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Texting While Driving Examined at Langley

Langley High School students learn safety through simulator.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

Hanna Hunt was behind the wheel, phone in hand. When a text popped up, she had a choice. Would she answer it? Hunt, a senior at Langley High School, was playing a simulated driving game during lunch, so when she “crashed” her car earlier that day, she walked away with zero consequences.

The simulator was a part of the school’s theme of the year - road safety - in partnership with AT&T’s It Can Wait campaign to give students a reality check on Oct. 16 for how texting on their phone affects their driving.

“It’s become very cliché to hear, ‘Don’t text and drive,’ and they don’t take it seriously,” she said.

She noted that other students admitted some of their real life fender benders happened after they attempted to text while driving.

Langley students like her had the opportunity to play the simulator and sign a pledge that they would never text and



PHOTO BY REENA SINGH/THE CONNECTION

Langley High School senior Hanna Hunt behind the wheel of a texting and driving simulator on Oct. 16. Students could sign a pledge to never text while driving again as part of the school year’s theme of road safety.

drive again.

“Distracted driving is relevant to everyone regardless of age,” said school Family Network Committee co-Chair Betsy Shomaker. “It’s not a problem here, but it’s something that we need to be aware of.”

This year’s theme was inspired by the summer’s Langley Read: The Adoration of Jenna Fox. Later this year, she is organiz-

ing an alcohol awareness program.

“Some studies have shown that 200,000 crashes a year can be attributed to texting and driving,” said AT&T Director of Public Affairs Daniel Langan. “We know it as a problem among younger drivers.”

In addition to AT&T, representatives from Inova Health and State Farm were also at the event.

Shomaker said some of the younger students have told her that they see their parents text behind the wheel. Some of the older students bragged that they would be great at the simulated driving game, because they drive and text frequently.

“A lot of them are coming away very surprised,” said school Director of Student Services Sonya Williams. “They realize they’re not as good at it as they thought.”

She said the program comes during an important time of year - Homecoming Week. As new drivers head out on the road, it is a reminder to remain alert and get rid of anything that can serve as a distraction for new drivers.

Hunt said the event is the only interactive event the students have had at the school. She said it had a good message.

“I have a brother who is a freshman, and I definitely have to set an example for him,” she said.

Others may not admit to texting while driving, but they do, she said. She encouraged students to text #X to those they were texting before driving to let the other person know to not send them a text until the driver is at their destination.

“There was one student from Langley who was texting and driving this year and totaled the car,” she said. “It was really bad.”

For more information on the It Can Wait campaign, visit <http://www.itcanwait.com>.

Trick or Treat, Great Falls! Spooktacular promises to be frightfully fun.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

Halloween is going to be a scream at the Village Centre Green and Great Falls Shopping Center.

Spooktacular, the village’s annual children’s trick or treat event, will line up local businesses armed with candy and decked out in costumes on Oct. 31 from 5 to 7 p.m.

“Spooktacular started 20 years ago when Great Falls was still very much a rural community,” said Celebrate Great Falls Director Erin Lobato. “There really weren’t any neighborhoods with sidewalks. Kids would get exhausted by the time they got to their second house.”

About 400 children show up annually dressed up in spooky and creative costumes, she said. Many families come dressed in theme with one another, as well.

Even dogs come dressed up. The pet parade will be held from 4 to 4:45 p.m.

“The pet parade has gone on for nearly just as long,” said Lobato.

She said that some of the families that attend have gone for years. Some parents even remember coming as children to the event when it first started.



PHOTO BY ALEX McVEIGH

Ali Simanson, as a gorilla, steals away with a banana, played by Maribeth Burg, at last year’s Great Falls Halloween Spooktacular.

Mary Bilbo is one of the many residents who brings her family every year to the event. She said she likes to end the night with a family dinner at The Old Brogue.

“We are big Halloween fans, and the

Spooktacular is special to us,” she said. “The kids don their costumes and trick or treat in the village. It’s a chance for us to see friends and other children having fun and socializing.”

Although local businesses are involved, Lobato said, their focus is to give back to the community rather than promote their stores. Many shop owners even dress their storefronts up to the theme. She said Adeler Jewelers are known for their spooky porch.

However, she said the main event of the night is the haunted house. Originally started as a Boy Scout Eagle project, it was taken over by Great Falls Friends and Neighbors for years. However, Boy Scout Troop 55 is taking it over starting this year.

“I feel like it’s come full circle,” said Lobato.

Troop 55 Scoutmaster Gary Pan said the boys are very excited to construct and run the haunted house this year.

“We were concerned that Great Falls would lose the haunted house like we lost the fireworks this year, so we decided to step up,” he said.

He anticipates that changes to the haunted house might be made in the future. However, they will keep to the spooky abode’s traditions, because it is a transitional year.

“They think this is great,” he said. “Many of them had participated as trick or treaters when they were younger.”

Warner, Gillespie Clash in U.S. Senate Debate

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

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

In 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 Capital 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 Republican partner ... I'm so proud that I've got



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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 Capital 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

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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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actually more former Republican legislators supporting me this campaign than when I 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 ... 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 Pipe

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Jorge Adeler



The Men's Store at Bergdorf Goodman is now carrying the full line of the "Gods and Heroes" Men's Collection by fine jewelry designer Jorge Adeler.

Jorge Adeler's 'Gods and Heroes' at Bergdorf Goodman NYC

The Men's Store at Bergdorf Goodman on Fifth Avenue in Midtown Manhattan is now carrying the full line of the "Gods and Heroes" Men's Collection by fine jewelry designer Jorge Adeler of Great Falls.

The luxury department store features the complete custom collection made with ancient numismatic treasure coins and rare stones. Highlights of the men's collection include 18-karat yellow, red, and white gold cufflinks. Each piece is hand-crafted by Adeler.

Adeler's showcase can be viewed online at www.jorgeadeler.com.

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Donna Barnako Receives Friends Choice Award

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cation to the Great Falls Library coordinating the library's monthly art exhibits by artists from the Great Falls Art Studio. The popular exhibits help to create an ambiance in the library and serve as a fundraiser for the Friends group. The program is so popular, the artist's exhibit schedule is already booked through 2015.



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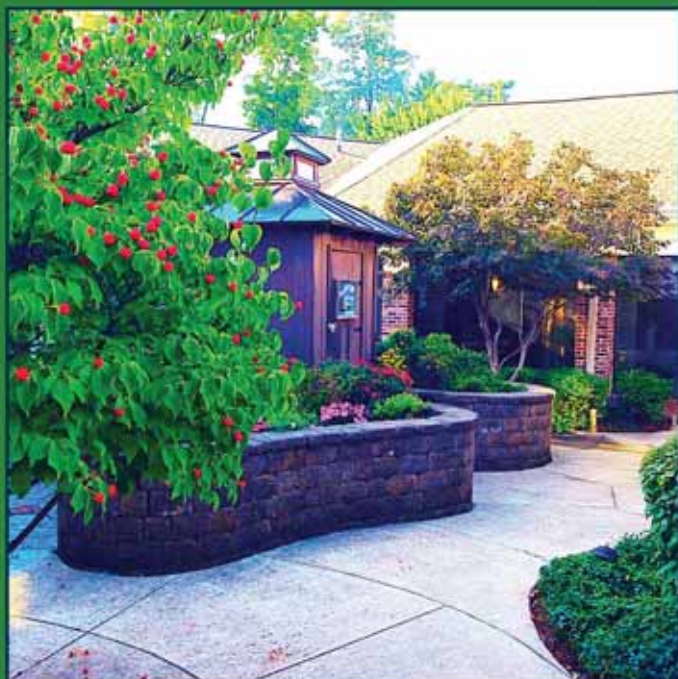
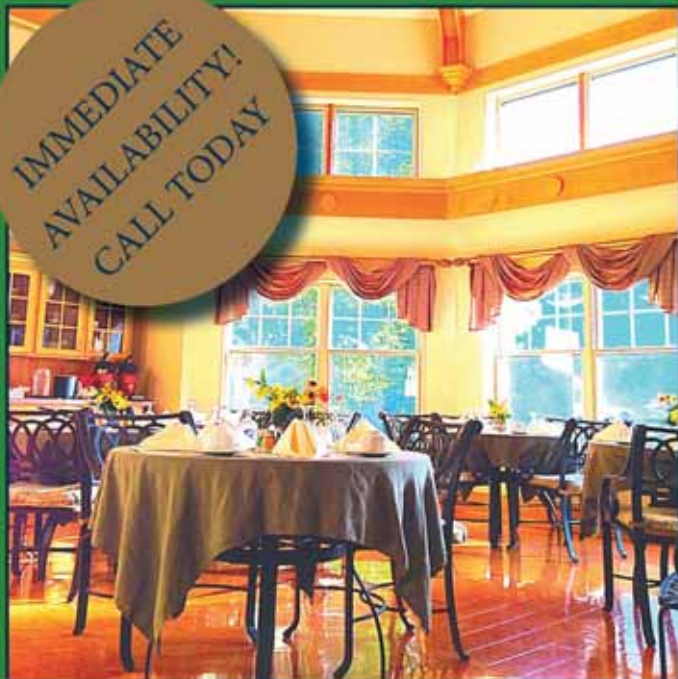
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Fairfax voters have a long history of approving bond questions for local transportation,

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The importance of voting, and the difference just a few votes can make, is on display in Virginia, where close elections decided by a fraction of a percent of total voters have set the stage for some big changes.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 4. But you don't have to wait until then.

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— MARY KIMM,
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Partisan Agenda Ahead of the Taxpayer

To the Editor:

John Foust is just a blue-blooded partisan who only cares about toeing the party line and doesn't care about doing the right thing. Back in 2012, John Foust was the lone member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to vote against suing the Environmental Protection Agency because he did not like then-Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli. The lawsuit involved how the EPA knowingly exceeded its authority in regulating storm water flows into the Accotink Creek watershed. Even Foust said at the time about the lawsuit "I read every word. It's very well done: just the facts." But the facts did not preclude John Foust from voting against it for mere partisan reason because he did not like Ken Cuccinelli.

Virginia and Fairfax County won the lawsuit in 2013 and the taxpayers were saved \$320 million because they did not have to comply with the burdensome EPA regulations. John Foust had a choice when he voted against this smart lawsuit and Foust chose to put his partisan agenda ahead of the taxpayer. It is sad that John Foust would have voted this way but I am not surprised. People of

the 10th District need a proven leader who will get things done. That leader is Barbara Comstock, she does not play the partisan game and brings people together to achieve common results.

Truc Brown
 Great Falls

Avoiding Debate

To the Editor:

There appears to be contradictory information surrounding the upcoming Congressional District 10 elections. A great way for voters to get a clear picture is to hear the candidates for themselves. Sept 27, I attended a nonpartisan debate sponsored by several organizations including AARP and League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area. All candidates were invited. If they could not attend they were allowed to send a representative to read a statement. Virginia State Delegate Barbara Comstock was the only candidate who didn't attend — she didn't send a representative and the sponsors told me she had not responded to the invite. Not only is that extremely rude but it makes me wonder why she found the time to attend the Fairfax and Loudoun Counties Chamber of Commerce debates. It certainly reinforces the image that she works for business interests and not the all constituents. Sounds like some

of the negative information concerning Barbara Comstock is based in fact.

Lucy Dlhopsky
 Great Falls

Changing Status Quo

To the Editor:

"She is a caring person." "Barbara takes the time to address the issues that affect female veterans." Barbara has a "personal touch."

These are some of the quotes made by supporters of Barbara Comstock who is running to fill Frank Wolf's seat in the 10th District. Anybody who is watching this campaign knows that Barbara Comstock is the only candidate running who will work hard and cross the partisan divide to get things done. Time and again our nation elects leaders who are only running to benefit themselves. Barbara Comstock is not the typical politician. As a mom of three she understands the kitchen table issues that are vital for families across Northern Virginia. Barbara Comstock comes from a family of educators and knows that what makes a strong community are strong public schools.

And as a former senior staff member for Congressman Frank Wolf Barbara Comstock under-

stands the many local issues that encompass the entire 10th Congressional District.

It is clear that on Nov. 4 the only real choice who will change the Washington status quo is Barbara Comstock.

Mina Ebrahimi
 Great Falls

Questions for Candidates

To the Editor:

I'd like to ask Mrs. Comstock and Mr. Foust these questions and hope they will go "on the record" publicly with their answers.

1. Do you agree that a candidate who will lie to us to get elected into Congress will also lie to us once he or she is in Congress?

2. Do you support building the Keystone pipeline? If not, what specific steps do you support, to achieve American energy independence?

3. Do you favor amending the Health Care law to permit a citizen to keep his doctor and health insurance if he wants? Why or why not?

4. Do you believe it is possible to generate prosperity if the national Government continues to go deeper and deeper into debt? Why or why not?

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LETTERS

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6. Do you support the Second Amendment's approval of the right of citizens to own firearms?

7. Will you promise never to lie to us, or permit your staff and campaign leaders to lie to us?

Wm A. Stanmeyer, Esq.
Great Falls

P.S.: Please stop talking about abortion: the House of Representatives can't do anything to change the law and will not try. Abortion is not an issue in this election. Please stick to the issues!

Hidden Record

To the Editor:

The recent revelations of Barbara Comstock's failure to disclose her paid lobbyist role and income from out-of-state special interest groups are no surprise. Ms. Comstock was elected and paid to be a representative of Northern Virginians. Instead, she took thousands of dollars to introduce bills

essentially written by the so-called Workforce Fairness Institute.

Comstock has hidden her record in Richmond for the last four years. Now we can better understand her motivations. It was good business for Comstock to do the bidding of her client and ignore her constituents.

It is time for voters to fire her from her government job. Wonder if she will still be wanted by her "private" clients.

Arnold Goldsmith
McLean

Questioning Ultrasound

To the Editor:

I have heard Barbara Comstock speak and have read her well-written campaign materials. She impresses me as bright, energetic, experienced and personable. But as I have learned more about her support for forced trans-vaginal ultrasound of pregnant women I have come to question who she really is. What kind of a person, especially a "conservative," supports such extreme government intrusion? Or supports the state intervening in the patient-provider

relationship by mandating (unfunded and sometimes dangerous) medical procedures? The questions are not only about the civility of the procedure, but more importantly about Ms. Comstock's mentality of coercion. How will it reappear if she is a member of the Congress?

Dr. Gary Filerman
McLean

Earning a 'Seat at the Table'

To the Editor:

I am a freshman at Langley High School and have lived in McLean my whole life. I have participated in Delegate Barbara Comstock's Young Women's Leadership Program for the last few years and it has been a fantastic opportunity for me. This program provides young women, such as myself, the opportunity to meet and interact with women in leadership positions in government, politics and business. I was introduced to several dynamic women, and learned something from each one of them. Because of what I have learned

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Photographer Bob Schroeder had his gallery at the Great Falls Library during Great Falls Studio Tour over the weekend.



Artist Ronni Joles shows the paper she “paints” with during the Great Falls Studio Tour over the weekend.

PHOTOS BY REENA SINGH/ THE CONNECTION

Celebrating Arts in Great Falls

Great Falls artists showcase their masterpieces.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

For most days, Lochini Rumburg’s home is her sanctuary, a place where she can unwind from her work day in front of her easel.

Last weekend, however, was a chance for her and about 25 other artists to show off their art or craft in their space during Great Falls Studios’ annual studio tour.

“I had a lot of people come by Friday and Saturday,” said Rumburg. “I feel it gets you motivated to do more.”

She said she got a lot of feedback and compliments from the surge of visitors that came. The first visitor showed up promptly at 10 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 17, leaving her feeling unprepared but excited. She said she even had one visitor express interest in commissioning her for a painting.

“I do this as a hobby, because I have a full time job,” said Rumburg. “It’s always brought balance to my life.”

Many of her paintings are landscapes of areas around Great Falls and moments she wanted to capture while traveling abroad. However, she dabbles in surrealism and is not afraid to experiment with colors and style.

She works as a systems architect during the day, working with computers and creating storage network designs.

“My true passion has always been art,” she said. “I’ve been painting since I was a kid.”

PHOTOGRAPHER Bob Schroeder spent the weekend at Great Falls Library, which was a starting off point for the studio tour visitors. One painting from each of the artists was hung in the community room so visitors can visit artists whose style appealed to them.

“Well over 200 people came through here this weekend,” he said Sunday, “Yesterday was the peak.”

All of his photographs that he wanted to exhibit were at the library as a part of a special rotating exhibit, so he was able to

help visitors map out the self guided tour while showing off his own.

“There were a lot of repeat people here, which shows it has become institutionalized,” he said. “People anticipate it. They look forward to it.”

He said there were some visitors from Vienna and Maryland as well.

“It’s a good way to introduce the studio to the community as well,” he said.

Although many of the artists exhibited in their homes, some had a booth at Great Falls Studios on Walker Road.

Artist Ronni Joles said this was her first year exhibiting outside of her home.

“People who have never seen my work before were able to see it because it is here,” she said. “It’s been good.”

Her work is unique because it looks like a painting if viewed online. However, she paints with colored paper gathered from all over the world.

“If you’re not in front of it, it’s hard to know what I mean when I say it’s made from paper,” she said. “I put down paper like I would paint.”

SHE TAUGHT ART in schools as a career, she said, with a strong concentration in D.C. middle schools. When she retired, she finally had more time to create her own art. Her work ranged from purple daisies along a stucco wall to rooftops created with corrugated cardboard for a cityscape.

“It’s fun,” she said. “It’s a very hands-on tactic.”

Jeweler Donna Barnako is another artist who began exhibiting after retirement. She creates unique jewelry with a steampunk influence from found objects.

“I had a yarn shop, and after I retired, I took a beading class,” she said. “Because I had a fiber background, it was a natural progression from there.”

Then two years ago, she took a metalwork class. She uses all three techniques in her jewelry, incorporating items like buttons, keys and watch faces that she finds in flea markets all over the world.

“I’m inspired by texture and color and all these things I find,” she said.

For more information about Great Falls Studios, visit <http://www.greatfallsstudios.com>.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY/OCT. 23

Great Falls Writers Group Presents Susan Coll. 7 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. The New York Times best-selling author whose newest novel, “The Stager,” was released this summer to rave reviews, will discuss her own literary rhythms and engage in Q&A.

Artists Meet for Coffee. . 8:30 – 10 a.m. Katie’s Coffeehouse, Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Local artists meet for coffee. Feel free to drop in.

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

THURSDAY/OCT. 23 – 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. You may print the registration form and mail it at any time during the term with your payment.

FRIDAY/OCT. 24

Monster Mash 5th & 6th Graders Party. 7-9 p.m. Old Firehouse Teen Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. \$30/\$20 MCC district residents. Registration is required.

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

Playdate Café. 10 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Toys and play space for children, coffee and conversation for grown-ups.

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

Halloween Costume Party and Late Night Evening of Mild Fright. 3:30 p.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St SE, Vienna. Attendees are invited to dress in costume. There will be games, food, a costume contest and age appropriate Halloween movies. All grades (6th through 8th) are welcome to stay until 10 p.m. Teens. Free. 703-255-5721.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 24-25

“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

SATURDAY/OCT. 25

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

Farmers Market. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. 778 Walker Road, Great Falls. Bring recyclable bags. For more information visit www.greatfallsfarmersmarket.org.

Fall Bazaar. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Great Falls United Methodist Church, 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Come enjoy a spaghetti dinner (11a.m. – 5 p.m.) with dessert and beverage for \$10. There will be baked items, youth toys and sports equipment, jewelry and scarves, used books and previously owned hand tools/hardware for sale. Natural pine Christmas wreaths will be available to order.

SUNDAY/OCT. 26

“A Thurber Carnival.” 2 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.

Centennial Homecoming Carnival. 2:30 – 5:30 p.m. Franklin Sherman Elementary, 6633 Brawner Street, McLean. Franklin Sherman Elementary School celebrates 100 years of excellence in education.

Send announcements to north@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday for the following week’s paper. Photos/artwork encouraged.



Check out the Kiln Club’s Holiday Sale on Nov. 1 – 2 at Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Meet local potters and shop quality platters, bowls, cups and more from over a dozen artists. Pictured is a fish jar created by artist Jeff Watson.

MONDAY/OCT. 27

Read to the Dog. 4:30- 5:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls.

Learn to Draw Cartoons. 4:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Learn to draw cartoons with artist Bud Little. Ages 6 and up. Please register for this program. Call 703-757-8560 to sign up.

TUESDAY/OCT. 28

Author Andy Ankovitz Book Signing Event. 7 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Ankovitz, a resident of Arlington, Va., will be available to sign copies of his book, The Middle East At Street Level View.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 29

68th Annual Vienna Halloween Parade. 7 p.m. Maple Avenue, Vienna. With the theme of “Celebrating the Tradition of Vienna Girls Sports,” come in costume to celebrate Halloween. Visit www.viennava.gov.

Pokemon League. 4:30 – 6 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Meeting Room. Age 5 to 15. Come play Pokemon with your friends.

Ukulele Phil and the Hula Kids Halloween Show. 10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike Great Falls. Kids can come dressed in costume to sing and dance to some “spooky” tunes! Preschool-aged children.

THURSDAY/OCT. 30

Artists Meet for Coffee. 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. Katie’s Coffeehouse, Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Local artists meet for coffee. Feel free to drop in.

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

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 31-NOV. 1

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FRIDAY/OCT. 31

The Annual Spooktacular. 5-7 p.m. Great Falls Village Centre. <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com>

www.celebrategreatfalls.org/CalendarWide.html

Drop-In Chess. 4:30-6 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. All ages are welcome.

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Playdate Café. 10 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Toys and play space for children; coffee and conversation for grownups. In the Great Falls meeting room.

Trunk-or-Treat. 6:30 - 8 p.m. Floris UMC, Upper Parking Lot, 13600 Frying Pan Road, Herndon. An evening of fun for all ages - decorated car TRUNKS with lots of candy, popcorn, a petting zoo, a scavenger hunt, a family photo booth (bring your own camera/smart phone) and snacks.

Fall Festival. 6:30 – 9 p.m. Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road, Vienna. Games, prizes, candy, pumpkin decorating, popcorn, bonfire, moonbounce, smores and more. For more information, visit www.antiochdoc.org or call 703-938-6753. This event is free and for all ages.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 1 – 2

The Kiln Club Holiday Sale. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Meet local potters and shop quality platters, bowls, cups and more from over a dozen artists. Stunning silhouettes, handpainted details appeal to the artistic eye and are ready to go from kitchen to table. kilnclubwdc.com

SATURDAY/NOV. 1

Ballroom Dance. 8 – 9 p.m. Samba Lesson. 9 - 11:30 p.m. Colvin Run Dance Hall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Live music with Mike Surratt & the EGB playing favorite dance tunes from the 1930s to today. Attire is ballroom casual, everyone is welcome. \$20. 703-759-2685 or www.colvinrun.org.

Eddie Money. 7 & 9:30 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Enjoy the best of classic rock with the star who performed the 80’s hits “Take Me Home Tonight” and “Two Tickets to Paradise.” Tickets: \$45-\$50. Visit wolfftrap.org for more information, or call 877-WOLFRAP.

Steve Wynn (Dream Syndicate). 7 p.m. 227 Maple Avenue E, Vienna. In 25 years, Wynn has released at least that many albums and has seen over 300 of his songs recorded. He has played over 2000 shows in more than 25 countries. Tickets: \$15. 703-255-1566.

Flamenco Vivo/Carlotta Santana “The Soul of Flamenco.” 8 p.m. The Alden, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. Flamen Vivo brings an exciting evening of flamenco to the stage featuring accomplished artists from the U.S. and Spain. Admission: \$30/\$20 MCC district residents.

Children’s Flea Market. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Sellers are age 3-15. Free. www.mcleancenter.org.

SUNDAY/NOV. 2

The Alden Kids Performance Series. 4 p.m. The Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. “The Amazing Max and the Box of Interesting Things.” \$20/15 MCC district residents. www.mcleancenter.org.

“A Thurber Carnival.” 2 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

National Men’s Chorus Performance. 4 p.m. Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. The Chorus now in its 15th season, performs a variety of musical styles. Tickets: \$20, will be available at the door. www.nationalmenschorus.org.

MONDAY/NOV. 3

Trip to Massanutten Indoor Water Park. 8:30 am-6:30 p.m. Old Firehouse Teen Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. McLean Community Center teacher work day trip departs from and returns to teen center. \$75/\$65 MCC district residents. www.mcleancenter.org.

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NEWS

Great Falls Trailblazers, from left, are Karen Jones, Mary Cassidy Anger, Joan Burkgren and Julie Ben-Achour – receiving the Ellie Doyle Award.



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Trailblazers Hail Community Support

Making Great Falls a walkable area for people, horses and bikes alike.

BY JULIE BEN-ACHOUR

Trails where you want to go: from your home to the Park to the Village to Turner Farm, to your child's school or just to take the dog out for a walk.

This is what the Great Falls Trail Blazers group is all about: A community group, whose goals and aims are to make Great Falls a wonderful walkable area for people, horses and bikes alike.

We are currently working on getting a trail/path along the Georgetown Pike, as can be seen by the refurbishment of the trail, in front of the Great Falls Library, continuing along past the Fire Station, to the Church on the corner of Applewood Lane and the Georgetown Pike.

"The Great Falls community has been wonderful in working with us to facilitate trails," Sue Bennett said. Trail easements given by property owners are gifts to the community.

The Trailblazers are grateful to Ian McKeown and Laura Murray, current owners of the State Gardens Nursery, for allowing them to continue the trail on their property, just behind their white picket fence, so that pedestrians would not have to venture out onto the road. They were also appreciative to the property owner, next to the nursery, for cutting the long grass on her property, which facilitates the continuation of the trail as its makes its way west along the Georgetown Pike. They were equally grateful to property owners, further along the Georgetown Pike, who allowed the GFTB to cut the trail through the corner of their property at a point where it was impossible to advance on the VDOT ROW due to embankments and stream flow.

They also appreciated the work done by the Scout Troupe 673 in revamping a portion of the trail and helping with grading.

The most challenging part of the trail so far, has been between Miller and Gouldman on the VDOT right of way. This is a particularly dangerous portion of the Georgetown Pike.

It was a tangled mass of impenetrable vines, bamboo, old fallen tree trunks, and intertwined and gnarled bushes. It took many hours of aches, pain,

sweat and hard work.

"There is always work on the upkeep of different trails in the area," said Joan Burkgren, "such as the Lucy Haines Trail, connecting the Great Falls Elementary School and the library, and the Nike Trail which connects Forestville Elementary and Turner Farm, as well as the Windamere Trail along the Georgetown Pike. We also help out with projects as needed at River Bend Park."

The Great Falls Trail Blazers Group were among the recipients awarded the Fairfax County Park Authority's Ellie Doyle Park Service Award.

"We have secured \$2.5 million in Federal Grants for surveys and construction," Mary Cassidy Anger said, "and have been very happy about the wonderful support we have received from [Supervisor] Foust's office and the county departments. We are currently working with the county on the segment of the Georgetown Pike between Utterback Store Road to Seneca."

The Great Falls Trail Blazers Group hosted the Great Falls July 4th 5k Run, free and open to all. The Run this year started at the library and made its way along different local trails before returning back to the library. Next year the group hopes to encourage more dog owners to run with their dogs, making it a fun, family outing for all.

The group found people in the community very generous during the Run, allowing participants to avoid dangerous traffic and run on their property as did a family on Walker Road.

The group is also delighted that the Great Falls Citizens Association is also coming up with some great ideas for trails.

"We are always very grateful to members of the community who can help out in one way or another with the advancement of trails. If there are any high school students who need community hours we are more than happy to find work for them to do," Karen Jones Niedringhaus added.

"We also embrace all scout project efforts."

"We feel the more community interest there is in trails, the better off we are as a community," said Sue Bennett.

The next meeting will be on Oct. 20 at 7:30 at the Great Falls library. The group meets at the library every first Thursday of the month at 7:30 till 9 p.m.

The group can also be contacted through PO Box 844, Great Falls Post office, or at greatfallstrailblazers.com or visit www.GreatFallsTrailblazers.org.

Jamie Scott, from Great Falls, has been named a 2014 Princess Grace Foundation Award winner.



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Great Falls Dancer Receives Princess Grace Foundation Award

Jamie Scott, from Great Falls, has been named a 2014 Princess Grace Foundation Award winner in the category of dance. Her love of dance was nurtured from a young age at The School of Theatrical Dance and, subsequently, at the Margaret A. Haddad Studio of Classical Ballet, both in Great Falls. She began her professional training at the Washington School of Ballet after which she attended Barnard College, majoring in dance and graduating cum laude in 2005. Scott worked with Merce Cunningham as a member of the Repertory Understudy Group beginning in 2007 and joined the Merce Cunningham Dance Company in 2009. Her tenure there included the Legacy Tour, which concluded in December 2011. In 2012 Scott joined the Trisha



Jamie Scott

Brown Dance Company and is currently performing the Proscenium Works world tour. She has also worked with Daniel Gwirtzman Dance Company, Ana Isabel Keilson, the Merce Cunningham Trust and Silas Reiner. Scott teaches technique and master classes for both the Trisha Brown Dance Company and Merce Cunningham Trust. She is a Merce Cunningham Fellow-2014.

National in scope, the Princess Grace Foundation-USA is dedicated to identifying and assisting emerging talent in theater, dance, choreography and film by awarding grants in the form of scholarships, apprenticeships, and fel-

lowships. Working in conjunction with nominating schools and nonprofit companies, the Princess Grace Awards recognize the talent of individual artists.

FAITH NOTES

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

The Great Falls United Methodist Church will hold their annual Fall Bazaar on Saturday, Oct. 25, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, 703-759-3705. Come enjoy a spaghetti dinner (11 a.m.-5 p.m.) with dessert and beverage for \$10. There will be baked items, youth toys and sports equipment, jewelry and scarves, used books and previously owned hand tools/hardware for sale. Natural pine Christmas wreaths will be available to order.

Reverend Dr. Thomas G. Long, who teaches preachers how to preach at Emory University, is 2014 Theologian-in-Residence at the Immanuel Presbyterian Church on Savile Lane in McLean. On Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 25-26, Dr. Long will have a presentation on "Puzzles, Riddles, and Paradoxes: The Provocative Parables of Jesus." The presentation is open to the public. The registration fee is \$20, which covers a light lunch. Dr. Long will also preach at Immanuel Church's 10 a.m. Sunday service; a video of the morning sermon will be shown at the 5:30 evening service.

The Antioch Christian Church invites the public to their annual Fall Festival, Friday, Oct. 31, from 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. at 1860 Beulah Road in Vienna. This is a free event and the evening includes Games, prizes, candy, pumpkin decorating, popcorn, bonfire, moon bounce, smores and more games. For more information go to www.antiochdoc.org or call 703-938-6753. This event is for all ages.

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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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

FROM PAGE 4

line), 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

After 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-



COURTESY PHOTO

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, Ali

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.



Colvin Run Mill Historic Site at Great Falls is the sole surviving operational 19th-century water-powered mill in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Throughout the year, the mill hosts events for children, adults and families, from music to historical perspectives.



Colvin Run Mill Park manager Mike Henry, millwright Ben Hassett, and miller Mason Maddox outside the historic mill. The mill is a popular year-round destination owned and operated by the Fairfax County Park Authority.

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Fractured Shaft Stops Colvin Run Mill

Tours and interpretations of the Great Falls historic site continue.

BY RYAN DUNN
THE CONNECTION

Grinding with the main stones at Colvin Run Mill Historic Site has come to a stop for the next few months. Miller Mason Maddox found a crack in the main axle of the site's water wheel, which catches the water flowing through the millrace and powers the mill. Colvin Run Mill, located at 10017 Colvin Run Road in Great Falls, is a popular year-round destination owned and operated by the Fairfax County Park Authority.

Although the mill's main stones cannot grind grain until the shaft is replaced, tours and interpretation of the historic site will continue. The park hosted a Friends of Colvin Run Mill Day on Oct. 19, and visitors who signed up to join the supporting Friends group on that day received a free and rare Four Floor Tour of the mill. "We did grinding on our portable mill," said Mike Henry.

THE 6,000 POUND AXLE that cracked was made from the trunk of a single white oak tree and was installed as part of an update to the mill in 2001 when the existing water wheel was built. The lifespan of such woodworks is typically 10 to 15 years, and park staff knew that it had begun showing its years. Replacement of the shaft will take at least several months, and staff is not yet certain when the entire mill will be running again. The current water wheel will be disengaged, and the wheel and its spokes will be inspected for wear and damage that will determine how much of the structure requires replacement and how long that replacement will take.

The restoration that is already under way inside the mill will continue. "I think we are approaching a fifty percent mark, which is what we expected about this time," said Mike Henry. "We are on time and under budget."

CURRENTLY the park is looking for volunteers for the weekday museum education program. "We are looking for people who love history and the company of kids," said park manager Mike Henry. Five days a week, schools from all over Fairfax County have arranged visits to Colvin Run Mill. To learn more visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/colvinrunmill/.

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SPORTS

Andrejev Leads Langley Volleyball Team

Despite knee injury, senior totals 17 kills in loss to undefeated Madison.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Rachel Andrejev was supposed to spend her senior season as part of a 1-2 offensive punch on the defending state champion Langley volleyball team.

But after all-state outside hitter Jessica Donaldson was lost for the season with a knee injury on Aug. 30, Andrejev was left to carry the load for the inexperienced Saxons.

Andrejev has been a constant during Langley's up-and-down season, which has included a seven-match winning streak and a four-match losing streak. On Oct. 16, No. 3's leadership was on display again as the Saxons faced one of their toughest tests to date.

After dropping the first set to undefeated Madison, Andrejev guided Langley to a second-set victory with eight kills and an ace. The pivotal third set went down to the wire, with Andrejev helping the Saxons keep pace with five kills and an ace. Madison, however, proved too much, as the Warhawks captured the third set and eventually the match, 3-1 (25-15, 23-25, 28-26, 25-20).

Andrejev finished with 17 kills and three aces while battling a knee injury.

"Rach is facing surgery at the end of the season on her knee," Langley head coach



Langley senior Rachel Andrejev totaled 17 kills against Madison on Oct. 16.

Susan Shifflett wrote in an email. "This, along with having to carry much of the workload due to Jess' injury, has placed an enormous amount of responsibility on her shoulders. She has responded beyond my highest expectations. I am so impressed with her determination and leadership."

What makes Andrejev so good?

"Her attitude," Shifflett wrote. "She plays with such intensity, almost like she is proving every night that she is the best. And she is."

Madison improved its record to 21-0. Langley became just the fourth team this season to win a set against the Warhawks.

Katie Sissler and Allison Franke each had six kills for Langley. Elena Shklyar had

five aces.

On Monday, Langley defeated Yorktown 3-0 (25-21, 25-12, 25-14), improving its record to 12-7. While seven losses could be viewed as adversity following a 2013 season during which Langley lost only three times and won a state title, Shifflett said the Saxons' lack of experience makes it a non-issue.

"Considering Rachel is the only returning starter, they don't know any different," Shifflett wrote. "They are young and learning more each day. Each match someone new rises up to make us better."

Langley will close the regular season with road matches against Washington-Lee (Oct. 22) and Fairfax (Oct. 30).



Langley's Katie Sissler (10) jumps to block Madison's Jayne Carter during their match on Oct. 16.



Langley volleyball coach Susan Shifflett instructs the Saxons during an Oct. 16 match against Madison.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

Langley Crew to Hold an Interest Meeting

Langley Crew team is holding an interest meeting for any students attending Langley High School on Wednesday, Oct. 29, at 7 p.m. in the LHS auditorium. The team has been gaining prominence in recent years; two years ago the team clinched five state championships. This past season the team won 6 state championships and their top women's varsity boat won a Silver Medal at nationals.

Langley Crew practices at the Occoquan in Sandy Run Regional Park February-May, after school. Because of the distance, the team provides transportation to the after-

school practices on weekdays.

Crew is open to both men and women, freshmen through senior. No previous rowing experience needed.

McLean Football Reclaims Winning Record

The McLean football team improved to 4-3 with a 24-21 victory over Fairfax on Oct. 17.

The Highlanders had lost two straight and three of four entering the contest.

Five of McLean's seven games have been decided by six points or less.

McLean will travel to face Madison at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24.

Madison Football Wins Big over TJ

The Madison football team blanked Thomas Jefferson 53-0 on Oct. 17, improving its record to 3-4. The Warhawks had dropped four of five entering the contest.

Madison will host McLean at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24.

Langley Football Beats South Lakes

The Langley football team totaled 539 yards of offense, including 328 on the ground, and the Saxons defeated South Lakes 42-21 on Oct. 17.

Langley running back Tyler West carried

27 times for 239 yards and scored three touchdowns against the Seahawks.

Langley improved to 3-4 and will travel to face Thomas Jefferson at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24. South Lakes dropped to 1-6 and will host Stone Bridge at 7:30 p.m. on Friday.

Oakton Football Drops Fourth Straight

The Oakton football team lost to Centreville 21-0 on Oct. 17.

The Cougars fell to 3-4 after their fourth straight loss. Oakton will look for its first district win against Robinson at home at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24.

LETTERS

FROM PAGE 9

from this program, I now know that if I want to have a "seat at the table" in any aspect of my life, I need to sit at the table and be heard.

I know Ms. Comstock will continue to inspire young women so they will become more involved in their communities. I am so thankful that this opportunity is available to young girls in our area. It is a program that works with leaders in both parties and encourages community involvement. I have been offered many privileges in my life, and I cannot wait to "lean in."

Lauren Markwart
McLean

Not 'Holding the Line'

To the Editor:

Here we are a mere two weeks away from the election for the 10th Congressional District and the mainstream press is reliably ignoring John Foust's long tax hiking record. Since being a Supervisor in Fairfax County, John Foust has voted for every single tax hike presented to him.

What is more sad than him voting for hundreds of millions of dollars in new taxes is the fact that he ran on "holding the line" on taxes. So he says he will "hold the line" on taxes when he is campaigning, but when he governs he lets taxes run rampant. This is the sad state of affairs in which we find ourselves. What's worse is that, as of yet, his campaign hasn't come clean about all the taxes he voted for and supported. Real estate taxes. Meal taxes. Vehicle registration taxes. Sales taxes. Medical device taxes. And the list goes on and on. Even if you agree with every tax he supports, which most people don't, how can anyone possibly agree that it is okay for a politician to say one thing on the campaign trail then do another once in office?

Esta Lippard
Great Falls

Honest Like Wolf

To the Editor:

As a resident of eastern Fairfax County, I have been represented by Representative Frank Wolf, by Delegate Barbara Comstock, and by Supervisor John Foust. Although I usually vote Democratic, I have voted for Wolf because he

works for his constituents and has great moral integrity. He was willing to oppose the Republican party when his constituents demanded it, as he did when he fought the transmission lines. But Comstock is not Wolf. Her one major vote against the party line was to oppose the transportation bill, which finally made money available to repair our bridges and roads and pay for the Silver Line.

And on the ethics issue, did she ever report her complete lobbying earnings to the U.S. House of Representatives, as is required by candidates? Another ethics comment - it does not pass the smell test to have Comstock pushing three anti-union bills while being paid by the Workforce Fairness Institute, an anti-union group. John Foust, on the other hand, does not vote by party line. In fact, on ballots, Supervisors are not identified by party because they are expected to be loyal to constituents, not to party. John's ethics are solid and he is straight and honest, a lot like Wolf.

Linda Burchfiel
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Self-Indulgent or Self-Effacing

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



After re-reading last week's column: "Not in the Mood," I began wondering if that column had strayed beyond the boundaries, so to speak, and was too much about me and not enough about my circumstances. Certainly I understand, given my column's recurring theme, that the subjects of me and my circumstances – and the personal stories I share with you regular readers – are basically the same. Still, I never want the content to be considered important because it's MY life that's being profiled. Quite the contrary. If the columns were any more about me, you wouldn't be interested.

Cancer is the issue, and one person's survival, however compelling and/or statistically unlikely, is not. Granted, success in the face of extremely dire and discouraging warnings from one's oncologist is worth noting for sure. But it's not because of me that any of it matters. I'm just a prop. It's the story that matters, not the storyteller. Yet I couldn't help but think that my droning and bemoaning last week was in some ways more for my purposes than it was for you: a few minutes spent in my shoes living some of the cancer life. (By the way, in person, in my non-column life, I'm not very cancer-centric.)

Admittedly, I may be a bit sensitive to this self-indulgent possibility/tendency. When you write a first-person narrative about the writer's life, as I do, it's a reasonable claim to make. A claim I regularly and insistently deny. As odd as it sounds to say this, it's never about me; that's my nature. Ergo, how can a column I've written weekly going on almost 17 years, the last five and half of which have been what I call "cancer columns," be about me? In my mind (or perhaps, according to my way of thinking), it can't.

I suppose I perceive self-indulgence as the opposite of self-effacing (self-effacing being a characterization I'll happily embrace). And I refuse to believe that the three most important words in the dictionary are "me," "myself" and "I." Though I am the subject of my columns, it's the fact that I'm a cancer patient/survivor that's most relevant. Moreover, there are many more cancer survivors with many more stories to tell who add substance to my claim. I'm just one of the few with the opportunity and inclination to share and share alike. It's been my pleasure doing so, and it has become my passion as well. It's who I am; it's what I've become. "I may not be right all the time, but I'm very seldom wrong" (to quite one of my deceased father's favorite phrases). However, there are some columns/weeks when I may scribble outside the lines. It's unintended. Let's not forget one incontrovertible fact though: "Cancer sucks." But it's not because of anything I say or do.

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THURSDAY/OCT. 23

Great Falls Rotary Club Weekly Speaker Series. 7:30- 8:30 a.m. River Bend Country Club, 375 Walker Road Great Falls. Interested in joining? Download the membership form from <http://www.rotarygreatfalls.org/>.

SATURDAY/OCT. 25

McLean Child Safety Inspection. 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Lewinsville Center, 1609 Great Falls Street, McLean. The McLean District Police Station holds child safety seat inspections once per month.

What's for Dinner? 12 p.m. Old Firehouse Teen Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Lecture series for ages 55+. \$7/\$5 MCC district residents.

MONDAY/OCT. 27

Ayr Hill Garden Club Meeting. 1 p.m. Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna. Ayr Hill Garden Club invites all to attend their first meeting of the season featuring guest lecturer, Young Choe, of the US National Arboretum.

The lecture/demonstration will include Kusamono-Japanese Botanical Art. Kusamono are potted arrangements of wild grasses and flowers in unique pots or trays to suggest a season or place. RSVP to attend: EmilieLarson@rcn.com.

English Conversation. 10:30 a.m. Oakton Library 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. English practice for non-native speakers. Adults.

Computer one-on-one. Noon. Oakton Library 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Internet basics, email, Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

Spanish Conversation Group. 1 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike Great Falls. Practice Spanish as a foreign language in this casual conversation group. Adults and teens.

Evening ESL Conversation Group. 7 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike Great Falls. Practice speaking English in this informal conversation group.

TUESDAY/OCT. 28

Computer One-on-One. Noon. Oakton Library 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Internet basics, email, Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

English Conversation One-on-One. 1:30 p.m. Oakton Library 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. English practice for a non-native speaker with a library volunteer. Call for an appointment. Adults.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 29

ESL Conversation Group. 2 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike Great Falls. Practice learning English in this casual conversation group.

THURSDAY/OCT. 30

Great Falls Rotary Club Weekly Speaker Series. 7:30- 8:30 a.m. River Bend Country Club, 375 Walker Road Great Falls. Interested in joining? Download the membership form from <http://www.rotarygreatfalls.org/>.

SATURDAY/NOV. 1

Be Fit McLean Saturday 55+ Lecture Series. 12-2 p.m. Old Firehouse Teen Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Exercise is Medicine - Part 1. \$7/\$5 MCC district residents. www.mcleancenter.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 8

Be Fit McLean Saturday 55+ Lecture Series. 12-2 p.m. Old Firehouse Teen Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Exercise is Medicine - Part 2. \$7/\$5 MCC district residents. www.mcleancenter.org.

MONDAY/NOV. 10

Alzheimer's Association "Know the 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters." 10 - 11 a.m.

Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, SE, Vienna.

This free workshop is for anyone who would like to know more about Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.° The warning signs of Alzheimer's often are dismissed as side effects of normal aging. Early detection provides a chance to begin drug therapy, enroll in clinical studies and plan for the future.° To register, call the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline at°800-272-3900.

SATURDAY/NOV. 15

Be Fit McLean Saturday 55+ Lecture Series. 12-2 p.m. Old Firehouse Teen Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Medication Safety. \$7/\$5 MCC district residents. www.mcleancenter.org.

NAACP Branch Election. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke (behind Kings Park Library).

Election of branch officers and at-large members of the Executive Committee.

To vote, you must be a member in good standing and your branch membership must be dated before Oct. 16, 2014. A form of ID is required. 703-591-4488.

Volunteer Opportunities

Fairfax County needs volunteers to drive older adults to medical appointments and wellness programs; urgent need in Reston area. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

Korean Meals on Wheels needs Korean-speaking volunteers to deliver meals 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday in Centreville, Reston and Annandale. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

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