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The Great Falls Ecumenical Council presents its annual 'Lift Every Voice' Gospel choir festival on Sunday, March 8, at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls.

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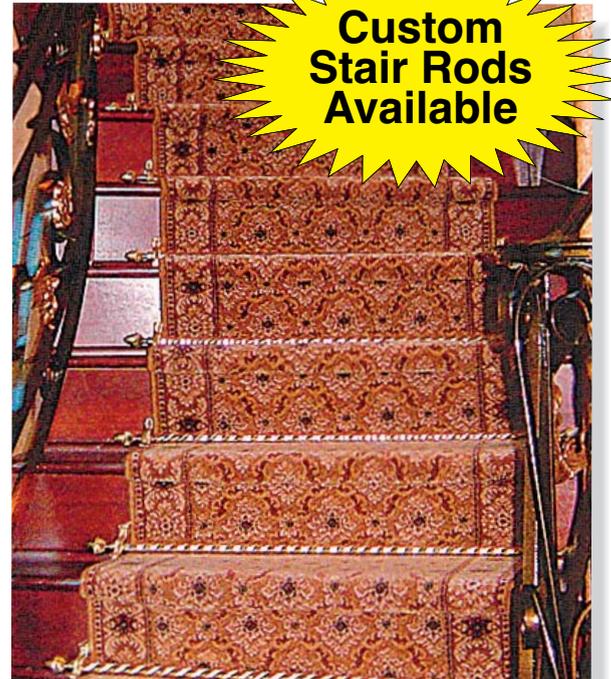
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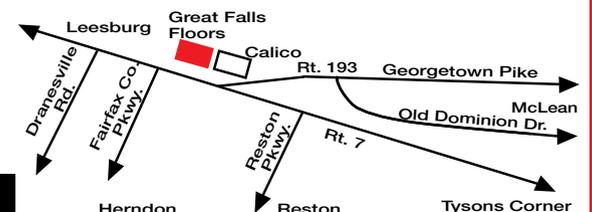
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Lifting Every Voice



The St. Francis Episcopal Choir performs during the annual 'Lift Every Voice' Choir Festival at the church on Sunday evening.

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Setbacks on Pike Encouraged

APR Task Force votes to call for setbacks in commercial areas; Board of Supervisors votes to close loopholes.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

Steve Dulaney was one of several business owners, as well as land owners, who had concerns about a proposal to encourage setbacks along Georgetown Pike. As a Great Falls resident and business owner, Dulaney said he appreciated the intent of the proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. But, as a representative of Oliver's Corner and Great Falls Business Center, he said, "At the same time, we don't want to be hurt by this if it's too restrictive."

The Dranesville District Area Plan Review Task Force had already suggested that the recent proposal for a plan amendment be changed to eliminate wording that would have encouraged setbacks of 100 to 150 feet along the historic byway, instead suggesting that the plan simply call for "setbacks that preserve and protect the historic significance and scenic beauty of Georgetown Pike."

County staff now recommended that the call for setbacks exclude the two commercial areas along Georgetown Pike in Great Falls.

At the task force's meeting Tuesday, March 3, Chairman John Ulfelder said the group had received numerous letters and e-mails from business owners expressing concern that calling for setbacks could be a burden on businesses.



PHOTO BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION

Setbacks in commercial areas along Georgetown Pike were the subject of discussion at the Dranesville APR Task Force's last meeting.

TASK FORCE member Darren Ewing, too, questioned whether the proposal could be a taking of property owners' land or land value.

"I do strongly believe the issue of takings is not relevant to this particular situation," said Joan Barnes, who had helped to nominate the original proposed change. She noted that the Comprehensive Plan is only considered when a property applies for a rezoning or special exception, so it has no impact on anything that is built by right. If

those areas were deliberately excepted from any consideration of setbacks, Barnes said, the road's historic status could eventually be jeopardized.

Task Force member David Swan agreed, saying the language the group had proposed was flexible, and not applying it to the commercial areas would send the message that "we don't need to worry about looking nice in this area."

Dulaney ultimately concluded that the change would not have much effect on the business centers he is part of. "I don't know

all the details, but I'm comforted by the fact that building by right wouldn't be restricted," he said.

However, Brian Downie of Saul Centers, which owns Great Falls Shopping Center, said that if setbacks were reconsidered, the question would not be whether they should be decreased. "The question is, 'Should we increase the setback?'" he said, noting that requiring greater setbacks would have significant implications in commercial areas that are already

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— Steve Dulaney,
Great Falls Business Center and
Oliver's Corner

largely built out. This would be especially true if the specifications for the zoning designations that are currently applied to those properties were changed in the future, requiring special exceptions for attributes that are currently allowed by right. "We'd like the setbacks to stay as they are," Downie said.

Task force member Jack Wilbern countered that the argument could be made that setbacks intended to protect the historic quality of

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Hoye's quick arrest following March 11 robbery of a BB&T Bank on Georgetown Pike was largely a result of the 'outstanding description' of the suspect and his vehicle given by a witness at the bank.



PHOTO BY PHILLIP PIERCE

12 Years in Prison for Bank Robberies

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Just before being sentenced Friday, March 6, for committing bank robberies in Chantilly and Great Falls, Charles Terrence Hoye stood and addressed the judge.

"I will not try to excuse my actions," he said. "My behavior was reprehensible and my conduct was beyond contemptible."

In the end, Fairfax County Circuit Court Judge Dennis Smith agreed, sentencing Hoye, 56, of Bethesda, Md., to 12 years in prison.

Police Det. Gary Bailey described the case against him in a March 13, 2008 affidavit for a warrant to search Hoye's green Honda Accord. He wrote that Hoye's arrest after the March 11 robbery of a BB&T Bank on Georgetown Pike in Great Falls led to his being charged with the March 6 robbery of the PNC Bank in Chantilly.

During the BB&T robbery, wrote Bailey, a man entered the bank, demanded money from the tellers and "implied that he had a weapon. After receiving the [money], the suspect left the bank and was [seen] getting into a green, Honda Accord."

Police were alerted and, as they raced to the scene, a lookout was broadcast for the Honda. Officers saw it speeding away from the bank and tried to stop it but, wrote the detective, "The driver continued driving at high rates of speed. A police chase ensued for approximately 10 minutes, ending at Route 7 and Downey Drive."

Hoye was identified as the vehicle's owner and driver. Police saw clothing and disguises he'd worn during the robbery in plain view within the car. In addition, bank photos and surveillance showed that Hoye matched the physical description and wore the same clothing during the March 6 robbery of the PNC Bank.

Police charged Hoye with two counts of bank robbery, use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, possession of a firearm by a violent felon, eluding police, receiving stolen property and two counts of drug possession.

On Nov. 24, 2008 in Circuit Court, Hoye pleaded guilty to both robberies, the eluding charge and the felon firearm possession. The other charges were dropped.

He returned to court Friday, March 6, for

sentencing, and defense attorney Jason Britt asked the judge not to "warehouse" Hoye, but to sentence him below the 20-year, high end of the state sentencing guidelines for his case. He said it's been 21 years since his client's last felony and, after being released from incarceration, Hoye got a job, began raising a family and contributed to society.

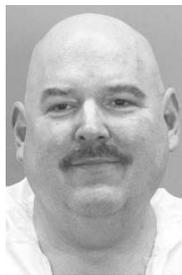
"He won't again find himself in such dire, financial straits that he'd make such a bold and ill-informed choice," said Britt. He also noted that Hoye's punishment would result in "the loss of seeing his young children grow up and the certain loss of the relationship with his wife."

Hoye, too, acknowledged the devastating effects of his crimes. "I did more than rob a bank," he said. "I robbed the victims of a sense of security, and I robbed my wife of a husband and my children of a father."

Now, he said, his wife has to work, from dark to dawn, seven days a week, to keep the family afloat. "Words fail me to [describe] the heartbreak and humiliation I visited upon my family and friends," said Hoye.

During sentencing, Hoye asked Judge Smith to "consider my oldest daughter, who asked when I'd be able to take her places again. And my youngest daughter asks when Daddy will be coming out of 'that building.' I ask you to do what I didn't, and consider my family."

The problem, Smith told him, was that, when he was in a tough situation, he made



Hoye

"I robbed my wife of a husband and my children of a father."

— Charles Hoye, convicted bank robber

bad choices and "endangered a lot of people. When you were stopped, you had a loaded, semi-automatic pistol with a round in the chamber, ready to go."

He said Hoye jeopardized the lives of the people in both banks because of his financial problems. "Everyone in those banks is changed indelibly," said the judge. "And you've demonstrated that, when put in a corner, you have no regard for others."

Smith then sentenced Hoye to five years in prison for each robbery — 12 years with seven suspended — and one year each for the firearm and speeding-to-elude charges. He then ran the sentences consecutively, for 12 years total to serve. Hoye also has 20 years suspended time over his head and will be on five years probation following his release.

"There's a price to pay, and I think that's appropriate," said Smith. "Do I consider your children? When I go home tonight, I'll have tears in my eyes thinking of them. But I have no alternative, due to the seriousness of these crimes."

SATURDAY/MARCH 14

Auto Awareness for Women. 9:30-11:30 a.m., Billy Weber Tire, 303 Mill Street N.E., Vienna. An auto mechanic will teach you how to perform basic maintenance on automobiles. \$45/person; \$35/Center Circle Donors. Go to www.thewomenscenter.org or call 703-281-2657 to register.

Keeping a Journal. 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., The Women's Center, 127 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Hilary Casaretto, LCSW, will teach specific journaling techniques which allow for self-exploration. \$100/person; \$85/Center Circle Donors. Go to www.thewomenscenter.org or call 703-281-2657 to register.

Leadership Conference. 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., McLean Hilton, 7920 Jones Branch Drive, McLean. The Women's Center will host its 23rd annual Leadership Conference entitled "The Power to Transform." This event connects women leaders and business professionals. \$150/Center Members; \$175/Non Members. Visit www.thewomenscenter.org to register.

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THURSDAY/MARCH 12

McLean Youth Athletics, which operates youth sports programs in McLean, will hold its annual meeting and elect its board of directors at 7:30 p.m., at the McLean Community Center. A slate of officers can be seen at myathletics.org.

Financial Planning for Divorce. 7-10 p.m., Investment & Resource Planning Associates, 10600 Arrowhead Drive, Suite 310, Fairfax. Debbie Marson, CFPA, will provide information to help you make financial decisions while in the process of divorce or separation. \$55/person; \$45/Center Circle Donors. Go to www.thewomenscenter.org or call 703-281-2657 to register.

Networking Breakfast

Rob Jolles, owner and founder of Jolles Associates, will be speaking at the Great Falls Business and Professional Association (GFBPA) Breakfast Networking event on March 18, from 7:30-9 a.m. at the Executive Suites in Great Falls. To learn more about GFBPA member, Jolles Associates, visit their Web site www.Jolles.com or visit 9903 Georgetown Pike, Suite 201, Great Falls, VA 22066.

Jolles Associates, a locally owned consulting firm, specializes in delivering seminars, workshops and keynotes in sales and executive presentations. Additionally, Jolles offers personal coaching. Jolles began the practice in 1993, after successful careers at New York Life and the Xerox Corporation.

Design Firm Wins Award

Carlyn and Company Interiors + Design was honored with a gold award for Best Sales Office this year at the NAHB sponsored Nationals in Las Vegas. The Nationals are the country's largest real estate awards, with entries from all major metropolitan regions, including New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami and Phoenix.

Silo Point, a "for sale" project, utilizing an industrial grain elevator as the bones of its structure, sits on the harbor in Baltimore, Md. The project took home many awards, including 2009's Attached Community of the Year for its team of outstanding designers, architects and the developer.

Carlyn and Company was thrilled to be a part of this project. The sales office, carved out of raw space at the base of the grain elevators, was designed to capture the emotion of living at Silo Point, evoking the mood, flavor and awe of the architecture, the 360 degree views, the "heart" of the surrounding neighborhood and the soul of the city of Baltimore.

Carlyn and Company is a Great Falls-based interior design firm dedicated to producing innovative design that creates measurable results for builders and developers. Specializing in creating model homes, multifamily interiors and sales centers for the residential development industry, Carlyn and Company has received more than 175 national, regional and local design and marketing awards.

GOP Women's Club Meets

Patriot Republican Women's Club will meet on Saturday, March 14, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., 7808 Swinks Mill Court, McLean. Wall Street Journal Columnist John Fund is scheduled as a special guest. Call 703-522-3587.



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Metrorail project directors expect the new station on Route 7 at Spring Hill Road, called Tysons West, to look like this when it is completed in 2013.

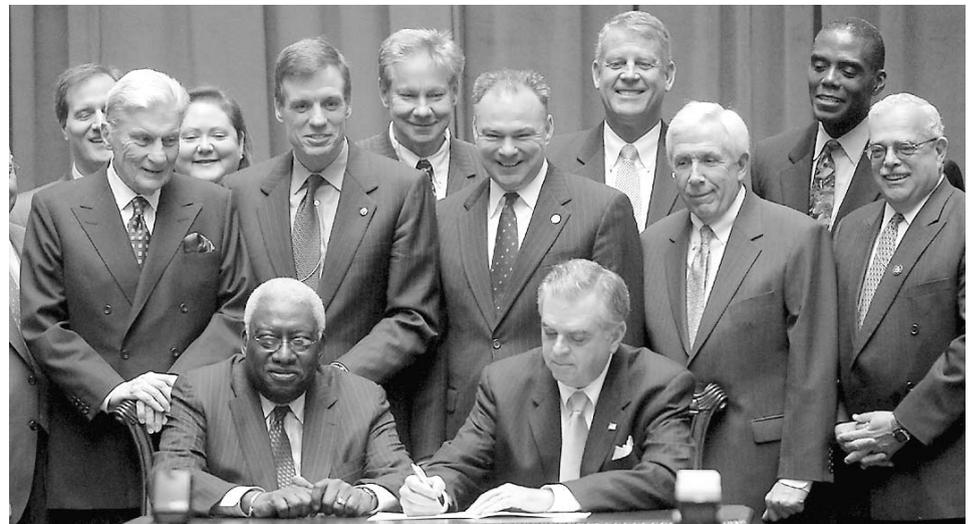


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Ray LaHood, Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation and H.R. Crawford, chairman of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority sign a Full Funding Agreement for the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project on Tuesday morning at the U.S. Department of Transportation. Area dignitaries and politicians attended the event and spoke during the ceremony. Some of the Virginia politicians in attendance included Gov. Timothy M. Kaine, Sen. Mark Warner, Representatives Jim Moran, Frank Wolfe, and Gerry Connelly, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova and others.

Tysons Rail Stations Approved

Kaine, project officials close deal on \$900 million in federal funding for project.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Just one day before the federal government signed over \$900 million in funding for Metrorail's extension towards Dulles, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved

plans for two new Metro stations anticipated as part of the transit system project.

On March 9, the county board voted eight to one in favor of the designs for "Tysons East" and "Tysons West," the two Tysons Corner stations that will be closest to residential communities in McLean and Vienna.

Last month, the supervisors approved three other stations, two more in Tysons Corner and one in Reston, that are also part of the Metrorail extension's first phase, which is set to open in 2013.

"Having the stations approved is a major accomplishment. It will make it easier for landowners to integrate" their development plans with the stations, said Fairfax County chairman Sharon Bulova (D). The Metro

extension is expected to spur the transformation of Tysons Corner into a more urban community.

STAFF and the Fairfax County planning commission also backed the station designs though critics, including the only dissenting supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville), described the plans as rudimentary and too vague.

"It is premature to vote. I think this design is far from complete," said Foust.

Architects and engineers did not articulate how the dense, mixed-used development the county hopes to see built adjacent to the Metrorail stops would interact with the station design. Because of this, it

is difficult to determine in advance how "urban" or pedestrian friendly the stations will eventually be, said Stewart Schwartz, executive director of the Coalition for Smarter Growth, at a hearing last month.

Foust and others speculated that some supervisors felt political pressure to approve the designs as soon as possible since the federal government had waffled over the past several months about whether it would contribute money to the project.

But fear of losing funding should have been put to rest this week. The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority which will oversee the construction of Dulles Metrorail and the U.S. Department of Trans

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Tricks Stays On

Leather shop buys one more year.

Late last year, Wayne Groves, who co-owns Tricks of the Trade leather shop with his wife, Barbara, announced that the store would close at the end of January.

It's still open — for now.

"Until February 2010 is the way it stands," Groves said, adding that he hoped he might find the opportunity to stay in business beyond that date.

The couple had planned to downsize the operation and run it from their home in Oakton while Wayne Groves got a job driving a school bus in order to obtain health care coverage and a retirement package. However, he said, his landlord would not allow a home business.

Also, business has surged. January was possibly the busiest month the store had ever seen, he said, largely because he had

announced that it was his last month open. "It was almost like I was going to die and nobody else could do their work."

Since then, business has stayed relatively busy for the time of year, with the biggest increase coming in the form of requests for shoe repair, Groves said. He noted that the recession was bringing work to cobblers everywhere.

Faced with the prospect of having to close down his business completely in a favorable market, Groves asked the new leaseholder, a swimming pool company owner, if he could have at least another year in the shop. "I was practically begging him," he said. Groves assured that he does not have a case of what he calls "Barbara Streisand syndrome," profiting from repeated farewell tours. "I didn't have any other place to go that was working out," he said.

He does not know where he'll be next year. The pool company owner still holds the primary lease, "so, come next February, if he wants it, he's moving in," Groves said.

— MIKE DICICCO



PHOTO BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION

Tricks of the Trade is still in business — for now.

OPINION

A Million Trees?

Landscape architect, sound walls are small consolation for loss of leafy canopy.

If you've driven on the Beltway lately between McLean and Springfield, you might find some understatement in this week's announcement that VDOT wants "to help mitigate concerns with the tree canopy loss."

Along the 14-mile path of planned HOTlanes, Fairfax County communities appear to have lost more than two square miles of tree canopy and a million or more trees.

The approval of the construction of "high occupancy toll" lanes along the Beltway via a public private partnership came swiftly, and with little fresh consideration of the impact on local communities. Most local residents became aware of the project as they watched the clear-cutting of mature trees and stands of forests that have sheltered birds and wildlife along the Beltway for decades. Elected officials were also caught by surprise at the extent of the tree clearing and other work.

The project will add two lanes in each direction on 495 between Springfield and McLean,

available free for vehicles with three or more occupants, and by a variable toll for the rest. The contractor, Fluor-Transurban, will keep the toll revenue for 50 years or more to pay for the construction.

VDOT, we're told, will hire a landscape architect to develop landscaping plans in coordination with adjacent communities, "to help mitigate concerns with the tree canopy loss and to take advantage of available green space as the project develops."

The work of the landscape architect and coordinating with local communities should have come before the project began. But better late than never.

See VirginiaHOTLanes.com for more.

— MARY KIMM,

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Local Culture

This weekend, the Fairfax Symphony will audition Gregory Vajda, 35, as its fifth of six prospective music directors. It's an audition anyone can attend, and offer feedback. The Fairfax Symphony is a local treasure, remarkable in quality and well worth seeing, hearing and supporting.

The Fairfax Symphony is in search of its first new music director in 37 years, choosing six finalists, selected from a pool of 249 applicants.

Vajda will serve as guest conductor this Saturday, March 14, and will speak at a free talk at 7 p.m. before the 8 p.m. concert, with guest soloist Andre Armstrong on piano. The concert will include Liszt, Les Préludes; Bartok, Piano Concerto No. 3; and Schumann, Symphony No. 2 in C Major.

George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4373 Mason Pond Drive in Fairfax. See www.FairfaxSymphony.org. Tickets are available at the door, just come by.

Less Painful Choices

Stimulus money helps balance budget.

BY MARGI VANDERHYE
STATE DELEGATE (D-34)



RICHMOND REPORT

The General Assembly adjourned *sine die* on Saturday evening Feb. 28, with a balanced budget and the looming prospect of even more difficult decisions to come if the economy does not improve. The House and Senate budget conferees reconciled choices that had to be made with the revised downward forecast of an additional \$800 million shortfall. The choices became less painful with the announcement of \$1.2 billion in federal stimulus money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Of critical importance to our area is over \$365 million of these funds that will go to K-12 education. Another \$126.7 million slated for higher education mitigates the need for tuition and fee increases for in-state students. The stimulus package will also help maintain funding levels in public health and safety.

Though budget deliberations dominated debate during the six-

week session, my own top legislative priorities each advanced through the committee system with bipartisan collaboration and

passed unanimously in the House. My bill (HB2200) to create a state fund from private donations to treat underserved women with breast or cervical cancer has already been signed into law by Gov. Tim Kaine (D). The new fund will be matched two to one by federal dollars under a law passed by Congress in 2001.

Another bill (HB2171) will exempt farmers from being reclassified as manufacturing entities or utilities if they develop waste-to-energy technologies such as methane digesters. With this bill, the farmers would be able to gain extra income through power generation; we will have the benefit of another renewable energy source and we will be able to reduce pollution from agricultural runoff.

My third priority bill was designated a "Governor's" bill and will be a great benefit to Northern Virginia. The proposal streamlines and consolidates two state technology advisory boards into one smaller authority and specifies the qualifications for appointment by the Governor and the legislature. When signed into law, this bill would save the state over \$75,000 annually and provide the Governor with expert advice to attract and expand technology businesses in Virginia. In the last week of the session, I was appointed the lead conferee on a joint conference committee to iron out differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill. The final bill passed the House and Senate unanimously.

Although the House Rules Committee did not agree to my proposal that we study how to encourage energy conservation through utility tax restructuring, the Governor has signaled his intent to order the study as part of the administration's comprehensive approach to energy and environmental policies. I was also pleased to co-sponsor a number of impor-

Town Hall Meeting

Del. Margi Vanderhye (D-34) will be co-hosting the Town Hall meeting with Sen. Janet Howell (D-32) and Del. Jim Scott (D-53) on Saturday, March 28 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., in the Langley High School cafeteria.

tant bills that passed, among them a bill to promote safe teen driving and another to provide benefits for Virginia veterans. Though we were not able to close the gun show loophole or to pass a bill for non-partisan redistricting, we did achieve a compromise on smoking bans in restaurants, a major step to reducing the dangers of second hand smoke and related illnesses.

We are now awaiting the Governor's signature or amendments on the bills that passed both houses. We will reconvene in Richmond on April 8 for the "Veto Session," where we will review the Governor's actions. In the meantime, I hope you will attend the Town Hall Meeting where we will discuss the 2009 Session in more detail. I will be co-hosting the event with Sen. Janet Howell (D-32) and Del. Jim Scott (D-53) on Saturday, March 28 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., in the Langley High School cafeteria. I have appreciated all your comments and questions during this session and I hope to see many of you on March 28.

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Board Sets Setbacks Rules

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Georgetown Pike should be decreased to 20 feet in order to hide the parking behind the buildings in imitation of historic towns like Waterford in Loudoun County.

CURRENTLY, 40-foot setbacks are required for the commercial areas around Georgetown Pike's intersections with Walker Road and Leesburg Pike.

The task force voted nearly unanimously to recommend that county staff's modification be overruled and that consideration of setbacks be encouraged along the entire length of Georgetown Pike in Great Falls. The Comprehensive Plan already calls for setbacks of 100 to 150 feet along the stretch of the road that lies in McLean, where it does not abut any commercial property.

The recommendations of the task force, made up of residents appointed by Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) will be reviewed by the county's Planning Commission, which will pass its own recommendation on to the Board of Supervisors, who will have the final vote on the matter. Each body will conduct a public hearing on the matter before making a decision.

Meanwhile, the Board of Supervisors recently took a vote regarding setbacks along all county roads.

The proposed amendment concerning setbacks along Georgetown Pike in Great Falls was inspired by a house on Aziza Court that infringed on the 50-foot setback currently required of residential properties along the road. County staff found that the developer had avoided the requirement by creating a narrow lot along the road and deeding it to the neighborhood's homeowners association. Since the yard is not a corner lot, it is not bound by the setback rule.

"We'd like the setbacks to stay as they are."

— Brian Downie, Saul Centers

At the board's Feb. 23 meeting, Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) proposed that staff be asked to research ways to prevent this tactic from being used by developers.

"I got a lot of support," he said, adding that other supervisors had their own, similar "horror stories."

At the board's Development Process Committee meeting on March 16, the matter is to be considered as a high priority item for inclusion in this year's Zoning Ordinance Amendment Work Program.

Any action taken would not affect the house on Aziza Court but would prevent such maneuvers in the future, "until the next ingenious developer comes along and figures out a way around the new rule, and then we'll deal with that," Foust said.



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The Washington Area Chapter of Childhelp presented thank-you bouquets to Kathylee Forrester, Champion of Children award recipient, left, Cynne Simpson, ABC7/WJLA-TV news anchor and fashion show emcee, and Fashion Show co-chairs Bootsie Humenansky of Great Falls and Marlene Moonshine of McLean. The fashion show raised nearly \$45,000 to aid abused children in the greater Washington, D.C., area.



Healing the Hearts of Children

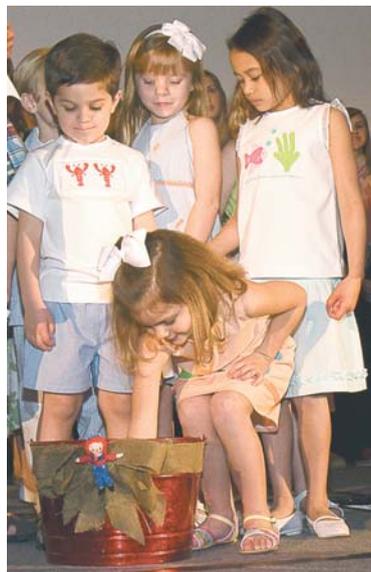
Childhelp Fashion Show raises funds to support programs for abused children.

It was more than a luncheon and more than a fashion show. It was a fund-raiser that raised nearly \$45,000 to support programs for abused children in the greater Washington, D.C., area.

At the Hyatt Regency in Reston Feb. 21, nearly 300 local Childhelp members and friends listened as award recipient, Kathylee Forrester, described her mission — and personal horror — to advocate for victims of child abuse.

The fourth annual Childhelp Fashion Show and Luncheon, hosted by the Washington Area Chapter of Childhelp, highlighted the newest spring fashions for women, teens and children, while raising funds to support Childhelp's local programs. "Healing the Hearts of Children" is the nonprofit's goal, as well as this year's theme.

Washington Area Chapter president Christin Klaff of Reston presented Forrester with the "Cham-



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Alexa Gianoplus of Great Falls draws a winning raffle ticket as runway stars Matthew Merrill of Great Falls, Haley Smith of Vienna and Savie Seebald of Great Falls look on.

pion for Children" award, for her advocacy of legislation to protect children and for creating Patches,

a bear designed to help abused children express themselves. Forrester has donated Patches bears for use in Childhelp programs in Fairfax, Culpeper and nationally.

WJLA TV News anchor Cynne Simpson emceed the fashion show, which featured more than 25 Childhelp volunteer models, from mothers to tots. Simpson encouraged guests to get involved. "We hear that it takes a village to raise a child, but it also takes a village to protect a child," Simpson said. She reminded the audience that four children die every day as a result of child abuse and that there are nearly 3 million reports of child abuse annually.

Guests shopped at the boutiques, bid on silent and live auction items and participated in the raffle. Including sponsorships and ticket sales, Childhelp raised nearly \$45,000 from the fashion show and luncheon that will support Childhelp's programs in Northern Virginia.

Childhelp is one of the nation's oldest and largest nonprofits dedicated to helping victims of child abuse and neglect. For more information, see www.childhelp.org. Its national hotline is 800-4A-CHILD.

Bishop Thomas J. Welsh

Bishop Thomas J. Welsh, 87, died on Feb. 19, 2009 in Allentown, Pa., after a brief illness.

Bishop Welsh was the founding Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington, which is now home to over 410,000 Catholics and 68 parishes.

Bishop Welsh was instrumental in the growth of Catholicism in Northern Virginia, welcoming multiple religious orders and beginning the Arlington Catholic Herald newspaper, the Office of Migration and Refugee Services and several others.

While in Arlington, Bishop Welsh also established six new parishes: St. Stephen the Martyr, Middleburg; St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Lake Ridge; Our Lady of the Blue Ridge, Madison; St. Catherine of Siena, Great Falls; St. John Neumann, Reston; and Holy Martyrs of Vietnam, Arlington.

He approved the establishment Christendom College and Catholic Distance University as well as the purchase of the building and property that now houses Paul VI Catholic High School in Fairfax.

Thomas Welsh was born Dec. 20, 1921, in Weatherly, Pa. He was educated at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary and received his doctorate in canon law at Catholic University in Washington. He was ordained a priest for the Philadelphia Archdiocese on May 30, 1946. He was ordained auxiliary bishop of Philadelphia April 2, 1970.



Bishop Thomas J. Welsh

Bishop Welsh was an auxiliary bishop and rector of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. On June 4, 1974, Pope Paul VI announced that the Richmond Diocese, one of the oldest in the country, would be split to form the new Arlington Diocese.

After more than eight years in Arlington, Bishop Welsh was appointed the second bishop of Allentown in 1983. He retired from Allentown in 1997.

Bishop Welsh is survived by two brothers, William of Bethesda, Md., and Edward of Pacifica, Calif., and numerous beloved nieces and nephews.

A memorial Mass for the repose of the late Bishop Welsh will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More, Arlington on Monday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m.

HEALTH NOTES

Health notes are for support groups, exercise classes, blood drives and similar events open to the public at no or minimal cost. Send information to greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

Yoga for Body and Spirit, Wednesdays from 9:15-10:30 a.m. at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 1125 Savile Lane, McLean. The first class is free, each subsequent class is \$15 or 6

classes for \$75. Bring a yoga mat. www.ipcmclean.org.

Northern Virginia Stuttering Support Group, a support group for people who stutter meets the **third Tuesday** of the month at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton, at 7:30 p.m. Call 703-319-8382 or e-mail virginia.nsa@earthlink.net.



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NEWS

Vanderhye's 'Labor of Love' Meets Success in Richmond

Bill will expand screening and treatment of breast and cervical cancer under Medicaid.

BY MIKE DiCICCO
THE CONNECTION

Del. Margi Vanderhye (D-34) said House Bill 2200, signed into law on Feb. 23, was the most dramatic accomplishment of her first term in the House, if not the most important. "I'm pleased with my legislative accomplishments, but this was really a labor of love," she said.

The bill is expected to markedly increase the number of uninsured women screened and treated for breast and cervical cancer through Virginia's Every Woman's Life Medicaid program.

The program estimates that about 300 women who are diagnosed with breast or cervical

cancer each year in the state would be eligible for Medicaid help through Every Woman's Life, but only about half gain access to the program.

In 2000, the federal government passed the Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act, offering two-to-one matching funds to cover the cost of screening and treatment for uninsured women who make too much money to qualify for Medicaid, but less than twice the poverty level.

"This could be a model for other states and other programs."

— Keenan Caldwell,
American Cancer Society

So Every Woman's Life was created.

However, in Virginia, like many states, women must be screened and diagnosed at certain facilities in order to qualify for the program and there are only 26 such centers in the state. Many women may not know of the program or which facilities to utilize until they have already been diagnosed.

LAST YEAR, Vanderhye introduced a bill to expand eligibility for the program by allowing women to be screened anywhere, but it failed for lack of funding. Making the program easier to access would mean more women would avail themselves of it, increasing costs. It was obvious that there would not be any more money this year, so Vanderhye started looking for funding from the private sector. Hospital foundations and others were eager to donate, she said, but the federal government would

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Wednesday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m.

The Governing Board of the McLean Community Center is seeking input from residents of Dranesville Small District One at its Public Hearing on Programming for FY 2011, which runs July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011. The hearing will be held on March 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the Center.

The Board is interested in hearing residents' ideas for classes, community events, theater programs, exhibits, tours and youth and teen activities. If you would like to speak at the hearing, call the Center to have your name placed on the speakers' list. You also may submit comments in writing.

For information, call the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711 (Hearing impaired only).

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SCHOOLS



Langley School eighth-graders Lizzy Foley and Jordan Weisberg.

Langley School Presents Spring Play

The Play Runs March 12-14.

The Langley School kicks off the three-night run of its Middle School spring play, "Wishes," on Thursday, March 12. Featuring a cast of 27 students in grades 6-8, the show is a comedy for the entire family, filled with rich and memorable characters who learn the lesson that no wish should be taken lightly.

"Wishes" begins when high school student Mary Jo Swanson and her siblings find a bottle with a genie in it that has just been stolen from an art museum. When the genie gives them three wishes, they soon discover that not every wish turns out as planned. Their first wish brings a hot music star right into their living room, but he's so dazed he can only croak a song. Their second wish puts Mary Jo's sweetheart into the throes of puppy love, turning him into a horrible pest. What will their third and final wish be? Join the children and a host of crazy characters, including the music star's angry agent, an uptight headmistress, and the children's confused father and his outraged fiancée, as the play comes to a riotous and surprising conclusion.

More than 40 of Langley's Middle School students auditioned for a

role in "Wishes." In addition to the cast on stage, the production also includes two student directors, two-student makeup and hair designers, and a six-member student tech crew to help with sound and lighting. Eight students who participate in the school's theater tech elective class also assisted in creating the costumes and scenery for the show.

"What's great about this particular play is the richness of the characters," said Kristy Nicolette, drama teacher and director. "It's given the students a chance to really work on their character acting and develop their parts." In fact, four of the characters in the show are original. Their personalities and lines were created entirely by Langley students.

"Wishes" runs Thursday, March 12 through Saturday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the school's new Sherman Arts Center at 1411 Balls Hill Road in McLean. Tickets are \$5 per person and may be purchased online in advance at www.langleyschool.org or at the door. Langley's fall show sold out, so purchasing tickets in advance is recommended.

Founded in 1942, The Langley School is an independent coed day school for students in preschool through eighth grade. Situated on a 9.2-acre campus in McLean, the school reaches across multiple disciplines to discover, amplify, and embrace the talents of every child, every day.

CALENDAR



The St. Francis Episcopal Church Choir will present Mozart's Requiem Sunday, March 22, 7 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Free. Call 703-759-2082 or visit www.stfranciscgreatfalls.org. Left to right: Bailey Whiteman, William Heim, Melissa Coombs, Terrance Johns, Virginia Sirey.

Send announcements to greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit www.connectionnewspapers.com

THURSDAY/MARCH 12

Steve Moakler (full band), Gabe Vitech and the Ivory, 7 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 advance, \$12 at the door. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Booz Allen Hamilton Nonprofit Conference on Fundraising Development Speaker Series, in partnership with Volunteer Fairfax, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at 8283 Greensboro Drive in McLean. Participate in person or via live webcam feed. \$25 per session. Register at www.signup4.net/Public/ap.aspx. Contact Samantha Watson at Volunteer Fairfax, 703-246-3826 or www.volunteerfairfax.org.

Towlston Grange, 7:30 p.m., McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Local historian Karen Washburn will address the history of Towlston Grange and will present a video made by Nancy Durham whose parents bought and restored this historic building in the 1930s.

FRIDAY/MARCH 13

Martin Vidnovic: What Matters to Me, 8 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$25. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

The Independent and Charlie Duda, 6 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 advance, \$12 at the door. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Celtic Fusion at the Auld Shebeen, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. 703-293-9600.

The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe, 7:30 p.m., Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Watch local talent present this classic story. To purchase tickets, stop by the Alden Theatre Box Office, call 703-573-SEAT or visit www.ticketmaster.com.

Pruning Demonstration, 10 a.m., Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Horticulturist Laurie Short will teach how and when to prune and the proper tools to use. Demonstration will include removal of dead, damaged and diseased wood. Free. Call 703-255-3631.

SATURDAY/MARCH 14

Tom Rush, Folk singer/songwriter. 7:30 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$30. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

The Harlem Globetrotters, 7:30 p.m. at the George Mason Patriot Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets at www.ticketmaster.com.

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Mollie Vardell Exhibits At Katie's Coffee House

Great Falls Artist Mollie Vardell offers the month long solo show "Artful Places, paintings celebrating the beauty of Provence, France and Great Falls, Va.," daily, throughout the month of April at the Katie's Coffee House by The Old Brogue Pub, 7a.m.-10 p.m.



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MONDAY/MARCH 16

Mishka and The Dirty Heads, Reggae/roots. 8 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

St. Paddy's Day Storytime, 10:30 a.m. at the Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Stories, fingerplay and a craft. Age 2-5 with adult. 703-757-8560.

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TUESDAY/MARCH 17

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NEWS

Bill 2200 Becomes Law

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not match private money.

The solution was to set up a state fund that could accept private donations and could only be used for Every Woman's Life. Now that the fund has been set up, Vanderhye said, "my challenge is to go out there and raise the money for it." She hopes to have enough money in the fund to expand services next year.

While working on the bill, Vanderhye learned that state Sen. Mary Margaret Whipple (D-31) had submitted a bill to place a check-off box on Virginia income tax forms allowing taxpayers to donate income tax refund money toward Every Woman's Life, so she brought her on board, and tax refund money can also be donated to the new fund.

"As far as I know, there aren't any other states that have set up a sort of receptacle for private funds," said Keenan Caldwell, state director of government relations for the American Cancer Society. He noted that many states were facing budget shortfalls and that prevention programs are often among the first expenditures to get cut in such situations. "This could be a model for other states and other programs," he said.

"Ultimately, of course, this will reduce Medicaid costs," Vanderhye said, noting that more cases of cancer would be caught ear-

lier if women had better access to screening. "The cost of treating someone at stage one is probably 25 percent of the cost of treating someone at stage four." This, she said, was why hospitals had expressed interest in contributing to the fund. When someone comes to them with late-stage cancer, there is little they can do and the cost is great.

LINDA TILLER, executive director of the Virginia affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, said she knew members of the public policy division of the foundation were keeping an eye on the arrangement in Virginia, as they thought it was a model that might be replicated elsewhere.

Tiller said she had been surprised to watch the bill pass through the House with unanimous support.

"This was all her idea. She knew some folks wanted to put money into the program, but she didn't know where to put it," Caldwell said of Vanderhye.

A longtime member of the executive board of the Prevent Cancer Foundation, Vanderhye said women's health and early detection and prevention of cancer had long been high priorities for her. "This is something that's very important to me and it's been important to me for a long time," she said.

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McLean Women's Thursday Bible Study, at 9:15 a.m. The Book of Proverbs will be the focus for the next 12 weeks. Contact Martha Wiles at 703-448-2020 or MarthaWiles@msn.com.

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The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, at 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton chorale, a 60-voice adult choir, welcomes new members any time and meets Thursdays, 7:15 p.m. The Circle of Music Makers meets the first Monday of the month, for those who can share a vocal or instrumental solo. Contact Judy Harrison at 703-281-4230, ext. 26, or jharrison@uucf.org. Joint Activities in Music at Sunrise is for preschoolers, kindergartners, parents and residents of Hunter Mill Sunrise Assisted Living Center, on Wednesdays, 1-1:30 p.m. Contact Marsha Giusti at 703-425-1902 or giustim@juno.com.

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GALLERIES

The **MPAartfest Volunteer Drive** will be held Wednesday, **March 11**, 8-8:30 p.m., at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Learn about volunteer opportunities for the MPAartfest and the MPA Volunteer Team. E-mail info@mpaart.org.

The works of siblings Mohammad, Mostafa and Morteza Darehbaghi will be on display in the **Persian New Year Exhibit** starting Friday, **March 20** at Hermitage Design and Gallery, 6831 Tennyson Drive, McLean. The opening reception will be March 20, 5-8 p.m. Call 703-827-0066.

Paintings by **Alina Bennett** will be on display at the Vienna Arts Society Gallery, 513 W. Maple Ave., Vienna, through March 13. Bennett specializes in watercolors.

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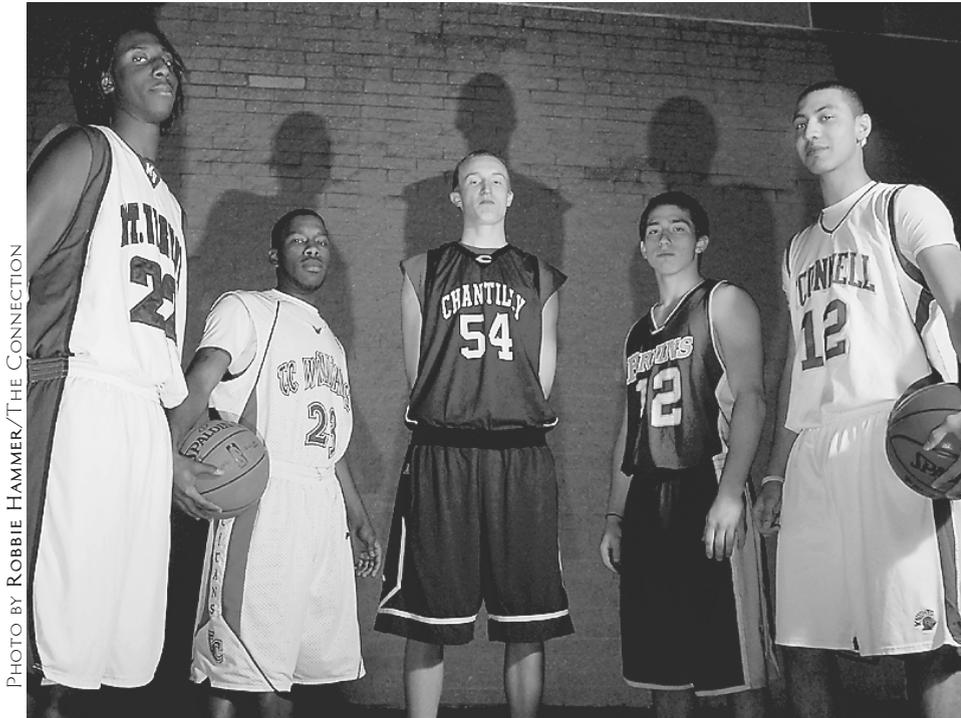


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First-team All-Connection boys' selections include: (from left to right) Skylar Jones (Mount Vernon), Edward Jenkins (T.C. Williams), John Manning (Chantilly), Dominic Morra (Lake Braddock) and Kendall Marshall (O'Connell).

First-team All-Connection girls' selections include: (from left to right) Shelby Romine (Westfield), Myisha Goodwin (Edison), Tracy King (Mount Vernon), Tierra Ruffin-Pratt (T.C. Williams) and Erin McGartland (Oakton).

Boys' First Team

SKYLAR JONES — MOUNT VERNON	19 PPG	9 RPG	1 BPG
KENDALL MARSHALL — O'CONNELL	16 PPG	8 APG	7 RPG
DOMINIC MORRA — LAKE BRADDOCK	30 PPG	7 RPG	3 SPG
EDWARD JENKINS — T.C. WILLIAMS	21 PPG	5 APG	3 RPG
JOHN MANNING — CHANTILLY	13 PPG	10 RPG	3.5 BPG

Girls' First Team

TIERRA-RUFFIN PRATT — T.C. WILLIAMS	18.5 PPG	14.5 RPG	4.5 APG
SHELBY ROMINE — WESTFIELD	16.5 PPG	4.5 RPG	4 APG
TRACY KING — MOUNT VERNON	19.1 APG	8.3 RPG	3.4 SPG
MYISHA GOODWIN — EDISON	25 PPG	5 APG	7 SPG
ERIN MCGARTLAND — OAKTON	11.7 PPG	8.2 RPG	2 APG

Boys' Coach of the Year

JULIAN KING
T.C. WILLIAMS

Boys' Player of the Year

EDWARD JENKINS
T.C. WILLIAMS

Girls' Player of the Year

TIERRA RUFFIN-PRATT
T.C. WILLIAMS

Girls' Coach of the Year

FRED PRIESTER
OAKTON

Second Team

T.J. WILSON — HAYFIELD
GIVEN KALIPINDE — EPISCOPAL
FRANK HOLLOWAY JR. — LEE
STEPHEN STEPKA — W.T. WOODSON
CHRIS KEARNEY — WESTFIELD

Honorable Mention
Warren Denny (Centreville)
Simon Kilday (Yorktown)
Derek Baker (Langley)
Will Clarkson (Madison)
Isaac Johnson (Herndon)
Erick Green (Paul VI)
Justin May (Chantilly)
Travis Williams (South Lakes)

Second Team

SIMONE ANTWI — SOUTH COUNTY
SAM LANDERS — WEST SPRINGFIELD
JALINDA VENABLE — MOUNT VERNON
PRISCILLA MOSEH — LEE
LAUREN BURFORD — FAIRFAX

Honorable Mention
Melissa Gallo (W.T. Woodson)
LaNia Charity (Yorktown)
Danielle Williams (St. Stephen's/St. Agnes)
Khalia Boston (T.C. Williams)
Audrey Dotson (Langley)
Sam Partonen (Robinson)
Danielle Landry (Madison)
Kelcyn Manurs (South Lakes)

Welcome to the 2008-09 All-Connection basketball issue. In this special section, the Connection's sports department honors the best and brightest on this year's Northern Virginia hoops scene. For a complete look at this year's basketball landscape, check out www.connectionnewspapers.com. Special thanks to Lawrence Foong, Robbie Hammer, Louise Krafft and Craig Sterbutzel.

Baker, Dotson Step Up for Langley Hoops

Both named Honorable Mention on respective All-Connection teams.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The Langley High boys' and girls' basketball teams both experienced seasons that started slow but finished with a flourish. Two players in particular, senior shooting guard Derek Baker for the boys and sophomore center Audrey Dotson for the girls, provided their respective Saxon teams with significant second half season boosts that made for successful winters. Both earned Honorable Mention honors on the recently named All-Connection Basketball Teams.

The 6-foot-3 inch Baker, named to the All-Connection boys' team, was the driving force for a team that started the Liberty District season winning just two of its first six games before winning eight of its final nine to earn a No. 3-seeding for the postseason tournament. Baker, Langley's leading scorer, was a dominant player over the second half of the season and carried his stellar play into the post season where the Saxons won three consecutive district tournament games to successfully defend their title from the year before. Baker earned tourney MVP honors, scoring 19, 21 and 16 points, respectively, in tournament wins over Marshall, McLean and W.T. Woodson. During a win over top-seeded Cavaliers in the finals, Baker nailed four, 3-



Audrey Dotson (55) has been a dominant inside force for Langley in both her freshmen and sophomore seasons.

pointers. It was simply an extension of Baker's red-hot, scorching shooting touch over the season's final month-plus.

"He's brimming with confidence," said Langley coach Travis Hess, following the win over Woodson. "His shooting stroke looks great. He's our best player and he's what's making us go."

Baker wrapped up an outstanding career with the Saxons. As a junior, he earned Sec-



Saxon shooting sensation Derek Baker, shown here going up for a shot, led the Saxons to their second straight Liberty District tournament title.

ond Team All-District honors and was a key member for a team that reached the region finals and qualified for the state tournament. At states that season, Baker scored 22 points in his team's loss to Bethel of Hampton.

This year, the Saxons repeated their district success but did not make it to states. Baker, a First Team All-District selection, had an outstanding season for a Langley

squad that saw its season end with a first round region playoff loss to Lee.

"He's a kid that can score inside and outside," said Hess, summarizing Baker's all-around game. "He can shoot the ball from the perimeter and go to the basket."

DOTSON was a stalwart figure for a Langley girls' team that began the season 2-6 but rallied to finish 15-10. The 6-1 center, just a 10th grader, earned First Team All-District accolades for the second straight season. She was one of the region's top all-around players this season.

"She anticipates extremely well and is good at blocking shots," said Cheryl Buffo, who stepped down as the Saxons' head coach following the conclusion of the recent season.

Dotson's presence inside the paint opened up the Saxons' perimeter play on offense and made things tough for opposing front court players all season long. One of her best games was a 15 point outing in Langley's 60-39 road win over regular season district champion South Lakes on Jan. 6.

Langley entered the district tournament as the No. 2 seed and defeated both Jefferson and No. 3 Woodson to reach the finals against No. 4 Madison. The Saxons lost that game, despite nine points, 11 rebounds and four blocked shots from Dotson, who along with senior teammate Rachel Warrick was named to the all-tournament team.

"She's just an all-around fantastic player," said Buffo, of Langley's standout undergrad that still has two years left with the Saxons.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

Anna Lenczyk, a senior at Langley High School, has signed a letter of intent to play soccer at the University of Delaware. Anna will be a fourth-year starter on the Saxons' varsity this spring season. She has earned the Scholar Athlete Award the past three years and was also a member of the Olympic Development Program. Anna is an honor roll student and has a 3.7 GPA for her high school career.

Cassidy Banks, a senior at Langley High School, has signed a Letter of Intent to play soccer at the University of Miami. Cassidy currently plays for the 2007 National Championship club team, McLean Freedom. She has been a part of both the Region I ODP Team and the Virginia State ODP Team, where she captained the team for two years. She was also a captain of the Potomac School varsity soccer team as a junior.

Two members of the **McLean Mustangs** (McLean Youth Football) were honored on March 1 at the Fairfax County Youth Football League's (FCYFL) Hall of Fame Awards Dinner, at the McLean Hilton Hotel. Donny Sanders and Ashton Nyanteh received the FCYFL's Player of the Year Awards in the 85-pound National and 75-American weight classes, respectively. The Player of the Year Award is given to the player in each weight class who has best demonstrated outstanding performance on the football field, as well as character, sportsmanship, scholastic

achievement at school and involvement in the community.

Sanders played quarterback, middle linebacker and placekicker in leading his 85-Mustangs to a 7-2 record and the league championship game. He led the Mustangs in rushing yards (636), passing yards (330) and scoring (108 points). He rushed or passed for 16 touchdowns on offense while leading the defense to five shutout victories during the course of the regular season and playoffs. Sanders also excelled in McLean Little League baseball and McLean Youth Basketball in 2008, earning all-star accolades in both leagues.

Sanders, a fifth grader at The Potomac School, is a member of the Asian American Children's Chorus. He also participates in the Boys Youth Leadership Council at St. John the Beloved Catholic Parish.

Nyanteh, meanwhile, led his 75-Mustangs to a 5-3 record and a playoff appearance as an outside linebacker and tight-end. He was a leading tackler on defense and enjoyed success as both a receiver and blocker from his tight-end position on offense.

An excellent basketball and soccer player, Nyanteh also plays the guitar and piano. A fifth grader at Westgate Elementary School, he is a member of the school's Safety Patrol program. Also, Nyanteh is a leader with CityKids Ministries, the Young Men Prayer Group of Capitol Hill and Generational Church Ministries.

Other McLean Mustang players who received honorable mention in the competition for Player of the Year honors in their respective weight classes were: Morgan Gillis, Justin Hisel, Christopher Merril, Alec Jessar, Dylan Volanth, Michael McCormick, Alex Kolencik, Matthew Chung, Jeremy McLain, Saxon Justice and Patrick Kearney.

"These young men represent the finest attributes and traditions of McLean Youth Football," said Craig Richardson, McLean Youth Football commissioner. "Donny Sanders and Ashton Nyanteh, our two Player of the Year honorees, and all of those listed who won honorable mention all have shown the kind of leadership, character, sportsmanship and on-and-off the field commitment to excellence and involvement in their community that make our entire McLean Mustangs organization very proud."

The Marshall High School Boosters' Annual Mulch Sale to benefit the students at Marshall High will be Saturday, March 28. Mulch will be available to purchase at the school, or to be delivered to homes with a pre-order purchase of 10 bags or more. Home deliveries will be March 27-28. (Pre-orders must be received by March 19). Catch Spring fever, dress up your gardens, and support Marshall High all at the same time. For more information, go to www.gcmboosters.org, or contact Sonnie Campos at vicepres@gcmhsboosters.org.



Madison High's Danielle Landry accepts the MVP trophy following the Warhawks' finals win over Langley at the Liberty District girls' basketball tournament two weeks ago at South Lakes High School. Although they lost the title game, the Saxons had a terrific winter as they finished second in the regular season standings.

McLean Youth Soccer is still accepting registrations for the Spring 2009 season on the league Web site at www.mcleansoccer.org for all returning and new families. MYS offers various programs for children ages 4 through 19, including House/Recreation, Travel and

McLean Premier Soccer Travel, U5 for Pre-K players and TOP Soccer for children with special needs. The season will begin March 30 and run through June 14. Contact the MYS Administrator at admin@mcleansoccer.org for more information, or call the MYS Office at 703-506-8068.


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Margaret Smith of Great Falls, a Langley High School graduate and daughter of William and Eileen Smith, was named to the Ohio Wesleyan University dean's list for the fall 2008 semester.

Michelle Bovee of Great Falls, a Langley High School graduate and daughter of Greg and Candace Bovee, was named to the James Madison University dean's list for the 2008-09 fall semester.

Amanda Courtney of Herndon and **Nancy Foeckler** of Columbia, Md. were named as the recipients of the Veritas Award at Oakcrest School, an independent Catholic school for girls grades 6-12. The Veritas Award is the school's merit award for current students and applying students entering the ninth grade at Oakcrest. Awarded annually, it consists of a \$7,500 tuition remission per year for four years at Oakcrest School for up to two students.

Three area students were named to the 2008 dean's list at Colby College in Waterville, Me.: **Tamar H. Hassan**, sophomore, son of Hany and Deborah Hassan of Great Falls. **Duncan H. Hardock**, sophomore, son of Randolf and Anne Hardock of McLean. **Sally H. Klose**, freshman, daughter of Thomas Klose and Elizabeth Hull of McLean.

The **6th graders of Colvin Run's Character Education** program will be doing a project to clean up and beautify Wolf Trap on March 23 and 30. Three classes will participate each day. Fifth graders will lead sneaker recycling Saturday, May 16. Sneakers in good condition will be donated to charity. Sneakers that are no longer usable will be donated to NIKE Grind, to be ground up and used to make sports courts around the world. The Kindergarten will hold a book drive March 23-27. Second grade will be making art kits to donate to Georgetown University Hospital; the fourth grade team applied for a grant to start a recycling program at CRES. Details of the recycling are beginning to be discussed.

Titus Solomon of earned a bachelor's of business degree in marketing at Radford University at the end of the fall semester.

Jenny Hodge of Vienna has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Radford University. Hodge is majoring in special education.

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A Scale of Two Weights



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"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times," there were euphoric highs, there were abysmal lows, there were numbers I thought I'd never see, there were other numbers I was tired of seeing. Overall, I've had a dickens of a time finding the proper balance between diet and exercise, risk and reward, pain and pleasure, finding clothes that fit and throwing a fit when clothes couldn't be found.

As a former shopper in the "Husky Department" in some of Boston's finest department stores (at least when I was younger): Jordon Marsh, Filene's and Kennedy's, I know all too well the frustration and disappointment the effect one's over-weight can have on their appearance and disposition. Every year that I went clothes-shopping with my mother, from childhood through adolescence, it was the same story; only the specific sizes, colors, styles, etc. changed. And though I never had great expectations that one day, one of these visits to downtown Boston wouldn't consume an entire day and/or that I wouldn't experience excruciating anxiety during the entire ordeal, still, I had hope that something would fit on the first try, anything, even if it were just the shoes.

Occasionally, something did fit, but more often than not, it was socks or underwear. Most everything else — pants, shirts, sweaters, sport coats, jackets — had to be tried on, then taken off, then another size selected, then that other size tried on, then taken off, and on and on. My dressing room would always be littered with the clothes that didn't make the fit. Pants were hanging on a hook, shirts and sweaters were piled on the bench, pins and needles and cardboard and plastic wrapping from the items I opened were scattered about like Halloween candy the morning after, except that there would be no inspection of this haul.

This haul was going nowhere, at least, nowhere with me. It had not made the cut, or more specifically, couldn't make it over my hips or around my stomach or over my shoulders. Either it was to be seen and approved by my mother and thus considered for a ride home and a place in my closet — ultimately to be worn and seen at school where occasionally a discouraging word was heard — or it would never be seen or heard from again. The reality was, when you're young and not exactly "a perfect 36," clothes don't exactly make the man, they embarrass and humiliate the man.

If I were to characterize my clothes-shopping in the past, my clothes-shopping in the present and my likely clothes-shopping in the future, my emotions would run the gamut from the sublime to the ridiculous with a few stops in between for apathy and indigestion. I don't really see how it could have been (continues to be) any different though. It's my body, it's my eating habits, it's my choice. I have no one to blame but myself but also I have nothing to fear. So far I'm healthy (relatively speaking), but unfortunately not wealthy.

A little extra weight never hurt anyone. The question is, how much is a little? Don't ask my wife, Dina, we don't exactly agree; so what else is new?

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The leaders did some research, and while there wasn't a "soup kitchen" nearby where

they could volunteer, Reston Interfaith said it would love for the girls to pack lunches for their clients.

On Monday, Feb. 23, the girls donned hairnets and gloves, gathered in the school cafeteria, made 120 turkey sandwiches and packed 60 healthy lunches for the local homeless community. They included Girl Scout cookies, of course. They also learned about and discussed the causes of homelessness, who can be homeless and how homelessness affects children.

Metrorail Gets 'Green Light'

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portation signed an agreement that guarantees the project \$900 million in federal funding March 10.

In total, the new "Silver Line" to Dulles, which will also include stations in Loudoun County, is expected to cost over \$5 billion. "The full funding grant agreement will be signed with us approving these stations or not," said Foust.

TYSONS EAST, located at the intersection of Route 123, Scotts Crossing Road and Colshire Drive near the Capital One building, and Tysons West, located on Route 7 at Spring Hill Road near the Rosenthal Honda car dealership, will share a few design elements.

The two stations will both feature pedestrian bridges that allow people to cross over the busy thoroughfares to which they are attached. During the hours that the stations are open, the bridges will be available to pedestrians whether or not they are Metro riders, and require no farecard to use.

The two stations will also have "kiss and ride" facilities, which allow a driver to stop while dropping off or picking up a person from a Metrorail stop.

Some critics have expressed concern that the stations, particularly Tysons West, do not have adequate parking facilities. Both "bookend" stations will bump up against large residential communities but Vienna and McLean citizens could be deterred from using the new Metro stations if they don't

have easy access to parking, said Mark Zetts, of the McLean Citizens Association.

FOUST and Supervisor Michael Frey (R-Sully) also raised some additional concerns about the construction of the Tysons East station in a flood plain and environmentally sensitive area.

There is a general prohibition on building in a flood plain but the government grants exceptions for railroads, streets and some other public amenities. Though the area is sensitive, the county chose to put the Metrorail station in that location because it can handle a high level of traffic, said officials.

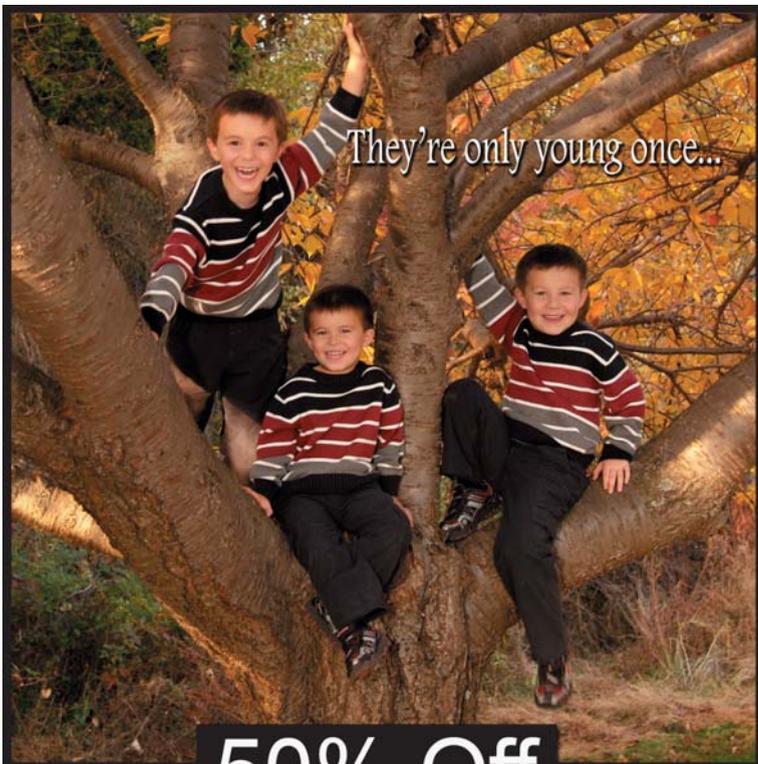
"It sort of amazes me that the attitude is we are going to put it into a flood plain because we can ... It frustrates me in all instances where the county treats itself differently than the private sector. If a developer had proposed to build something major in this flood plain, we would have objected," said Frey, but ended up supporting the station design.

"It won't be the state that approves putting this station into a flood zone, it will be us," said Foust.

Foust also worried the supervisors had ceded too much control of the project to the contractors and others when they approved the stations' plans.

"I think this is the last time the board will get to see this massive project ... We should have more say about the final product that comes out of this process," said Foust.

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