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Murphy vs. Parisot, Double Sequel

34th District has history of close elections.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

The 34th-District House of Delegates race between Kathleen Murphy (D) and Craig Parisot (R) is a rematch of the special election triggered last November when Barbara Comstock (R) was elected to the U.S. Congress.

Murphy received 51.23 percent of the vote, and defeated Parisot who received 48.63 percent in the low-turnout special election.

Murphy received 6,419 votes to Parisot's 6,093 votes.

"I was elected in January in a special election on a very cold snowy day," said Murphy at the Great Falls Grange debate with Parisot in late September. "I was elected on a Tuesday, sworn in on a Thursday, and went to work immediately. My first session in the the General Assembly, I demonstrated commitment to working across party lines, to listening, to advocating on behalf of this community. My priorities have been and continue to be growing our economy, supporting our public schools, addressing our infrastructure needs and keeping our families and children safe."

She and Parisot debated again at the McLean Community Center on Sunday, Oct. 18, a forum hosted by the McLean Citizens Association.

"I am proud and very honored and I can tell you when I took the oath of office it was overwhelming," she said. "I take this very seriously. I look at this job as a commitment to this community to represent you in the strongest way I can."

Craig Parisot also gave voice to the importance of public service.

"It has a long tradition in my family. I have lived my own version of the American Dream, starting life with little and building successful companies. I'm grateful for these opportunities that I had, and I want to make sure this and future generations have the same," he said. "My entire professional career has involved identifying trends, determining strategy and devising solutions. Virginia can and should be number one for business, number one for jobs, and number one for quality of life."

THE 34TH DISTRICT has a history of close elections.

In 2013, Murphy lost to Barbara Comstock 50.64 percent to 49.21 percent. Murphy received 14,540 votes to Comstock's 14,962.

In 2012, Barack Obama and Mitt Romney literally tied in the district, each receiving



Del. Kathleen Murphy (D-34) at the Oct. 18 debate in McLean.

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— Kathleen Murphy (D-34)

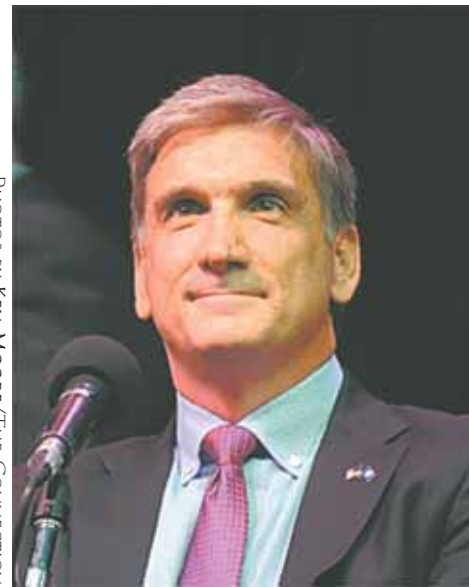
ing 18,688 votes, according to according to Virginia Public Access Project.

The 34th district is made up of 69 percent Fairfax County and 31 percent Loudoun County. U.S. Sen. Mark Warner carried the district by a little more than 1,000 votes in 2014. The 34th district is Gov. Terry McAuliffe's home district, and he carried the district over Republican Ken Cuccinelli 51.86 percent to 42.28 percent in his 2013 race for Governor.

"I'M A BUSINESS LEADER. Having built two advanced technology companies in highly competitive start up environments, I deployed life-saving technologies for our soldiers and first responders, promoted women into key executive leadership roles, and provided salaries and health benefits for hundreds of families," said Parisot. "I have first hand experience in big data, cloud computing, analytics and cybersecurity, all technologies central to the Northern Virginia innovation economy and essential to our future."

Parisot has received \$273,697 in cash contributions of more than \$100 each, and \$13,199 in contributions of \$100 or less for his 2015 campaign, according to Virginia Public Access Project vpap.org.

Top donors for Parisot in 2015 include \$22,500 from T. Christopher Roth of McLean; \$20,000 from the House Republican Campaign Committee; \$15,700 from Lorna J. Gladstone of McLean; \$12,500



Craig Parisot, Republican challenger for Delegate in the 34th District, at the Oct. 18 debate.

"Virginia can and should be number one for business, number one for jobs, and number one for quality of life."

— Craig Parisot (R)

from Dominion Leadership Trust set up by House Speaker Bill Howell (R); \$10,000 from himself; \$10,000 from the Republican State Leadership Committee (which also gave \$50,000 to Delegate candidate Danny Vargas running for the 86 district seat vacated by Tom Rust).

"ONE OF the things I love the best about this community, is all the people who sit here. We are not all here because we agree, we all sit here because we care," said Murphy at the McLean debate Sunday.

"I have been your neighbor for over 25 years. I have lived here, worked here, raised my children here and my children have attended your public schools, our public schools."

Murphy has received \$304,117 in cash contributions of more than \$100 each, and \$42,683 in cash contributions of \$100 or less for her 2015 campaign.

Murphy's top donors in 2015 include \$25,000 from Karen Schaufeld, a Leesburg attorney; \$18,000 from Suzann W. Matthews of McLean; \$12,500 from Edward Hart Rice of Vienna; \$10,000 from Muslim Lakhani of D.C.

Murphy and Parisot each added just over \$100,000 in cash contributions during the month of September. Murphy showed \$233,143 cash on hand, and Parisot had \$66,512 cash on hand as of Sept. 30, according to VPAP.

THE RACE SEEMED FRIENDLY at the Grange even when Parisot said his opponent supports the tolling of I-66 when seconds before she said she did not.

Her words:

"Public private partnerships have been the answer in some instances but not when they get away from us like they did on the Greenway. The Greenway turned into a nightmare for everybody because nobody could afford it. ... We can't let that happen again," she said. "I know that there is a movement here to repair, rehab I-66. ... People sure don't have another way to go if you slam on another \$7 toll and no I wouldn't support that."

After Parisot made his claims, Murphy said, calmly, "I didn't say that I supported it. I didn't come here to slam Craig. He's a nice guy. We're opponents and we're not enemies and this should be a friendly debate."

Parisot countered, "I believe this is absolutely a friendly debate but we're here focused on the issues, demonstrating the contrast between myself and my opponent so you can be clear that there is a real choice," he said.

At the McLean debate on Sunday, there was more edge when the two candidates were asked what they would do about the gun store located next to Franklin Sherman Elementary School property.

"My brother was murdered. ... I don't think a gun store has any place next to a school," said Murphy. "We're working every day trying to move him to another location so he can move and parents can take a deep breath again."

PARISOT SAID he would handle the gun store issue differently.

"The big difference is how do we solve problems. I do it quietly. I meet with people," he said. "If we are going to do something, let's do something meaningful, let's not just wave our arms and get everybody all excited."

Parisot said, "I have three primary goals: Grow and diversify Virginia's economy, invest in education, and reduce commute times by alleviating transportation bottlenecks," he said.

He asked voters to look at his seven step economic growth plan to move Northern Virginia forward.

"We all know someone who is unemployed, underemployed, been struggling to find work or who has had their privacy compromised, and that's why it is imperative we act now," he said.

But he has the uphill battle.

"I have a deep commitment to this community and a first hand understanding of what it takes and what the issues are that are so important to our families and our businesses here in Northern Virginia," Murphy said.

"I am Kathleen Murphy and I am your delegate," said the incumbent.

One-Woman Show?

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

For the second time in a month, Sen. Barbara Favola (D-31) debated by herself.

"As you see, we only have one candidate. George Forakis had a last minute conflict, he contacted me yesterday," said McLean Citizens Association Glenn Harris, moderator of a four-hour debate for candidates in the Dranesville District.

"It is a low voter turnout year. I believe most of you in this room will vote, but please help us bring other people out to the polls," Favola said.

She encouraged voters to remain active and participate with local officials throughout the year.

"You are a very active group and I think that is a noble thing," she told members of MCA, which celebrates its 100th year advocating for citizens and the land of McLean.

WHEN HARRIS ASKED what she would and could do as a sena-



Sen. Barbara Favola (D-31)

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— Sen. Barbara Favola (D-31)

tor regarding the gun store located adjacent to property of Franklin Sherman Elementary School, Favola responded, "I do believe changes are needed in gun laws."

"We have vowed to make it illegal to have a firearm shop near an elementary school," she said, and wants county government to have more authority to prohibit it. "It's totally inappropriate to have a gun shop at the back door of an elementary school."

When she was first elected to the Virginia Senate four years ago, "my first area that I focused on was education, particularly for children with special needs, and children in foster care," she said. Favola serves on the board of CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates. "It's a pleasure serving on that board."

Last session, she said she focused on legislation that advocated for victims of sexual assault, especially on college campuses to "hold perpetrators more accountable" and to provide "survivors of sexual assault any services possible."

MEDICAID EXPANSION must be a priority, she said.

"Every business and every hospital begged the General Assembly to participate in Medicaid expansion," she said. "This is something we have to do. It's the right thing to do."

She is interested in helping students leave high school with associate's degrees so they are better equipped to enter the workforce, especially if they are not going to be attending college.

"My first priority is to actually increase funding for K-12 education," she said.

Education "is not cheap but very, very, very worthwhile, and the most important investment you can make," she said.

FORAKIS, of Arlington, is a graduate of the Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland, College Park, according to his website. Forakis is a Certified Fraud Examiner. His responses to the Connection Newspapers Candidate Questionnaire appear elsewhere in this paper.

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Conservation Begins at Home

Three spots open to four running for key environmental and conservation board.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

Three of four candidates will be elected as directors to the Soil and Water Conservation District on Nov. 3.

Three of the four candidates, Scott Cameron and incumbents George Lamb IV and Gerald O. "Jerry" Peters Jr., debated at the Great Falls Grange on Monday, Oct. 19.

The Great Falls Citizens Association hosted and ran the candidate's forum at the recently renovated Grange, which is now ADA accessible.

"Real conservation, the important work in conservation happens on the ground, happens locally," said Cameron.

Peters, of Great Falls, is an incumbent on the Soil and Conser-

vation District Board. "I want to increase the sense of personal stewardship that people who own the land have for the land," he said.

Lamb has been the chairman the last four years. He thanked GFCA for hosting the forum and giving candidates in his race, usually overshadowed by races for supervisor, House of Delegates, state senator and the sheriff, among others, an opportunity to inform citizens of the board's work. Education efforts are top priority of the Soil and Water Conservation Board, he said.

Stephen L. Pushor, who is on the ballot, did not attend.

The three were asked questions about fertilizers, deer management, and the responsibility and partnership between urban, suburban and rural districts in Virginia.



Gerald O. "Jerry" Peters, Great Falls



Scott Cameron, Mount Vernon



George Lamb IV

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Why This Matters

The Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District was founded in 1945 by citizens concerned about conserving natural resources. They were established to develop programs to conserve soil resources, control and prevent soil erosion, prevent floods and conserve, develop, utilize and dispose of water. The group collaborates with Fairfax County and other partners to provide conservation information, technical services, educational programs and volunteer opportunities to residents on many aspects of water quality, nonpoint source pollution and stream health.

See www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/

FOUNDED IN 1945 by citizens concerned about conserving natural resources, the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District is one of 47 conservation districts in Virginia and approximately 3,000 nationwide. "Soil

and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) were established in the 1930s to develop comprehensive programs to conserve soil resources, control and prevent soil erosion, prevent floods and conserve, develop, utilize and dispose

of water," according to its website.

Although not a regulatory agency, the group collaborates with Fairfax County and other partners to provide conservation information, technical services, educational programs and volunteer opportunities to residents on many aspects of water quality, nonpoint source pollution and stream health.

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Potomac School Student Earns Honors for Independent Research

Potomac School senior Matt Spencer has been selected as a regional semi-finalist in the Siemens Competition in Science, Math and Technology for his research on bioremediation, a waste-management technique that involves the use of organisms to remove or neutralize pollutants. Spencer was one of only 36 Virginia students selected as regional semifinalists and one of just 466 semi-finalists nationwide.



Matt Spencer

Spencer, a student in Potomac's Science and Engineering Research Center (SERC) program, has been working on his independent research project for more than two years. Potomac biology teacher Dr. Isabelle Cohen notes, "Matt's findings are an extension of 2014 Potomac graduate Caden Petersmeyer's research on identifying plant fungi that consume plastic as their sole nutrient." After isolating more than 50 types of fungi, Petersmeyer discovered two that are capable of surviving solely on plastic.

Using the fungi that Petersmeyer identified, Spencer took the research a step further: He sought to identify the digestive byproducts produced as the fungi consume plastic. His research shows that the fungi break down polyurethane particles while producing neither carbon dioxide nor methane – meaning that this process has the po-

tential to bioremediate plastic waste without producing byproducts that are harmful to the environment. Part of Spencer's analysis was conducted at Georgetown University's Institute for Soft Matter Synthesis and Metrology, under the guidance of Dr. Xinran Zhang.

The Potomac School is an independent K-12 college-preparatory school located in McLean. Now in its fifth year,

the SERC program is one of three selective advanced programs offered by Potomac's Upper School. The other two are the Visual and Performing Arts Concentration and the Global Perspectives and Citizenship Program). SERC was created to give students opportunities to do long-term independent research, work in a professional lab and stretch their minds. "It's for students who want to take on some open questions and do more than just coursework," says Doug Cobb, chair of the Upper School Science Department.

After taking biology as freshmen, students enter SERC as sophomores, taking two courses – one in accelerated physics and chemistry, and another focused on developing the proposal and experiment design for their research. They also secure a mentor in the wider community – an expert in their field of interest who will assist with their research and provide equipment, materials and/or lab space.

MCLEAN POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

INCIDENTS FROM OCT. 16-23

Commercial Robbery: 2700 block of Gallows Road, 10/22/15 at about 10:25 p.m. Employees were closing their business when two unknown males entered the store, displayed a handgun and demanded money. The suspects took property and fled. The victims did not sustain any physical injuries during the event. Suspect one was described as a black male in his 20s, about 6 feet 2 inches, approximately 180 pounds and wearing an orange sweatshirt and jeans. Suspect two was described as being in his late teens, about 5 feet 10 inches, approximately 165 pounds and wearing a black jacket and dark jeans.

Assault: 1700 block of Westwind Way, 10/22/15 at about 12:58 a.m. The victim was walking when he was assaulted by two men. The victim was transported to INOVA Fairfax Hospital and treated for a broken leg. The suspects were unknown to the victim and only described as white males. The investigation continues.

Commercial Burglary: 7500 block of Leesburg Pike, 10/15/15 at about 7:52 a.m. A business owner reported an unknown person entered the business and took property.

Larcenies
8100 block of Leesburg Pike, beverage from business
8200 block of Westpark Drive, wallet from vehicle
1900 block of Chain Bridge Road, merchandise from business
8300 block of Leesburg Pike, wallet from business
2800 block of Merrilee Drive, merchandise from

business
1400 block of Highwood Drive, property from vehicle
8600 block of Westwood Center Drive, bicycle from residence
2900 block of District Avenue, merchandise from business
3000 block of Gallows Road, property from school
8300 block of Leesburg Pike, merchandise from business
9400 block of Delancey Drive, cash from vehicle
1700 block of Drewlaine Drive, property from vehicle
2700 block of Gallows Road, cash from business
2900 block of Gallows Road, wallet from business
6500 block of Georgetown Pike, phone from school
2000 block of International Drive, merchandise from business.

Indecent Exposure: 3000 block of Nutley Street, 10/21/15 at about 7:39 p.m. A man was shopping and was approached by a man. The suspect pulled down his pants and exposed himself, then fled. The suspect was described as a white or Hispanic male, 6 feet tall, with a skinny build, wearing a red hat.

Stolen Vehicles
7400 block of Linda Lane, 2002 Ford Focus
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vote Yes on School Bond Referendum

To the Editor:

I urge all Fairfax County citizens to vote Yes for the Fairfax County school bond referendum on Nov. 3.

Nearly \$300 million is needed for infrastructure improvements and new build-out for Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS). Voting Yes on the school bond referendum will allow the county to maintain the "world class education system" that FCPS provides, which is a driving force behind our region's economic success.

FCPS is the largest public school system in the Commonwealth and the 10th largest school system in the nation. Since the 2008-2009 school year, enrollment has increased by more than 22,000 students and continued strong growth is anticipated. Existing classrooms are in dire need of renovations to assure student safety.

Bonds are the means by which we provide the necessary funding. The use of bonds avoids diverting funds that are critically needed for classroom instruction. They also spread the financing of required school construction over the improvement's usable life, diversifying the contribution throughout several years.

It is important to note that the use of bonds will not increase county taxes, nor will they affect the county's coveted bond rating.

Together, we can pass the 2015 School Bond to make the necessary investments for a brighter future for our students and our county. To learn more visit: www.fairfaxschoolbond.com.

Len Forkas

Chairman, Fairfax Citizens for Better Schools

Del. Murphy Fights Gun Store Location, Parisot Stays Silent

To the Editor:

It was unconscionable that Craig Parisot, the challenger for the 34th House District, evaded a question at the McLean Citizens Association debates concerning his position on the gun shop opening for business next to an elementary school in McLean. This issue has aroused considerable public concern in the last few weeks. For a candidate to be unwilling to take a stand on such a safety-related issue should disqualify him from office. In stark contrast, Del. Kathleen Murphy has consistently opposed this gun shop location. She spoke passionately in support of the many parents who are alarmed about how this business could affect the safety of their children at the school.

Parisot's response to the question? "Check my website." Really? Such a preposterous response is disrespectful to the audience. (I did check and found nothing related to gun safety). It was obvious that he did not want to jeopardize his National Rifle Association (NRA) supporters, and had no intention going on the record opposing the gun shop location. This obeisance to the NRA is shameful. We must re-elect Delegate Kathleen Murphy.

Michael P. Fruitman
McLean

Pro-business Candidate

To the Editor:

Northern Virginia needs a strong delegate with proven leadership skills to best represent our

community's interests in Richmond. Craig Parisot is that proven leader. In fact, the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), Virginia's leading small-business association, has endorsed Craig in the 34th House District race. The NFIB represents the nation's 325,000 small and independent business owners to promote and protect the right to own, operate and grow their own business. On the other hand, Craig's opponent, Kathleen Murphy, received a vote of no confidence from The Northern Virginia Technology Council, the nation's largest technology council serving about 1,000 companies and organizations in the region.

She is the only incumbent Delegate in Northern Virginia who did not earn their support. This raises serious questions about Murphy's ability to represent our business community. Craig Parisot has held significant leadership positions in two technology start-ups, and served as the executive vice president and chief strategy officer of Altamira Technologies Corporation in McLean. We need leaders in Richmond who have the confidence of the job creators and innovators of our district. Craig Parisot would be a real leader for our community. We should all do our part to elect him as our next delegate on Nov. 3.

Gordon Milbourn
McLean

A Vote of 'No Confidence'

To the Editor:

Every incumbent Delegate in Northern Virginia was endorsed by the Northern Virginia Technology Council, with the exception of 34th District delegate, Kathleen Murphy. This can only be viewed as a vote of no confidence in our current delegate. Despite her

claims of small business support, it is clear that Northern Virginia's technology sector is not satisfied and wants new leadership. Craig Parisot has built two small companies in the technology sector and has a proven track record in the business community. He has the experience and leadership we need.

Rosie Oakley
McLean

Supporting Chronis

To the Editor:

I have to assume that voters who sing the praises of Supervisor John Foust live in a different universe from mine. They point, without citing specifics, to his "impressive accomplishments," that he "listens to his constituents," his "leadership on education." But what I see is the \$20,000 (26 percent) salary increase he voted himself for his part time job as supervisor (quite an accomplishment); I see my taxes increasing 16 percent over the last three years over constituents' objections (Was he listening?); and I see a county budget that shorts our school system in spite of increased taxes, while Mr. Foust says this year's budget is as good as we are going to do. If he believes he can't do better, then you can bet he can't. That's leadership?

Jennifer Chronis, a long-time county resident, is career U.S. Air Force, a lieutenant colonel, and more recently a vice president at IBM. Those are achievements you don't attain without leadership skills. What she is not, is a career politician. Her stated top priority of "growing a vibrant balanced economy" to address the financial needs of Fairfax County is a far better option to meet next year's

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projected \$95 million shortfall, than endlessly raising taxes. Given her background, demonstrated skills, and obvious work ethic, can we really afford not to elect Jennifer Chronis?

Marty P. Smith
McLean

Helping Parisot Win

To the Editor:

The recent debate in Great Falls was another reminder that Craig Parisot is the most qualified candidate to represent Virginia's 34th District in the House of Delegates. His background as a business leader in the community equips him to understand the needs of our economy here in Northern Virginia. Craig offered voters substance and a plan of action. He gave straight answers to challenging questions and showed that he has given a lot of thought to the job of Delegate and the interests of the voters. He understands the challenges we face and is clearly up for the task. That is because he is a practical business leader, not a politician. There simply was no comparison. Craig Parisot won the debate. It's now up to us to help him win the election on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Nikhil Verma
McLean

Re-elect Janie Strauss

To the Editor

Fairfax County has been very fortunate to have had Janie Strauss as Dranesville's representative on the School Board for the last two decades. Janie has always fought to ensure that all students, regardless of mental or physical ability, are challenged by rigorous school programs such as in the arts, humanities, technology, foreign languages, and STEM. A mother of 4 FCPS graduates, I have worked with Janie as a volunteer in the McLean schools for many years and admire her high intelligence, her integrity and her pragmatism. She fights for the school's critical needs. At the moment, because of the current funding crisis and the projected \$72 million deficit in the proposed school budget, she has demonstrated that full funding is necessary to cover the costs of continued increases in school enroll

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As more and more seniors are opting to stay at home or live with relatives as they age, in-law suites have risen in popularity. Offering a great way to provide a sense of independence and privacy while living with relatives or easy living at home, in-law suites can be a great solution often created within existing space in the home.

There's no strict definition of an in-law suite, but generally it should have a private, full bathroom and a door that separates it from the rest of the home. If possible, it should also have a separate entrance and kitchen, especially if the living situation will be long-term. It's also important to consider its accessibility. A first floor is ideal for an in-law suite but adding an elevator or chairlift is another option to make all floors more accessible. Oftentimes a garage or porch area can be transformed into living space. Basements can also be a great solution. Or, if appropriate, an addition can be built to accommodate a new master suite.

It's important when planning an in-law suite to remember that the occupants of the suite may change, so keep the basic design attractive for any future uses. A good designer can work with you to assess your needs and space and offer creative solutions to an often not so simple situation.



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NEWS

School Board Promotes Dyslexia Awareness

And adopts two-hour delay for March Primary.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Nine-year-old Maxwell Gebharts stood confidently on a stepstool to address the Fairfax County School Board Oct. 22. "My old school didn't know I was dyslexic," he said. "I was very sad and felt like I wasn't keeping up with everybody."

Gebharts was one of several individuals to speak at the board's Thursday night business meeting on behalf of Decoding Dyslexia Virginia, the local chapter of a national grassroots organization advocating for better teacher training and resources for dyslexic students, as well as connecting parents with existing resources.

"I hope you can make it so kids like me don't have to leave their friends, don't have to struggle," Gebharts said. Board members and dozens of Decoding Dyslexia members and supporters applauded him when he finished speaking.

High school senior Calvin Rizek spoke next, explaining that he's currently taking all his remaining classes at Northern Virginia Community College. "The way you have failed me is not approaching dyslexia properly," he said. Rizek's mother got him a tutor in elementary school after he was "not taught the correct way to learn to read" in Fairfax County.

"I've been in the school system 15 years," Rizek said, "and I've been dyslexic the whole time, and not seen any change. Please act fast so you don't fail anyone else."

The speakers came to the meeting to coincide with the board recognizing October as Dyslexia Awareness Month.

Board members typically don't respond to citizen participation, though chairman Pat Hynes has acknowledged professional development for teachers could be more focused in the area of dyslexia, and that the school system's Strategic Plan calls for "getting tighter on early literacy."

Superintendent Dr. Karen Garza has taken action including requiring elementary school administrators and instructional staff be trained to recognize dyslexia symptoms and warning signs.

"I'm extremely excited to see the progress that we have going on not only in Fairfax County but in the Commonwealth of Virginia," Braddock District representative



Members of Decoding Dyslexia Virginia came out in support of the Fairfax County School Board recognizing October as Dyslexia Awareness Month at the Oct. 22 meeting.



Kate Hanley of the Fairfax County Electoral Board Office of Elections, formerly chairman of the Board of Supervisors and School Board representative from the Providence District, spoke to the significance of the later school start times for the Presidential primary on March 1, 2016.



Nine-year-old Maxwell Gebharts (left) was one of several individuals to speak at the School Board's Oct. 22 business meeting on behalf of Decoding Dyslexia Virginia



Calvin Rizek started working with an outside tutor in elementary school to help him overcome dyslexia and learn to read.

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Megan McLaughlin before she read the proclamation.

She described Decoding Dyslexia as being led by "by extraordinary women who have really helped to shape not only better practices here in Fairfax County, but within the Commonwealth of Virginia. To all of you, thank you so much for what you're doing to improve the lives of our children."

A workshop hosted by the Office of Special Education Instruction for parents of elementary school students with dyslexia is scheduled for Nov. 13 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Dunn Loring Center, 2334 Gallows Road.

WITH LOCAL ELECTIONS LOOMING, the board voted unanimously to have schools start two hours late on March 1, 2016, to accommodate the presidential primary voting.

Kate Hanley of the of Fairfax County Electoral Board Office of Elections, formerly chairman of the Board of Supervisors and School Board representative from the Providence District, spoke to the significance of the later school start times.

Hanley reminded the board "Super Tuesday" is a dual primary, with both parties fielding candidates for voting on the same day, at the same locations. "The whole thing is coming to town," she said.

According to Fairfax County, 165 of the 196 schools and centers in the system are used as polling places.

"Voters must have free access to polls," Hanley said, adding that starting later "will mitigate many of our problems," such as parking congestion during pickup and dropoff times that coincide with heavy voting waves.

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ments, needed pay raises for teachers and to prevent harmful program cuts. We must re-elect Janie!

Sherry Wells

History professor, GW University
Former Longfellow PTA President
McLean

Sue Boucher

Falls Church

Proven Leader

To the Editor:

I have read with interest the accounts of the recent debates among the candidates for Dranesville Supervisor. Much of the challenger's time has been spent on how her business experience prepares her for the job of supervisor. However, I can't imagine that whatever her experience in the corporate was, would be better preparation than what John Foust has had as the successful Supervisor over the past eight years. His command of the fiscal and budgetary process at the county level make him a tremendous asset for keeping our government running efficiently. That is why he has the endorsements of teachers, firefighters, and the Northern Virginia BizPac, which represents the broad range of businesses in our community.

Foust even has the endorsement of the Chairman of the School Board, Pat Hynes and 10 members of the School Board. I personally feel comfortable that these endors-

ing organizations know what is best for Fairfax County.

I see no reason to take a risk on a novice when we have a proven leader in John Foust. Vote for the proven leader, John Foust.

Spreading False Information

To the Editor:

It is unfortunate that Graig Parisot, a new-comer to Fairfax County politics is reaching out to new lows of credibility in making false statements about Delegate Kathleen Murphy's position on I-66 tolls.

The toll proposals have become a hot issue since some state officials mentioned the possibility of using tolls on I-66 inside the beltway as a way to finance adding new lanes. Delegate Murphy, the incumbent in the 34th District in the House has opposed such tolls. She has stated her position on tolls at the McLean Community Center debate on Oct. 18. Nevertheless, Parisot has launched robo-calls falsely implying that Murphy is supporting such tolls.

This is a total falsehood. Parisot should stop such unethical behavior. Perhaps he is doing this to distract voters from his record which is an extreme Tea Party agenda.

J. Jay Volkert, PhD
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Conservation Begins at Home

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and Conservation Currents news updates.

PETERS WAS APPOINTED by the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board in March 2015 to be a director; he has been an associate director since 2009 and has represented NVSWCD on the Fairfax County Tree Commission since 2012.

Peters is retired after a 30-year

career as an environmental scientist and engineer, including being the first full-time employee of the Occoquan Watershed Monitoring Laboratory in 1972.

In retirement, he has focused on natural resource stewardship, he said. Peters is a Certified Master Naturalist and member of the Basic Training Committee of the Fairfax Chapter of the Virginia Master Naturalist program.

"I am also a Tree Commissioner," he said.

LAMB HAS SERVED on the board since January 2009 and is currently the vice chairman and treasurer.

Lamb, of Falls Church, serves as an at-large appointee on the Fairfax County Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC) and is the lead author on the Interrelationship between Land Use and Transportation chapter of the EQAC annual report. He was a co-founder of the Fairfax League of Conservation Voters, and represented the environmental commu-

nity on the Tysons Corner Land Use Task Force. He serves as the chairman of the IT Committee for the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

CAMERON, A BIOLOGIST who also has a M.B.A., has worked 36 years in environmental policy, including 20 years of federal service in natural resources programs at the Department of the Interior, Office of Management and Budget, Congress, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Cameron, of Mount Vernon, founded his own organi-

zation, Reduce Risks from Invasive Species Coalition. He is an environmental policy advisor to the governor of California, director of Conservation Policy for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and serves on the board of advisors to the Wildlife Alliance.

"We have 30 watersheds in Fairfax County, about a third are in good shape, a third are in really bad shape," he said, with the others in between.

"I've always wanted to get involved where it counts, locally," he said.

FAITH NOTES

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

Requiem will be offered at **St. John's McLean** on Sunday, Nov. 1, during the 5:30 pm service of Holy Eucharist. The St. John's Choir will be joined by choristers from St. Dunstan's Church in McLean and St. Peter's in the Woods, Fairfax Station. The Choir will be accompanied by flute, harp, oboe, timpani, and organ. Featuring Requiem by John Rutter.

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 6715 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Free. All welcome. For more information, please call 703-356-4902, or visit www.stjohnsmclean.org.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna, is holding Sunday evening worship service in a less formal atmosphere and more intimate setting to help you get ready for the week ahead. Sundays, 6 p.m. Communion offered. No childcare. 703-938-2119 or www.elcvienna.org.

St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls, offers musical, educational, outreach and fellowship ministries in addition to worship services, including a 7:45 a.m. worship service without music; 9 a.m. worship service, children's chapel and children's choirs; 10 a.m. Sunday school and adult forum; and 11 a.m. worship service with adult choir. 703-759-2082.

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.



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Long & Foster's Ron Glass Named Top Producer for August 2015

Ron Glass, a commercial broker with Long and Foster Real Estate, has been named top producer for August 2015 for Long and Foster's Commercial Division, located in Tysons Corner. Glass has been named top producer three times this year. He was recently recognized as the second highest producer in the Commercial Division in 2014. Glass is also a member of Long and Foster's Gold Club and recognized as a member of the Long and Foster Gold Team Hall of Fame.

Helping Homeless Build New Lives

Cardinal Bank and George Mason Mortgage donate \$10,000 to HomeAid Northern Virginia.

Cardinal Bank (NASDAQ: CFNL) announced that the Cardinal Community Fund and George Mason Mortgage, LLC, have awarded \$10,000 to HomeAid Northern Virginia. Founded in 2001 by members of the Northern Virginia Builders Industry Association, HomeAid has built and renovated 99 homes and shelter facilities, valued at more than \$12.6 million, for more than 72,000 homeless families and individuals in Northern Virginia. HomeAid enables families and individuals to get back on the road to self-sufficiency, helping them break the cycle of homelessness and rebuild their lives. Earlier this year, the Cardinal Community Fund awarded a grant to Women Giving Back, a program then operated by HomeAid Northern Virginia, which provides clothing to women and children living in the shelter community.



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From left — Cardinal Bank Senior Vice President Jason McDonough; HomeAid Northern Virginia Executive Director Christy Eaton; Van Metre Companies Executive Vice President and HomeAid Board President Brian Davidson; HomeAid Northern Virginia Communications & Special Events Manager Faith Boruta; George Mason Mortgage Executive Vice President Matthew Fox; and Cardinal Bank Chief Credit Officer Chris Bergstrom.

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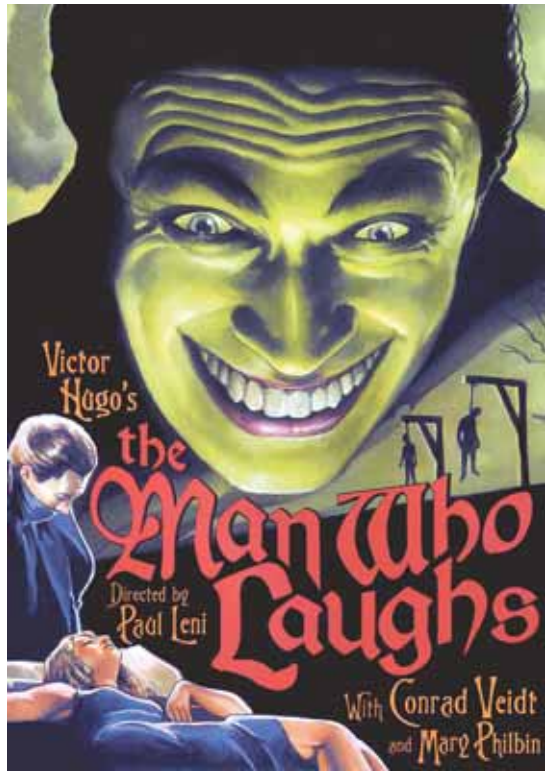
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THURSDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 29-31
"The Cherry Orchard." Thursday-Friday, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 1 p.m. Madeira Chapel Auditorium, 8328 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Anton Chekhov's play on the rich tapestry of human emotion, ambition and desire in a small-town Russian community coming to grips with the reality of changing times. \$5, \$10. Purchase tickets at <https://www.madeira.org/arts/performing-arts/drama-theatre/buy-tickets/>.

FRIDAY/OCT. 30
"Persuasion" Book Launch. 5-9 p.m. Barnes and Noble Tysons Corner, 7851 L. Tysons Corner Center, McLean. Award-winning YA author and teen literacy advocate Martina Boone is coming to celebrate the release of her new book. Q and A, costume contests, crafts and book signing.
Book Fair. 5-9 p.m. Barnes & Noble, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. Join as they welcome the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia to the store for a book fair. This Halloween themed book fair will feature interactive story building sessions, a costume contest for younger children and another one for teens, storytimes, crafts and various other activities. Free admission.
2015 Arts Awards. Noon-2 p.m. Fairview Park Marriott, 3111 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church. Jim Vance of NBC 4 will emcee the event honoring four awardees, Earle C. Williams, Rebecca Kamen, Vienna Jammers, Richard Hausler. Great Falls sculptor Jonathan Fisher designed custom awards, commissioned by the Arts Council. For tickets and information, <http://artsfairfax.org/artsawards>.

SATURDAY/OCT. 31
"The Man Who Laughs." 2 p.m. The Alden, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Based



The Alden's Classics of the Silent Screen series at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31, with a showing of the 1928 film, "The Man Who Laughs." Based on a Victor Hugo novel, this sad, horrific and swashbuckling film is a great way to start off Halloween celebrations. The Alden is located at 1234 Ingleside Avenue.

Halloween Calendar

Halloween events in the area

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FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 30-31
Water Pumpkin Patch. Friday, 5-7 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Tysons YWCA, 8101 Wolftrap Road, Vienna. Come ready to have fun, swim in the pool with the pumpkins and pick one to go. \$6 per person, \$20 per family. karen@neptune-aquatics.com.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 31-NOV. 1
Reston Zoo's Zooboo. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Reston Zoo, 1228 Hunter Mill Road, Vienna. Designed for a younger audience, Zoo Boo offers four days of scare-free fun. Join the safe zoo neighborhood of Halloween entertainment, with kid-friendly fun around every corner.

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Craft Kids Hour. 1 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Create awesome crafts to take home. Age 5-12.
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Halloween! at the Great Falls

Farmers Market, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Great Falls Village Centre. Trick or Treat the vendors. Costume competition. Healthy Snack Contest - 8 - 18 year old contestants. Chef's Pumpkin Challenge. Kid's Pumpkin Painting & more. The Higher Ground String Band. 778 Walker Road. Great Falls. www.greatfallsfarmersmarket.org for details.

Vienna Train Show. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St. S, Vienna. Over 50 tables of trains for sale. All kinds: Lionel, American Flyer, HO, train accessories and plastic buildings. And, train repair and parts dealers, Train Doctor, door prizes, free train appraisals. \$5, Free to children under 12, military and Scouts in uniform. <http://www.wba-tca-eastern.org/>.

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A Very Special Solo Evening with Joan Armatrading. 7:30 p.m. The Barns, Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road Vienna. Known for hits, including "Love and Affection" and "Drop the Pilot," the three Grammy winner, Joan Armatrading, brings to the Barns a great performance spanning her entire career. On the stage, she sings a variety of genres of songs live as well as plays piano and guitar. Tickets: \$85-\$95. For more information, visit <http://www.wolftrap.org/tickets/calendar/performance/1516barns/1031show15.aspx> or call 703-255-1900.

SUNDAY/NOV. 1

Playing by Air. 2 p.m. The Alden, McLean Community Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Music, juggling and circus acts in which traditional theatricality meets absurd comedy. The award-winning performers share their sense of playfulness and perform breathtaking feats in a production enjoyed equally by adults and children. \$20, \$15. www.aldentheatre.org. 703-790-0123.

THURSDAY/NOV. 5

Sister Sparrow and the Dirty Birds. 8 p.m. The Barns, Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road Vienna. Sister Sparrow delivers high-energy anthems with her Dirty Birds. The band is currently touring behind its new release, "The Weather Below" (2015). Tickets: \$20 advance; \$25 day of. For more information, visit <http://www.wolftrap.org/> or call 703-255-1900.

SATURDAY/NOV. 7

Bruce Vilanch and Judy Gold. 9 p.m. The Alden, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. "An Evening with Bruce Vilanch and Judy Gold," the comedians pair up for separate stand-up sets united by their gay, Jewish identities and raunchy, sidesplitting observations. Mature audiences. \$20/\$35. www.aldentheatre.org. 703-790-0123.

Judy Gold and
Bruce Vilanch

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Provocative, Edgy Humor

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

**'Big and Tall'
come to the
Alden Theatre.**

Late night, cheeky stand-up comedy, with plenty of sharp pointed takes on contemporary times will be front-and-center at the Alden Theatre. It is "An Evening with Bruce Vilanch and Judy Gold, also known as "Big and Tall" for one brash performance only.

When asked about scheduling the mischievous duo of Vilanch and Gold, Sarah N. Schallern, director, performing arts, McLean Community Center said, "I was directly responding to patron requests for more comedy. We survey our audiences regularly, and they always say they want The Alden to bring comedy acts, so we're giving them two for one!"

Gold and Vilanch are known as "Big and Tall" since Gold is well over 6 feet tall, while Vilanch is far from tall, but easily recognized in his own way. The two comedians will perform their later-night, stand-up sets "united by their gay, Jewish identities and raunchy, sidesplitting observations," according to the Alden marketing material.

Gold has appeared on Comedy Central and HBO shows as well as co-hosting "The View." She has received Emmy Awards for her work on The Rosie O'Donnell Show. She is a Drama Desk and GLAAD Award winner for "25 Questions for a Jewish Mother." She also has a weekly podcast called "Kill Me Now."

Emmy Award recipient Vilanch has written for the annual Academy Awards telecasts for decades as well as for the likes of Whoopi Goldberg, Billy Crystal, Alec Baldwin, Steve

Martin, Bette Midler among others. He has starred as "Edna Turnblatt" in the musical "Hairspray" both on Broadway and the national touring company. He has appeared on the long-running "Hollywood Squares."

In an interview, Gold indicated that she loves "to do stand-up comedy before a live audience. Performing before an audience is my favorite place to be." Her self-deprecating, sassy humor is fresh and includes reactions to audience reactions. Vilanch said he "plans to riff on grown-up, topical humor taking the world as he sees it." He also expects to share stories about life working in Hollywood with its many fascinating personalities. Gold and Vilanch were hilarious, priceless, no holds barred interviews.

Is McLean ready for boldly off-center world of Gold and Vilanch? "Their humor is racy... maybe a bit edgier; but very smart and very witty and universally funny. Audiences can expect to laugh. A lot," noted Schallern. The intermission free show is for adults; starting at 9 p.m. for a reason.

Where and When

"An Evening with Bruce Vilanch and Judy Gold," at the Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave, McLean. Performance on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015 at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$35, \$20 for McLean Community Center (MCC) tax district residents. Information/Tickets visit: www.aldentheatre.org or call 703-790-0123. **Note:** This show is for mature audiences only.



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Here's What's Happening at MCC

The Alden Silent Film Series "The Man Who Laughs"

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Sunday, Nov. 1, 2 p.m.
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Tuesday, Nov. 3, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
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Children's Flea Market

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Onstage @ The Alden "Big and Tall: Bruce Vilanch and Judy Gold"

Saturday, Nov. 7, 9 p.m.
\$35/\$20 MCC district residents

Onstage @ The Alden Elska: "Middle of Nowhere"

Sunday, Nov. 8, 2 p.m.
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Candidates for State Delegate in 34th District

Kathleen Murphy (D-34)*

Incumbent

Town of residence: McLean

Family: My husband Bill Sudow and I are parents to six children

Education: BA Graduated Magna Cum

Laude from American University

Offices held, dates: Delegate, 34th District (January 2015 - Present)

Occupation and relevant

experience: I am currently President of Johnson Murphy & Associates where I build legislative strategies for companies and nonprofits. I served as Associate Staff on Appropriations for Congressman Charlie Wilson and handled Defense and Foreign Affairs, served as Congressional Liaison for United States Agency for International Development, and was appointed Senior Advisor at the International Trade Administration in the US Department of Commerce.

Community involvement: I am a member of the McLean Citizens Association, the McLean Community Foundation, and serve on the fundraising board for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. I served on the Human Services Council for Fairfax County and on the Fairfax County Health Care Task Force. I am the Democratic Party Precinct Co-Captain for Langley precinct.

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Name three favorite endorsements: Fairfax Chamber's NOVABizPAC, Virginia Education Association, Northern Virginia Association of Realtors



differences there?

I have successfully worked across party lines and my legislative record demonstrates that. This past session I cosponsored, and voted for, important legislation introduced by Republicans and Democrats and didn't let partisanship get in the way of doing what was right for our district.

4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative

priorities.

1. Reforming the funding formulas for our schools
2. Fighting for Northern Virginia's fair share of transportation funding
3. Ensuring we are business friendly and help small business have access to capital
4. Protecting our children and families from gun violence
5. Promoting renewable energy and other innovative technologies

5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

The population of Northern Virginia has increased significantly over the last 10 years. New residents are drawn, to our district specifically, by our quality of life and excellent school system. The extension of the Silver Line and the growth of the Tysons Corner business community are also contributing factors. Simply, the 34th is a great place to live and we need to work to ensure we provide the quality services are growing community deserves.

6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?

Yes. With more than 460 car-title loan operations in Virginia and interest rates reaching as high as 300%, this abusive high-interest lending must be addressed.

7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

Yes. I am very supportive of measures that protect and support our most vulnerable children who are aging out of foster care. Virginia has already made great strides in educational stability for children in foster care but there is more work to be done.

8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

Yes. I support Medicaid expansion because it is morally right and fiscally responsible. I will vote for expansion and I will continue to advocate for it in Richmond and in the 34th district.

Craig A. Parisot (R)

Challenger, House of Delegates

District 34

Town of residence: McLean

Age: 41

Family: Wife Kristin, Son Jackson

Education: Bachelor of Arts from the University of South Carolina, MBA from California State Polytechnic University and post-graduate work at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government

Occupation and relevant experience: Mr. Parisot is the President and Chief Executive Officer of his third start up. He previously held executive leadership roles in two technology start ups, successfully growing and selling both, and was a founder and the Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer of Altamira Technologies Corporation

Community involvement: Mr. Parisot served in the United States Air Force in a combination of active duty and reserve roles from 1996 to 2005 working on science and technology programs, eventually separating at the rank of Captain. Craig is a current board member of Volunteer Fairfax and its most recent past President. Volunteer Fairfax focuses on developing leaders and promoting volunteerism in the region, and mobilizes Fairfax County's volunteer resources in the face of a natural disaster or other crisis. Craig is also on the Board of Directors of the World Police and Fire Games, which created an \$83 million positive economic impact for the region. He also sits on the boards of other for-profit and not-for-profit organizations.

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Name three favorite endorsements: National Federation of Independent Business, Fairfax Chamber of Commerce NOVA BizPac, and Police Benevolent Association



bridge the intense partisan differences there?

I have always been one to run towards hard problems, both as an Air Force Officer and as a business executive. I have always been goal oriented. In business, you can't just walk away from the table. You must find solutions. We need a Delegate in Richmond with the experience and capacity to act. As a member of the majority, I have the ability to get things done — not as a partisan, but on the merits of the proposed solutions to our most urgent problems.

The Virginia way has always been one where elected officials and leaders across the state work together to get things done. This will be one of many things you will gain by sending me to Richmond.

4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

Invest in Public Education; Reduce commute times; Fight tolls on I-66 inside the beltway; Improve Virginia's business climate; Pursue growth opportunities in the high technology sector

5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

Our area is a very attractive place for people to live. Although, due to our proximity to the federal government, sequestration has had a devastating impact to our economy. Our cost of living continues to rise while traffic worsens. We must grow and diversify our economy, make the necessary investments in public education and solve the region's transportation problems. These are economic and quality of life issues. I am concerned about great people leaving our region because we have failed to address these issues in a meaningful way.

6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?

Virginia has made some progress in this area, but the question is have we done enough. I believe in finding the right balance between free market principles and providing accessibility to financing alternatives.

7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

I fully support ensuring that foster children are not forgotten about when they become young adults. We need to make sure those that truly need our help receive it. While I would not be opposed to federal funding, we must find ways to reduce our dependence on Washington.

8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

We should focus on providing for people's healthcare needs exploring the array of alternatives available. The only responsible conversation about a solution incorporates the long term impact to the Virginia taxpayer and reducing our reliance on the federal government. Medicaid currently represents 21% of Virginia's budget and is our fastest growing line item. Simply expanding a broken system is not a long term solution. I have concerns about both the quality and cost of care and we must tackle the matter of reimbursement rates and fraud, waste and abuse. Virginia makes a significant investment annually in the healthcare safety net to ensure everyone receives the help they need and we should continue taking this approach while pursuing necessary reforms.

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

Service before self is a deeply held value of great importance to me and as a third generation veteran, service has a long tradition in my family. I believe in the idea of the citizen legislator. That if we, as ordinary citizens, have something to offer our state or country in a time of need that it is our civic responsibility to offer ourselves in service to our neighbors. I think deeply about the challenges we face and, working together, will figure out ways to make meaningful progress to make our community stronger and safer.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

This race for Delegate is one of stark contrast. I'm a Business Leader, having built two advanced technology companies, I deployed lifesaving technologies for our soldiers and first responders, promoted women into key executive leadership roles, and have provided salaries and health benefits for hundreds of families. I have first-hand experience in the technologies central to the Northern Virginia innovation economy, and essential to our future.

3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully

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ELECTION '15

Candidates for State Senate in District 31

Barbara Favola (D)

Senate District 31 Incumbent

Town of residence: Arlington
Age: 60

Family: Married to Doug Weik with one son, Donald Patrick

Education: BS, Saint Joseph College in West Hartford, CT 1977; MPA, New York University, New York, NY 1980

Offices held, dates: Arlington County Board Member 1997 through 2011; VA State Senator 2011 to 2015

Occupation and relevant experience: Government Relations and Community Outreach Consultant

Community involvement: Board Member of: Child & Family Network Centers, Arlington YMCA, Culpepper Garden, Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocate Program and the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind

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Twitter handle: @BarbaraFavola

Name three favorite endorsements: Virginia Education Association; League of Conservation Voters and NARAL



3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggest you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?

The fact that I successfully passed important pieces of legislation is an indication that I can effectively work across party lines.

4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

Improving K-12 Education, Investing in Pre-School, Participating in Medicaid Expansion, Improving Workforce Training and better funding Higher Education.

5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

My district has become increasingly diverse and the public school systems in Arlington, Fairfax and Loudoun are struggling to ensure that high school graduation rates remain high and that higher education options are available to everyone.

6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?

Yes.

7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

Yes. I have introduced this legislation for the past three years. In 2014, the General Assembly passed authorizing legislation to permit Virginia's participation. However, State funding was not made available. I am working with Governor McAuliffe to include this program in his budget.

8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

Absolutely! I have been working to make Medicaid Expansion a reality in the Commonwealth for the past three years. I will work to build a strong coalition of support that includes Republican leaning organizations.

George V. Forakis (R)

Challenger, Senate District 31

Town of residence: Arlington
Age: 26

Education: University of Maryland; Robert H. Smith School of Business, B.S. Finance & Accounting

Occupation and relevant experience: Financial / National Security Consulting

Community involvement: Board of Directors – local environmental non-profit

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QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

Virginia, and more specifically Northern Virginia, faces the increasing challenge of providing a steady source of jobs that are not reliant on the federal government. This includes attracting both new and expanding businesses — in Northern Virginia, the evidence of this challenge is clear — vacant office space and a continued reliance on federal spending are issues that must be addressed as we move forward. This issue defines my call to serve the people of Virginia's 31st district; for too long, our representatives have avoided tackling the difficult issues that affect a majority of our population. These economic challenges can be addressed with a variety of approaches, including lower taxes, decreased regulation, investment in infrastructure, and cultivating an overall business-friendly environment. The advantages of this approach are widespread and include lower individual taxes across all levels of income, and improved infrastructure, such as roads and communications systems, that will benefit everyone.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

I have not spent my professional career in an elected position, and as such, my commitments are simple and unwavering — I will make sure that the people of the Northern Virginia are represented the way that they want to be represented, not the way that special interests groups and politicians would like them to be. To the people of this district: I promise to listen to you (yes, all of you — regardless of whether you are in the heart of Arlington or the neighborhoods of Fairfax and Loudoun Counties).

3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?

The state legislature, much like Congress and the rest of Washington, faces challenges stemming from partisan differences and stubborn, self-serv-

ing agendas. While I hold true to many of my party's values, I am not afraid to share my perspective as a member of the next generation of leaders. My issue agenda reflects a conservative approach with a willingness to consider an evolving landscape, both in our state and in our country. I am committed to representing the people of this district and am prepared to bring common-sense leadership to

the legislature.

4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

❖ Creating jobs through economic development initiatives ❖ Reduce the tax burden on the middle class by cutting waste and prioritizing spending ❖ Improving infrastructure to alleviate traffic/congestion, allowing for a better quality of life and positive secondary economic effects ❖ Invest in all levels of education, including higher education and high-quality vocational programs for students who do not want to, or are unable to attend four-year programs. ❖ Alternative energy sources and clean nuclear power

5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

Until "sequestration" in 2013, the population in this district (and Northern Virginia in general) was growing at an incredible rate. The federal budget cuts and subsequent slow in growth that occurred two years ago, however, illuminated that fact that we are too heavily reliant on D.C.'s fiscal policy and are in desperate need of our own economy. Indeed, we will always be home to defense contractors and IT professionals — but we must ensure that we create an environment that encourages all types of businesses to participate in the economy.

6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?

Yes. Part of our job as legislators is to protect the people that we represent and we are obligated to prevent businesses from taking advantage of Virginia families, even if it means putting common-sense limitations on the free market.

7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

Yes. Assistance to these families, especially considering that they may be considering/already enrolled in higher education at the time of aging out, is critical in shaping the futures of our foster children.

8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

Instead of Medicaid expansion, I support solutions that give Virginia citizens options and will work to support proactively-focused and less costly preventative care.

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It's also worth noting that new, more restrictive voter identification regulations took effect last year. Voters arriving to the polls without required photo ID will be al-

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SPORTS

Young Helps Wakefield Fend Off Improving Marshall

Statesmen fall to 4-4 overall, 3-1 in Conference 13.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

As members of the Wakefield and Marshall football teams passed one another in the postgame handshake line, Wakefield senior running back Leon Young offered words of encouragement to the opposing Statesmen.

"They fight hard every single play," Young said. "That's what I told all of the guys during the handshake: 'It's going to get rough. Just keep your heads up and keep on pushing and things will turn around for you.'"

On Friday night in Arlington, Wakefield-versus-Marshall was a matchup of a perennial loser-turned-playoff team and a longtime doormat on the rise. While Marshall might one day reach Wakefield's level of improvement, there were still elements separating the two teams.

Mainly, Young plays for the Warriors.

Young amassed 279 yards of offense and scored four touchdowns, leading Wakefield to a 33-19 victory over Marshall on Oct. 23 at Wakefield High School. The Warriors extended their win streak to six games and took over sole possession of first place in Conference 13 after each team entered Friday's contest with a 3-0 conference record.

"We knew that [Marshall] was a good team," Wakefield head coach Wayne Hogwood said. "We've seen them develop. I've watched [head coach] George [Masten] turn this program around slowly each year."

In 2014, just his second season as Wakefield head coach, Hogwood led a program with 30 consecutive non-winning seasons to its best record since 1972. The Warriors finished 8-4 and earned the first playoff victory in program history. This season, the Warriors dropped their first two games but entered Friday having won five straight.

IN THE FIVE SEASONS before Masten took over as Marshall head coach in 2014, the Statesmen compiled a record of 4-46, including back-to-back winless seasons in 2012 and 2013. Marshall finished 2-8 in Masten's first year, but is much improved this season, entering Friday's game with a 4-3 record.

Marshall has not had a winning season since 2007.

Masten has helped point Marshall in the right direction, but the Statesmen played Friday's second half without their head coach, who was ejected with 4:01 remaining in the second quarter after arguing with an official.

"I'm going to do whatever I can to protect my guys," Masten said. "I love my guys. These kids are special to me and if I can blatantly see that somebody's going after one of my players and it's not going to get called, then I'm going to go after that offi-



Marshall running back Jelani Murray produced the Statesmen's lone offensive touchdown against Wakefield on Friday, scoring on a 40-yard run.

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cial and I'm going to let them know that that's not acceptable, 100 percent. I don't care what happens. If they're going to go after [my player] and [the officials are] not going to do anything about it, I'm going to let them know about it."

While Marshall has struggled in recent seasons, Hogwood said the Warriors did not take the Statesmen lightly.

"We knew," Hogwood said. "We talked about it last year. We saw this program that Marshall has developing last year. They do things the right way, their lower levels are good and they've got a couple kids that our kids know. The ... quarterback (Markel Harrison) is a great athlete. The fullback (Joshua Hurlburt) ... is one of the toughest kids we've ever played against. We didn't sleep on them at all. We knew this was going to be one of the toughest games of the year and I think that helped us and we practiced that way this week."

Marshall junior Elijah Weske returned the second-half kickoff 74 yards for a touchdown, giving the Statesmen a 16-13 lead early in the third quarter. Wakefield didn't panic, however, regaining the lead on its following possession. The Warriors used 7 minutes, 2 seconds to march 90 yards in 11 plays, taking a 20-16 lead on a 5-yard touchdown pass from sophomore quarterback Colton Poythress to Young.

A roughing the punter penalty against Marshall kept the drive alive.

Wakefield extended the lead to 26-16 on its next drive, when Poythress connected with Young for a 63-yard touchdown with 10:32 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Young carried 30 times for 187 yards and two touchdowns, and caught five passes for 92 yards and two scores.

"He can do everything," Hogwood said. "He can catch, he can throw — although we don't want him to — he can run and he wants the ball. In a game situation like this, he'll come over, all I've got to do is ask him which way he wants to go."

It was the second straight week Young scored four touchdowns in a game. He ran

for 208 yards and four scores during a 49-0 win against Stuart on Oct. 16.

"He's doing what I've been expecting him to do, to be honest with you," Hogwood said. "He's been my guy since he was a sophomore. I came in, he came up from the freshman [team], that offensive line came up, we played all of those guys as sophomores and they took their lumps and they didn't quit on us. They kept learning, they kept listening, they kept taking the criticism we were giving them and they've gotten better every year and every game and this is where we expected them to be."

Young and Hogwood each praised the Wakefield offensive line.

Poythress, who took over as Wakefield's starting quarterback after the team lost its first two games, also had a big night for the Warriors, completing 8 of 10 passes for 127 yards and three touchdowns. His 24-yard touchdown pass to Chris Robertson gave Wakefield a 33-16 lead with 7:12 remaining in the fourth quarter.

"We still are looking for him to mature a little bit more and get a little bit more confident in himself," Hogwood said about sophomore Poythress, "but he's done ... the most important thing, I think, as a quarterback — he doesn't make mistakes."

MARSHALL QUARTERBACK Harrison completed 8 of 15 passes for 93 yards, and was intercepted once. Running back Jelani Murray carried five times for 63 yards and a touchdown, and Hurlburt carried 14 times for 46 yards.

Marshall kicker Robert Guenther made field goals of 29 and 36 yards.

"We came to play," Masten said. "I don't think we have the [same amount of] size as people that we play across the board. I think we play extremely hard up front for the guys we have. I think we played really hard, so I'm very proud of my guys."

Wakefield (6-2, 4-0) will travel to face Thomas Jefferson at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30. Marshall (4-4, 3-1) will travel to face Stuart.



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Jessica Donaldson and the Langley volleyball team are nearing the end of the regular season.

Langley, McLean Competing for Top Seed in Conference 6

The Langley and McLean volleyball team are competing for the top seed in the Conference 6 tournament as the regular season comes to a close.

Langley faced defending state runner-up Madison on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline. The Saxons entered the match with a 5-0 conference record, while the Warhawks were 4-1. Langley will conclude the regular season with a home match against rival McLean at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 29.

McLean faced Yorktown on Tuesday. The Highlanders entered the match with a 4-1 conference record after beating Madison in five sets on Oct. 21.

Langley Football Falls to 1-7

The Langley football team lost to South Lakes 48-42 on Oct. 23, dropping its record to 1-7 overall and 1-4 in Conference 6.

It was the Saxons' third defeat by seven points or less.

Langley will host Yorktown at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30.

McLean Football Searching for First Win

The McLean football team fell to 0-8 with a 28-0 home loss to Washington-Lee on Oct. 23.

The Highlanders will travel to face Fairfax at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30 and will conclude the regular season with a home game against rival Langley at 7 p.m. on Nov. 6.

SCHOOLS

After a breakfast and interview with Del. Kathleen Murphy (D-34), Annie Blair was able to show Murphy her completed presentation.

Cooper Middle Students Hold a Mock Election

Shaking hands and speaking with students, Del. Kathleen Murphy (D-34) engages eighth grade students at Cooper Middle School in political discussions and views their research projects. All eighth grade students researched different candidates and presented information during a mock election. Students were given voter registration cards and placed a vote. The ballot is still out.

Eighth-grader Sherwin Monenian studies the different information and research before placing his vote.



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED



Cameron Hohl created a series of terraced beds along the front of the school.

Completing Eagle Scout Project at Churchill Road

On Oct. 3, Cameron Hohl, a junior at Langley High School and Churchill Road alumnus, completed his Eagle Scout project at Churchill Road Elementary School. Along with 27 volunteers, including parents and fellow members of Boy Scout Troop 444, Cameron created a series of terraced beds along the front of the school. Besides being an aesthetic improvement, the new beds will decrease the erosion along the front of the school. The Churchill Road community extends a sincere thank you to Cameron and all the scouts and family members for their efforts.



PHOTO BY JULIE HOHL



Pictured from left in front of the terraced beds they built at Churchill Road Elementary School are Eagle Scout candidate Cameron Hohl, Tom Bascom, Kurt Hohl, Tom Kiess, John Endean, Jeff Zimmerman, fellow scout Will Baxley, John Baxley, and scouts Thomas Bascom and Daniel Endean.

SCHOOL NOTES

Send school notes to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com by Friday.

Brendan Mullen, Langley HS grad class of 2011, son of Mike and Debbie Mullen of Great Falls, graduated Magna Cum Laude, with Distinction from the Pennoni Honors College, Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pa. Brendan earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences and will be attending Drexel College of Medicine in the fall. While at Langley, Brendan played goalie for the Langley Saxons Ice Hockey team and at Drexel, played on two inline teams, one of which won the Philadelphia College Roller Hockey League championship this spring.

George Mahaney-Walter, son of Mary Claire Mahaney and Herbert Walter of McLean, was awarded the degree of Master of Business Administration in recent commencement exercises at the Simon School of Business of the University of Rochester.

Northern Virginia Community College is preparing to welcome 17 incoming Honors Program Scholars for the start of the 2015-2016 academic year, which begins Aug. 24. The scholarship provides \$10,000 to be divided into fall and spring semesters for two years, at \$2,500 per semester. It will assist students with the cost of tuition toward a NOVA degree. **Natalia Chavez Choque and Benjamin Atherton, of McLean High School**, received this scholarship.

Victor Zheng, 21, of McLean, is among five University of Virginia scholars who have received Critical Language Scholarships to assist them in pursuing their love of language. They will spend seven to 10 weeks in intensive language institutes this summer in one of 13 countries to study languages the U.S. government has deemed "critical." Zheng will study Chinese in Dalian, China. He is a third-year history and Chinese major who is learning Mandarin Chinese.

"I applied out of a desire to have another opportunity to go back to China and be immersed in its environment," he said. "I also just inherently love being abroad where I believe I learn the best and the most." Zheng, who is a member of U.Va.'s Virginia Glee Club, plans to pursue a master's degree in international relations.

Graham P. Lobel, the son of Doug and Betsy Lobel of McLean, received a Bachelor of Science degree cum laude, from Haverford College, in Haverford, Pa., at the school's 177th Commencement on Sunday, May 17. Lobel graduated with High Honors in Chemistry. At Commencement, Lobel also received The George Peirce Prize in Chemistry, for excellence in undergraduate research. Lobel graduated from the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in 2011.

Gabrielle Greco, of Vienna, daughter of Drs. Stephen and Judith Greco, was named to the Dean's List at the College of William and Mary for the Spring Semester.

Dylan Maxwell Phillips, of Great Falls, has been named to the president's list at James Madison University for the spring 2015 semester. Students who earn president's list honors must carry at least 12 graded credit hours and earn a GPA of 3.90 or above. Phillips is a senior whose major is Computer Info Systems - BBA.

Chun-Ming "Chris" Chen of Vienna and Maria Vera Alvarez of South Riding have been awarded **Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarships**. Both students attend Northern Virginia Community College. Chen and Vera Alvarez are among 90 students nationally to receive the prestigious award which provides up to \$40,000 a year toward tuition, books, living expenses and required fees for the final two to three years needed to earn a bachelor's degree. It is the largest private scholarship for two-year and community college transfer students in the country.

A Situation Continuing to Fester

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



Nine days since my PET Scan, and no word, electronically or otherwise, from my oncologist. Not having had a PET Scan in six and a half years, I'm not sure what its results would indicate, currently or comparatively (it was requested that I bring a copy of my previous scan). I mean, I know I have cancer. Do I have more cancer? In more places? Nevertheless, I'm all ears and/or eyes waiting to see or hear something. Not that I'm obsessing about it, but I am thinking/wondering/hoping/praying for news with which I can continue to live.

Now this isn't the first time/interval when scan results have not been communicated quickly enough – for our sake/benefit. Obviously, good news/results we want to receive immediately, if not sooner. Bad news/results we don't want to receive at all (if you know what I mean), but in not receiving good news – within our preferred timeline – we then presume the news is bad. My oncologist has said previously that he'd rather wait and see us in person – which typically we do within a week's time or so, so that he can discuss/explain/strategize – as the case may be, in the event the radiologist's report requires some simplification and clarification. Having given us inaccurate/incomplete information once before – which in that one instance was bad news, he'd rather wait, thereby allowing him/the radiologist sufficient time to interpret the data and provide Team Lourie a correct assessment.

More often than not, however, when the news has been good, my oncologist has e-mailed advising us of the encouraging (I didn't say surprising) news. On the few occasions when the news has been bad (I'd rather call it discouraging), he has been inconsistent: sometimes he has e-mailed us, sometimes not; never a phone call though, regardless. This inconsistency has created an expectation that says good news we get, bad news not much, literally. And generally speaking, inconsistency in the flow of information between doctor and patient, especially between oncologist and cancer patient, needs to be consistent. If not, the byproduct is stress; the absolute last side effect a cancer patient needs – or rather never needs.

I understand, after addressing this communication breakdown with my oncologist, that he's happy to e-mail us results if we'd like, but when the news/results are bad, he seems to be a victim of his circumstances or the constraints of the system: he has no time to see us. His preference remains a face-to-face appointment – to minimize any misunderstanding on our part and perhaps to plan a new present/future for me – so waiting seems the only alternative. The problem is, as it is now, as it has been for over six and a half years: we're sort of receiving mixed messages – consistently. As a result, we never know if no news is good news; no news is bad news; or no news is simply no news (not to be interpreted in any way). After years of this back-and-forth/forth-and-back, my oncologist is very cognizant of our anxiety/potential misinterpretation of facts not yet in evidence. At this juncture, he must know that this cancer patient – who was originally diagnosed with non-small cell lung cancer, stage IV and who he gave a "13-month to two-year" prognosis, needs to be coddled a little bit (make that a lot) and maybe even accommodated (no "maybes" about it). To leave us (or any other diagnosed-as-terminal cancer patient) in the lurch is not exactly cruel and unusual punishment, but it doesn't make me long for "Addams Family" reruns either. But there is a similarity in our respective circumstances: it is "mysterious and spooky" and "all together ooky." Neither of which is helpful in the least.

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DEADLINE SATURDAY/OCT.31

Poetry Contest Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Arts and Letters Committee is sponsoring a poetry contest for Fairfax County Public Middle School students. The poetry title is: Silhouette of a Woman: An Influential Female in My Life. The submissions will be reviewed for awards of \$125 for first place, \$75 for second place, and \$50 for third place. www.fcacdst.org. Poetry Contest deadline for submission is October 30th. Email entries and inquiries can be sent to: artsandletters@fcacdst.org. Mailed entries must be postmarked by October 30th and sent to: Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. P.O. Box 221224 Chantilly, VA 20153-1224.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 4

McLean Newcomers and Neighbors Monthly Coffee. 11 a.m.-noon. Take 5 Boutique, 2905 District Ave., McLean. Non-members are invited to come meet the club members and to hear about their various activities. For further information contact: Elaine Varner, emvarner@verizon.net.

SATURDAY/NOV. 7

CPR/First Aid Certification. 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. St. Francis Church Hall, 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. The class will be taught by American Red Cross certified trainers and will cover CPR and First Aid for both children and adults. \$75. www.celebrategreatfalls.org.

TUESDAY/NOV. 10

Red Cross Blood Donation. 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Long and Foster Realtors, 1355 Beverly Road, McLean. McLean is holding a blood drive. Please sign up today at www.redcrossblood.org and search by Sponsor Code: LONGANDFOSTERMCLEAN or call 1-800-REDCROSS to schedule your appointment.

Fire Station Open House. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Great Falls Volunteer Fire Station, 9916 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Firefighter demonstrations, station tours and fun instructional activities will be available for children and adults alike. Come learn about fire safety and why it's so important.

NARFE Meeting. 1 p.m. American Legion Post 180, 330 North Center St., Vienna. National Active & Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) Meeting. Guest speakers, Leonard Ignatowski and Jay Kalner - members of VVA Chapter 227. Come and hear from two Army Veterans who served our country in Vietnam. Free. Members and guests are welcome. Refreshments will be served. For info, call Ralph Dantine at 703-938-9757.

THURSDAY/NOV. 12

Tech Thursday - Technology to Support Executive Functioning. 10 a.m.-noon. Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring. Many students struggle with planning, organizing and managing tasks, which impacts their academic achievement. This workshop will focus on strategies and technology tools that can help support students with executive function deficits. Presented by the Office of Special Education Instruction, Assistive Technology Services. Free. Register at <http://www.fcps.edu/dss/osp/prc/index.shtml>.

FRIDAY/NOV. 13

Strategies to Support Elementary Students with Dyslexia. 10 a.m.-noon. Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring. Specialists from the FCPS Office of Special Education Instruction will present this workshop specifically designed for parents of elementary students with dyslexia. Attend this workshop to learn strategies to support reading, writing and math at home; ways to promote effective study skills; and strategies to promote self-advocacy skills. Free. Register at <http://www.fcps.edu/dss/osp/prc/index.shtml>.

SATURDAY/NOV. 14

Future Quest 2015. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. George Mason University, Johnson Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Future Quest features more than 70 workshops and everyone will learn from the amazing keynote speaker - Justin Graves. Attend the Resource Fair with over 40 organizations focused on helping students achieve a successful life after high school. You will also get to spend an entire day on the George Mason University campus in Fairfax. Free. Register at <http://www.fcps.edu/dss/osp/prc/index.shtml>.

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