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Jimmy Lange during round one of the last Saturday's fight against Jimmy LeBlanc: a Great Falls boxer won by a second-round knockout improving his pro record to 32-4-2, with 23 career knockouts.

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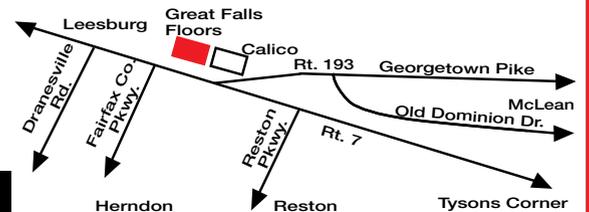
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Harry Wiles, left, executive director of American Beverage Licensees, awards Old Brogue owner Mike Kearney with a plaque naming him 2010 retailer of the year.

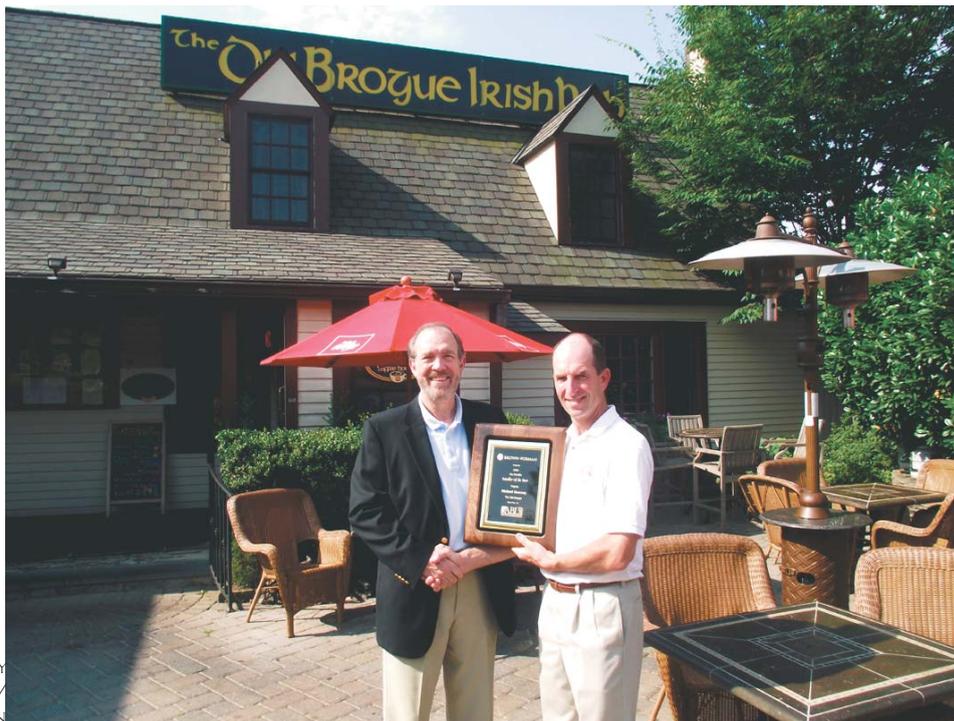


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THE CONNECTION

Kearney Named Retailer of Year

Old Brogue owner recognized for being a face of the retail industry.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Mike Kearney, owner of the Old Brogue Irish Pub, was honored as the Brown-Forman Retailer of the Year for 2010. Kearney, a longtime resident of Great Falls, was recognized during a ceremony at the American Beverage Licensees Eighth Annual Convention last month in Louisville, Ky.

"Michael is deserving of the recognition that comes with being named Brown-Forman Retailer of the Year, and exemplifying the traits of a successful and responsible beverage retailer," said Harry Wiles, executive director of American Beverage Licensees, who presented Kearney with his plaque July 9. "We are proud to have Michael as a member of ABL. He is a great ambassador of beverage licensees everywhere."

Kearney participates in many charitable and community events around Great Falls throughout the year, and he serves as the president of the Great Falls Charitable Foundation, which hosts a golf tournament every year to benefit the Parent

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— Harry Wiles,
American Beverage Licensees

Teacher Associations of various local schools. This year, Kearney presented checks for \$8,500 each to the PTAs of Forestville and Great Falls elementary schools.

The funds have been used for things such as the renovation to Great Falls Elementary and new education technology for the schools.

"It's a great honor to be recognized, but we couldn't do what we do without Brown-Forman and others," Kearney said. "I've been lucky enough to have a successful business, but I wouldn't have that without the help of the community as well."

As retailers, people like Kearney are the last to handle products before they reach the consumer, making them the face of the industry. ABL members are also committed to stop underage access to alcohol and drunk driving.

Only 12 people in the country are honored each year, making Kearney's accomplishment all the more notable.

"He's everything a retailer should be," Wiles said. "Not just in his business, but what we like a retailer to be in the community."

Kearney has owned and operated the Old Brogue for almost 30 years. He helped found the Great Falls Charitable Foundation in 1996, as Brogue Charities.

The group raises funds for such organizations as the Great Falls Friends, Life Me Up, Camp Fraser, the Great Falls Ecumenical Council and the Safe Community Coalition.

Honored at Stanford

Laura Jameson of Great Falls received the 2010 Leadership Award at Stanford University from Dr. Jan Keating, head of Stanford University Online High School. She begins her third year at Stanford this August and plans to graduate with the Class of 2011.



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Katie Simmons-Hickey receives her award from Bill Rodgers, left, president of SunTrust Banks, Inc. and Scott Wilfong, right, CEO, SunTrust Banks, Inc.

Lending More Than A Hand

Katie Simmons-Hickey is ninth highest producing loan officer in the nation for SunTrust.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Great Falls native and resident Katie Simmons-Hickey was named to SunTrust Mortgage's Chairman's Team for being one of the top loan officers in the nation in 2009. Simmons closed 181 loans for a volume of \$81.8 million during 2009, making her the ninth highest producing SunTrust loan officer in the nation.

Simmons-Hickey said the key to her success is communication. "I always make it a point to respond to anyone within 24 hours," she said. "Late nights, weekends, I'm always available, my BlackBerry never leaves my side."

"I always make it a point to respond to anyone within 24 hours."

— Katie Simmons-Hickey

"Working for Ritz Carlton taught me all about customer service, and that dedication to service carried over," she said.

After coming back to the United States, she joined her mother Judy Simmons, a loan officer, for what she thought would be a few months of transition.

"I really thought I would be doing it for a few months, but I really fell in love with the job," Simmons-Hickey said. "I found I really like making people's dreams come true, whether a mortgage for a first house, or helping someone refinance."

Simmons said her daughter has "always been persistent in everything she's done," and it's that persistence that helped her in her new profession.

SIMMONS

grew up in Great Falls, attending Great Falls Elementary and Cooper Middle School and graduating from Langley High School in 1999. She attended Clemson University, graduating in 2003 and subsequently worked for Ritz Carlton, including a stint on St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

"There's so much going on in this business, it can be really hard to get a grip on it, especially if you don't have a finance background, which Katie didn't," Simmons said. "But she would put in 10 and 12 hour days, anything she could to get a grip on it."

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Meet Author Laura Elliott

Historical fiction author Laura Elliott will present a program at the Great Falls Library on Saturday, July 17, at 2 p.m. Elementary and middle school students who are fans will have an opportunity to learn how Elliott gets ideas for her stories and where she finds research material to make her historical novels so true to life.

Elliott's most popular works include "Annie, Between the States," "Give Me Liberty," and her latest work, "A Troubled Peace," sequel to "Under a War-Torn Sky," a Jefferson Cup honor book about a young B-24 bomber pilot during World War II. She lives in Fairfax County and is also known for her picture books and frequent contributions to Washingtonian Magazine.

Middle school students entering the "Great Falls and the Civil War" essay contest are encouraged to come and talk to Elliott about resources on the Civil War in the area as well as ideas for essay topics. Her novel, "Annie, Between the States" is set in Northern Virginia and tells the story of a young woman accused of being a Confederate spy. The summer contest is sponsored by the Great Falls Historical Society, the Friends of the Great Falls Library, the Great Falls Lions, Optimists and Friends of Great Falls. It is open to rising seventh-ninth graders.

Grand prize is an iPod, and additional prizes will be awarded to winners at each grade level. Rules and entry forms are available at the Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, 703-757-8560.

Adeler Jeweler Best for Custom Design

Adeler Jeweler of Great Falls was voted best jewelry store for custom designs in the July 2010 Best of Issue in Washingtonian Magazine. This annual issue lists the best and most recommended places to go, people to know and things to do in the Washington area as voted on by the residents of the Washington, D.C. area.

"We have worked very hard for 36 years to meet the needs of our customers, designing and creating personalized one-of-a-kind pieces," said Jorge Adeler, president and owner of Adeler Jewelers. "I am honored to be voted best jewelry store for custom designs and I look forward to serving the Washington area for many years to come."

Adeler Jewelers is a custom design jewelry store that has been servicing their community since 1975. They specialize in gems, pearls, diamonds and authentic ancient coins, all creatively mounted in platinum, 18k and 14k gold.

For more information on Jorge Adeler and his exclusive designs visit their website at www.AdelerJewelers.com or call 703-759-4076.

Help for New Residents Searching for Child Care

Based on the most recent Census figures, about 75,000 people will move into Fairfax County this year, including about 5,000 young children. More newcomers will move into the county during the summer than at any other time of the year. Families who are new to the community can call the Fairfax County Office for Children for help with finding childcare: 703-449-8484.

Families can also search for child care on the Office for Children's website, which has a database of more than 500 Fairfax County child care centers and more than 2,200 family child care providers who have a state license or a county permit to care for children in their homes: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ofc.

"Our online database lists a variety of important details about the care offered by each child care program, such as the ages of the children served; which schools are located nearby; what accommodations are available for children with special needs; and whether the home or facility is near public transportation," said Office for Children Director Anne-Marie Twohie.



NEWS



The majority of properties on the market in Great Falls fall into the upper price bracket, like this five-bedroom six-bathroom home on Sunnybrook Drive in Great Falls, which is on the market for \$1.4 million.

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Great Falls, McLean See Buyer's Market

The local real estate market is making gains as it recovers from the recession.

BY JESSICA LEVINE
THE CONNECTION

Over the past year, the local real estate market has undergone significant changes as it rebounds from the economic recession. The real estate market in McLean and Great Falls is in recovery after the lowest point of the recession, with record-low mortgage rates but some uncertainty after the end of the federal tax credit for first-time homebuyers.

J.D. Callander, a real estate agent with Weichert Realtors in McLean, said the local market began to exhibit effects of the recession around 2008, though it began to slow down elsewhere in the nation as early as 2006.

"In the 22101 and 22102 ZIP codes, we didn't really see a major price adjustment until 2008," Callander said. "That coincided with a drop in the stock market in October. Until November 2009, we took in about a 15 percent price adjustment. That's really not that bad."

However, homes more than \$2 million in price had a tougher time in the market.

"The absorption rates were higher than 30 months," Callander said. "The absorption rates have decreased significantly, but it is always hard to sell property in that price range."

July 2009 was what some might call "the bottom of the market," Callander said, "because the number of homes sold increased for the first time ... in more than four years."

IN NOVEMBER 2009, low mortgage interest rates and an expansion of the \$8,000 federal tax credit for first-time homebuyers and \$6,500 for repeat homebuyers under The Worker, Homeownership and Business Assistance Act of 2009 motivated residents to buy property.

"In November 2009, we saw the first positive price change in four years," Callander said. "We contin-

ued to see extremely minor price gains throughout the spring."

In July 2010, federal legislation extended the tax credit deadline to close on a home from June 30 to Sept. 30, though the deadline to purchase homes ended April 30.

Another change occurred in March 2009 when "the government stopped purchasing mortgage-backed securities," which had helped keep mortgage rates low, Callander said.

Rates were expected to go up, but they didn't.

"In fact, they have gone down," Callander said.

Callander said that the market will see "seasonal adjustment" after the spring boom, but that now is the time to buy because "prices aren't going up."

The average price of property in the first quarter of 2010 was \$1,102,900 in the 22101 ZIP code and \$640,700 in 22102, both of which represent price increases compared to the first quarter of 2009. The number of properties sold in each ZIP code also went up from the same quarter last year, with increases of about 51 percent in 22101 and 78 percent in 22102.

The average number of days on the market was 69 in 22101 and 57 in 22102. Properties in 22101 sold for around 91 percent of their original asking price, and properties in 22102 for 94 percent of their asking price.

"Any buyer who is thinking about buying should absolutely purchase now," Callander said. "You'll never see an interest rate this low again. Sellers should sell right now too; you can get a good price. It's a great market right now."

For example, Callander said she recently listed a house on Balsam Drive in McLean for \$875,000 that went under contract in six days.

However, Callander advised buyers to "look for good resale" value due to lingering instability in the economy.

Long & Foster real estate agent Carol Jackson gives a similarly positive assessment of the Great Falls market.

"We're getting a lot more traffic compared to last year," Jackson said.

Jackson said she took a house off the market last year because it wasn't selling, but this year, "we've already had more traffic than in nine months last

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The 3Ds: Delirium, Depression and Dementia. 6 p.m. Great Falls Assisted Living Office, 1025-P Seneca Road, Seneca Square Village, Great Falls. Learn how to get the proper diagnosis and questions to ask your physician. Light refreshments served. Free and open to the public. 703-421-0690.

SATURDAY/JULY 17

Babysitter Training. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna. An American Red Cross instructor will teach basic child care, safety, first aid, and what to do in emergency situations. \$70 for Town of Vienna residents, \$87.50 non-residents. For boys and girls age 12 and older. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.gov.

TUESDAY/JULY 20

VTRCC Annual Awards Banquet Dinner. 6 p.m. at Maggiano's Little Italy, 2001 International Drive, McLean. With Master of Ceremonies Va. State Senator Chap Petersen. \$75, including appetizers and a 3 course dinner with dessert and coffee. info@vtrcc.org.

Family Affair

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FINANCING for Simmons-Hickey is a family affair, after following in her mother's footsteps, her sister Lindsay has followed in theirs. Lindsay Simmons also works for SunTrust, in the same branch as her sister.

"It's been nice to follow in my mom and sister's footsteps, they're both top producers," Lindsay Simmons said. "There's a little competition there, but mostly I'm just learning. I wasn't surprised at all by Katie's recognition, she's really awesome at her job."

Though education and work took her away for several years, it was always a goal of hers to return to Great Falls. Simmons-Hickey grew up riding horses, and fondly remembers "the parades, the Concerts on the Green and how close-knit the community is."

"We wanted a place to raise a family, and this is one of the best places to that," Simmons-Hickey said.

Simmons-Hickey and her husband Brendan live in Great Falls, along with their two dogs, Marley and Bella. They enjoy taking the dogs to Great Falls Park.

In addition to horseback riding she also enjoys scuba diving and traveling, and participates in a number of charities, including the Leukemia Lymphoma Society and the Children's Brain Cancer Foundation.



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Real Estate Market Rebounds after Recession

FROM PAGE 4

year” on the same house. Jackson said that the \$800,000 to \$1.2 million-price range is selling best. Like the McLean market, the Great Falls market has seen steady gains over the past year, though “McLean’s doing better,” Jackson said. “The month of May was up 18 percent from last year,” Jackson said. “We haven’t had the slowdown in June that we’re used to. We did have a steady improvement in sales.”

THE NUMBER of homes sold in Great Falls’ 22066 ZIP code was up about 8 percent in the first quarter of 2010 compared to the same quarter last year. However, the average price of property was \$1,124,200, a decrease of around 11 percent compared to the first quarter of 2009.

Properties stayed on the market for an average of 163 days and sold for around 87 percent of their original asking price.

Jackson said that buyers are looking for homes that don’t need much renovation.

“People are buying pretty, buying things they don’t have to work on,” Jackson said.

Like in McLean, homes in the upper price range are slower to sell. In Great Falls, the majority of listings fall in the \$1 million to

\$1.499 million or more than \$2 million price ranges.

“That will take longer unless it’s priced really well,” Jackson said.

However, overall, Jackson feels that buyers are “digging their way out of the recession, gaining a little confidence,” she said.

“It’s a great buyer’s market,” Jackson said.

“Any buyer who is thinking about buying should absolutely purchase now. You’ll never see an interest rate this low again.”

— J.D. Callander,
Weichert Realtors real estate agent

Arya Mansouri, principal broker at Metropool Realty in Great Falls, said that the April 30 expiration of the federal tax credit to first-time homebuyers “really slowed down the market [for properties] up to \$600,000.”

“They’re thinking about renewing it,” Mansouri said. “That might bring back the market that we’ve seen.”

Mansouri noted that property in the upper price ranges has a much harder time selling in the current market.

“Under \$600,000 is moving pretty good, [but] anything over \$1 million is very slow ... like six months in the market,” Mansouri said.

On the positive side, Mansouri said Great Falls has seen a total of only eight foreclosures in the past 12 months, “which is pretty good.”

“The foreclosure market didn’t hit Great Falls because it’s a rich area with a high average income,” he said. “We are in a good buyer’s market in Great Falls.”

“The margin of negotiation is wider for buyers,” he said. “People negotiate and get a pretty good price, [compared] to other areas, like Arlington, ... [where] you can’t negotiate because there is not much inventory.”

“Three things sell a house: price, location and condition,” Mansouri said. “[In terms of] location, Great Falls is one of the best. If the condition of the house is good and [it’s] reasonably priced, it will sell fast.”

However, Mansouri warns sellers against unrealistic optimism about the state of the market.

“A lot of people, in the aftermath of 2005

where the market peaked, they think it’s going to go up so fast,” he said. “Compare your listing price with what [houses of the same price] actually sold for.”

Real estate agent Karen Brisco of Keller Williams in McLean, who is familiar with both the McLean and Great Falls markets, said that “we’re through the worst of the recession.”

“THE GOOD NEWS is Bank of America is no longer calling the Washington, D.C. area a declining market,” Brisco said. “That’s huge. I think we’re in recovery mode, even if it’s slow and steady.”

Brisco noted that the recession hit the Great Falls market harder than McLean’s, which is “a function of being farther away from D.C., from the job center,” she said. In addition, “McLean is recovering more quickly than Great Falls,” Brisco said.

“If you’re under \$1 million in the McLean and Great Falls area, I think that the market’s done correcting,” Brisco said. “The higher you get over \$1 million, the harder the market gets.”

Like Mansouri, Brisco advises sellers to “be realistic about the current market,” she said.

“Good houses priced right are selling,” Brisco said.

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OPINION

From Readers on School Board and Staff

Readers cite many examples: Community often feels shut out of process on key issues.

Many readers wrote in response to last week's editorial, "School Board Could Learn to Share." Along with numerous letters about the board vote to close Clifton Elementary, readers added to the list of school board and school staff decisions that left various members of the community feeling left out, confused and often angry.

About a year ago, frustrated leaders of multiple advocacy groups formed the Fairfax Education Coalition www.fairfaxeducationcoalition.org, to address what they call a "disturbing trend: lack of transparency and accountability on the part of FCPS, no matter what the issue."

It isn't that the school board was necessarily wrong on all these issues.

But consistently, parents and others who are advocating for their communities, schools and interests feel that most members of the school board and some staff are not interested in community input, or in sharing the basis of their decisions.

Here are a few other concerns (in the words of readers for the most part):

- ❖ The decision to close Graham Road Elementary, moving to another building that was beyond walking distance for the community, creating barriers to what has been excellent community and parental involvement.

- ❖ The decision to buy the Gatehouse II building, an abuse of public trust that was vetoed by the Board of Supervisors. (Watch for a possible lease agreement that might circumvent current restrictions.)

- ❖ The decision to expand Langley High School even though South Lakes High School had capacity for those Reston students who go to Langley.

- ❖ The decision to forcibly redistrict Fox Mill Estates and Floris students from Oakton into South Lakes. This was done only after the Langley expansion was approved.

- ❖ Undermining efforts to have later high school start times by fanning the fears that the change would force the elimination of many sports and activities.

- ❖ "This is not just about one issue; rather there is a decidedly consistent pattern on the part of FCPS of shutting out the public in making decisions about our public schools."

Serving on the school board requires a massive commitment of time and effort for virtually no pay. No one makes this commitment without having the best interest of the schools as a whole at heart. But it is clearly time for some soul searching on the board about listening and responding to community concerns.

EDITORIALS

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Send photos and stories of your favorite creatures by July 23.

Dogs and cats and other creatures great and small are essential members of our families.

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To celebrate, we plan to publish the Pet Connection, including your family's pets, publishing July 28, with a submission deadline of July 23.

We invite photos of your pets with you, your children or with whole family. We'll prefer photos that picture the pets with their humans.

We also invite children's artwork of their pets.

We also welcome short stories about your pet or your experiences with animals. Tell us a funny story, or explain how your pet helped you or a member of your family through a tough time. Tell us about how you came to adopt or rescue your pet. Tell us how your favorite places to go with your pet, or how you solved a particular challenge concerning your pet.

We haven't forgotten horses, fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians, guinea pigs, hamsters, and other more unusual pets — we hope for photos about them all.

Be sure to identify the full names of everyone pictured in photos, include information such as breed and age of the pet and children pictured, and (very important) the community where you live. Please be sure to include address and phone number to be used for verification purposes only.

We prefer digital submissions. Please send in submissions as soon as possible, but at least before July 23. E-mail to PhotoGF@connectionnewspapers.com, and write "Pets" in the subject line. You can mail submissions to the Pet Connection, 1606 King St., Alexandria, VA 22314.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Looking for Former Camp Fire Girl

To the Editor:

My name is Eileen Kane and I am the leader of the Bethesda-D.C. Camp Fire Club. The caption and photo above recently appeared on Camp Fire USA's Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/CampFireUSA>. Camp Fire USA is celebrating its 100th year with the slogan A Century of Kids and A Future of Leaders! Camp Fire USA, formerly the Camp Fire Girls, has had both boys and girls since 1975. When it was founded it was the first non-sectarian organization for girls in the U.S. to be open to members of any race, creed or color. This openness continues to-



FROM THE ALBUM: WALL PHOTOS BY CAMP FIRE USA 2010 CENTENNIAL

This is former Camp Fire Girl Margaret Monteith of McLean. She is pictured with Mrs. Roosevelt as they made their joint broadcast over NBC on Oct. 8, 1941. Does anyone know any information on this photo or on Margaret?

day since it welcomes anyone of any race, gender, socioeconomic status, disability, sexual orientation or other aspect of diversity. Currently, about 600,000 are members of Camp Fire nationally, but locally we are about 500 registered members. Camp Fire remains popular in Texas, the Northwest and parts of the South and Midwest.

"This is former Camp Fire Girl Margaret Monteith of McLean, Va. She is pictured with Mrs. Roosevelt as they made their joint broadcast over NBC on Oct. 8, 1941. Does anyone know any information on this photo or on Margaret?"

I was wondering if you could publish this in your newspaper? Our council and the national organization would love to know

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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 8

Margaret's story. The local council is now called Patuxent Area Council. If Margaret comes forward, have her contact Ms. Rosemary Pezzuto, executive director, Patuxent Area Council, campfireusapatuxent@aol.com and 301-346-7860.

We would be happy to hear from other alumni: they can visit our local website http://www.campfireusa-patuxent.org/new_CFUSA/alumni.asp

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School Board's Devastating Decision

To the Editor:

The School Board voted last week to close Clifton Elementary. I cannot tell you how devastating that was. Immediately following the vote, I saw children and parents crying outside. Over in a small garden I saw two adult women, who I can only assume were parents, collapsed on the ground and

holding each other while sobbing uncontrollably. It was extremely trying for me to see that. These people were "Handled" in the worst sense of the word.

The school board's stated reasoning throughout the process continued to vacillate and wander around politically with no valid reasons or thinking behind the decision. The involved community was able to provide many, many facts supported with solid thinking as to why the school should not be closed.

Ms. Kimm did an excellent opinion piece last week [School Board Could Learn to Share, Connection, July 7-13]. The schools' people just dismissed it as uniformed and unimportant.

Bruce Bennett
Vienna

Transparency In Campaign Ads

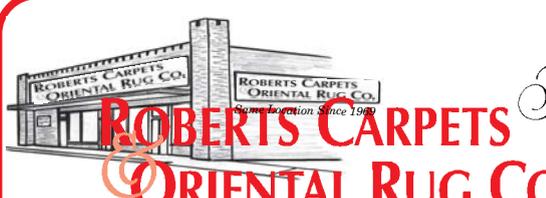
To the Editor:

Do you want to know who is funding campaign ads? I do. In response to a recent US Supreme Court ruling allowing corporations, unions and special interest

groups to spend unlimited sums on campaigns, the U.S. House of Representatives recently voted to pass a bill that would require these groups to identify themselves to the public in advertisements that they pay for. An amendment would also require these groups to identify their principal place of business, so that voters can tell how much out of state money is being spent on their local campaigns. The bill would not prevent or even limit the amount of money these groups can spend. It just says, if you are going to do this, own it. Own up to it. Just as candidates must certify their own ads, the chief executive officer of corporations and special interest groups would have to certify the ad his company or group was paying for. I think there is a tremendous need for this kind of legislation, especially considering that unlimited amounts can now be given in support of a candidate. U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) is apparently opposed to this kind of transparency, and voted against this measure. Why?

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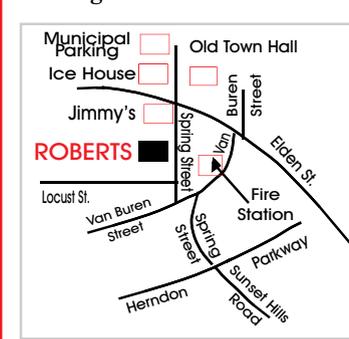
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THURSDAY/JULY 15

Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$45 in-house, \$25 lawn. 877-WOLFTRAP or www.wolftrap.org.

Wolftrap Children's Theatre in the Woods. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. 10 a.m. Synetic Family Theater: Cowardly Christopher Finds His Courage, 11:15 a.m. Steve Roslonek: Stevesongs. Free workshops follow the 10 a.m. performance; reservations required at 703-255-1824. \$8-\$10. www.wolftrap.org.

Pablo Antonio y La Firma. 7:30 p.m. Nottoway Park, 9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Salsa. Free. 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance.

Jammin' Java's Mid-Atlantic Band Battle III. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. jamminjava.com.

Book Discussion. 7 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Call for title. Adults. 703-757-8560.

Rockncoeros. 7 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Join Coach Cotton, Williebob, and Boogie Woogie Bennie for a rockin' good time. All ages. Register at 703-938-0405.

FRIDAY/JULY 16

Summer on the Green: Angela Hayes Quartet - Jazz Vocals. 6:30 p.m. at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Bring chairs or blankets for seating. No alcoholic beverages allowed. It is recommended that pets be left at home. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.gov.

"Little Women, The Musical." 8 p.m. McLean Community Players, Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Based on the Louisa May Alcott story. \$17-\$19, group rates available. 703-790-9223 or www.mcleanplayers.org.

The Kennedys. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$18. jamminjava.com.

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Summer Nights. 8 p.m. at the John Swayze Theater, The New School of Northern Virginia, 9431 Silver King Court, Fairfax. A Hub Theatre cabaret with singers Donna Migliaccio, Gia Mora, and Erin Driscoll. 703-674-3177 or www.thehubtheatre.org.

NSO at Wolf Trap: West Side Story & More. 8:15 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Emil de Cou, conductor, with Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev, Gounod and Bernstein. Tickets \$20-\$52. 877-WOLFTRAP or www.wolftrap.org.

SATURDAY/JULY 17

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Mimi Preda as Jo March sings 'Fire Within Me' during a rehearsal of the McLean Community Players' production of 'Little Women - The Musical.' Friday-Saturday, July 16-17, 8 p.m. and Sunday, July 18, 2 p.m. at the Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave. in McLean. 703-790-9223 or www.mcleanplayers.org.

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4 Out Of 5 Doctors. 9 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$20. jamminjava.com.

Re-entering the Workforce. 10 a.m. The Women's Center, 127 Park St. N.E., Vienna. zpashae@thewomenscenter.org.

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Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association, Inc. 10 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Master Gardeners provide horticultural tips, information, techniques and advice to home gardeners. Adults. 703-293-6227.

18th Century Summer Market Fair. 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at The Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Enjoy traditional dancing and singing. Try watercolor and writing skills at the Stationer's, muster with the Colonial Militia, visit the Dyers and try hands-on crafts such as spinning. Or sit in the shade and savor roast chicken, spicy sausages and fruit pie. Enjoy authentic ginger ale, or local ale and porter at the Tavern. Period wares, food and beverages available for purchase. Adults \$5, age 3-12 or seniors \$2.50. www.1771.org.

NSO at Wolf Trap: Idina Menzel & Marvin Hamlisch. 8:15 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Tickets \$20 - \$52. 877-WOLFTRAP or www.wolftrap.org.

Bach 2 Rock. 5 p.m. at the Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean. Soft rock. Free. 703-288-9505.

Meet Author Laura Elliott. 2 p.m. at Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Book signing and discussion with Fairfax resident Elliot,

author of 'A Troubled Peace'. Presented by the Great Falls Historical Society. 703-757-8560.

Local Authors Book Signing. 11 a.m. at Borders, 8027 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. Arlington resident Elizabeth McCarthy will sign 'Patrick's Home Run' and Woodbridge resident Jamey M. Long will sign 'A Possum's War Between the States'. 888-361-9473.

SUNDAY/JULY 18

Summer on the Green: Tonics - Blues-Rock. 6:30 p.m. at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Bring chairs or blankets for seating. No alcoholic beverages allowed. It is recommended that pets be left at home. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.gov.

"Ride to Provide" Bike Ride with Washington Redskins Lorenzo Alexander and Kedric Golston. 11 a.m. at Reston Town Center Pavilion, 1818 Discovery St., Reston. A 10, 20 and 35 mile scenic bike ride and charity event hosted by Washington Redskins Lorenzo Alexander and Kedric Golston on the W&OD Railroad Regional Park Trail. With opportunities to win Redskins game-day tickets, hotel packages, autographed memorabilia and more. Proceeds benefit the Lorenzo's ACES Foundation for local underserved youth and African orphans. \$50 adult, \$25 child, children in trailer free. 510-350-7127 or www.RideToProvide.org.

B.B. King with Lukas Nelson & The Promise of the Real. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$42 in-house, \$25 lawn. 877-WOLFTRAP or www.wolftrap.org.

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MONDAY/JULY 19

The Go-Go's. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$54-\$471. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

RFC 93 Boys Soccer Benefit Show with The Darby Brothers. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 advance, \$13 at the door. jamminjava.com.

Chess Club. 2 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Learn the rules and strategy, play the game. Participants may bring their own chess sets, no chess clocks needed. Ages 6-14. 703-757-8560.

TUESDAY/JULY 20

Paul Taylor Dance Company. 8:30 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$38 in-house, \$10 lawn. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

Wolftrap Childrens Theatre in the Woods. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. 10 a.m. Diane Macklin: Animal Tail Tales, 11:15 a.m. Music with the Milkshake Trio. Free workshops follow the 10 a.m. performance; reservations required at 703-255-1824. \$8-\$10. www.wolftrap.org.

Steel Train and Girl In A Coma. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12 advance, \$15 at the door. jamminjava.com.

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SCHOOLS



Memories of Beach Week

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Celebrating the end of the school year, Langley High School students submitted this photo from their Beach Week at Corolla (Outer Banks), N.C. Pictured are, back row, from left, David Ward, Max Bress, Nate Ehat, Bryan Clubb and Ethan Bailey; middle row, Ben Johnson, Stephanie Gaibler, Joey Collins, Rikhi Chaudry, Bryn Evans, Kathryn Flexner, Rebecca Cramer, Val Lascala, Anneke Day, Espeth McGarry, Katie Cosper, Morgan Brown, Alex Padalino, Pauline Lefevre and Osama Ghanem; and bottom row: Dan Yi, David Levitt and Onalee Makam.



GOP Women's Club Awards Scholarships

McLean residents and 2010 high school graduates Mark Moran and Spencer Chretien were recently awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by the Greater McLean Republican Women's Club for their participation in Republican politics. Another \$1,000 scholarship recipient and McLean resident, Emily Hooppi, is not pictured. Present for the award are, from left, GMRWC President Lynn Clancy, Moran, Chretien, Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34), Del. Tom Rust (R-86) and U.S. Frank Wolf (R-10).

SCHOOL NOTES

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

Hyunjun Kim of Great Falls has won a National Merit Northwestern University Scholarship. The Langley High School graduate is planning a career in law.

Daniel Rivellini of Great Falls, son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Rivellini, was among 251 seniors at Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, Conn., to graduate at the school's 120th Commencement on June 6. Rivellini will attend Babson College in the fall. Choate Rosemary Hall is an independent secondary school enrolling 850 boarding and day students from 41 states and 39 countries.

Colin Newman of McLean has graduated with a bachelors degree from Gettysburg College of Gettysburg, Pa.

McLean residents **Margaret C. Devlin** (bachelor of arts in biology and French studies with distinction), **Patrick W. Findaro** (bachelor of arts in international studies), **Ian M. McCullough** (bachelor of arts in environmental studies with a science concentration) and **Maxwell T. Weiss** (bachelor of arts in international studies) have graduated from Colby College of Waterville, Me.

Victoria B. Weiss of McLean has graduated cum laude with departmental honors, with a bachelor of arts in elementary and early childhood education with a minor in psychology, from Susquehanna University of Selinsgrove, Pa. Weiss was also named to the spring 2010 dean's list. She is the daughter of Todd Weiss and Cherylyn Briggs. The Langley High School graduate served as captain of the Susquehanna women's varsity soccer team.

David P. Scott of McLean was named to the spring 2010 dean's list at Boston University of Boston, Mass.

Rachel Nicole Adams of McLean was named to the spring 2010 dean's list at Juniata College of Huntingdon, Pa. Adams is a sophomore in psychology, and a 2009 graduate of the Jakarta International School. She is the daughter of Gregory Adams and Colette Marcellin.

McLean residents **Amanda B. Johnson** (bachelor of arts in history and archaeology, magna cum laude), **Theodore R. Seabright** (bachelor of arts in neuroscience), **Alexa R. Aulie** (master of education in international educational development) and **Christine A. Lewis** (bachelor of science in communication, magna cum laude) have graduated from Boston University of Boston, Mass.



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Money For Who Knows What



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

And I don't know when, either. But I have to believe, given my diagnosis – and original prognosis, that my cancer is going to cost me some money, some time. I don't mean co-pays. I don't mean health insurance premiums (which I already pay along with my employer). I don't mean income. I mean, outgo. Whether it's for treatment/medications; experimental or otherwise, not covered and/or provided by my HMO, increased health insurance premiums should I have to go on C.O.B.R.A. or have to buy the guaranteed-issue health insurance offered by the state of Maryland; long-term care, should my condition deteriorate to where completing the activities of daily living become too difficult for me and my wife to manage, the road ahead is likely littered with dollars needing to be paid to ease a troubled mind – mine.

As a consequence of this expected/anticipated future (hopefully not present), I'm somewhat hesitant to spend money now, fearful that I'll be forsaking the necessities of that future for the pleasures of the present. I don't want to look back one day (later) and wish that I had done/planned things differently; better prepared myself and my family financially for the inevitable cash outflow on the horizon. Because once I/we get there, it's not as if we'll have the time, energy or opportunity, realistically speaking, for a do-over. At that point of no return, we'll have to make the best of a bad situation – and one likely to get worse. And so, as I try to view the obstacles and anxieties heading our way, I'm wondering if there's a way that I can manage/minimize the financial impact at present of some of the cascading commitments likely to befall us in the future.

Saving money now for that rainy day (doomsday) is my one option (other than winning the lottery, which is hardly a plan). Moreover, as simple and as prudent as that saving plan sounds (and this is where the cancer conundrum really escalates), depriving myself now of miscellaneous lifestyle enhancing, stress-reducing, quality of life experiences/expenditures/inducements might in fact hasten my decline by eliminating the kinds of positive perks that seriously ill patients need to have to fight through the challenges and demands of living – and hopefully not dying – according to one's own presumptuous prognosis. Ergo, if I plan for a future that doctors/health care professionals tell me is likely to occur, it might very well be a self-fulfilling path I'm following – which means I'll just be another casualty in the war against cancer. However, if I don't plan/act accordingly, it may indeed have the opposite effect. If I don't live like I'm planning to die, maybe I won't die while I'm doing all this planning. But what if I'm wrong? What if I live more for the present, spend the money now, but end up really needing the money later?

Later could be sooner, though, six months from now – given the top end of my original two-year prognosis, communicated at the first – and only – Team Lourie meeting with my oncologist back on March 5, 2009. And if in fact six months is a lifetime left, then what am I waiting for, another six months? (This reminds me of the Henny Youngman joke: "My doctor told me I have six months to live. I told him I couldn't pay my bill. He gave me another six months." If only it were that simple.)

I'm still trying to make sense of it all, obviously. I don't want my potentially irresponsible, and poor financial planning/decision-making now, to be my legacy. I want to be remembered with a smile, not a grimace.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

NEWS



Doug Vasiliadis of MAX Youth Performance & Fitness works with clients.

Promoting Overall Fitness

Great Falls facility takes 'healthier approach' to physical conditioning.

BY COLLEEN SHEEHY ORME

Most of us remember our youth spent running through yards, riding bikes and climbing trees. The grass crunching below our bare feet until a familiar call for dinner would bring us back home. Today, however, many children have little time for long periods of wild abandon. There are practices to get to and afterschool activities that can't be missed.

So how do we balance this modern dilemma: How do we combine the need to be sports specific, but also the necessity to provide healthy overall body conditioning for our children?

Doug Vasiliadis and his business partner, Pat McCloskey have created a fitness program tailored for today's youth. After 24 years in the industry running specialized personal training company, One To One Fitness, Inc., both Vasiliadis and McCloskey recognized the need for a healthier approach to physical conditioning for children ages 8 to 18.

MAX Youth Performance & Fitness, located in Great Falls, opened in September 2009. Its mission is to create awareness of the need to place attention on the entire body's physical fitness and not just sport specific skills.

"It's a bit of a dilemma for young athletes who need to be competitive," said Vasiliadis. "The double edged sword is that it is not a well rounded or balanced stimulus on their bodies. Kids are highly skilled, but not as generally athletic and what we term 'functional.' It is because of the requirements of today's specialization of sports. If you look at pro athletes in the off season, they are trained in many different movement patterns all the time. We'd like to see conditioning be a bigger aspect in kids' lives."

Vasiliadis drew an analogy. "It's sort of like doing your homework before you take the test," he said. "You need to study for the test ... condition before you get there because you don't want your body to be shocked. You want to be prepared."

At MAX, coaches are full-time professional personal trainers with years of experience, education, extensive certifications and required on-going industry development training.

The classes are filled with high school football players, young lacrosse players, entire sports teams, girls and boys who have created custom tailored classes with a group of friends. It is a variety of individuals, groups, sports leagues and high school teams that fill their program. The MAX staff focuses on fundamentals and movement patterns and efficiencies. They also work to expand the possibilities of children with physical and developmental issues.

With five children of his own, Vasiliadis is empathetic to children, coaches and parents. "We think the answer is to educate individuals and teams to what type of things should be done to get a broader, general, function base," he said. "In other words, how can we do everything we need to do and not neglect everything that is important to the development of the child?"

This summer they are offering MAX Summer Mini-Camps. They will be sport specific conditioning camps to work on conditioning outside the skill set for sports such as football, basketball, field hockey, soccer and lacrosse. The camps will run through Sept. 3. There is also a variety of other classes available. They include, but are not limited to, "Core Endurance," "Injury Prevention," "Weight Training," "Flexibility, Posture & Recovery." For more information visit www.MaxYouthPerformance.com or call 703-759-9110.

NEWS

Vienna Girl, Andy's Barber Shop Support Locks of Love

About two years ago, Lydia Colwell, 8, of Vienna decided to grow her hair out for Locks of Love (www.locksoflove.org).

"It's an easy way to help a good cause, and I am happy to say that it's not such a unique thing to do anymore," said Lydia's mom Polly Colwell. "Many people we know have donated."

Over the course of the two years, Andy Ton, owner of Andy's Barber Shop in Vienna, has trimmed Lydia's hair numerous times to keep it healthy and tidy. But, he always refused payment. So, on July 1, Lydia, went back to Andy's to get almost 12 inches of her hair cut off. Luke Tham did the actual haircut. Lydia was thrilled with how her hair turned out.

Once again, both Ton and Tham refused payment even though this was not just a quick trim. When the Colwells insisted on paying, Ton said, "She spent two years growing it out, we can spend 30 minutes cutting it. It's my way to give back."

"We thought this was such a generous gesture, very heartwarming," said Polly Colwell. "We are so grateful to have Andy in our community."

Lydia is a student of Wolftrap Elementary School.



Andy Ton, Lydia Colwell and Luke Tham pose with Lydia's 'Locks of Love' at the Andy's Barber Shop in Vienna.

Dog Days of Summer in Great Falls

Seneca Hill Animal Hospital, Resort & Spa in Great Falls will be hosting its Second Annual Dog Days of Summer open house to raise money for international land mine detection efforts. This is a free

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The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA will host its 62nd Annual Convention from Friday, July 16-Sunday, July 18 at Dulles Expo Center, 4368 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Over 5,000 delegates are expected to celebrate 90 years of preaching Islam in the US. On Saturday, July 17, a 3:30 p.m. session will honor civic, state, federal and international dignitaries and address the question: Are Muslims required to obey non-Muslim Governments? Naseem Mahdi, National Vice President and Mis-

sionary In-Charge of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA, will speak. The public is invited. 571-482-9018 or convention@amfairfax.org.

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The fight is stopped after LeBlanc goes down a third time.

Short Work Night for Lange

Great Falls boxer treats local fandom to an early knockout.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Early in his fight against Jimmy LeBlanc last Saturday night at George Mason University's Patriot Center in Fairfax, it looked as if local boxing sensation Jimmy Lange might be in a little bit of trouble when LeBlanc scored on a few punches.

But any of those first round concerns were quickly dashed in the second round when the pro boxer from Great Falls took total control of the bout. Lange knocked LeBlanc down early in the second round then later scored the match-ending knockout with 1 minute, 30 seconds showing on the clock.

"After [several] body blows, I came upstairs with a hook for the first knockdown," said Lange, who improved his pro record to 32-4-2, with 23 career knockouts. "On the second [for the knockout] I got in a good left upper hook."

The first knockdown early in the round and the ensuing knockout later were both set up by Lange's extraordinary body punches which totally wore down LeBlanc (12-17-4), a Boston-based fighter from Weymouth, Mass.

"There's a lot you can tell with guys with the way they react in the ring," said Lange, who weighed in at 154 pounds in the days leading up to the scheduled 10-round bout. "You know when you land a good body shot."

It was after one of those body shots following the first knockdown that Lange knew LeBlanc was a beaten boxer and that he would not last much longer. He could sense his opponent reeling and went for the kill with the knockout blow.

The Lange-LeBlanc fight night headliner — billed as "No Excuses" — was the showcase match on an



Jimmy Lange spars with former opponent and 'Contender' teammate Jonathan Reid at LA Boxing in Reston.

evening that included seven undercard fights.

LANGE said his slow start in the first round of the fight was more by design than anything else. LeBlanc scored on a few punches in that opening round but Lange said he was not hurt by them.

"He caught me with one right hand which looked worse than it was," said Lange. "It wasn't a difficult first round. I had planned to feel him out and see what he had."

Once Lange got a feel for his opponent during that first round, he then dominated LeBlanc thereafter and displayed to the 3,833 fans on hand some of the boxing prowess and moxie that has made the former boxing reality TV star of NBC's "Contender" a sensation in his sport.

Of LeBlanc, Lange said, "He's a real good guy and a good boxer."

As he always has when fighting in front of his local fan base at the Patriot Center, Lange fed off his adoring supporters.

"It grows every time," said Lange, of the adulation he has benefited from in his 10 pro fights at the GMU facility since 2005. "It's priceless for me to have fans around me backing me like that. It's the ultimate home field advantage."

Lange, who in the week leading up to Saturday's fight was a media hit on local TV and radio shows, went on to say his fans are knowledgeable about the sport and display a sense of sportsmanship.

"I have very decent fans," he said. "They don't disrespect my opponent and they really love me. They really put themselves into these fights."

Tentative future plans are for Lange to fight again at the Patriot Center on Nov. 6. He will, however, likely fight outside of the Northern Virginia area at least one time prior to that target date.

Lange said Saturday night's showing was a great shot in the arm for him.

"It always builds your confidence to get a second round knockout," he said. "I wasn't going to get beat that night by anybody."

Local Swim Teams In Mid-Season Form

Whomping Turtles handle Lee Graham in Division 2 meet.

The Highlands Whomping Turtles crushed the Lee Graham Dolphins, 230 to 172, in Division 2 action on Saturday, July 10. Double winners for Highlands were: Ben Charles, Diego Cruzado, Chuck Katis, Jayme Katis and Olivia Tripodi. Chuck Katis set a team record in the boys' 15-18 50-meters butterfly with a time of 27.02. In diving news, Highlands lost to Fairfax Station, 44 to 27. Bobby Trono won the junior boys and Ian Clark won the senior boys, setting a new team record.

In earlier season action, the Whomping Turtles bested Little Rocky Run, 221 to 181, in recent NVSL Division 3 action. Single event winners for Highlands were: Aeden Collins, Claire Collins, Ben Charales, Xenia de Cazotte, Catherine Kiyonaga, Charlie Putnam, Amanda Moore, Nolan Musslewhite, Stephen Richards, Griffen Romanek, Chiara Tartaglino and Sara Wilcox. Double winners were: Diego Cruzado, Chuck Katis, Jayme Katis, Olivia Tripodi and Helen Yablonski. The highlands team won six relays.

The Langley Wildthings lost to the Mount Vernon Park Gators in the third meet of the season by a score of 181-221. Double event winners included: Derek Proxmire, Jinwon Bailar, Nathan Johnson, Nathan Robinson, Schuyler Bailar, and Chris Paul. Single event winners included: Thomas Dillard, Audrey Wallach, Zach Thompson, Sammy Bennett, Brian DeMocker and Meghan Overend. Elena Shklyar broke her own record in the girls' 9-10 free with a time of 32.60.

The Wildthings, in earlier season action, decisively won their second meet of the season against Dowden Terrace by a score of 252-150. Double event winners included: Emily Wallach (9-10 back, breast), Elena Shklyar (11-12 back, 9-10 fly), Jinwon Bailar (11-12 free, fly), Schuyler Bailar (13-14 back, fly), Katie Robinson (15-18 back, 13-14 breast) and Meghan Overend (15-18 free, fly). Single event winners included: Vincent Watson, Izzy Shone, Claire Mullery, Alexandra Cramer, JJ Bellaschi, Lucy DuBois, Zach Thompson,

Zach Johnson, Nathan Johnson, Kevin Kaldes, Audrey Wallach, Sammy Bennett, Jacqueline Litschewski, Derek Proxmire and Brian DeMocker. Six records were broken - Elena Shklyar, 9-10 backstroke (38.50) and 9-10 fly (15.99); Schuyler Bailar 13-14 backstroke (33.24) and 13-14 fly (31.89); the 11-12 boys medley relay of Nathan Johnson, Jinwon Bailar, Callan Cramer and Sammy Bennett (1:05.37); and the 13-14 girls medley relay of Katie Robinson, Schuyler Bailar, Kat Owczarski and Alexandra Cramer (1:04.93).

In Dominion Country Club League (DCCL) action on June 26, the RiverBend StingRays dominated Country Club of Fairfax, winning 371.5-144.5. Micaela Grassi won first place ribbons in four events: 50-meters freestyle, 50-backstroke, 50-fly and 100-IM. Winning three events each were Carter Bennett, Ryan Windus, Colin O'Connor, Kelsey Campbell, Anna Phillips and Jessica Hawken. Christopher Blankingship, Jack Hall, Charlotte Bell, and Anna Takis each won two first place ribbons. Other first place winners included: Sam Maruca, Connor Smith, Max Trautwein, Clair O'Connor, Chloe Bennett, Connor Wesolowski, Matthew Dungan, Amanda Maruca, and Kathleen Welch. The StingRays were 2-0 following the win.

In DCCL action on June 19, Trump National Lightning kicked off its season with a win over Hidden Creek, 310-205. The highlight of the meet came when Ryan Natal broke a 27-year old DCCL record, swimming the 15-18, 50-fly in 26.97 seconds. Other first place finishers were: 8-unders Bryce Nabulsi, Adair Sand and Ned Morgan; 9-10 Tyler Sanok; 11-12's Megan O'Hara, Justin Rose, Thomas Natal and Kyle Sanok; and 13-14 Mary Bishop. On June 26, the Lightning was victorious over International Country Club, 308 to 208.

Six new Trump National records were set at the meet by: Ryan Natal (boys 15-18 free and IM); Annika Kolleval (girls 13-14 back and fly); the girls 9-10 medley relay of Corrine Bates, Elizabeth Ellinger, Erica Barton and Sophia Divone; and the boys 15-18 medley relay of Aidan O'Hara, Bill Bishop, Ryan Natal and Brandon.

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Keller Williams Realty McLean/ Great Falls

announced the opening of its Commercial Division; KW Commercial McLean on Elm Street launched in June with a commercial veteran Ann Page as its Managing Director. Page has been a commercial real estate broker with over 25 years of experience in commercial real estate in the Northern Virginia market. She has leased office space, warehouse and retail space, handled land and office building sales and office build-to-suits for landlords and tenants, owners and buyers. She has represented developers of large office projects as well as tenants of all size office requirements. She has designed and implemented marketing programs for office condo developments and condo conversions around the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Over the years, Page has developed broker relationships throughout the Greater Washington area that have spanned her lengthy tenure at Randall Hagner (now Woodmark, Inc.) where she was a Vice President. She will be joined by five other commercial agents

After a short tenure as Vice President at the Long and Foster Commercial Division, Page has accepted the challenge from KW Commercial McLean where she is now responsible for building a new franchise with a compensation plan for commercial real estate brokers. KW

Commercial McLean offers an alternative to traditional brokerages through higher splits and a potential to achieve 100% commissions.



Ann Page

KBS Realty Advisors, one of the country's largest commercial real estate advisors, has finalized three new leases totaling 48,571 square feet at its 1945 Old Gallows Road property in the Tysons Corner area.

Enterprise Information Systems, Inc., signed the largest of the three agreements, for 25,066 square feet, for the establishment of its corporate headquarters. The business process integration firm is moving its headquarters from 1951 Kidwell Drive in Vienna, to occupy the entire fifth floor of 1945 Old Gallows Road and becomes the seven-story building's largest tenant.

The commitment by Enterprise comes after 1945 Old Gallows Road leases signed earlier this year with Preferred Systems Solutions, Inc. and NTELX for 14,147 and 9,358 square feet, respectively.

"We're seeing an increase of new tenants, especially those moving to 1945 Old Gallows Road from other properties in the area," said Robin Burke, Washington, D.C.-based senior vice president and asset manager for KBS Realty Advisors.

REALTOR® Magazine and the Good Neighbor Society have announced the winning applicants of the second Volunteering Works, an annual program that matches Realtors® who work on small-scale charitable efforts with mentors and awards them grant money.

The five winning Realtors® will re-

ceive a \$1,000 grant and a year of one-on-one mentoring from a member of the Good Neighbor Society, past recipients of the annual REALTOR® Magazine Good Neighbor Award for volunteer service.

Cynthia M. Dwyer, Weichert Realtors®, Vienna, is one of the 2010 recipients of the Volunteering Works grant and mentoring. She provides clothing to families of wounded soldiers recovering at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Many of these wounded warriors' spouses rush to Walter Reed with only an overnight bag only to find out they will spend months or years there while their loved one recovers. Dwyer sets up clothing distributions to provide gently used clothing for men, women and children, including warm clothes for winter and even formal wear for special events. Dwyer's mentor will be 2002 Good Neighbor Cynthia Shafer, Lahaina Realty Inc., Fort Myers Beach, Fla., founder of Beds for Kidz (part of Voices of Kids of Southwest Florida). Dwyer plans to use her mentor's guidance to increase clothing donations.

To learn more about Volunteering Works or the Good Neighbor Awards, go to www.REALTOR.org/gna.

Bruce Green, regional vice president of Weichert, Realtors announced the Vienna office was recognized for outstanding performance in May. The Vienna sales team led by Betty Holmes led the company for new home sales and also led the region for new home dollar volume. The region is comprised of offices located throughout Virginia.

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