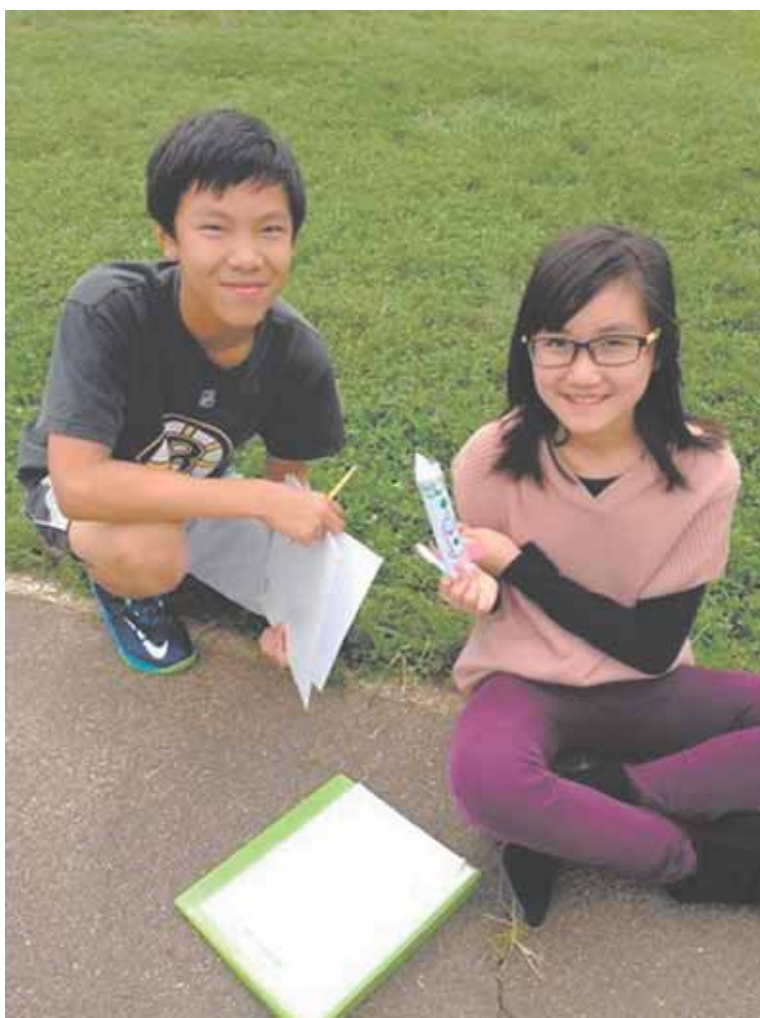


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**Churchill Road sixth graders Daniel Cao and Cynthia Wang prepare to launch the rocket they made in science class.**

## Rocket Launch at Churchill Road

During the second week of school, groups of Churchill Road sixth graders conducted a scientific experiment using the rockets they built in science class. The cardboard rockets were fueled with a mixture of alka-seltzer and water in their boosters (film canisters). Science teachers, Chrissy Frantz and Bob Timke, as

well as Greg Butler (instructional assistant) helped with the launch and measurements. After each launch, the students recorded the height each rocket traveled; then looked at the correlation between rocket weight and launch height. The students discovered that the lighter rockets gained the most height.



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**Under the watchful eye of Greg Butler, Churchill Road sixth graders Benjamin Scott, Ben Thrasher, Jimin Byeon, Audrey Leins and Katie Williams wait expectantly to see how high their rocket will go.**

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# SPORTS

## Langley, McLean, South Lakes Compete at Glory Days Invite

Langley, McLean and South Lakes were among the boys' teams that competed in the Glory Days Invitational cross country meet on Oct. 11 at Bull Run Regional Park.

South Lakes finished 25th out of 35 teams with a score of 656. Andrew McCool was the Seahawks' top finisher, placing 32nd with a time of 17 minutes, 2 seconds. Sean Miller finished 77th (17:32) for South Lakes.

McLean finished 29th with a score of 701. Alex Pierce came in 50th with a time of 17:13 for the Highlanders.

Langley came in 34th with a score of 845. Alessandro Shapiro led the Saxons with a 131st-place finish (18:02).

Loudoun Valley's Andrew Hunter was the top individual finisher with a time of 15:44. Millbrook's Tyler Cox-Philyaw finished runner-up (16:05). Chantilly's Ryan McGorty was the 6A North region's top finisher, placing third with a time of 16:11.

Thomas Jefferson had three harriers place in the top 15: Christopher Blagg (10th, 16:35), Saurav Velleleth (11th, 16:35) and Nate Foss (14th, 16:42).

Dulaney finished first in the team competition with a score of 71, followed by Good Counsel (160), Thomas Jefferson (189) and Chantilly (220).

## Marshall Football Gets Second Victory

The Marshall football team on Sept. 26 earned its first victory since 2011, beating Thomas Jefferson. Two weeks later, the Statesmen added another.

Marshall defeated Stuart 32-24 on Oct. 10 for the Statesmen's first home win of the season. Marshall improved to 2-4 this sea-



**Langley's Alessandro Shapiro (1491) runs during the Glory Days Invitational on Oct. 11 at Bull Run Regional Park.**



**McLean's Alex Pierce finished 50th in the boys' varsity race at the Glory Days Invitational on Oct. 11 at Bull Run Regional Park.**

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**South Lakes' Andrew McCool came in 32nd with a time of 17:02 during the Glory Days Invitational on Oct. 11 at Bull Run Regional Park.**

son.

The Statesmen will host Stone Bridge at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 17.

## South Lakes Football Earns First Win

In a battle of winless teams, South Lakes trounced Thomas Jefferson 49-6 on Oct. 10.

The Seahawks improved to 1-5. South Lakes will travel to face Langley at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 17.

## McLean Football Drops to 3-3

The McLean football team traveled to Stone Bridge on Oct. 10 and lost 42-19, dropping its record to 3-3.

The Highlanders have lost three of their last four since starting 2-0.

McLean will host Fairfax at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 17.

## Langley Football Falls to Fairfax

The Langley football team, in its most tightly-contested game of the season, lost to Fairfax 35-28 on Oct. 10 dropping its record to 2-4.

The Saxons' previous five games were each decided by 11 points or more.

Langley will host South Lakes at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 17.

## Herndon Blanked at Home

The Herndon football team lost to Edison 17-0 on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 11.

The Hornets fell to 3-3. Herndon will open Conference 5 play on the road against Chantilly at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 17.

# Oakton Volleyball Succumbs to Injuries, Woodson

## Sophomore Yang plays well in expanded role.

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Oakton volleyball team's starting setter and libero missed Monday's match against Woodson with ankle injuries. By the end of the night, the Cougars had lost a starting middle hitter to yet another ankle injury.

Oakton hung around early, winning the second set to even the match at 1-apiece. Eventually, however, the Cougars' unfamiliar rotations caught up with them and Woodson cruised to a 3-1 (25-18, 17-25, 25-11, 25-20) victory on Oct. 13 at Oakton High School.

After Oakton won the second set, Woodson took over behind the play of senior outside hitter Mackenzie Reed,

who finished with 12 kills and four aces. The Cavaliers finished with 18 aces as a team.

"We just fell apart in some rotations," Oakton head coach Dan Courain said. "Woodson really gained a lot of confidence on their serve, they served tough. We just lost a lot of confidence on that serve-receive and [from] each rotation trying out something new. We just didn't have it in games three and four.

"... I will say injuries [were a problem], but that's no excuse."

Oakton started the match with junior setter Meghan Wood and junior libero Alex Marquis on the bench. Wood suffered an ankle injury and could miss the remainder of the season, Courain said. Marquis had been playing through an ankle injury, but



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

**Oakton junior Emily Heier had six kills against Woodson on Monday.**

she sat out of Monday's match with hopes of returning at 100 percent.

Senior middle hitter Camille Baechler suffered an ankle injury during the match.

With multiple teammates out, sophomore outside hitter Alice Yang, already one of the

Cougars' best players, took on an expanded role, setting from the back row. She finished with eight kills, five digs and 10 assists.

"She did a spectacular job," Courain said. "... She really stepped up."

Junior middle hitter Emily Heier finished six kills, three aces and four blocks. Junior libero Lindsey Wallen totaled a career-high 16 digs.

Courain said junior opposite hitter Coral Hulcher also played well.

The loss was Oakton's third straight and dropped its record to 12-9. The Cougars, who are 1-1 in Conference 5 matches, will travel to face Robinson at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 16.

"We've got to be able to win," Courain said. "We've got another conference match Thursday against Robinson. ... We can't use injuries as an excuse."



## COMMUNITY



From left: Coach Kadem, with Langley High School students Brady Richardson, Peter Bourgeois, Miranda Loadwick, Tori Spencer, Tanner Doverspike, and Stephen Thorsen. The Langley High School Wrestling Team ran as a team in this year's 5K to support the Wounded Warriors.



PHOTOS BY MARISSA BEALE/THE CONNECTION  
Dave Abba, 41; Samantha Abba, 13; Nyah Abba, 13; and Carla Abba ran as a family.

# 5K Race Honors Wounded Warriors

**“Run With the Warriors”  
5K Race in McLean  
supports wounded  
warriors at Vinson Hall.**

**O**n Saturday, Oct. 4, the 2014 McLean Run with Warriors 5K took place in downtown McLean, attracting thousands of spectators. General Norton A. Schwartz, 19th chief of staff for the U.S. Air Force, spoke at this year's event. “Our exercise is really about those who serve,” he said. “We especially honor our wounded warriors and those who have sacrificed more than we can ever contemplate.” The McLean Run with Warriors 5K is an annual event and the proceeds benefit the wounded warriors living at Vinson Hall Retirement Community. Currently there are two wounded warrior residents living at Vinson Hall. Additional wounded warrior apartments are expected in the near future.

The Wounded Warrior Transitional Housing at Vinson Hall was established in 2011 to meet the mental, physical and emotional needs of those wounded from wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Since 2011, the McLean 5K has raised more than \$143,000 from race registration and corporate sponsorships for this project. The fun-filled race on Saturday was an effort to continue raising funds. The youngest runners were less than 8 years old, and the most senior runners were in their 70s. There were prizes and medals for the top female and male finishers in each age category, as well as prizes for school teams, corporate teams and parent and child teams. “We’ve done every race since it was the Firehouse 8K,” said David Danner, a former U.S. Marine. “We run to stay healthy and to support the wounded warriors.”

Sports teams from Langley High School were also there to support the wounded warriors. “The Langley Wrestling Team has run it for three years,” said Peter Bourgeois,



**First place overall female winner Ashley Kollme finished the ‘Run With the Warriors’ 5K Race in McLean in 20:24. She is pictured with her children and husband, Doug Kollme.**

a senior on the wrestling team. “We’re all just happy to be out here.” The Langley High School Cross Country team won first place as a team in this year's event.

The top overall female and male finishers in Saturday's race also won six-day vacation packages to Wyndham Hotel and Resorts. Ashley Kollme, 31, won first for women. “My father is retired military and I have a grandmother moving into Vinson Hall,” she said. The second-place female finisher was 11-year-old Emme Cate Heilburn, from Fairfax Station, who finished the course in 21:19. For males, the top finisher

was 16-year-old Brendan Coffey, from McLean, who finished the race in 18:27, and Donovan Foley, 14, who finished second at 18:31. “I was excited,” said Foley about his win. “I didn’t know I was going to do that well.”

Robin Walker, 52, a clinical manager at Vinson Hall who works in The Sylvestry, sang the National Anthem before the award ceremony at the McLean 5K. “These service-men have given everything for our freedom,” said Walker. “I sang the National Anthem at an event last year, too.”

“I ran to support my job,” said Keven



**Yuko Whitestone, 42, and General Norton A. Schwartz. Whitestone was first for females 36-45, finishing the race in 21:28.**

Deberry, 33, who works at Vinson Hall and has a father and brother who were in the army. “It was more fun this year; a bigger turnout.”

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## Not in the Mood



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Sometimes, believe it or not, I'm not in the mood to be a terminal cancer patient (duh). Not that the effect is particularly tangible, but the weight of it, as well as the associated waits I've occasionally written about, can get awfully heavy. Moreover, in spite of my best psychological efforts, generally speaking, there seems little I can do to diminish its effect. More often than not, it's merely time; simply time passing and/or time spent trying to talk myself out-of how I feel and in-to how I haven't failed.

Obviously, surviving five years and almost eight months after initially receiving a "13-month to two-year" prognosis from my oncologist on February 27, 2009 is success with a capital "S." I understand that miraculous fact amazingly well. Nevertheless, on a daily basis, I might not feel so successful. I attribute it to things beyond my control: the underlying disease; the treatment/side effects; the figurative rewiring of my brain after it learned and began to live with the diagnosis/prognosis and the responsibilities of being a proactive cancer patient; these are certainly reasonable and customary considerations given the world in which I now exclusively reside. Still, it's my life and I have to live it.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not "woeing-is-me," nor am I the least bit ungrateful for the great good fortune I've had beating the hell out the original life-expectancy odds I was given. I'm thrilled, every day. But I'm still a cancer patient with incurable stage IV, non small cell lung cancer, one of the least desirable diagnoses in the cancer world. Lung cancer is a killer, almost always – and I don't mean inevitably so, I mean prematurely (not that every death isn't premature, but you get my meaning, right?).

Every day – or so it seems, there are words, phrases, references, articles, news/media reports, and miscellaneous reminders that I see, hear and/or read, that connect me with my situation. I haven't exactly completed a study on the nature of this exposure, but it sure seems/feels, however inadvertent or random it may be, that it is impossible to escape and next to impossible to ignore – although I try, and in reviewing the content of this column, it is an ongoing failure of mine.

Some days, I can shrug it off; most days in fact. But this day (today when I'm writing this column), I couldn't. I'm not exactly depressed, more like forlorn. I don't feel hopeless, maybe a little helpless. I don't feel unlucky, perhaps a bit unsettled. Nothing really out of my ordinary; but still, a little out of my character. I'm entitled; I understand that. I've been carrying this weight for over five and a half years. No one said being a terminal cancer patient was going to be easy; in fact, they said the exact opposite: that it was going to be the toughest thing I've had to do, and of course, they were right. Today is simply one of those days when it's most difficult. I'm sure tomorrow will better. Of that I'm positive (at least that's what I tell myself – ALL THE TIME).

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