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The One to Watch

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

National political and media attention laser-focused on the race for Virginia's 10th Congressional District.

As LuAnn Bennett, the Democratic challenger for Virginia's 10th Congressional District seat, spoke to supporters at a political "house party" in Herndon, a New York Times reporter stood to one side, taking notes.

Last week, Barbara Comstock, the 10th District's freshman Republican, was shadowed by a reporter from The Wall Street Journal as she met with constituents during several campaign events.

The national media attention is just one indication of how the 10th District is being tracked as a crucial battleground race in a "bellwether" district. In the 2014 midterms, Comstock easily retained the seat of her GOP predecessor and mentor, U.S. Rep. Frank R. Wolf. When Wolf announced his retirement in 2013, ending a distinctive three-decade career in Congress, the seat instantly became battleground territory.

The race has even attracted attention outside the United States. In August, the BBC featured a story about the negative impact Donald Trump, the GOP's controversial presidential nominee, may have on "down-ticket" Republican candidates.

While Comstock has repeatedly declined to say if she supports the man at the top of the GOP's ticket, Democrats have repeatedly tried to tie Comstock to Trump.

MONEY

Top Democratic leaders consider the 10th district one of a dozen



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U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10) poses with Jennifer Siciliano (left), vice president of government relations for Inova Health Systems, and McLean bioengineer Catherine Ross (right) during one of Comstock's Young Women Leadership programs in June that focused on local leaders in science and technology.

STATE OF THE RACE: VIRGINIA'S 10TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

prime pick-ups in their path to regaining a majority in the House. Earlier this month, the Democratic National Committee (DNC) signaled its support for targeted House races by transferring \$2.5 million to help them out.

In Washington's costly media market, each candidate has been modest in purchasing air time.

So far, Bennett has released two

ads: her first ad was a biographical spot, featuring the candidate at work and with her family. Her second ad highlights the gender wage gap in the district, and her support for equal pay for women. Comstock released her first general election ad last week, a spot that features her daughter Caity speaking about her mother's legislative accomplishments.

Bennett is one of three Virginia Democratic Congressional candidates included in the Democratic Campaign

Committee's "Red to Blue" program, which offers targeted campaigns "financial, communications, grassroots, and strategic support."

Comstock appears prepared for the battle, as she has raised well over twice as much money as her opponent's campaign.

Through June - the last Federal Election Commission reporting date - Comstock's campaign had total receipts of \$3,246,229, and was still holding \$2,256,612 in hand. The Bennett campaign had

raised \$1,207,309, and had \$871,830 remaining.

DEBATES

In the intense fight for votes, the two McLean residents are preparing for their first debate, sponsored by the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce, which will be held Oct. 6 at the National Conference Center in Lansdowne. Comstock and Bennett will clash again on Oct. 19, at a second debate, at the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce in Tysons.



PHOTO BY VICTORIA ROSS/THE CONNECTION

LuAnn Bennett, the Democratic candidate for Virginia's 10th Congressional District, chats with Anne Alston, a former teacher, during a political "House Party" in Herndon on Saturday, Aug. 27. Bennett, a real estate executive who is trying to unseat freshman Republican Barbara Comstock in one of the nation's most closely-watched races, spoke to nearly 100 supporters at the event.

Herndon's NextStop Theatre Receives 'Applause Award'

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

For the second consecutive year, Herndon's NextStop Theatre has been honored with the "Applause Award" by the International Centre for Women Playwrights (ICWP). This major award recognizes theatres that produced 50 percent or more women playwrights in their 2015/16 season of shows. ICWP defines 50/50 by the number of performances in a theatre's season.

"We are deeply honored to have once again been recog-



Ginna Hoben playwright and star of "No Spring Chicken" performed at NextStop Theater in September 2015.



Evan Hoffmann, producing artistic director, NextStop Theater.

nized by the ICWP with the 50/50 Applause Award," said Evan Hoffmann, NextStop's producing artistic director. "Gender parity is a badge of honor that we are proud to wear." NextStop was one of only five DC area theatre companies that were recognized by the ICWP. In addition, NextStop was one of only two DC area theatre troupes to be recognized for two consecutive years. The other was Roundhouse Theatre based in Bethesda, Md. During the 2015-16 season, NextStop produced shows written by or directed by women such as Beth Henley's "Crimes of the Heart" directed by Suzanne Maloney and Ginna Hoben's "No Spring Chicken"

which Hoben both wrote and starred in. The theatre company's new 2016-17 season recently opened with the musical "Catch Me If You Can."

Hoffmann noted that NextStop Theatre is made possible in part by generous grants from The Town of Herndon, The Ruth & Hal Launders Charitable Trust, The Nelson J. & Katherine Friant Post Foundation, The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia - Seeley Fund, The Arts Council Fairfax County, The Virginia Commission for the Arts, The National Endowment for the Arts, and NextStop's patron donors.

Independent Police Auditor Marks History

Kudos to Board of Supervisors for unanimous approval of independent police auditor; now on to the Civilian Review Panel.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted to create the position and office of independent police auditor on Tuesday, Sept. 20, creating the first civilian, independent oversight of law enforcement in Fairfax County. The unanimous vote demonstrated the board's commitment to the ongoing process that began early in 2015 when Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova established the 32-member Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission.

Police Chief Edwin Roessler expressed strong support for two keystone recommendations of the Ad Hoc Commission, the auditor and the Civilian Review Panel, next up for consideration and implementation by the Board of Supervisors.

Many commission recommendations have already been approved, including the establishment of the Diversion First program providing treatment rather than jail for people in mental health crisis, development of an overriding use of force policy, and more transparency in police communications.

Independent oversight and civilian participation in reviewing police use of force, officer-involved shootings and citizen complaints will play a vital role in maintaining Fairfax County Police Department's reputation as being one of the very best law enforcement organizations

in the nation.

Some critics complain that the final language approving the auditor limits the independence of the office, but the auditor will be briefed on investigations contemporaneously, providing a window of oversight and sunshine not previously in place. There are more than 200 different civilian oversight structures around the country. While civilian oversight is a national best practice, the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing recommends that every community have community oversight of police, with each community developing the model that is best locally.

Public Safety Committee chair John Cook (R-Braddock) is tasked with shepherding major recommendations through the Board of Supervisors. He pointed out that the specifics of the approval for the auditor are not locked in stone; revisions after a period of experience would not be surprising.

Recommendations by the Independent Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee for the Fairfax County model included establishing the Independent Police Auditor and establishing a Civilian Review Panel to respond to community concerns or complaints about alleged incidents of abuse of authority by the FCPD.

The panel as proposed would not conduct investigations and would not be involved in the disciplinary process for any officer, but

would review select investigations after they are complete. The panel would also not overlap duties with the auditor.

The panel could issue public reports, and meet with the auditor periodically, providing its views to the Board of Supervisors and the chief of police as to policy and practices changes that may be warranted. The panel could also hold periodic public forums around the county to gather information and suggestions about the FCPD, public perceptions and recommendations for policy and procedure, involving other police advisory committees and members of the Board of Supervisors as appropriate.

Indications are that there will be some modifications to the proposal for the Civilian Review Panel over the coming weeks. It's a good time for those with interest to tune in.

The board's Public Safety Committee will discuss the creation of a Civilian Review Panel at its next meeting, scheduled for Oct. 25 at 1 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center.

Read more at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/chairman/pdf/adhoc-final-10.8.15.pdf

— MARY KIMM

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Mary Kimm served on the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission and continues to advocate for implementation of commission recommendations.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vision and Direction

To the Editor:

On a Christmas night, as I stood before a toy store holding my mom's hand, I pointed my thumbs through my woolly mittens in a sharp rivalry of choice. I walked down the main aisle, and I noticed the two signs overhead: the right side showed images of boys drilling, shooting, and building while the left side showed images of girls feeding dolls, and dressing up as princesses. The right aisle attracted me, so I ran in and started rummaging through boxes of Legos. All of a sudden, a female employee came up to me and said, "The pretty barbie dolls are over there, sweetheart." For a moment, I was in a state of perplexity. However, I disregarded her statement and continued searching through the pile and eventually ended up buying a huge LEGO mindstorm kit. This

memory is the earliest one I have of me and my Mom.

As I grew up, I started understanding what the employee meant and how gender stereotypes were affecting our communities. For this reason, I created my own international nonprofit orga-

nization called STEM All Stars to inspire and empower girls using STEM education and technology.

There are many people who have influenced what I am doing today and one of them was Congresswoman Barbara Comstock, the most recent recipient of the ARCS Eagle Award for STEM work.

This summer, I attended the 10th Congressional District Young Women Leadership Program, which was founded by Congresswoman Comstock. The program runs throughout the summer, giving middle and high school students throughout northern Virginia the opportunity to meet and interact with women who hold leadership roles in government, business, medicine, media relations, and other professions. On the first day of

the program, Congresswoman Comstock gave a wonderful speech about her beliefs. As a mom, lawyer, and politician, she has seen the unintentional bias towards women and her goal is to inspire the next generation of female leaders and bring awareness to the various professions avail-

able. It was an honor to attend the program because each day, I heard from many great people talking about their experiences, job opportunities, and I got a chance to meet other young talented women! The program has had a huge impact on how I perceive the world.

Her strong efforts to close the gender gap have also been paying off. The House has recently passed her legislation, the Inspiring the Next Space Pioneers, Innovators, Researchers, and Explorers (INSPIRE) Women

Act, which authorizes the NASA Administrator to encourage women and girls to study STEM fields, and to pursue careers that will further advance America's space, science, and exploration

Positive Leadersip

To the Editor:

Congresswoman Barbara Comstock has been serving our area well for 7 years now – first in the House of Delegates for 5 years, and now as our Congresswoman for the past two years. As she said she would two years ago, she hit the ground running to be a leader

efforts. She has also

cosponsored The STEM Education Act of 2015 and was a co patron of the Higher Education Act of 2011, both of which emphasize the need for STEM education. Congresswoman Comstock's ideologies are driven towards

helping people who are in need and creating the next generation of future global leaders. Since being elected in 2009, she has been showing thousands of young women like me that girls can walk into the right aisle of a toy store and purchase a huge LEGO mindstorm kit. A vision and a direction is all it take to create a difference.

Sajni Vederey
Herndon

for our region like Congressman Frank Wolf. She focused on our priorities like she said she would and as the only Member of the Transportation Committee in the region, she played a key role in passing the 5 year transportation bill and the FAA bill that helps

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Jesse Kraft is New Principal of Coates Elementary

With 21 years in education, former Providence Elementary Principal moves into new role.

By STEVE HIBBARD
THE CONNECTION

With 21 years in education, Jesse Kraft, age 42, of Centreville was named the new principal of Lutie Lewis Coates Elementary School on River Birch Road in Herndon, on July 7. He is replacing former principal Toni Rose who moved into administration with Fairfax County Public Schools. He will be overseeing 740 students with a staff of about 95, including five full-time ESOL teachers. Coates is a member of the Westfield Pyramid.

Kraft said the reason he loves his job is because: "I truly believe that when you work in public school you make a difference to every person who works there. The principal is especially lucky because, No. 1, if I'm doing my job well, I can be part of the reason why great teachers get better every year. Another good thing is I can actually see kids improve over time. I can literally be in a front row seat to watch the magic happen."

The ethnic breakdown of Coates Elementary is: 28.8 percent Asian; 37.3 percent Hispanic; 18.2 percent black; 12.08 percent white; and 3.49 percent other, according to the school's website. Some 49 percent of the students are on free or reduced lunches and 11.81 percent require special education services.

"The Coates community is ethnically diverse and I'm finding pretty involved, and I think supportive of the school overall. I've had multiple opportunities to meet with families... People had a lot of pride in the school and people were extremely welcoming to me.



New Coates Elementary School Principal Jesse Kraft interacts with students.

Once school started, it became clear that that kind of warmth is reflective of everybody overall. It's a really happy place," said Kraft.

WHAT'S NEW this year is more advanced academic numbers, he said. "We're in the beginning years of FCPS having local Level IV Advanced Academic classrooms. What that means is we have one classroom at third, fourth, and fifth grade that the teacher is teaching the same curriculum as the Advanced Academics Program Centers in FCPS. And we will have a sixth-grade Level IV next year."

He added: "So this means we are retaining more of our students who require daily enrichment and who are eligible to go to an Advanced Academic Center site."

With Coates being a Title One school, it allows some federal funds that translate to more staffing, he said. For example, Title One funds provide an extra reading and math specialist to the staff. "When you have those extra specialists in the building, they can

support not just the students who need extra help but they can develop the teachers in the building. So I've always kind of seen the positive side of being in a Title One school, where you have extra resources, and if you use them, it benefits all students," he said.

He said he is most impressed so far by the dedication of the staff. "I've been a building administrator for 11 years and I've been lucky to work in positive environments and I know this is a very positive environment. We're going to accomplish a lot because of clearly the right attitude, and the willingness to do whatever it takes," he said.

For personal goals, he said, he wants to work with staff and families to cultivate a stellar reputation for the school by promoting all of the good things that are already happening there, along with strengthening some instructional plans. "Another goal is to develop some kind of unique program that really goes beyond the curriculum and teaches critical and creative



Jesse Kraft of Centreville is the new principal of Lutie Lewis Coates Elementary School in Herndon.

thinking," he said. "I think there's a lot of potential to develop something amazing given the character of the school we already have."

As far as challenges, he said, "First, like any new principal coming to a school, there's going to be some changes, and it will take time to work with families and staff to implement the right changes and to make sure they are right for our school."

He added: "Just being a Title One school, increasing student performance, particularly in reading and math, and this will require everything from implementing the right professional development for our staff, engaging parents so that they can do their part, and using our human resources as effectively as possible to challenge students appropriately and close achievement gaps."

Kraft said the school has a team of teachers called the Positive Behavior Support Team, whose task is to figure out ways to promote a positive culture among the students. "This year they've decided

they want to work to instill empathy in all students....There's research out there to say kids lack empathy compared to previous generations. So the idea that other people matter or the idea of thinking of things through others' perspectives is something we want to explore this year with our students," he said.

According to Dan Phillips, principal of Providence Elementary School, "Jesse Kraft is a great principal because he values the limited time we have in school with our students. He works to help teachers maximize their effectiveness and their impact on student learning. He has a sharp focus on instruction and unending dedication to helping each student succeed. He was an incredible leader for our school, and the Coates community is very fortunate to have him as their principal."

KRAFT GREW UP in the Philadelphia area and attended North Catholic High School, graduating

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Wednesday, Oct. 12 9:00 AM-10:00 AM Yom Kippur Children's service (ages 5-8), Complimentary to families with children!
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Meadow Farms Fall Festival Great Falls Oct. 3 - Oct. 31 Monday through Friday 8 - 7 p.m. Saturday 8 - 6 p.m. Sunday 9 - 6 p.m. 10618 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. We have pumpkins, gourds, cornstalks, mums, pansies, star bales, and everything else you need for the fall look. A huge selection of pumpkins. We will also have moon bounces, giant scarecrows, haunted buses and pipes for the kids to go through, weekend concessions and much more. Let your kids have a blast while you pick out your pumpkins and all your fall needs. www.meadowfarms.com

The Pumpkin Patch beginning Monday Oct. 10 4 -7 p.m. then open daily Sunday - Friday 11 - 7 p.m. and 10 - 6 p.m. on Saturdays through Oct. 31. at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church 8991 Brook Rd McLean. All of the money raised by our pumpkin patch is donated to support local charities. 703-442-0330.

Vienna Farmers Market at Faith Baptist Church 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 29. 301 Center Street South, Vienna, VA 22180. Sponsored by the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna, the certified Vienna Farmers Market features more than 30 vendors from across the region as well as entertainment.

McLean Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon. Fridays from May 6-Nov. 18. Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. The market provides area residents an opportunity to purchase locally grown or produced products. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets.

Great Falls Farmers Market. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 778 Walker Road Great Falls. <http://greatfallsfarmersmarket.org/>

ValeArts Fall Show "Artful Aspirations" Sept 30 through Oct. 2 at 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Friday 10 a.m. 6 p.m. Saturday & Sunday at the Vale Schoolhouse 3124 Fox Mill Rd. ValeArts welcomes Reston artist Betsey Mulloy to the fall show "Artful Aspirations". Contact: Diana Eichler or visit valearts.com

Visitor Center Museum 9200 Old Dominion Dr, McLean. Everyday through Oct. 10 - 5 p.m. Museum exhibits include the Patowmack Canal, Ecology of the Falls, American Indians, Potomac Watershed, Kayaking and a Kids room. Two audiovisual presentations play on the quarter hour: Film - George Washington Visualizing a Nation, and park slideshow - History of Great Falls. www.nps.gov/grfa

Canoe and Kayak Rentals at Riverbend Park 8700 Potomac Hills Street, Great Falls.

May 20 through Oct. 14. Boating Hours are Friday to Sunday 9 - 5 p.m., and holidays May through October. The river is wide and relatively relaxed in this section, so it's a great place for new kayakers. 703-759-9018 for boat rental and ramp openings. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend-park/

Fishing Rod Rentals 8700 Potomac Hills Street, Great Falls. Rentals available during visitor center hours. Fishing tackle and live bait are available for purchase. Reservations required for group rentals. \$6/rental (2hr max). Valid driver's license required. Our rod/reel combinations are perfect for beginners and children. A Virginia or Maryland freshwater fishing license is required for persons 16 years or older. The park does not sell fishing licenses. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend-park/

Colvin Run Mill open 11 - 4 p.m. daily, closed Tuesday. 10017 Colvin Run Rd, Great Falls. Fairfax County's operational 19th century water powered gristmill, offers recreational and educational activities for all ages through daily tours, school programs and special events. Fees: \$7/adult, \$6 students 16+ with ID, \$5 children & seniors. Winter Hours: January & February, 11am-4pm, last tour 3pm. Admission to park is FREE except for some special events.

The Freeman Store & Museum Wednesday through Sunday noon - 4 p.m. 131 Church Street NE Vienna. The Freeman Store & Museum is dedicated to Preserving and promoting Vienna's heritage through the identification, preservation, and interpretation of historically significant places, events, and persons. historicviennainc.org/

Lobby Hero 1st Stage Tysons Sept. 8 - Oct. 9 Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. 1st Stage in Tysons, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. What does it truly mean to be a hero? While struggling with a world of conflicting truths, the characters grapple with their own realities and those of the people around them. www.1ststagetyson.org or 703-854-1856.

Art Walk in the Village: First Fridays beginning Sept. 9, 6 - 9 p.m. through Dec.31 at 756 Walker Road, Great Falls. Admission free and open to the public. Visit: <http://www.greatfallsart.org/artwalk/>

SATURDAY/OCT. 1

OktoBrewFest. 12-10 p.m. 777 Lynn St. Herndon, Virginia. Food, beer, music, art, health. Visit <http://jambrew.com/>

SATURDAY/OCT. 1

Light the Night Walk for Leukemia and Lymphoma. Starts at 5:00 pm. 11900 Market Street, Reston. Nationwide evening walk to celebrate and commemorate lives touched by cancer and to raise funds for treatments that are saving the lives of many patients today. There will be children's games, food from local restaurants, live music, and entertainment until the 2-mile walk begins. pages.lightthenight.org/nca/Reston16. 703-399-2941.

SUNDAY/OCT. 2

HernDOG Bark Bash 12-3 p.m. Bready Park, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. An event for dog lovers. Featuring agility demonstrations, owner and dog team contests, adoptions, an off leash area and dog themed vendors. Entry: Free. Friendly, leashed, and vaccinated dogs, and their owners, are welcome.

SATURDAY/OCT. 8

Oktoberfest Reston. noon-11 p.m. Sunday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Food and drinks, live entertainment, a carnival and a chili cook-off at Northern Virginia's largest fall festival. www.oktoberfestreston.com.

SUNDAY/OCT. 9

Pumpkin 5k and Kids Pumpkin Dash. 5k begins at 8:15 am. Pumpkin Dash begins at 9:30 am. Participants are encouraged to debut their Halloween costumes or to rock their Oktoberfest Lederhosen and join in the fun with the whole family. Adult admission: \$30, ages 14 and under: \$20, and Pumpkin Dash admission: \$10. oktoberfestreston.com/reston-pumpkin-5k

SATURDAY/OCT. 15

Pumpkin Preparedness Race 8 a.m. Vienna Volunteer Fire Department 400 Center St S, Vienna. Inaugural 5k road race to support first responders across Northern Virginia. Brand new course across quiet Vienna streets. All proceeds benefit the Northern Virginia Emergency Response System. Register at www.preparedness5k.com

Halstead Square Festival 11 - 4 p.m. Halstead Square Dunn Loring Metro 2750 Gallows Road Vienna. Celebrate Northern Virginia's culinary and visual arts when Halstead Square Dunn Loring Metro hosts its first Food, Wine & Art Festival to benefit the Workhouse Arts Center. Cost: Free. www.halsteadsquare.com

FRIDAY/OCT. 14-16

Great Falls Studios Art Tour. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

SUNDAY/OCT. 16

The Crohn's & Colitis Take Steps Walk. Registration opens 3 p.m. Walk begins 4 p.m. Reston Town Center 11900 Market Street



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The Town of Herndon invites children and parents to Spooktacular. Friday Oct. 28 from 6:30-8 p.m. Enjoy ghoulish games, crafts and a children's show at Herndon Community Center. Fee covers all activities, show and a treat bag.



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Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins rode an antique fire truck in the 2014 Reston Holiday Parade at Reston Town Center. The parade has been an annual Reston tradition on the day after Thanksgiving. This years' event will take place at 11 a.m. at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St.

Reston, Virginia, 20190. One of Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America's CCFA largest events committed to finding cures for digestive diseases. Admission: Free. Visit: www.restontowncenter.com

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 19-25

Washington West Film Festival. Reston Town Center 11900 Market Street Reston, Virginia, 20190. A cinematic experience presenting independent films. Three in-competition categories: dramatic features, documentary features, and short films. Schedules and tickets: www.wffilmfest.com



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Bryce Cohen helps Herndon Community Center employee Trish Wood build a paper-mache turkey. Get ready for the 2016 Turkey Trot 5k Race. Registration is from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the Herndon Community Center Gym 814 Ferndale Ave, Herndon. The race begins at 4 p.m. Runners and walkers get ready for a 5K trail course at the Herndon Centennial Golf Course.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 26

70th Annual Halloween Parade. Starts: 7 p.m. Maple Avenue, Vienna. One of Vienna's most popular community events, October's Halloween parade is held the Wednesday evening before Halloween each year. In addition to marching bands, floats, and other entries, children are invited to walk in the parade in their Halloween costumes. viennava.gov/index.aspx?nid=951.

FRIDAY/OCT. 28

Spooktacular. 6:30-8 p.m. Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. Enjoy ghoulish games, a spooky craft and a children's show. Fee: \$10/child in advance or \$15/child on day of event. Visit www.herndon-va.gov.

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Send announcements to www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

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"The Way I See It" Exhibit. Aug. 2-Oct. 1. Vienna Arts Society Gallery, 513 Maple Ave. W, Vienna. Reston resident Bob Kaminski will showcase his work in abstract and representational styles. ViennaArtsSociety.org. 703-319-3971.

Team Trivia at Kalypso's. Tuesdays, 8 p.m. Kalypso's Sports Tavern, 1617 Washington Plaza N., Reston. Bring your friend and join the challenge. 703-707-0660.

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Washington West Film Festival volunteers provide information about the upcoming festival. This year's festival begins Wednesday Oct. 19 and runs through Saturday Oct. 25.

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Reston Photographic Society Meetings from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Room 6 at the Reston Community Center Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Rd., Reston on the

third Monday of each month through Nov. 31, the meeting date is changed if the third Monday falls on a holiday. Photographers of all skill levels are invited to share information and enjoy guest speakers, workshops and group critiques. Nonmembers are welcome. Visit the LRA website at www.leagueofrestonartists.org

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FRIDAY/SEPT. 30

Reston Station Music. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Reston Station, 1904 Reston Metro Plaza, Reston. Moonshine Society. Blue and rock. 703-230-1985.

SATURDAY/OCT. 1

Light the Night Walk for Leukemia and Lymphoma. Starts at 5:00 pm. 11900 Market Street, Reston. Nationwide evening walk to celebrate and commemorate lives touched by cancer and to raise funds for

treatments that are saving the lives of many patients today. There will be children's games, food from local restaurants, live music, and entertainment until the 2-mile walk begins. pages.lighthenight.org/nca/Reston16. 703-399-2941.

OktoBrewFest 12-10 p.m. 777 Lynn St. Herndon, Virginia. Food, beer, music, art, health. Visit <http://jambrew.com/>

Tap Kids 8 p.m. 1234 Ingleside Avenue McLean. Featuring eight young tap dancers, "Schooldayz" tells the story of the arrival of a new kid that disrupts the equilibrium of a group of teenagers during their last months of high school. \$20/\$15 MCC tax district residents. <http://mcleancenter.org/>

Saturday/Oct. 1 - 2

Fall Book Sale Saturday 10 - 4 p.m. Sunday 11 - 2 p.m. at Patrick Henry Library 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Fill a BIG shopping bag with books, movies, CDs for only \$5.00. Free parking and admission.

SUNDAY/OCT. 2, 2016

HerdDOG Bark Bash 12-3 p.m. Brady Park, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. An event for dog lovers. Featuring agility demonstrations, owner and dog team contests, adoptions, an off leash area and dog themed vendors. Entry: Free. Friendly, leashed, and vaccinated dogs, and their owners, are welcome.

Inside the Community: A discussion with TCG Rising Leader of Color and Connectivity, Kristen Jackson. Following the 2pm performance. 1st Stage in Tysons, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. \$30 admission, \$27 seniors (65+), \$15 students and military. www.1ststageTysons.org

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David Martinez with his daughters Eva, age 6, and Casandra, age 3, dressed up for the Kimono Fashion Show.



Sheela Ramanath introduces the Indian dancers from the Kalavaridhi Center for the Performing Arts of Herndon.

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Reston Multicultural Festival Draws Thousands

People turn out to celebrate their diversity at Lake Anne Plaza.

Thousands of people celebrated their diversity at the annual Reston Multicultural Festival held Saturday, Sept. 24 at Lake Anne Plaza in Reston. The event honors the diversity of Reston and brings to life the vision that founder Robert E. Simon had for the community. The day fea-

tured a Naturalization Ceremony where citizens took the Oath of Allegiance and international performers entertained the crowd with singing, dancing and drumming from three stages. In addition, the event included a book fair, family arts and crafts activities, a beading demonstration, global cafe food vendors, global market vendors and local community organizations. The event was presented by the Reston Community Center, hosted by Lake Anne Plaza, and co-sponsored by Reston Association, with partners from a variety of Reston-based organizations.

— STEVE HIBBARD

Rising Eagle Scout to Hold Benefit Concert

A local rising Eagle Scout with a passion for music and reading has reached out to a local nonprofit organization to lend his talent to help children who may not have a book to call their own. Flutist Xander Day will hold a benefit concert from 6 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 9, 2016 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints located at 2727 Centreville Road in Herndon. In lieu of an admission fee, Xander will ask attendees to bring a new book, suitable for elementary school age children, to donate to Assistance League of Northern Virginia's Make A Difference Day children's book drive. The Oct. 9 concert is open to the general public.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, Xander wanted to "give back to the community in a way that is meaningful and personal." He comes from a family of professional musicians and music teachers and was eager to "combine his passion for music and his love of reading in a unique service project." Xander is an accomplished flutist who studies with Aaron Goldman, principal flutist of the National Symphony Orchestra and a rotating flute section member of the American Youth Philharmonic, frequently playing principal, and a National Symphony Orchestra Fellow. Xander will be accompanied by a team of classically-trained musicians, including other members of his extended family, and the program will incorporate all instruments and include classical, patriotic and other music performed by soloists, duets and chamber groups.



Xander Day

In addition, the rising Eagle Scout will set-up collection boxes at local high schools, churches and community centers and at his family's business, Day Violins LLC, in Chantilly. All of the books collected will be donated to Assistance League's children's book drive.

Assistance League gratefully accepted the Oakton High School senior's offer to donate his musical talent to help the nonprofit jump start its Make A Difference Day campaign. Xander's performance-based project aligns with Assistance League's vision of Caring and Commitment in Action and complements its Operation School Bell® literacy program, Reading Express. For more information on the organization, visit www.assistanceleague.org

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Started in 2010, Assistance League's Weekend Food for Kids program eases childhood hunger in Northern Virginia. With Dominion's hands-on and financial support, the 2016-17 program has expanded to six Title I schools.

Food for Kids Drive Continues in Herndon

Assistance League of Northern Virginia held its 2016-17 Weekend Food for Kids Kickoff event on Sept. 15 at Dominion Resources, 3072 Centreville Road, in Herndon. Nearly 90 volunteers from Assistance League, Dominion and the community joined together to help pack 1,500 bags of food for children living in food-insecure households. Immediately following the event, food was delivered to six Title I schools in Fairfax and Prince William Counties

and the City of Alexandria. Last year, the program provided more than 13,500 bags of non-perishable food to children most in need. Event is open to the public and repeats at 10 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month during the school year. Arrive at 9:30 a.m. to help with setup.

To learn more about sponsorship and volunteer opportunities, contact VP Philanthropy, Jeane Sclater: Jeane.sclater@verizon.net. www.northernvirginiaassistanceleague.org



Volunteers join together to help children in need.

WEEK IN HERNDON

Hair by Hanna Joins Cirque Salon Studios – Herndon

Cirque Salon Studios has announced Hair by Hanna has opened at the Herndon location at 384 Elden Street. Hanna Hawaz, owner of Hair by Hanna, provides specialized services in cuts, weaves, color, highlights, and African American hair styling in her independent salon. Hawaz has 7 years' experience as a professional hair stylist, and in working at a quality salon for the past 5 years she has built a strong base of clientele through referrals. With an entrepreneurial spirit, Hawaz has now achieved her goal of being self-employed in her own salon space. "While working for someone else, I realized I wanted to do this independently," says Hawaz, who resides in Sterling. "I love the fact that I will have more time to devote to my clients, carry my preferred line of products, and grow my own business at Cirque Salon Studios." Hawaz is offering customers 10 percent off on first-time appointments at Hair by Hanna. Call her salon at 703-599-2730 for appointments and more information. Salon spaces are now available in the Herndon location of Cirque Salon Studios for health, beauty, and wellness services. Professionals interested in developing the freedom and independence of their own salon business can learn more and apply at <http://cirquesalonstudios.com/>.

New Principal

FROM PAGE 5
in 1991. He received an undergraduate degree in English from the University of Pittsburgh, and completed licensure requirements for education, graduating in 1996.

He started his career at Newington Forest Elementary in Springfield, teaching third, fourth, and sixth grade. He was a coach for the Great Beginnings Program,

an induction program for first-year teachers in FCPS, and he also earned National Board Certification.

In 2004, he received his master's degree in administration from George Mason University, and then went into school administration. He then worked as an assistant principal at Westlawn Elementary in Falls Church; then

assistant principal of Oak Hill Elementary in Herndon; followed by principal of Providence Elementary in Fairfax City in 2009. From there, he moved onto Coates Elementary.

Jesse Kraft is married to wife Susan; the couple has a daughter named Molly, age 10; a son named Will, age 8; and a son named Ian, age 3. They reside in Centreville.

SCHOOL NOTES

Send school notes to north@connectionnewspapers.com by noon on Friday.

Eight students from Fairfax County Public Schools — all attending Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) — have been named semifinalists in the 2016 Intel Science Talent Search. The students, with their project names, are:

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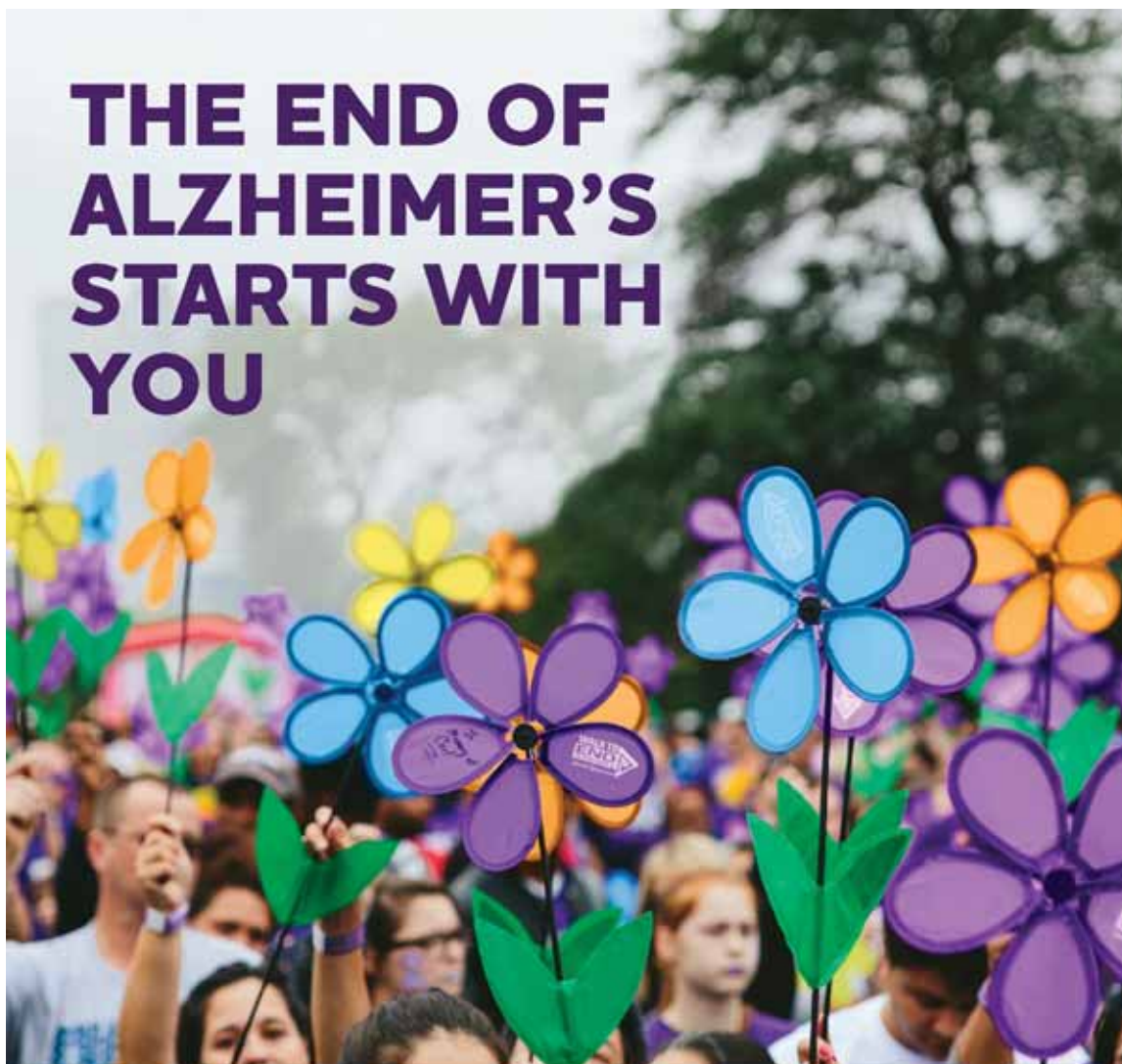
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❖ Ava Lakmazaheri, Brain-actuated Robotics: A Logic-based Approach for Multimodal Programming and Operation of Assistive Humanoid Robots.

❖ Austin Mills, Demonstrating the Development of Heavy Metal Resistance in Non-tolerant

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Time To Plan Ahead

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



In consideration of the future, I have to plan in the present. Random and/or spontaneous actions/commitments are allowed, even encouraged, but given the recurring nature of chemotherapy infusions and the week-long side effects that follow, are not very practical.

As an example: Thanksgiving, Nov. 24 and Christmas Eve/Christmas Day, Dec. 24/25. According to my 'present' infusion schedule: four weeks, then five weeks, then four weeks, etc., barring semi-foreseen abnormal lab work results, which I will only find out the Thursday immediately preceding the Friday infusion, my next treatment will occur on Friday, Oct. 14. In and of itself, not a problem, other than the usual — with which I am, and perhaps you regular readers, too, are familiar. However, five weeks later my infusion occurs on Friday, Nov. 18 meaning I'll be miserable, not-eating-wise the following Thursday, Thanksgiving (which if I had my druthers, I'd rather not be). Now should I pretend that's not a problem for me? No. Following that potential holiday impact, my next alternating scheduled infusion occurs four weeks hence on Friday, Dec. 16, the week/Friday before Christmas Eve/Christmas. Now if these holidays didn't involve travelling, eating and socializing, and generally trying to be on my best behavior, maybe I could manage. Unfortunately, nothing could be further from the reality.

Presuming/preventing that this schedule is not a problem is naive at best and extremely poor planning at worst. So what are my options? Well, I could always stop my chemotherapy infusions entirely until January, a "quality of life" alternative my oncologist has regularly encouraged. However, given the severity of my diagnosis/prognosis, I have always felt uncomfortable stopping treatment and as such, have never taken a break/brake. (Now, either I'm still alive because of it, or in spite of.)

Perhaps the solution is simply to reschedule my infusion intervals and still get treatment while manipulating my side effects/circumstances? If I reschedule my November infusion to occur four weeks after my October infusion (instead of five weeks), the date of that infusion would be Friday, Nov. 11, allowing more than enough time, nearly two weeks, to recover before Thanksgiving. However, switching my previous/original four-week interval to five weeks causes that December infusion to occur on Friday, December 23; not good timing at all. Worse in fact than my current schedule. But if I don't alternate intervals and repeat that four-week infusion schedule (unfortunately losing a "quality of life" week in the process, a process that was intended to increase my "quality of life" weeks), then my December infusion would occur on Friday, Dec. 9, two weeks out from Christmas; perfect timing to allow for a semi-normal fortnight.

The net result is peace and relative quite. And by that I mean, other than advancing and increasing the number weeks when I'll feel miserable (and won't be eating), I won't feel miserable for two of the most significant, positive-reinforcing, feel-good weeks of the year. And if there's one, two or three things a cancer patient/survivor can't get enough of, it's days when you're not in a daze and weeks when you're not feeling weak. And after writing this column, and perhaps righting this ship, I feel pretty good about the next few months. It might not be ideal, but 'ideal' left the building a long time ago, on Feb. 27, 2009, the date of my original diagnosis.

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Passages Divorce Care. Tuesdays 6:45 to 9:00 p.m. beginning Sept.13 through Jan 7. Vienna Presbyterian Church is located on the corner of Maple Avenue (Rt. 123) and Park Street in Vienna, Virginia. Cost to cover materials \$20, scholarships available. 703-938-9050, www.viennapres.org, or send an email to Passages@ViennaPres.org.

The **Herndon Adult Day Health Care Center** needs volunteers to assist with fitness activities, arts and crafts, mealtime, entertainment and much more. 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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Trinity Presbyterian Church, 651 Dranesville Road, Herndon, has Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. during the summer. Nursery and childcare are provided starting at 8 a.m. until the end of the service. 703-437-5500 or www.trinityherndon.org.

Vajrayogini Buddhist Center, Unitarian Universalist Church, 1625 Wiehle Ave., Reston, holds weekly classes starting Sept. 12, Thursdays 7:30-8:30 p.m., for the general public which use Buddhist teachings to practice meditation. \$12 or \$6 for students, seniors and unemployed. 202-986-2257 or www.meditation-dc.org.

St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 1700 Wainwright Drive in Reston, holds Sunday services at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and contemporary service at 5 p.m. during the summer. Nursery, Sunday school and adult education available. 703-437-6530 or www.stannes-reston.org.

Washington Plaza Baptist Church will hold Adult Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. Sundays at Lake Anne Village Center. The group is studying the Gospel of Mark. Services follow at 11 a.m.

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Dulles Airport and our region.

I'm also particularly pleased with her support and work on the 21st century cures bill which would provide FDA reforms and more research funding for chronic diseases such as cancer, Alzheimer's and diabetes.

Barbara understands that this is a critical time when private resources are also advancing cures and we can create a great private-public partnership to save both lives and the vast resources that these diseases cost us. She's also been a leader on fighting human trafficking – first in the state legislature and now in Congress where

they passed bipartisan legislation.

Finally, I have enjoyed seeing the growing Young Women's Leadership Program that she started four years ago for our high school and junior high girls. In this program she brings together women leaders in our area to educate our young women on taking advantage of all of the opportunities they have available. This is the kind of positive leadership our young people need to see in these challenging times where politics can be so ugly.

Meaghan Pedati
Herndon

SCHOOL NOTES

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Multigenerational Brassica rapa.

❖ Kunal Shroff, The Relationship Between Lethality and Genomic Instability in Euploid and Aneuploid Yeast Cells Expressing Pathological Huntingtin.

❖ Matthew Sun, Hyperacute Temporal Resolution with a Neural Population for Biologically Plausible Firing Rate Change Detection.

❖ Jason Wei, Improving Lateral Flow Immunoassay Sensitivity by a Palladium-catalyzed Dye Reaction.

❖ Michael You, Two-degree-of-freedom Bubble Oscillations in Elastic Vessels and its Application in Sonar-induced Marine Mammal Injuries.

The 300 semifinalists were chosen from more than 1,750 entrants and will receive matching awards of \$1,000 along with their school.

This is the 75th year of the Science Talent Search, which Intel has sponsored since 1998, providing \$1.6 million in awards and scholar-

ships to contestants.

Snigdha Srivastava and **Kate Hao**, of Herndon, are on the dean's list at Washington University in St. Louis.

Adam Zaman, of Herndon, is on the dean's list for spring 2016 at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. He is studying mechanical engineering.

Dinesh Chowdary Inampudi, of Herndon, graduated with a master of science, May 2016 from the University of New Haven.

Kalla Fieger, of Reston, is on the dean's list for spring 2016 at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. Non Degree, Coll of Continuing Education.

Elizabeth Ashley Drake, of Herndon, is on the dean's list at Hollins University for spring 2016.



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