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State Del. Margi Vanderhye (D-34) greets voters at the polls at Langley High School on Tuesday morning.

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Crowds were manageable by about 10 a.m. at Forestville Elementary, but voters continued to stream in steadily.

Morning Rush

Huge morning crowd at Forestville Elementary polls became manageable within hours.

Voters started lining up at Forestville Elementary School at about 5:10 a.m. By the time the polls opened at 6, poll worker Milton Edwards guessed 300 to 400 people were waiting to vote. "We cleared people out by 7:48, so nobody had a really long wait," Edwards said. Since then, he said, the crowd had ebbed and flowed. By 9:20 that morning, more than 900 people had voted at the school. "This is more than anything we've done in

the past," he said, adding that he was still expecting a rush in the afternoon and another before polls closed in the evening. Edwards said about 600 of the precinct's approximately 3,500 voters had already voted before Election Day arrived. Normally, he said, nine or 10 volunteers work the poll, but 13 poll workers were at the school this year, in anticipation of the heavy turnout.

— MIKE DICICCO
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Dressed as George Washington, Mark Casso hands out Republican literature in front of the Forestville Elementary School polling place.



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Langley precinct voters check in to vote at Langley High School while being observed by poll observers from both parties on Tuesday morning.

VIEWPOINTS Absentee Voters Discuss Issues, Choices



Patricia Puritz, Great Falls, Executive Director of the National Juvenile Defender Center
"I am voting early because I am serving as an election officer on Tuesday and will be too busy to vote that day. I believe it is time for a change. I care very much about the Supreme Court and I think that balance needs to be restored in that area. I am the proudest of the American people during election time."



Dan Schultz, McLean
"I am voting early because I will be out of town and I want to be sure my vote counts. I voted for McCain because I want to cancel out my daughter's vote."



Caroline Prichett, McLean, Engineer
"I won't be in town so it is important that I vote early and let my voice be heard. I voted for Obama because I am looking for change."



Ellen Prichett, McLean, Realtor
"I will be out of town on Tuesday and I voted for Obama. I am very much opposed to de-regulation and I feel that the current financial front that the Republicans have created will take years to recover from. We also need more fairness in our tax laws and Obama has that as a major concern."

— DANIELLE LANDAU

Great Falls Resident Killed in Car Crash

Detectives from the Montgomery County Police Collision Reconstruction Unit (CRU) are investigating a single-vehicle fatal collision that occurred Sunday, Nov. 2 at approximately 7:14 p.m., on Elmer School Road near Whites Ferry Road in Dickerson.

Through the course of the investigation it was learned that the driver, Kevin Jay Bacon, 53, of the 700 block of Kentland Drive in Great Falls, was traveling north on Elmer School Road towards Route 107. For unknown reasons he lost control of his vehicle, a black 2007 Lexus LS460, and collided with a tree.

Fire Rescue Service personnel responded and treated the victim who succumbed to his injuries at the scene. Inside the vehicle was a Burmese Mountain dog, belonging to Bacon, which did not survive the collision.

Anyone who may have information about this collision is asked to contact CRU detectives at 301-840-2435. The investigation is continuing.

GF Trail Blazers Meet on Thursday

The next meeting of Great Falls Trail Blazers will be Thursday, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m. at the Old Schoolhouse. The guest speaker will be Randall Flowers of the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, who will discuss plans for construction of trail segments on Georgetown Pike and Walker Road. All are welcome.

SHARE Collects Food Certificates

SHARE, Inc. of McLean, serving families in need in our local area, is collecting Safeway or Giant food certificates for the annual Thanksgiving Dinner program. Donations of food certificates will help a needy family purchase a turkey, fresh vegetables, or other fresh items to supplement other food donations at Thanksgiving. Non-perishable food items, detergent, cooking oil, rice, and pasta are also appreciated. Drop-off is at the McLean Baptist Church, 1367 Chain Bridge Road in McLean from 10 a.m. till noon on Saturday, Nov. 8 and Saturday, Nov. 15.

Art Foundation's Inaugural Gala

Great Falls Foundation for the Arts, Inc. (GFFFTA) is planning its inaugural annual Gala Friday, Nov. 21, 7-10 p.m. Enjoy delectable edibles and sumptuous wines while bidding on an extensive selection of top quality local and regional art. All proceeds from this event will be supporting the new Great Falls School of Art whose immediate needs are to locate, equip and manage a teaching facility in Great Falls.

More than 50 local and regional artists have donated a collection of original art, photography, jewelry, pottery, quilts and more for this event's silent art auction. Persistent bidders will be rewarded with one-of-a-kind originals. This event is by invitation only and the guest list is limited to the first 300 responses. Download the invitation and reply card at: www.greatfallsfoundationforarts.org.

Holiday Market At Village Green

Village Green Holiday Market Scene, Nov. 16 from noon-5 p.m., 790 Walker Road in Great Falls will offer a variety of products from the Village Green community and local vendors.

For more information email etmahr@hotmail.com or call (703) 759-2210.

Trail Hits a Crossroads

Conservationists, trail users clash over Riverbend stretch of Potomac Heritage Trail.

By MIKE DiCICCO
THE CONNECTION

On a trail at Riverbend Park, nature conservation and the interests of some trail users have collided over the past year.

Jinny Beyer used to hike the stretch of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail between the park's visitor center and Clarks Branch five times a week, but since the weekend of Oct. 18, she rarely can use the stretch of trail. Her husband now can walk only about a half-mile of it.

A segment of the trail has been rerouted onto the nearby hillside to avoid a globally rare plant community that it formerly passed through, and the original stretch was closed off the weekend before last.

"I've got bad knees," Beyer said. "If I try going on those hills every day of the week, my knees will go bad." Her husband, who has had a stroke, cannot negotiate the rerouted portion at all.

THE DETOUR is no more than half a mile from the visitor center, and there is no vehicular access to the end of the trail at Clarks Branch. Other than the rerouted portion, this stretch of about two miles of trail along the Potomac River is flat and scenic.

Beyer said there was no comparable trail in the Great Falls area. The portion of trail that runs from the Riverbend Park visitor center east to Great Falls Park requires some climbing, and the trails at Great Falls Park are crowded and require an entrance fee, she said.

The decision to reroute the trail was made about a year ago, when an investigator from the Nature Conservancy discovered the rare plant community, and Beyer said there were never any public hearings held on the matter. "I just don't feel the public was given a chance or a voice in this," she said.

The detour was built last year by a team of park staff and volunteers.

In June, Beyer, along with a couple of other Great Falls residents who were displeased by the decision to create a detour, met with a member of the Nature Conservancy, two members of the Fairfax County Park Authority, two Riverbend Park managers and a staffer from Supervisor John Foust's (D-Dranesville) office, but she said she had not been satisfied with the meet-



PHOTO BY MIKE DiCICCO/THE CONNECTION

A footbridge has been disassembled and a fence erected to keep hikers out of an ecologically sensitive area on the Potomac Heritage Trail in Riverbend Park.

ing. "They told us we could walk back and forth on the trail," she said. "That's not the meaning of a walk."

Beyer said she didn't know where she would take her near-daily three-mile walk now. "It gets kind of boring to walk around the neighborhood and seeing one big house after another." She said she had a strong interest in protecting the environment but thought it could be accomplished "without banning a very large population from enjoying part of a park."

A letter written to Foust in May by Mary Travaglini, the Nature Conservancy's Potomac Gorge habitat restoration manager, said the conservancy had found an example of "one of the rarest and most conservation-worthy" plant communities in the Potomac Gorge along the part of the trail in question. This was the Piedmont bedrock floodplain woodland, one of seven globally rare plant communities found along the Potomac. Travaglini wrote that there were fewer than 20 small patches of this community in existence.

She said the site also supported a population of sweet-scented Indian plantain, a state-listed rare plant. "It is important that Riverbend Park defend their mandate to protect these natural resources, as

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Top-Notch Neighbors

Alex Holtberg and Elizabeth Marcotte, both of Great Falls, named neighbors of the year.

By MIKE DiCICCO
THE CONNECTION

For Langley High School freshman Alex Holtberg, it all started with a Lynyrd Skynyrd concert.

A number of leftover tickets had been given away to wounded veterans, and several of the soldiers were seated near Alex. "I felt bad because no one gives back to them," he said, noting that the men had given a lot for their country. "They were all really young, too." That was when Alex, winner of this year's Neighbors of the Year award, was 10 or 11, and he has been giving back to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan ever since.

The award is for youths 22 and younger. Its counterpart, the Michael J. Kearney Neighbor of the Year award, is going to another Great Falls resident, Elizabeth Marcotte, owner of the Let's Dish chain of restaurants.

THE TWO WERE SELECTED from about 14 nominees, and the awards will be formally presented at a ceremony on Saturday, Nov. 15 at Katie's Coffee House.

"She's very gracious and really just a good person," said Tracie Rosales, who nominated Marcotte for the award. "A generous heart is what comes to mind when I think of Elizabeth." She said Marcotte not only helped her and others in their professional lives but also worked with a number of charities.

"She helped with bringing several families, including my own, meals when we had a family member in the hospital," said Sharon Rainey, founder and president of myNeighborsNetwork.com, the Web site that gives the awards.

Rosales said Marcotte was conscientious about recommending businesses she liked to other people and connecting people who could help each other.

"She also does a ton of amazing things for breast cancer, personally and through her business," Rosales said. "And if I need someone for a charity event, she's the first per-

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Alex Holtberg and Elizabeth Marcotte are this year's Neighbors of the Year.

"A generous heart is what comes to mind when I think of Elizabeth."

— Tracie Rosales

"Virtually anyone can do one good thing and be done with it, but his is ongoing."

— Det. John Carney

son to say yes," she added, noting that Marcotte does not hesitate to donate raffle prizes or time. Recently, Marcotte helped with a charity fashion show for Suited for Change, an organization that collects suits for donation to places like women's shelters, Rosales said. She said Marcotte also works to send packages to troops overseas through the Neighbors International Foundation, where she has crossed paths with Alex.

"He's been at almost every single troop care package party we've had," Rainey said of Alex, adding that he often initiated his own collections for the packages and wrote engaging, personal letters to accompany them.

Shortly after his concert experience, Alex said, he collected about 200 books for a woman whose son was stationed in Afghanistan. He then decided to use his bar mitzvah to put together packages and write letters to troops, and also donated some of his gift money. He started working with Neighbors when he had to do community service for an eighth-grade class. "And I just kept doing it because it was there and I felt good about what I was doing," he said.

"He's done it all on his own," Rainey said. "His mother, she encourages him, but he comes up with it himself."

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PEOPLE

Author Inspires, Signs Book

Matthew Hickling visits Village Green Day School.

Village Green Day School held a book signing for an inspirational author with close area connections: Matthew Hickling was born in Australia, raised in McLean and Arlington and he attended Bishop O'Connell High School. After graduating from high school he headed off to the school of Visual Arts in New York City to continue his study of art and drawing. Before finishing his first year, Hickling was diagnosed with a brain tumor. He had emergency surgery and the tumor was removed. But the surgery left him a very different person. Over the next few years, he endured intense physical therapy to regain his speech and ability to walk. He did not give up and was eventually able to return and finish his studies in New York. Because the trauma to his brain was so severe, his doctors could not determine if his artistic talents would be affected.



PHOTO BY WENDY O'BRIEN/VILLAGE GREEN DAY SCHOOL

Many families bought copies of the book to add to their home libraries and Matthew Hickling was at hand to personally sign the books for them.

"A year ago, Hickling showed me a copy of a new children's book that he wrote and illustrated; 'Danny: The Astronaut Deer.' I knew instantly that Matt's talents were left intact. I shared the book with the librarian and art teacher at Village Green Day School. They were so thrilled with it that they decided to include Matt in their annual Village Green Literary Festival. To prepare for the festival, the children write and illustrate their own stories. They then present them to family and friends at the Literary Festi-

val. Matt was kind enough to come into Village Green for a week to read his story, discuss the creative process with the children and answer their questions. He helped the Kindergartners by giving them advice on their own stories. It was an amazing experience for the children to hear Matt read and describe the inspiration for 'Danny: the Astronaut Deer,'" said Wendy O'Brien, co-director of admissions, Great Falls Village Green Day School.

PEOPLE IN NEWS



Jean and Ric Edelman of Great Falls, founders of Edelman Financial (Fairfax), have received national and local awards, in honor of their philanthropy toward the nursing profession and nursing education. Since 2004, the Edelmanns have provided support to the Edelman Nursing Career Development Center at Inova Health System. The Edelman Center provides continuing education programs, career consultation, and scholarships to Inova nurses and others seeking nursing degrees. More than 900 nurses benefit annually from the Edelman Center's services. The American Journal of Nursing, the leading nursing trade magazine, has named the Edelmanns the recipients of this year's "Beatrice Renfield Caring for the Caregiver Award." The award will be announced in the magazine's November issue. Separately, the Inova Health System awarded the Edelmanns its 2008 "Commitment to Excellence Award."



Nancy Jemio's work will be on display in the Washington Craft Show.

Nancy Jemio, a McLean craft artist, was selected to participate in the Washington Craft Show this year. A premier national event of contemporary craft, this 21st annual show will bring together 190 artists from 34 states and DC at the Washington Convention Center on November 7-9.

Fiber wearable artist, Jemio hand looms knitted jackets, sweaters, and long coats using an intarsia technique, where the ends of threads are not visible. The granddaughter of a tailor in South America, her pieces are tailored and embellished with abstract designs, urban landscapes, or scenes from nature in earth tones and brilliant oranges and reds. A combination of the best quality rayon chenille and silk yarns bring lightweight comfort and body to her clothing.

SCHOOL NOTES

Send School Notes to greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

The Langley High Orchestra has been named a Commended Winner by the National Orchestra Honors Project, a national recorded music contest that offers bands, choirs, and orchestras the opportunity to receive national recognition for their musical achievement.

The Langley School will

dedicate its new Jeffrey J. Sherman Arts Center on Nov. 6, a 20,000-square-foot building centered around a state-of-the-art auditorium.

The facility also includes band, music, and art rooms and a light-filled lobby/café.

The arts center is named in honor of the late Jeffrey J. Sherman, former McLean resident, Langley parent, and Langley Board chair who was instrumental in its design. The building will also host concerts, plays, assemblies, and

special events for students and their families.

The new auditorium features an 18-inch-high stage to make performing less daunting for Langley's youngest students and retractable theater seating to add flexibility. The acoustics allow a student speaking on stage to be heard equally well from any location in the auditorium, while a high-tech system of 70 lights with 90 channels allows for customizable lighting arrangements on stage.

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Great Falls Fusion Wins VIP Tournament

The Great Falls Fusion girls' U13 team won its division of the VIP Soccer Tournament held Oct. 11-12 in Great Falls. The Fusion team won all of their games with scores of 5 - 0 against CCS Elite, 1 - 0 against Quest Black, 2 - 0 against SYC Storm, and 4 - 1 against Sterling Dynamo. The team is coached by Jose Luis Venegas, along with assistant coaches Tom Klein and Tom Salamone. The coaches say that, since Fusion is a Great Falls soccer team, it was particularly rewarding to win the VIP Soccer Tournament since it honors the memory of a Great Falls soccer player Vanessa Pean, who died in October 2005.

The VIP tournament is a joint fund-raiser for the Vanessa Pean Foundation and Vanessa Pean Field Improvement Capital Campaign. The tournament has grown from eight area high school girls' teams in 2006 to 75 boys and girls clubs and high school teams this year, ages U9 through High School.

Great Falls Fusion originally was a Suburban Friendship League (SFL) team prior to moving up to the Old Dominion Soccer League (ODSL) in the fall of 2007. Since participating in ODSL, the team has moved up a division every season, moving from Division 3 in Fall 2007 to Division 2 in Spring 2008 and then to Division 1 in this Fall 2008 season.



The Great Falls Fusion soccer team, winners of the VIP Soccer Tournament last weekend, display their trophies. First row, kneeling, from left: Katie Valery, Alex Petras, Mara DeTrani, Rachel Wood, Olivia Salamone, Erin Stvan, Katherine Meiser, Killeen Rivers, and Erin Klein; second row, standing, Jackie Ryan, Jane Sevila, Assistant Coach Tom Salamone, Abigail Spires, Head Coach Jose Luis Venegas, Shannon Curley, Rebecca Pifer, Anna Cox, Antonia Lanaras, and Assistant Coach Tom Klein. Not pictured: Madison Card.



GFSC Madrid won its age division at the VIP Tournament held in honor of Vanessa Pean this past holiday weekend.

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OPINION

Share Your Voting Experiences

The Connection heads to press on Election Day before the polls close; see www.ConnectionNewspapers.com.

Northern Virginia polling places were still jammed with voters when the Connection you're reading went to press on Tuesday, Nov. 4. Election results and more stories about residents' experiences on Election Day will appear on our Web site.

We'd also like to invite you to share experiences of all kinds that you had voting on Election Day or voting absentee. We're interested in positive experiences as well as concerns or problems. Perhaps you waited for more than an hour, but used the time to make new friends or catch up with old ones. Perhaps you saw a polling place where one election working made a difference by

being exceptionally organized or exceptionally pleasant.

We're interested in the experience of people with disabilities. We did hear that some people with disabilities and some older voters were subjected to unbearable waits for curbside vot-

ing in some places. We'd like to know if you are a voter with disabilities what kind of experience you had, easy or hard.

—MARY KIMM.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Guide to Going Green

BY IVY MAIN

PERSPECTIVES

There's no shortage of information about how each of us can save energy. The internet has enough ideas and products that you could devote pretty much all your time to making home improvements, and spend every last dime to get all the latest energy-saving items.

But what if you don't want to make it your life's work to find every wasted watt of energy in your house? And what if you don't want to spend what's left of your 401(k) on your own personal wind turbine?

Don't get me wrong. We've got to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 20 percent by 2020, 80 percent by 2050, or we're all toast. The good news is, that's only 2 percent per year, and even if you are really lazy, and really cheap, you can do that.

The absolute cheapest way to save the planet is to stop buying stuff. Even organic cotton t-shirts take energy to produce and ship. If you live in a teeny-tiny house with old vinyl flooring and Formica counters, you are much more eco-friendly than the guy down the street who tears down a house like yours and builds a 6,000-square-foot mansion, even if he does put solar panels on top.

But the old teeny-tiny house may still be using more energy than it needs to. The Lazy Cheapskate's Guide to Going Green involves following three

principles:

1. Investing is Better than Spending.
2. One Decision is Easier than 10.
3. Habits are Easier than Decisions.

First, investing versus spending. Marketing people love to blur the line between investing and spending, but we all know that real investing means that over time you end up with more money than you started with, while "investing" in a great pair of new shoes means you will never see that money again. So replacing your old heat pump with a new one that's far more efficient is an investment that will pay for itself over time by lowering your energy bills month after month. Redoing your living room, on the other hand, is probably just spending, even if you put in a sustainably-harvested bamboo floor.

Replacing an old appliance like a refrigerator or a washing machine can be a sound investment, because new Energy Star models use much less energy than old ones. But beware of the bells and whistles. Have you heard about the refrigerator icemakers that periodically melt the accumulated ice and drain it off to start over? Think about the energy involved in melting ice inside a freezer. So not only are you spending extra for that feature, but you will be spending for it every month there-

after. That's a really bad investment. Also, if the old refrigerator you're replacing still works, get rid of it anyway. It's tempting to keep it running in a back room to store extra milk and soda, but if you do that, your new refrigerator isn't an investment after all, it was just spending. And really, who needs two refrigerators to clean?

Other investments are things you do to your house to reduce your heating and cooling costs. These are things like adding insulation, sealing air leaks, insulating ductwork, installing glass doors on a fireplace, and replacing old windows with Energy Star models.

All of which may sound great to the cheapskate but horrible to the lazy person, which brings us to the second principle: One decision is easier than 10.

Start with a home energy audit. It makes a good investment because it ensures you're not breaking the bank on windows when attic insulation would do more. And better yet, somebody else does the work. Often the auditor is also a contractor who can do the work you need. That means you hire the auditor, and your job is done. This is much easier than dealing with projects one at a time yourself, which at our house means starting a project, stopping because we don't have the right materials, going out to get what we need, tackling the project again, stopping because we bought the wrong thing, repeating that cycle at least one more time

over the next month, and then giving up entirely because we're just not that dedicated. For us, one decision is not only easier than 10, it actually gets the job done.

Other easy decisions that can make a huge difference include switching to compact florescent light bulbs (to reduce your lighting costs by 80 percent), putting outdoor lights on timers, and putting your appliances on power strips that you can turn off to reduce "vampire load," the energy used by computers, TV's, stereos, etc. even when they're not "on." Most households spend 10 percent of their electric bill on vampire load, and that's just wasted money.

Of course, there's the tricky matter of remembering to turn off the power strip at night or when you leave for vacation. That brings us to our third principle: Habits are easier than decisions.

When something's a habit, you do it without thinking. If turning off the computer and power strips becomes part of your nightly routine along with taking out the dog and locking the doors, you no longer have to think about it. Perfect for the lazy cheapskate. Habits make it easier to do the little things that add up to big savings, both for you and for the planet. Remembering your cloth grocery bags, having your travel mug with you when you stop for coffee, carrying your reusable water bottle instead of paying for what's free

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

Day of Prayer on the "Divine Mercy." Presented by Sr. Paulette Honeygosky, S.C.V. on Wednesday, Nov. 5 at the Dominican Retreat, 7103 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. 703-356-4243 or www.dominicanretreat.org.

Day of Recollection for Widowed Catholics, led by Fr. Gregory Salomone, O.P. Thursday, Nov. 6, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Dominican Retreat House, 7103 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. 703-356-4243 or reservations@dominicanretreat.org.

Alternative Gift Market, Saturday, Nov. 15, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The McLean Baptist Church Women's Ministry will have gifts from around the world and a light lunch.

All proceeds benefit women's ministry causes. Admission free; lunch \$5. McLean Baptist Church, 1367 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. 703-356-8080 or www.mcleanbaptist.org.

Personal Peace, Global Peace. On Sunday, Nov. 16 at 10 a.m., Jane Johnson Lewis will share ideas and practices for inner and outer peace. Free. Northern Virginia Ethical Society, 225 Nutley St. N.W., Vienna. 703-437-3161 or www.esnv.org.

Aaron David Miller, "America's Elusive Search for Arab-Israel Peace," Monday, Nov. 17 at 8 p.m. at Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation, 1441 Wiehle Ave., Reston. Admission is free and open to the public. 703-437-7733 or www.nvhcreston.org.

The Jewish Social Services Agency, 3018 Javier Road, Fairfax, offers a variety of family programs. Call 703-204-9100.

♦ **Just Chill: An Anxiety Management Group,** for ages 8-10. Wednesdays through Feb. 18 at 6 p.m.

♦ **Teen Talk: An Adolescent Adoption Series,** for ages 13-18. Tuesdays through Dec. 23 at 7 p.m. Pre-registration required.

♦ **Understanding Your Adopted Teen,** Wednesdays through Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. Pre-registration required, call 703-204-9592.

♦ **Support Group for Parents of Young Adults with Asperger's Syndrome and Related Disorders.** Nov. 26, Dec. 17 and Jan. 28, at 7 p.m.

♦ **Social Club for Young Adults with Asperger's Syndrome.** Call for a schedule of events and costs.

♦ **Starting Over: A Widow and Widower Support Group,** meeting the third Monday of every month, at 1 p.m.

♦ **You and Your Aging Parents,** meeting the third Wednesday of every month, at 6 p.m.

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries is looking for volunteers to provide food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Western Fairfax Ministries will provide information about a family in need, and the volunteer will deliver the basket(s) directly to the sponsored family. Contact Pam Ryan at 703-988-9656 or volunteer@wfcmv.org.

Learning the history and meaning of the Christian Faith as practiced at **Oakton United Methodist Church,** Sundays through Nov. 23, 9:45-10:30 a.m. 2951 Chain Bridge Road, Oakton, at the intersection of Rt. 123 and Hunter Mill Road. 703-938-1234.

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WEDNESDAY/NOV. 5

Battlefield Band. 8 p.m. Celtic folk group at The Barns. Tickets \$22. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

What's in My Pocket? 10:30 a.m. Age 2-5 with adult. Kangaroo stories and activities. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak ridge Ave., McLean. 703-356-0770.

Gourds and Gobblers. 10:30 a.m. Age 3-5 with adult. Do wild turkeys still roam in Great Falls? Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 703-757-8560.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines, with Filmmaker Steve Gonser at 7 p.m. at the Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., inside the McLean Community Center. \$8 McLean district residents, \$10 non-residents. 703-790-0123 or www.mcleancenter.org.

THURSDAY/NOV. 6

James Cotton. 8 p.m. Grammy-winning blues legend at The Barns. Tickets \$25. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

David Mead and The Grey Race. Pop/acoustic. 8 p.m. \$10. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Mothers First of Great Falls, 10 a.m. at Great Falls Library, 9830

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Last year, more than 70 people celebrated the 26th Anniversary of the Great Falls Optimist Club at the second annual barn dance.

Optimist Club To Hold Barn Dance

The Great Falls Optimist Club is holding its third annual barn dance, complete with a live band, "Standing Room Only," and barbecued ribs and chicken on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 7 to 11 p.m. Proceeds from this year's event will support the club's youth-oriented activities and programs.

Club member Linda Thompson has again donated the use of her refurbished bank barn in Great Falls for the upcoming event. "Standing Room Only" will entertain guests with classic rock; Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que will provide dinner; and a cash bar with beer and wine will be provided by The Old Brogue. Tickets are \$50 each and are tax deductible. Tickets must be purchased in advance because space is limited. For information, call Linda Thompson at 703-759-2959 or visit www.greatfallsoptimist.org.

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Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 703-827-5922 or www.mothersfirst.org.

Tax Advantages in the Virginia Long Term Care Partnership Program, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. or 1:30-3:30 p.m. The Tower Club, 8000 Towers Crescent Drive, #1700, Vienna. Free. Registration required. Kathie Truitt, 703-748-5800 or receptionist@spireip.com.

FRIDAY/NOV. 7

Jeremy Denk. 8 p.m. Pianist at The Barns. Tickets \$35. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

An Evening with The Nighthawks. Rock/blues. 7 p.m. \$20. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Pottery show and sale, at the Bowman House Arts and Crafts Center, 211 Center St., S., in Vienna from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission is free. The show will feature items made by students and teachers in the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department's pottery program, and a portion of the proceeds go to support the program. 703-255-6360.

Brown Bag University, 12-1 p.m. with Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, 8300 Boone Blvd., Suite 450, Vienna. "Wellness in the Workplace" with Dr. Brandon Lemuel, owner of PalmerCare Chiropractic in Vienna. Free. 703-281-1333.

Journeys: An Evening with Writers, 7 p.m. with local authors at Borders Bookstore, 8027

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Great Falls Optimist Club 3rd Annual Barn Dance and Fund Raiser, 7-11 p.m. at the Thompson Barn, 964 Walker Road, Great Falls. Adults only. Live Band "Standing Room Only" doing 60's, 70's, & 80's music and some country. Dance instruction available. Tickets \$50 per person, at The Old Brogue, The Tavern, and Safeway on weekends. Contact Linda Thompson at 703-759-2959 or linda.thompson@longandfoster.com.

Vienna Women's Club 48th Holiday Bazaar and Craft Show, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. \$1 admission. Children's activities, over 75 crafters and vendors, baked goods, used books, white elephant sale and lunch. Proceeds benefit the Women's Club Scholarship Program.

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Melissa Manchester, 7:30 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$35. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

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Mardi Gras Murder, 7 p.m. Adults. Figure out whodunit. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. 703-242-4020.

Legal Aspects of Separation and Divorce, 10 a.m. at the McLean Government Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean. \$55 non-members, \$45 members. 703-281-2657 or www.thewomenscenter.org.

Women's Sojourn, 9:30 a.m. The Women's Center, 127 Park St. N.E., Vienna. \$90 non-members, \$75 members. 703-281-2657 or www.thewomenscenter.org.

"Steps for Africa," featuring performing arts students from the Great Falls area. 7:30 p.m. at the School of Theatrical Dance in the Great Falls Village Center. All proceeds benefit the Global Fund's fight against AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria in Africa. Admission \$10 students, \$20 adults. Reserve at Pirhouette@aol.com

Local vs. Organic: How to Decide What Is Best for Yourself, Your Family and Your Environment, 10-11:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. With Nina Planck, food writer and author of Real Food, Renee Brooks Catacalos, Editor of Edible Chesapeake magazine. SmartMarkets.org



Vienna Remembers World War II: Stories, photos and memorabilia about the war gathered from area veterans and families, about the war both on the battlefield and on the home front. The exhibit will be displayed Nov. 12 at The Freeman Store and Museum.



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Jazz Workshop with Paul Pieper, 2 p.m. \$5. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

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MONDAY/NOV. 10

Dalia Mogahed, Executive Director of the Gallup Center for Muslim Studies, will draw on Gallup's 50,000 interviews with people in 35 predominantly Muslim countries, to discuss Muslim women's values, aspirations, and fears. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Sponsored by the Vienna Area Branch AAUW. Free; public invited. 703-938-8349.

Brendan James, 7:30 p.m. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

TUESDAY/NOV. 11

Tea Tasting, 10 a.m. Black Teas. \$20. Cathy's Corner in the Village Centre, Great Falls. 703-757-6209 or www.greatfallsteagarden.com.

Barcelona, Paper Route and Solar Powered Sun Destroyer, Rock, 8 p.m. \$10. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

The Laura Ratcliffe Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, meets in McLean at 6:30 p.m. The Chapter takes its name from Fairfax County resident Laura Ratcliffe, an acknowledged spy during the War Between the States, who lived in the Fryling Pan area of the county and provided military intelligence to General J.E.B. Stuart and Colonel John Singleton Mosby. Meetings are open to the public. Call Nancy Wigginton, 703-408-8019.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 12

Great Falls Historical Society, 7 p.m. at the Great Falls Grange, 9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Free admission. Capt. Keith Young, U.S.N. Ret., on "Capture of U-505," the story of the first German U-Boat boarded and captured by the U.S. Navy. GFHS.org or 703-759-9188.

Vienna Remembers World War II: Stories, photos and memorabilia about the war from area veterans and families, about the war on the battlefield and on the home front. The Freeman Store and Museum, 131 Church St. N.E., Vienna. 703-200-7806 or historicviennainc.org.

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This article is based on Ivy Main's presentation at the Oct. 7 Green Choices forum in McLean

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Gunter-Hatch Design Group is a full-service interior design firm, founded by Tami Hatch and Pattie Gunter.

Their body of work includes residential and commercial interiors, as well as furniture and product design, including work for several national home furnishings companies. More detailed information about this firm can be found on its Web site, www.gunterhatch.com.

Drawing inspiration from the lifestyle and tastes of a well-traveled photographer at home, Gunter-Hatch Design Group designed their space, the Photographer's Study, as a creative retreat for a woman whose work has taken her around the world. Surrounded by photographs, sculptures, and objects gathered from her travels, this is a place she may share with friends, colleagues, and family.

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To have community events listed in the Connection, send to greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 5

Personal Safety for Women will be held at the Vienna Community Center in four parts from 7 to 10 p.m. Specially trained police officers along with several local volunteers will teach women to be alert and mindful of their personal safety. Escape and response techniques are demonstrated in practical scenarios as well as several non-physical



Tami Hatch



Pattie Gunter



Gunter-Hatch Design Group designed its space, the Photographer's Study, as a creative retreat for a woman whose work has taken her around the world.

The Fall Design House at the Washington Design Center is open to the public Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The Fall Design

House will remain open until Dec. 13. For more information on the Fall Design House, visit <http://dcdesigncenter.com/designhouse/fall2008>.

techniques to help women stay safe. \$5 for town residents plus a \$15 materials fee. 703-255-6360.

Great Falls Friends Breakfast at 8 a.m. at the Great Falls Library. Speaker: Mike Kearney, owner of the Old Brogue Restaurant and Katie's Coffee House. 703-759-0375.

THURSDAY/NOV. 6

School board Work Session/Linkage, 4 p.m. Work Session/Forum, 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting, 7 p.m. Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. 703-

204-8100.

Jim Larranaga, GMU Head Basketball Coach, featured speaker at Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce's luncheon. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Winning philosophies and formulas for success and how lessons from the court translate into other aspects of life including professional career and family life. Tickets \$25. Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar is located at 1960-A Chain Bridge Rd., McLean. www.mcleanchamber.org or 703-356-5424 or kryan@mcleanchamber.org.

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NEWS

Langley School Presents 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'

Middle School students at The Langley School will bring the magical world of Willy Wonka and his top-secret chocolate factory to life during their fall production of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," Nov. 13-15 at 7:30 p.m. The play will be held in the school's new Jeffrey J. Sherman Arts Center, which opened in September and features a state-of-the-art auditorium.

Tickets are available at the door for \$5 per person.

Approximately 40 students in grades 6-8 — about one third of Langley's Middle School — auditioned for a role in the show, with 23 students making the cut as cast members. In addition to the actors on stage, two student directors provide behind-the-scenes guidance and student tech team members assist with lighting, sound, and props.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Langley School drama program gives students a complete theatrical experience.

"The goal of our drama program is to give students a complete theatrical experience that ranges from acting and directing to helping with makeup, costumes, or lighting," said Drama Teacher Kristy Nicolette. "Langley's new Sherman Arts Center — with a large stage and amazing sound and lighting capabilities — gives our students the tools to put on a professional, high-quality performance."

Based on the fantasy book by Roald Dahl, this classic, family-friendly tale gained greater popularity with the 2005 release of a major motion picture starring Johnny Depp.

The Langley School is an independent, coed day school for students in preschool through eighth grade, located at 1411 Balls Hill Road, McLean. See www.langleyschool.org.

Detour Leaves Some Neighbors Out

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well as their legal responsibility to protect state-are plants," she wrote.

Foust said "lots and lots of discussions" had been held on the subject. The decision predated his time in office, but he said it was "the right decision as far as we're concerned," noting that the Friends of Riverbend Park, the Park Authority, the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club and the Great Falls Trailblazers had all supported the rerouting of the trail.

He said he had heard from three people who were displeased by the decision and wanted him to reverse it. "A few people have this position that they should be able to walk through this ecologically sensitive area," he said.

However, after the original trail had been closed for about a week, Great Falls resident Karen Washburn, one of the three who had initially expressed their discontent, said she had met "quite a few people who have discovered the trail closed and are rather peeved about it." And, as a member of the Trailblazers, she said the decision to endorse the detour had never been put to a vote at a meeting.

Washburn said she had been hiking in the park four or five days a week for the last 30 years and was recently using the trail for rehabilitation after knee surgery. "I'm able right now, but I have terrible knees, so can I do it every day and still walk? No," she said. "I'd be right back on the surgeon's table."

STEPPING OVER a large tangle of roots on a walk down the trail, she said, "This used to be the trickiest thing you'd come across." Shortly, the trail arrived at a fence and veered uphill in a fairly steep ascent that employed switchbacks to keep the grade

reasonable. "Anybody who has a physical ailment or a heart condition is not going to be able to use this trail," she said as she climbed. She said she used to see people who used canes walking the trail.

Washburn noted that the rest of the trail, between the detour and Clarkes Branch, provided views of the river. "So when we're offered this situation of being told we can go somewhere else where it's flat is comparable to saying, 'Everybody else is eating steak. Have a McDonald's hamburger. They're both meat.'"

Another trail provided access to the far side of the detour from an extension of Jeffery Road, but the hike back toward the road began with a long uphill climb. Washburn said her husband, who'd had two major heart attacks, "used to march up and down this hill all the time. He can no longer do that."

"I realize park trails don't have to be ADA-compliant, but we already had this one," Washburn said.

She said she had wanted a fair hearing to seek a compromise, such as closing the sensitive part of the trail to all but foot traffic.

Eleanor Weck, president of the Trailblazers, said the organization had written a letter asking that the trail be closed to bike and horse traffic for a year to see how the plant community survived under that circumstance. The Nature Conservancy had responded, saying the measure would not provide enough protection because one plant species at the site had been reduced to seven bent stems.

"I don't think there's anything that Foust can do or that we can do," she said. "The fact that there's this rare plant there and it's threatened by foot traffic, that's the issue, and I don't see any way around it."

Weck said that if hikers found the trail unacceptable, the only option would probably be an alternate detour.



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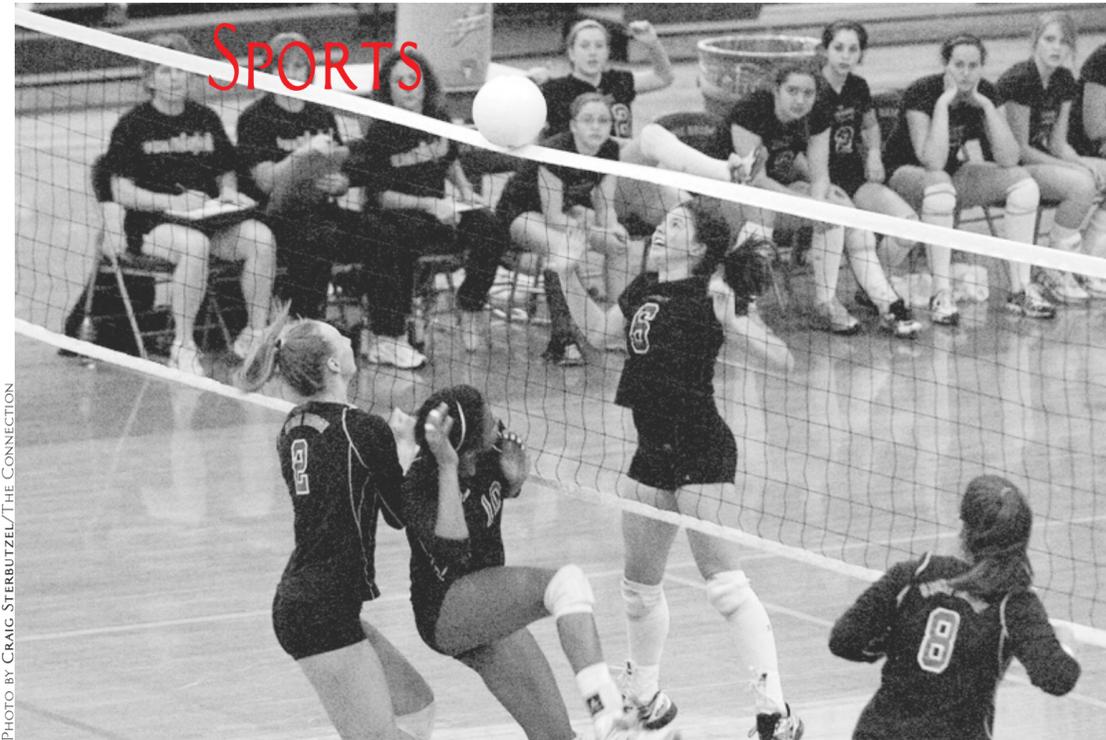
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Langley's Elyse Richardson (far side net) waits the ball out to see which way it will fall during the Saxons' title match at Stone Bridge last week.

Bulldogs Overcome Saxons

Girls' title match goes right down to the wire.

By RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Sarah Norton, a leader and senior member of the Stone Bridge High girls' volleyball team, never once believed her team was going to lose its Liberty District tournament finals match against Langley last week. She and her Bulldog teammates even kept the faith after falling behind two games to none in the best-of-five championship. Sure enough, Stone Bridge, the No. 1-seed of the tournament, came storming back against No. 2 Langley and defeated the Saxons, three games to two (19-25, 20-25, 25-15, 25-21 and 15-12). The incredible, action-packed competition, in which both teams played at a soaring level, took place on Oct. 30 at Stone Bridge in Ashburn. A large, vocal and enthusiastic crowd was on-hand for the district's biggest match of the season. "We kind of had confidence the whole way," said Norton, a middle hitter who was one of six players to be named to the all-tournament team following the conclusion of the title match. "Deep down, we knew we could win it. We had so much energy at the end." The Bulldogs needed every bit of their belief and energy in order to come away victorious after losing the first two games to the same Saxons' team they had defeated a week earlier with the season's regular sea-

son title on the line. Langley, in the hard-fought tournament title match, hardly gave anything away as both rivals played at an intense, fever pitch as the night's action moved towards its climatic conclusion.

IN THE FIFTH and deciding game, Langley built a 6-4 lead before Stone Bridge scored six of the next seven points to take a 10-7 advantage, prompting a timeout by the Saxons as the Stone Bridge faithful roared their approval. But the Saxons were not finished and battled back to tie the game at 11, only to see the Bulldogs score the next two points to go up 13-11. Then, following another timeout, Langley could not return Christine Beckham's serve and trailed 14-11. Moments later, after the Saxons had pulled within 14-12, Norton hit a soft winner across the net and onto the Saxons' open floor for the winning point. That set off a victorious on-court celebration by the Bulldogs.

"Our serve receiving just went to heck in the third, fourth and fifth games. There was a lack of focus. We became too comfortable."

-Langley Girls' Volleyball Coach Susan Shifflett

"It was rough being down by two [games], but I never lost faith in the girls," said Stone Bridge coach Jill Raschiatore, recently named the district coach of the

year. "It's such a game of momentum and Langley is so tough. They have so many options and it's tough to block [their hits]." Raschiatore said her team, when it trailed 2-0, focused on working hard to ultimately set up a fifth and deciding game. She said her team gained confidence and momentum during the second game when, trailing 19-8, the Bulldogs fought back to get within 24-20 before losing. That late charge helped the home team to get on a roll the remainder of the night.

LANGLEY COACH Susan Shifflett said the Saxons struggled against Stone Bridge's potent serving during the final three games. "Our serve receiving just went to heck in the third, fourth and fifth games," said Shifflett. "There was a lack of focus. We became too comfortable [ahead 2-0]. They served tough and it took its toll on us." Shifflett said she told her team afterwards to be sad for a night, but then get ready to move on. Both Langley and Stone Bridge are expected to be solid contenders at this week's 16-team Northern Region tournament.

During postgame ceremonies, Stone Bridge was awarded the district championship trophy, which 12th graders Norton and Lily Vera accepted on behalf of their team.

The six-member all-tournament team was also announced following the match. The following girls were named to the elite squad: Katherine Davis (McLean High), Elyse Richardson (Langley), Logan Sebastian (Langley), Christine Beckham (Stone Bridge), Sarah Norton (Stone Bridge) and Lily Vera (Stone Bridge).

HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

The following local athletes were recently named to the All-Northern Region boys' volleyball team. First Team members included: Carl Hollinger (Langley High, outside hitter, junior), Christian Meeks (Langley, outside hitter, senior), Zander Shaw (Herndon High, outside hitter, junior) and Nick Ziegler (Herndon, libero, senior). Second Team members included: Andrew Miner (Langley High, outside hitter, sophomore), Dermott Ryan (Langley, setter, junior) and Braeden Sebastian (Langley, middle hitter, freshman). The Northern Region playoffs were held this past Saturday at Westfield High School. The participating schools were Centreville, Chantilly, Herndon, Jefferson, Lake Braddock, Langley and Westfield.

The **CYA Phoenix**, an elite U14 girls' soccer team within WAGS, is looking to add a few impact players. Interested players are encouraged to join the team's upcoming training sessions. For more information, contact Coach Cristian Linte at linte@verizon.net, or call 703-894-7390. <http://www.eteamz.com/cyaphoenix/>

The **McLean High girls volleyball team** saw its record slip to 9-4 with a pair of Liberty District losses two weeks ago. On Tuesday, the Highlanders fell to perennial powerhouse Langley, three games to one (9-25, 25-21, 23-25, 14-25). Two days later, McLean lost to Stone Bridge, also three games to one (18-25, 16-25, 25-18, 19-25). Both Langley and Stone Bridge were ranked in the Top 10 coaches' poll and have amassed impressive records.

Though disappointed with the losses, McLean coach Steve Stotler felt McLean was competitive in both matches. "I was impressed with the girls' ability to bounce back after slow starts in both matches."

The Langley match took place at home, while the Stone Bridge competition was in Ashburn. In both matches, outside hitters Cat Davis and Alex Jensen led the Highlanders' attack, amassing 44 kills. The duo was supported by some key blocks and great hitting by senior middle hitter Lea Williams.

McLean went 1-1 over its final two regular season matches, defeating Woodson, 3 games to none, and losing to Jefferson, 3-1. The Highlanders entered last week's Liberty District tournament as the No. 4-seed and defeated No. 5 Woodson in a first round match on Oct. 27. They then fell to eventual champion Stone Bridge in the semifinals. McLean was set to compete at regionals this week.



Great Falls native Jimmy Lange took on Grover Wiley last Saturday night at the Patriot Center. With a 10-round, unanimous decision win, Lange ran his record to 29-3-2.

Return to the Ring

Local boxer Jimmy Lange returns after 18-month layoff with a win at George Mason's Patriot Center.

By JASON MACKAY
THE CONNECTION

Unlike most other professional sports, boxing typically doesn't feature events at home or on the road. Advantages, both tactical and emotional, tend to start and stop in the middle of the ring.

But for Great Falls native Jimmy Lange, last Saturday night's return bout at George Mason's Patriot Center represented more of an exception than the rule.

In front of a partisan crowd of 5,817, Lange showed no ill effects from the rotator cuff injury that forced him away from the ring for the past 18 months, jabbing his way to a 10-round win over Grover Wiley.

Lange didn't score the knockout he did in his last bout on May 12, 2007, when he finished off Fontaine Cabell in the eighth round. Still, he gave an excited crowd quite a few things to cheer about.

It also prompted Lange to reference a sport that has little in common with his own.

"It wasn't perfect because I would've liked to have come in and have had a little bit more of a spectacular showing. The crowd wants knockouts, there's no question about that," said Lange, 27, a 152-pound junior middleweight who graduated from Bishop O'Connell High School in Arlington.

"At the same time, the crowd got a very good boxing lesson. They don't come to see the pitchers ... they come to see the hitters. I would have liked to have had a knockout and given them a knockout but boxing is boxing."

GEORGE MASON has now hosted six professional boxing events at the Patriot Center and every one of them has been headlined by Lange (29-3-2, 20 KO's). In the first-ever Patriot Center event, on Sept. 17, 2005, Lange scored a four-round knockout of Perry Ballard.

When Patriot Center general manager Barry Geisler was approached by Johnny Lange, Jimmy Lange's father, about the possibility of a return bout at the

Fairfax campus, it was as close to a clear-cut answer as the ringside judges had after Lange's unanimous decision.

"We've had several Jimmy Lange-headlined boxing cards here and it's been very successful," Geisler said. "It's a great opportunity for boxing fans in Northern Virginia to see top quality boxing in a great venue that's a comfortable place to enjoy themselves."

In addition to Lange, Saturday night's lineup featured another slice of local flavor. With a daughter battling Stage III Hodgkin's Lymphoma, "Tattoo" Tom Mitchell, 41, resuscitated a boxing career that was halted after a win at age 11.

When his daughter was diagnosed with cancer last summer, Mitchell began fighting again as a way to at least mentally combat the disease and eventually enlisted the help of a longtime friend in Lange.

Mitchell originally called Lange with the idea of pairing some charity work with the return bout but Lange had a different idea. He wanted Mitchell to fight.

WITH LANGE'S guidance, Mitchell made his professional debut against Woodbridge native Yieta Johnson. Though he suffered a second-round defeat, Mitchell raised over \$6,000 for Growing Hope, a Fairfax Station-based nonprofit organization that provides outreach and family support programs for children battling cancer.

"Jimmy Lange is a man among men," Mitchell said. "Jimmy Lange has been to the hospital to visit my daughter. Jimmy Lange has called me throughout my training. Everybody in the whole organization has treated me with nothing but the utmost respect."

Before the evening's main showcase fight, Mitchell and his daughter Shayla joined promoter Jackie Kellen in the ring to present the \$6,000 check. But after the ceremony, the lights went out and Johnny Cash's "The Man Comes Around" blasted throughout the Patriot Center, giving Lange a noticeable home-ring advantage.

After 18 months, Jimmy Lange finally came around.

"For being off 18 months, I was pretty damn sharp," said Lange, who's tentatively scheduled to re-appear at the same venue in February. "The power was there, it just wanted enough. It wasn't in volume. The shots ... there wasn't as many. But my speed, I haven't lost anything. It takes you 10, 20, 30, 40 rounds to find that out and I'm perfectly content with what happened tonight."

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Public Forum on Tysons Tunnel

Numerous Tysons Corner, McLean, Vienna and other Northern Virginia community organizations will hold an open forum called "A Public Voice-Support the Tunnel" that will explore the advantages of a tunnel and related Dulles Metrorail issues at the Sheraton Premiere at Tysons Corner on Nov. 12.

At this session local political leaders and leaders of area business organizations, civic associations and environmental groups will discuss the impact of the proposed aerial structure on the future development of Tysons Corner, the benefits a tunnel and competitive bidding would provide taxpayers in the Old Dominion.

The event is being sponsored by the Great Falls Citizens Association; Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce; Greater Tysons Green Civic Association; Lewinsville Coalition; Mantua Citizens Association; McLean Estates Homeowners Association; McLean

Citizens Association; McLean Hamlet Home Owners Association, North Roslyn Civic Association; National Heritage Foundation; Sierra Club; Tysons Tunnel, Inc.; Town of Vienna; Westbriar Civic Association; and more.

A Public Voice-Support the Tunnel is a public forum at which political and community leaders will discuss the future of Dulles Metrorail, a tunnel for the project and answer questions posed by the concerned citizens of Tysons Corner, McLean, Vienna and throughout Northern Virginia.

The forum will be held on Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m. (Doors open at 7 p.m.) At the Sheraton Premiere at Tysons Corner, 8661 Leesburg Pike, Vienna.

The organizers' aim is to update local citizens on the status of the Dulles Metrorail project and to answer community members' questions about the overall project and the tunnel.

Real Estate Broker Sentenced for Fraud

The president of a Vienna real estate firm was sentenced Friday, Oct. 31 to 70 months in federal prison for defrauding clients of more than \$1 million.

Rajasekhar Marni, 47 of Reston, pleaded guilty in August to federal wire fraud and money laundering in connection with a real estate fraud scheme in 2005 and 2006.

Judge T.S. Ellis III also ordered that Marni pay \$1,117,000 in restitution to his victims.

Marni, the president of Loanworth Corporation, Inc. in Vienna, defrauded three sets of clients of more than \$1 million, according to Dana J. Boente, acting U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Joseph Persichini Jr., assistant director in charge of the FBI's Washington Field Office.

In March 2006, Marni arranged to purchase a Fairfax Station house for \$889,000. Marni had the homeowners, who agreed to

finance Marni's purchase, transfer the title to him while he signed a deed of trust detailing terms of the loan. But Marni never recorded the loan with Fairfax County although he submitted documentation transferring the title to him, according to Boente. He eventually sold the property to a third party and used the proceeds to buy a house for himself in Vienna.

Marni also admitted to defrauding a Lorton couple by convincing them to transfer the title of their property to Loanworth Corporation, Inc. for six months. During that time, he took out more than \$227,000 loans against the property. After the title was returned, one of Marni's lenders foreclosed on the home, resulting in a loss of the victim's equity in the property, according to Boente.

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Fanatic But Not A Phillie



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

While having a conversation recently with my mother about how it was that I could stand the pressure of watching our home town team, the Boston Red Sox, play baseball night after night, as they mostly won their 2008 playoff games, many of which were "elimination games" and extremely stressful if their winning mattered to you, I had an epiphany of sorts.

Sure, I love sports; sure I'm a long time member of Red Sox Nation, having been born, bred and buttered in New England; sure, my father was an even longer-time Red Sox fan, having sold concessions at Fenway Park during the Great Depression when he was a little boy, but my fanaticism may have "much deeper psychological underpinnings than that."

Watching sports, especially during those moments of game-changing, series-ending, history-making, life-affirming circumstances, creates tremendous amounts of anxiety and discomfort, and depending on the outcome, mind-crushing and mood-altering disappointment as well. As fans, we all have mechanisms for dealing with the highs and lows and the roller-coasting emotions in between. It can be drinking, smoking, eating, not eating, sitting, standing, pacing, fidgeting, fumbling, dressing a certain way, undressing a certain way, watching from a specific place, not watching (like my father-in-law), following a particular routine, etc.; all in an attempt to charm the Sports Gods and secure your team's rightful place above the rest and to secure, as well, your admission into the fan's Hall of Fame (which of course does not exist outside of anyone's head). No individuals being equal in this pursuit, as a fan you do whatever you can to cope and hope and bring home the win.

And as I was explaining an abbreviated version of this philosophy to my hearing-impaired mother (for whom my brother and I felt compelled to buy the MLB package from Comcast because of her growing passion for the Bosox), I inadvertently discovered what may very well be the real reason I am able and determined to watch my beloved Red Sox win or lose, day after day, right down to the hopefully not, bitter (and premature) end: the opportunity to bite my nails without any recrimination or frustration by others as to the reason why I'm doing it.

Moreover, given the understandable tension of the sport's moment, as a fan I would be hard-pressed not to be nervous. And biting one's nails is a reasonably accepted, and semi expected-type normal behavior, especially from a fan watching an extremely stressful, highly competitive, contest, where it's likely there will be any number of slings and arrows of potentially outrageous fortune. Furthermore, given the emotional stakes fans have invested in their team's winning, especially Championships (in whatever Conference, Division, League, etc. you value), how does one not bite their nails?

So that's what I do, I bite my nails. It's normal, almost. Under these circumstances, it's sort of what people/fans do. It's all the other times when I bite my nails — constantly, which are not normal, not expected and not reasonable (and rarely tolerated, I may add). But under these unique, sports-related circumstances, my nail biting is hardly noticed, hardly mentioned and rarely a topic of conversation, unlike every other moment when it is noticed, mentioned, etc. No wonder I love being a fan, it's the one time where my abnormalities are considered normal. Some call it fanaticism, I call it nirvana.

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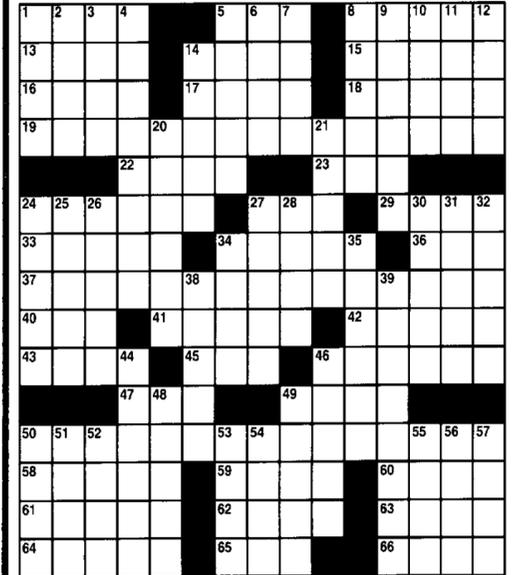
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66 Wallop

DOWN
1 Successor to 5-Across
2 Chocolate-and-cream cookie
3 Part of a fish
4 Successful through one's own efforts
5 Beef, pork, etc.
6 St. Louis landmark
7 Hawaiian island
8 Bitter
9 Go over again
10 Town NNE of Santa Fe
11 "— She Lovely?"
12 Understands
14 Husband to Catherine, Anne, Jane, Anne, Catherine and Catherine
20 Marsh birds
21 Big bag carrier
24 Therapeutic center, for short
25 Like some leaves
26 Used a piggy bank
27 Malodorous
28 — Romeo (Italian auto)
30 Newsman Newsmen
31 Fad
32 Atwitter, with "up"
34 Superhero accessory
35 Many a bridesmaid
38 Long-necked bird
39 Unlocked again
44 Alaska native
46 Get up
48 Dancer Gregory
49 Actor Luke
50 Bell —
51 Butter substitute shape
53 "— the night before..."
54 Honor, as a conquering hero
55 In days of —
56 Skater Heiden
57 Went under

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This was just the line outside the McLean Governmental Center on Nov. 1. Wait-time ran approximately two hours.

Being Heard

Voters want voice in their government.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

It was worth the more than two-hour wait to ensure their voices were heard. At the McLean Governmental Center, Saturday, a steady stream of early voters waited in line, reading material in-hand or talking to other voters on a day the weather was more than cooperative. By mid-afternoon, cars straddled Balls Hill Road as center parking overflowed.

"It's been busy all day," said a Fairfax County police officer who asked not to be identified. "I think the lines are even longer now."
Conspicuously absent from the voters in line were complaints about wait-time. Most said they thought it would be even more crowded on Tuesday than it was on Saturday.

YIHONG ZHOU, who now lives in McLean, came from Shanghai, China, and, as a new citizen, is voting in her first U.S. election.

"Yes, I am excited to be voting," said Zhou, whose husband has voted the past two years. "I'm here waiting in line to have my opinion counted, to make a difference."

Zhou and her husband own an IT company in Vienna, and she says she is voting for Obama because she believes "Obama will do more for small business" than his opponent would.

Zhou's children, primary graders at Churchill Elementary School, were engaged in discussion and creative exercises the past few weeks, Zhou said, marveling at what the children were learning and doing in the classroom, from pretending to create a TV ad to learning about the structure of the political environment.

"In this area, the awareness of the election and the candidates is so wide," said Zhou.



New citizen, first-time voter, Yihong Zhou of McLean, waited in the two-hour line to cast her vote.
Arshin Khodaei of Great Falls, 18, voting for the first time, wants to "make a difference."

John Foust, Dranesville supervisor, spent the day at his office at the government center. "It's been like this for the last couple of weeks, but it's getting busier and busier now," said Foust. "It's great seeing people willing to wait in line to exercise their privilege to vote."

ARSHIN KHODAEI, an 18-year-old Catholic University freshman from Great Falls, said he was "participating in the electoral process."

"I want to make a difference," he said. One of the volunteers handing out Democratic sample ballots said that, it appeared to her, more voters were accepting the Democratic Party sample ballots than Republican Party ones.

Not everyone appreciated the importance of voting. Three-year-old twins, Robert and Joseph Kingsley of Vienna, played on the grass while their parents waited in line. Inside, the children were more confined, but tolerated the wait. Once inside the voting area, Robert asked his parents, "when will the movie start?"

Sherry Rock of Falls Church captured the dominant perspective. "This is our right, our privilege, to vote," said Rock. "I feel strongly having a say about my government, and this is how I can do it."

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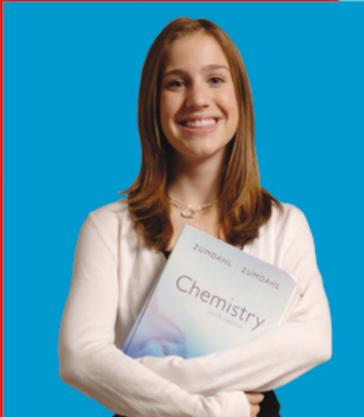
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