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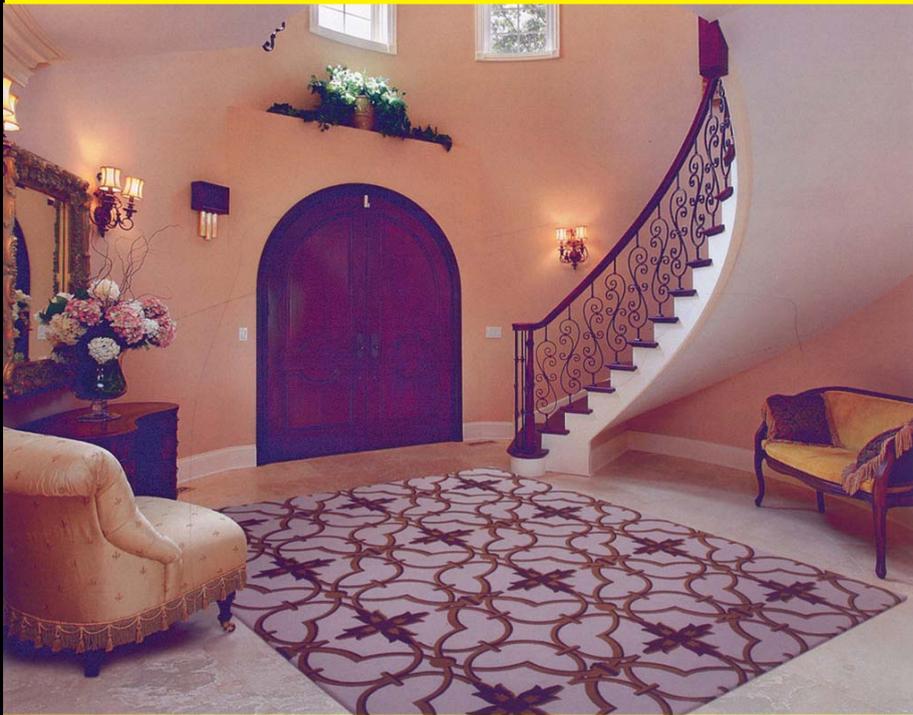
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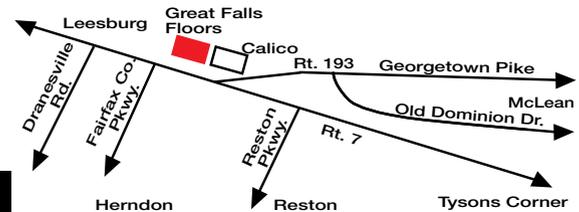
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Great Falls Little League Major Pirates and Morton's The Steakhouse – Tysons Corner host Homeruns for Heroes, an evening of food, wines and auction to benefit wounded service men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces.

CONTRIBUTED BY
MIKE DONLON



Honoring Heroes

Great Falls Little Leaguers and Morton's Steakhouse host benefit dinner for wounded warriors

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Mike Donlon is a Great Falls parent whose son plays Great Falls Little League [GFLL]. His uncle, Col. Roger H.C. Donlon, was the first recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor for Valor in Vietnam. Donlon is also the regional director for Morton's The Steakhouse. Mike Donlon connected these seemingly unrelated circumstances into a philanthropic event at Morton's The Steakhouse on Sept. 27, Homeruns for Heroes.

Wounded service men and women are guests at the fundraiser to benefit the Aleethia Foundation whose mission it is to support newly injured troops with short-term therapeutic recreation outside the confines of the hospital setting.

Several months ago, Donlon and his wife tried their hands at fundraising on behalf of their son's traveling baseball team. That effort inspired Donlon to partner with his son's Great Falls Little League Majors team, the Pirates, in a joint fundraiser on behalf of the Aleethia Foundation.

THE RESULT of this collaboration is Homeruns for Heroes, a reception, a four-course dinner paired with wines from Stags Leap Winery in California, and sports-theme silent auction to be hosted by Morton's The Steakhouse – Tysons Corner on Monday, Sept. 27. Approximately 15 wounded veterans and their spouses are invited as guests of Morton's.

On July 30, 2010, Morton's The Steakhouse on Connecticut Avenue hosted a fundraiser on behalf of the Aleethia Foundation. Wounded service men and women from military hospitals were guests of honor.

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THE ALEETHIA FOUNDATION



Homeruns for Heroes

Great Falls Little League and Morton's The Steakhouse honor wounded service men and women at a reception, four-course dinner and silent auction at Morton's The Steakhouse – Tysons Corner on Monday, Sept. 27. Courses are paired with wines from Stags Leap Winery in California.

Honored guest speaker is Col. Roger H.C. Donlon, the first recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor for Valor in Vietnam. Sports-themed silent auction to benefit the Aleethia Foundation, a D.C.-based nonprofit that supports life-enhancing programs for wounded soldiers and their families in the metro area.

Morton's The Steakhouse – Tysons Corner is located at 8075 Leesburg Pike, Vienna.

Homeruns for Heroes: Monday, Sept. 27; Reception begins at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Cost of dinner, wine and reception is \$250 per guest; includes tax, gratuity and valet parking.

R.S.V.P. to Kathy Boone at 703-883-0800 or cm.mva@mortons.com.

"Our downtown Morton's have a relationship with the Aleethia Foundation," said Donlon, who approached Pirates head coach Ryan Novak, himself a graduate of the Air Force Academy, with his idea to bring the Little Leaguers into the relationship. "Why not do something with wounded vets," Donlon said he asked Novak. The coach was all for the idea.

What Donlon and Novak hope to bring to the Great Falls Little Leaguers was an appreciation of the sacrifice that service men and women make for their country and for freedom.

"You have to learn to appreciate sacrifices and this event is an opportunity to honor our heroes, essentially our armed forces ladies and gentlemen who put their lives on the line so we can live in a free society and do things like play baseball," said Novak, whose father served in Vietnam.

"This dinner will be a great experience for the soldiers and their spouses," said Donlon. "It's an opportunity for them to relax, have a fine meal.

"For these wounded vets, it will be a great thrill to

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PHOTO BY ALEX McVEIGH/THE CONNECTION

This septic field setup, located behind the Great Falls Center Shopping Center, is one of several that were examined by Fairfax County, in an effort to assess the condition of sewage facilities near the Great Falls Village Centre.

Wastewater Woes

Great Falls Village Centre to examine future of wastewater management system.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County recently conducted a study of the sewage disposal system surrounding 22 properties in and around the Great Falls Village Centre.

The study found that a majority of the septic fields surrounding the Village Centre are more than 25 years old, and many are experiencing or could soon experience problems. The study consisted of system functionality surveys in September 2004, July 2005 and August of this year.

The majority of Great Falls uses septic fields for sewage treatment, and the Village Centre is one of the only such commercial centers in the county that uses septic as opposed to the sewer system.

"Because Great Falls wanted to stay small, Great Falls was philosophically opposed to [sewer] facilities that would lead to higher density," said Glen Sjoblom, co-chair of the Long Range Planning Committee of the Great Falls Citizens Association. "The Great Falls Village Centre was built with a septic system to keep it at the scale people wanted."

There are 26 absorption areas in the 22 properties surveyed. All 26 are more than 10

years old, and 18 of them are more than 25 years old. Two of the properties have systems that currently have failed systems, requiring manual pump and haul of the fields.

"Onsite sewage management is an effective system. The water is treated and sent back into the aquifer, but these systems do have a lifetime, they won't last forever," said Martin Thompson, an environmental health supervisor with the county. "We can't predict how long these systems will last, but we can tell you how they're functioning."

IN 1972, the Fairfax County Code began to require that all lots should have at least a 50 percent replacement area, meaning area set aside for replacement of all or part of a system should it fail.

According to the county's study, only 19 percent of the sites have a 50 percent reserve area. Of the ten "mass" drainfields (where water absorption exceeds 1,200 gallons per day per acre), none have more than 50 percent reserve.

Septic systems must be maintained regularly to extend their lifetime, including periodic pumping. If more water than the system is designed for is put

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NEWS

Burglar Hits the Area

String of burglaries and larcenies hits McLean, Great Falls area.

How To Help

Anyone with information about these incidents or the suspect is asked to contact Fairfax County Crime Solvers by phone at 866-411-TIPS (8477), online at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org, or text TIP187 and a message to CRIMES (274637) A \$1,000 cash reward will be paid for information that leads to an arrest. Tipsters do not have to give their names or appear in court.

By ALEX MCVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax County Police Department is investigating a series of burglaries and larcenies throughout the county. There have been 44 reported incidents that police have linked to the same suspect.

Of the 44, 24 were burglaries, 13 were larcenies from vehicles and two were unlawful entries. Police believe the first such incident was Aug. 24 in Clifton.

The suspect is attempting to enter homes through unlocked doors or windows, taking cash, purses and other property from inside. Residents have reported finding purses in their yards that were taken from neighboring homes with all of the cash missing. So far, no violence has been reported.

On the morning of Sept. 7, on the 300 block of Walker Road, north of River Bend Country Club, police responded to a 911 call about an intruder coming out of a residence. The residence was equipped with a security system, which was tripped when the suspect opened the garage door.

The security system featured cameras, which captured a suspect dressed in all black, wearing a mask and gloves and carrying a flashlight and a bag. Upon hearing the alarm, the suspect went down the road to another house and tried to force entry into the front door.

After finding that front door locked, the suspect moved to the back door of another home, whose resident was awakened by the intruder on her back deck.

A K-9 unit tracked the suspect's path between the houses, and police dispatched a helicopter unit to search the nearby area,

but were unable to find anyone.

Fifteen burglaries have been reported in McLean in the past two weeks, including three Sept. 15, said Capt. Steve Thompson, commander of the McLean District Police Station.

Residents in the McLean neighborhoods of Summerwood, McLean Hundred and Timberly among others, have reported a man riding a bicycle through the neighborhood, looking into car and home windows.

While the suspect is still on the loose, local residents say they have been reassured by the police's response to the incidents.

"On [Sept. 7] they responded with several police cars, the K-9 unit and their helicopter, and spent almost two hours searching various properties trying to locate the person," said Michael Malesardi, a Great Falls resident whose home the suspect tried to enter. "It makes me feel much better about safety in this area when I see that they take these incidents very seriously."

The suspect has been described as a male, between 5'8" and 5'10" and 150 to 175 pounds. All incidents have taken place between 10:15 p.m. and 4:15 a.m.

"Residents are encouraged to ensure their doors are locked while unattended and that no personal items of value are left inside or in plain view," said the Fairfax County Police Department in a press release. "In addition, make sure doors and windows are closed and locked at home; this includes garage doors. When returning home, try not to leave purses, wallets or keys near an entryway."

CRIME REPORT

Activities reported by the McLean police department through Sept. 17.

DEER MANAGEMENT

A new Archery Program was implemented last year as part of the Fairfax County Deer Management Program. The Archery Program was developed with the recognition that archery is a safe, efficient, and sustainable deer management tool in urbanized regions such as Fairfax County. The Archery Program will be implemented from Saturday, Oct. 16 until Saturday, Feb. 12. Selected parks will not be closed to park patrons during this time and signs will be posted on trails informing visitors of this deer management activity. All hunting will be conducted from elevated tree stands and located at least 100 feet from park property lines and 50 feet from trails. The Archery Program is conducted at selected park sites by a qualified archery group selected via archery hunt lotto. For more information contact Victoria Monroe, Fairfax County Wildlife Biologist at 703-246-6868 or email victoria.monroe@fairfaxcounty.gov. Visit the Fairfax County website for more information about local wildlife species and wildlife management at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/animals/wildlife.

DISTRACTED DRIVING CAMPAIGN

If you're texting, eating, applying make up or getting dressed while behind the wheel, you may want to reconsider: Fairfax County Police will be watching. They're kicking off a new distracted driving campaign aimed at keeping motorists and county roadways safer. A recent study by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute points out that nearly 80 percent of all crashes and 65 percent of all near-crashes involved driver inattention due to distraction. The new campaign combines public education and awareness with strict, innovative, enforcement techniques. Officers will be posted at intersections and along roads where there is high volume and high number of crash incidents, such as the Route 28 corridor and the Tyson's Corner area. The online survey is now posted for public participation at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police. School resource officers are also encouraging teen drivers to participate. In partnership with Fairfax County Public Schools, police will distribute a new texting-awareness poster throughout schools across the county as well. The campaign is slated to run through June 2011; with updates on education and enforcement efforts to be shared with the public. For more information on the new campaign or distracted driving issues, contact the Traffic Safety Division at 703-280-0500.

NEWS

First Lady Comes to Vinson Hall

Michelle Obama commemorates 9/11, Day of Service in McLean.

On the ninth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, First Lady Michelle Obama joined approximately 150 volunteers for a day of remembrance and participated in a day of community service at Vinson Hall Retirement Community in McLean.

The volunteers provided support including assisting in cleaning and maintaining the grounds and building, washing cars, and refurbishing and painting a loading dock. After greeting the volunteers with high fives, Mrs. Obama grabbed a paintbrush and contributed to the efforts while chatting with volunteers. Later, she moved to a shaded area where Vinson Hall residents were waiting to speak with her.

Retired Col. Bruce Gibson was delighted to receive a quick kiss on the cheek from the First Lady, and Retired Navy CDR Verner Utke-Ramsing shared Gibson's enthusiasm, saying he was "thrilled" to meet the first lady.

CDR Ramsing also praised the volunteers saying, "They're doing a wonderful job. I'm so very proud of our young people. These GWU students have spent many hours on projects here at Vinson Hall, beyond



First Lady meets Vinson Hall residents, volunteers.

the Day of Service." He continued to marvel at the day's project. "It's beautiful - veterans helping veterans."

September 11 was officially recognized as a National Day of Service and Remembrance when the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act was signed into law in early 2009. Obama and Dr. Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden, helped promote the mission and vision of the National Day of Service and Remembrance and placed an emphasis on bringing together civilian and military communities through service and volunteerism.



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Drought Watch

Low water levels on the Potomac River, which provides 75 percent of the Washington region's drinking water, prompted the release of 170 million gallons of water a day beginning Sept. 10 from the Jennings Randolph Reservoir.

The reservoir on the North Branch Potomac River is 200 miles upstream from Great Falls.

The last times water needed to be released from Jennings Randolph, which holds about 13 billion gallons of water, occurred in 1999 and 2002 during dry conditions.

Potomac River flows are well below normal levels and 94 percent of the Potomac River Basin has been declared abnormally to extremely dry, according to the NOAA Climate Prediction Center and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

The Council of Governments issued a drought watch on Sept. 9, 2010 and urges businesses and residents to follow conservation practices.

Conservation measures to save water include:

- ❖ limiting the watering of lawns, plants and shrubs
- ❖ cleaning sidewalks and driveways with brooms instead of hoses
- ❖ reducing showers to five minutes or less
- ❖ washing full loads of dishes and clothes
- ❖ using car washes that recycle water
- ❖ repairing leaking toilets and faucets.

See www.wisewateruse.com for more ideas on conserving water.

Special water supply reservoirs were constructed in the early 1980s to provide water during droughts. Although there is an adequate supply of water in back-up reservoirs, implementing voluntary water conservation can help the environmental needs of the Potomac River.

— KEN MOORE

Bread Tasting at Colvin Run Mill

Let your taste buds venture beyond your favorite leavened loaf to savor the breadth of breads enjoyed around the world during a tasting program at Colvin Run Mill in Great Falls Saturday, Sept. 25, from 10:30 a.m.-12 noon.

Following a briefing on bread basics, learn how to evaluate different types of local and ethnic breads with the skills and vocabulary of a professional food taster.

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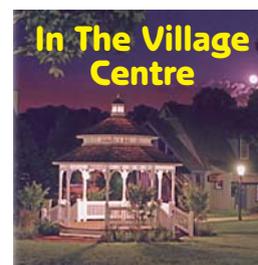


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- Great Falls Citizens Association~ Community Information

The Market will be held Weekly on Saturday mornings from 9 A.M.-1 P.M. through Nov. 20.

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GFCFA to Study Wastewater Options

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through the drainfield, the system can be damaged.

The study found that 31 percent of properties were not being pumped out at an adequate frequency and 31 percent do not appear to be turning their flow diversion valve annually.

"One thing that really concerns me is seeing a lot of people on septic systems not doing due diligence and maintenance," said John Milgrim, a program manager with the county's Division of Environmental Health.

Strength of the waste is also a big concern, given the variety of businesses that operate in the Great Falls Village Centre. Particulate, such as fats, oils and greases are commonly found in the wastewater of restaurants and hair salons, and must be taken into account.

"Grease is really bad, and when

Village Centre Wastewater Discussions

The Great Falls Citizens Association will hold a series of meetings about future options for wastewater at the Great Falls Village Centre. All meetings will be at The Grange, at 7:30 p.m.

- ❖ **Nov. 9:** Maintaining the current wastewater treatment procedures.
- ❖ **Dec. 14:** Installing a sewer line.
- ❖ **Jan. 11:** Adding a pre-treatment system to make the current system last longer.
- ❖ **Feb. 8:** Meeting with Great Falls citizens about concerns.
- ❖ **March 8:** Discussion and debate on the means to making a decision.

the village centre was built, grease was an unknown, there weren't any grease traps," Milgrim said. "It just takes a small amount to line the soil wall and it basically turns the tank into a jar."

Milgrim said the Great Falls Village Centre has an aggressive

grease elimination program, including the installation of grease traps.

THE GFCFA will be hosting a series of informational meetings on various options for the future of wastewater management in the Great Falls Village Centre, starting in November. They will examine three options, as well as give the public a chance to express their concerns.

"The Citizens Association is not currently planning on taking a position," Sjoblom said. "That could change with the upcoming meetings, but we'll proceed with that when we get there."

Michael Kearney, owner of the Old Brogue and president of the Great Falls Village Association, says whatever decision is made will be for a long-term solution.

"Anything we decide will not be a quick fix, we're talking five-to-10 years down the road," he said.

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OPINION

Vote Nov. 2

In an unpredictable year, all the more important to turn out to vote, no matter what your beliefs.

With political extremes on all sides getting most of the attention in this run up to midterm elections, most voters in Northern Virginia are far more moderate. It would be easy to decide that this election really isn't for you if you're not way out on one side or another. (We suspect that there are more than two extremes at play this year.)

There isn't too much on the ballot, how much can it matter if you just decide you're tired of the hyperbole and you'll just sit this one out?

It matters more now than ever that elections actually demonstrate the priorities of the electorate. If voters who feel very strongly about a few issues turn out strongly to vote, and voters whose views are more general stay home, the results could be quite surprising, even here in Northern Virginia.

Mark your calendar. Absentee ballots are already available, so if you think Nov. 2 that you

might not be available to vote, you can vote absentee, or you can vote early. See your local elections board website or call for details. There is no excuse for not voting.

Every year is an election year in Virginia. This combined with a bevy of special elections in some areas can result in voter fatigue.

EDITORIAL This year, every voter in Virginia will vote for a candidate for U.S. House of Representatives plus vote yes or no on three statewide constitutional questions.

Voters in Fairfax will also vote yes or no on a transportation bond referendum.

Voters in Arlington will also choose one member of Arlington County Board, one member of the Arlington School Board and vote yes or no on four bond questions, one for Metro funding, one for "county infrastructure," one for schools and one for parks.

— MARY KIMM,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Consensus Exists

To the Editor:

Regarding Mr. Lundegard's letter ["In Search of a Balanced Decision," Great Falls Connection, Sept. 1-7], we have worked with Mr. Lundegard and respect his views on some issues but on this transportation issue, he has ignored the facts and denies of the consensus views of the community.

A few points that need to be addressed:

First see his statement "we do not know how all the citizens of Great Falls Community or the larger 10th District would line up." The fact that the GFCa general membership, in its May meeting, after hearing the presentations, voted unanimously for a resolution opposing the current VDOT plan, with Mr. Lundegard switching his no vote to yes. Also, the McLean Citizens Association passed a similar resolution, thereby increasing the consensus. He has a right to express his views.

He also stated "There has not been any valid survey." Certainly, Mr. Lundegard is well aware of the 2,000 signatures on a petition opposing the plan and this is a very good measure of the community views.

A third statement was "Using two turning lanes promotes greater safety and efficiency by allowing the Seneca Road and Georgetown Pike traffic to sort it-

self out before entering the intersection." This could not be father from the truth. The current plan just moves the bottleneck and safety problem from Route 7 to Georgetown Pike. The county has directed VDOT to reconsider the plan, by using a single longer left turn lane on Route 7, and this will avoid the unsafe pinching effect of the current design, when two lanes of traffic are forced quickly into a single lane on Georgetown Pike. We all agree that the point of conflict on Route 7 needs to be addressed, but to create one at the Seneca Road and the Pike is not the answer.

Fourth, he stated that the current VDOT plan has no physical impact on Georgetown Pike. How is going from five lanes to nine and moving the intersection not a physical change? How is shortening the distance before a turn not physical? How is making Seneca have two northbound lanes not physical? How is abandoning the historical roadbed not physical? This community has been working for years to protect the nearly 200-year-old Georgetown Pike roadbed, and this widening to nine lanes has a large effect on the historical resource.

The GFCa is asking VDOT to create a task force of VDOT, community and county members to find the middle ground that will both provide for a safe intersection and preserve the historic Georgetown Pike. The efforts of many people, including volunteers and elected

officials, have now focused the attention of the county and the communities of Great Falls and McLean on the Commonwealth Secretary of Transportation to meet both objectives.

Eric Knudsen

Co-Chairman
GFCa Transportation Committee

Draconian Measures

To the Editor:

Talk about your "nanny state". I read with sadness Julia O'Donoghue's story ["One Strike, They're Out", Great Falls Connection, Sept. 15-21]. Probably the same people who believe government should have no role determining health care policy, regulating business or otherwise interfering in the marketplace have no qualms about government intrud-

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NEWS

Little Leaguers, Morton's Honor Heroes

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meet an honest-to-good recognized war hero," said Donlon. "My uncle would be the first to admit that the greatest heroes are those that didn't come home."

DONATIONS to the silent auction include a signed Ryan Zimmerman bat, baseball memorabilia, and even some Redskins gear. About ten boys from Novak's Pirates will help serve appetizers and welcome the guests. The Little Leaguers will wear cam-

ouflage hats in a nod to the military guests. Morton's expects 150 paying guests.

Donlon said that Homeruns for Heroes is a small gesture of appreciation to the men and women defending the country, to thank them for what they've done. "They're sacrificing a lot.

"It's gratifying to see how appreciative they are that we are recognizing them," he said.

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THURSDAY/SEPT. 23

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Friends of Oakton Library Used Book Sale. 10 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. 703-242-4020.

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'The Frost/Nixon Tapes'. 8 p.m. at McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. 703-790-0123.

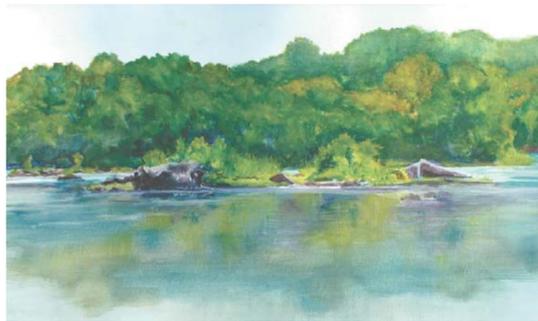
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Dia, Mistra Forty and Socz. 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

Chamber Music Concert. 8 p.m. at the Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park Street, Vienna. Clarinetist Jean-Francois Bescond, cellist Igor Zubkovsky, pianist Diane Winter Pyles and soprano Danielle Talamantes perform works by Beethoven, Schumann, Franck and D'Rivera. Donations accepted. 703-255-2576.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 25

'The Frost/Nixon Tapes'. 8 p.m. at



Limelight, by Linda Jones. There will be an Artists' Reception at 7-9 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 28 at the Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, for 'A Taste of Virginia' with two Great Falls artists, watercolorist Linda Jones and photographer Robert Blackwell. www.GreatFallsStudios.com or www.lindajonesart.com.

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Think Outside the Breadbox. 10:30 a.m. at Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Learn how to evaluate different types of breads, sample up to eight types of bread with accompaniments such as spreads,

veggies and fruit to evaluate scent, color, texture, taste, complexity and aftertaste. \$22 per person. Register at 703-759-2771.

Caroline Herring at 7 p.m., **Jason Reeves and Trent Hancock** at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

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

Artists' Reception. 6-9 p.m. at Applegate Gallery & Custom Framing, 101 Church St. N.W., Suite C, Vienna. Works by students of Sunlit Hills Montessori School. Proceeds benefit The Reading Connection. info@applegateframing.com.

McLean Community Center's Harvest Happenings. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. With children's music group Rocknoceros, amusement and carnival games, arts and crafts projects, face painting, temporary tattoos, a moon bounce, prizes and more. \$5 per person, free for age 2 or younger. 703-790-0123 or www.mcleancenter.org.

Amadeus Orchestra and Pianist Sara Daneshpour. 4 p.m. at St. Luke Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 20 (K. 466), Gluck's "Overture to Iphigenia in Aulis" and Beethoven's Symphony No. 7. Admission \$25, age 17 and under free. Tickets available at the event or online at www.amadeusconcerts.com.

Birding in the Gardens. 2 p.m. at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9570 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Search the Gardens for migratory birds. Led by Casey Pettrizzi,

info@optimistclubofgreatervienna.org or 703-281-1335.

Concert on the Lawn. 12-3 p.m. at New Life Christian Church, 1988 Kirby Road, McLean. Classic rock band Natural Selection and free food. annamarig@newlife4me.com.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 26

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FRIDAY/OCT. 1

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on activities for children, from an instrument "petting zoo" to screen-printing art. The weather was the kind of weather that gives September its good name. The sky was blue, the sun strong, the temperature comfortable. Five stages set throughout the park featured all-day music and culture. From jazz to Asian sounds to the Latin beat and European melodies, the festival offered programming for every cultural taste.

For more information on the Arts Council of Fairfax County, see ArtsFairfax.org.

— DONNA MANZ



Eight-year-old second-degree black belt Sara Toner of Reston has studied with the H.K. Lee Tae Kwan Do Academy in Herndon for three years. Sara said she is learning tae kwan do to protect herself should she ever be attacked. With Sara is Master Jun Hak Lee who choreographed the school's program at the Children's Festival.



Eva Varghese, a Wolf Trap Elementary School sixth-grader, has danced with Center Stage of Fairfax since she was three years old. Said Eva, 'it's really fun and I love being with the people and learning new stuff.'

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Why Me?



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

"Why not?" is the short answer. The long answer is the rest of this column, and it's not what you think.

I have never, in my cancer-affected life, asked this question of myself or anybody else. Nor have I ever "woe is me'd." I have accepted my circumstances and attempted, through my treatment and miscellaneous health and fitness, lifestyle and diet changes, to fight this fight and try not to get bogged down by the physical and emotional toll a terminal disease can take.

Moreover, my mental approach in dealing with all the medical tests, scans, appointments, chemotherapy (which continues still, every three weeks) has been to roll with the punches; take the good with the bad and more importantly, take the bad with the good. I have tried to maintain a balance in my life believing that it is nothing until it is something, rather than being something until it's nothing. Anyone who knows me would say I've mostly succeeded in this effort over the past 18 months. I can't do much, but this I can do.

As you regular readers know, or presumably have determined, I am a rather thoughtful and introspective person. I think through my decisions – and assessments, rarely "knee-jerking" a decision but certainly trusting my instincts. If certain options seem reasonable, all things considered, I can decide quickly. As a result, my care has not been about fits and starts or changes in direction; it has been fairly routine and predictable, a pattern that sort of suits me.

Part of my regular, recurring role as a cancer patient has been to be diagnostically updated quarterly; to include a CT scan, an MRI and a bone scan, to give my oncologist a current picture, "radiologically" speaking, as to what my cancer is doing – or hopefully – not doing.

And amazingly, I am here to report that, according to my oncologist, my most recent scans showed no growth and no movement, in effect: no activity. Dumbfounded – and incredulous – by what my oncologist was telling us, and what we (my wife and I) were hearing, especially after the mention of scar tissue and my sternum, we asked him for a simpler, more straightforward explanation, something us lay persons might understand. Which led me to ask the doctor my "Am I still in the woods?" question (as opposed to out of the woods, meaning safety, to me; metaphorically speaking). Sensing our confusion – or non-belief, my oncologist said the following: "Let me summarize for you: partial stable remission. You may be one of the lucky ones and live five years."

WHAT?! I thought. Why is this happening to me? What did I do? Now what? As odd as it may sound, it was a little difficult to process what we were hearing. But for the moment, I was given a reprieve. In three months, when I'm scanned again, I could be writing a very different column. But for the present, at least, I'm off the endangered species list. Now, as my publisher joked, I have real problems. Everything else in life that I had "back-burnered," – for obvious reasons, I may have to reposition.

And one of those problems is, I now find myself saying something, or not being able to stop myself from saying, something, that I had never said the previous 18 months: "Why me?" Yet I can't stop from saying it now. And it feels like a betrayal of sorts, a betrayal of the self-discipline I've maintained since Dec. 31, 2008 when I first went to the Emergency Room due to the pain in my side. There's a Yiddish word that explains perfectly the confusion I feel: "farmisht," meaning "mixed up emotionally."

Certainly the news could have been worse. Still, I'm struggling a bit, and I find myself asking, of all questions: "why me? Why me?" I don't mean to look a gift horse in the mouth, but apparently, I need an explanation.

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'The Frost/Nixon Tapes'. 8 p.m. at McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. 703-790-0123.

Momix: "Botanica". 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins 45 minutes prior to the performance on the Center's Grand Tier III. Tickets \$23-\$46. Charge at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

"Mauritus". 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. Estranged sisters discover a book of rare stamps after their mother's death, then three seedy collectors arrive. \$25 adults, \$15 students. www.1stStageTysons.org/mauritus or 703-854-1856.

Galapagos Story Time for Youngsters. 10 a.m. at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9570 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Author Allison Sutherland will read from her book, The Adventures of Kaluwarra the Koala in the Galapagos Islands, with animal puppets,

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Saxons Back on Winning Track in Volleyball

After slow start, Langley has won three of last four.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The Langley High girls' volleyball team is showing good progress following a tough 1-3 start to the fall season.

The Saxons, going into this week, had won three of their last four matches. Langley (4-4), earlier this week, was scheduled to play a road match at non-region opponent Loudoun Valley on Tuesday, Sept. 21. And on Thursday evening, Sept. 23, the Saxons will travel to Centreville High to take on the Wildcats at 7:15 p.m. It will be the season's second meeting between the two teams, who also met Sept. 4 in Richmond.

"If we can continue to improve on converting our defense to offense we will be in the mix again towards the end of the season," said Langley head coach Susan Shifflett, of her team's outlook competing in the Liberty District.

The Saxons opened the season competing at the Liberty Christian Showcase Tournament in Richmond over Labor Day weekend. There, Langley went 2-3 overall, opening with a victory over Liberty Christian (Lynchburg) before losing three consecutive

matches to Blacksburg High, Kellam High (Virginia Beach) and Northern Region opponent South County Secondary. Langley ended on a good note with the victory over Centreville.

After returning home from Richmond, Langley played a match at South County on Sept. 7. The Saxons had lost, 0-2, to the Stallions at the Showcase. In the second meeting back in Northern Virginia, Langley gave County a stronger showing in a 2-3 loss.

In its two most recent matches going into this week, Langley defeated both private school opponent and host team Maret, 3-0, on Sept. 10, and visiting Westfield High, 3-1, on Sept. 15.

"We performed better at the Showcase this season," said Shifflett, whose team had struggled at the Showcase in 2009. "We lost 0-2 to South County in the tourney, then were able to take them to five sets the following week."

Langley has six seniors on its roster this season, with team leaders Kathryn Caine (middle blocker) and Lindsay Warden (opposite hitter) leading the way.

"We will need to see improvement from the rest [of our line-up] to make a run," said Shifflett, of her teams hopes of being a contender in their district. "It looks like Stone Bridge will be the team to beat this year."

Langley will not meet Stone Bridge until Oct. 28 when the Bulldogs pay the Saxons a visit in the regular season finale.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

The Jefferson girls' varsity cross-country team is made up of athletes from throughout Fairfax County, including Reston, McLean and Vienna.



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The Thomas Jefferson High girls' cross country season got off to a great start on Saturday, Sept. 11 by winning the Monroe Parker Invitational at Burke Lake Park. Jefferson squad, made up of numerous local runners, scored an impressive victory with its first place finish in the 23-team field of Northern Region schools.

The Colonials placed five runners among the top 16 and scored a meet-best 44 points to finish well ahead of second place West Potomac (86 points). Four Jefferson runners earned top 15 individual medals - Lisa Junta

(third place) of Fairfax Station; Sarah Stites (fourth) of Reston; Stephanie Marzen (seventh) of McLean; and Rekha Schnepf (14th) of McLean - while the team collected the championship trophy. Other competitive times for Jefferson came from Kelly Rogers (16th) of McLean, Taylor Reffet of Oak Hill and Sarah Neilsen of Reston.

Meanwhile, the Jefferson girls' JV team won its respective team title by placing nine of the top 11 runners, including Elizabeth Ellor (Reston), Charlotte Sheridan (Vienna), Nalini Singh (Vienna),

Katie Bailey (Vienna) and Jamie Kim (McLean).

NoVa West Lacrosse has opened up registration for the fall and winter indoor league boys' U11, U13, U15 and high school; and girls U15/high school at the Purcellville Sports Pavilion. Games will begin in October. The organization is also seeking players for its summer select teams. In 2011 NoVa West will expand to multiple teams per age level and add a complete set of girls' teams as well. For more information, visit www.novawestlax.com.



The Great Falls Nationals (U-11) were champions at the Cal Ripken Labor Day Baseball Tournament in Aberdeen, Md. In the front row, from left are: Tucker Harrell, Colin Farrell, Jacob Shapero, Lucas Donlon, Bennett Norris, Jason Volpicelli and Iain Muir; middle row: Colter Carton, Timmy Conforti, Tommy O'Donnell, Kyle Novak, Max Trautwein, Chase Beckett and Danny Hosely; and, back row: coach JJ Hollenbeck, coach Todd Norris, manager Ryan Novak and coach Jim Volpicelli.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

The Great Falls Nationals travel baseball team captured the 11-under bracket championship of the recent Cal Ripken Labor Day Baseball Tournament in Aberdeen, Md. Overall, the Nationals, the No. 1-seed in the 16-team field, won five games, lost none and tied one. Great Falls won games over teams from Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, and Michigan. Games took place within the beautiful Cal Ripken Sr. Stadium. The winning pitcher in the title game was Colter Carton. Earning the save out of the bullpen was Jason Volpicelli. The tournament MVP was Kyle Novak, who went 3-for-4, including a pair of doubles, in the title win. In Great Falls' semifinals win, Danny Hosley earned the pitching decision with a complete game effort. Consistent hitting throughout the tournament for the Nationals came from Danny Hosley, Tucker Harrell, Colter

Carton, Jason Volpicelli, Colin Farrell, and Timmy Conforti.

The Great Falls '98 Spirit U-12 girls' soccer team won the 2010 Thunderfest Tournament over Labor Day Weekend. The team went 4-0 for the tournament and outscored its opponents, 12-2. The two-day tournament consisted of 101 teams competing in various age brackets. Games took place at the Maryland Soccer Complex. Great Falls won games over Vienna Thunder Silver Team, the DC Stoggett Metro Red Team and the Davidsonville Team to take the title.

The Langley High boys' volleyball team will host several matches this week when both South Lakes and Herndon High visiting the school this Thursday, Sept. 23 at 6 p.m. for a night of volleyball action. In all, three matches will take place.



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The second annual Charity Hockey Classic took place at the Kettler Capitals Iceplex in Arlington.

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St. Francis Episcopal Church in Great Falls, will host its annual Country Fair on Saturday, Oct. 2, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. St. Francis has held the fair, rain or shine, for more than 30 years. This year's event will feature booths and activities for all ages, including:

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