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NEWS



Connolly Sworn in for Second Term

Surrounded by family and friends, U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) was sworn into a second term of office last Wednesday by new House Speaker John Boehner during a ceremony in the U.S. Capitol. Connolly said he was honored to have the opportunity to serve the citizens of Northern Virginia in the U.S. House of Representatives. Connolly added he was hopeful the 112th Congress could work in a bipartisan fashion to promote economic growth and job creation.

RESOLUTIONS 2011



Del. Mark Keam

A Plea for Civility

Del. Mark L. Keam (D-35)

"I hope that in 2011 we can bring more civility and respect to the political process so that the public can benefit from thorough debates based on merits and substance of policy differences instead of personal or partisan attacks. With so many great challenges facing our nation and our state, elected leaders should seek common ground and find ways to work together instead of simply highlighting our differences for the sake of political gains. I have always tried to live up to this goal and I will continue to do so in this coming year."

FAITH NOTES

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

LifeCircle Alliances was recently awarded a \$500 grant received through the Tithing Allocation Committee (TAC) of Saint Mark Catholic Church in Vienna. Funding for the TAC program is determined as a percentage of the weekly collection. The mission of LifeCircle AlliancesSM is to help Fairfax County's older adults and adults with physical, intellectual and developmental disabilities live independently in their communities of choice. In addition, LifeCircle supports the work of their caregivers. The purpose of the TAC is to advise the pastor concerning requests for funding received by the parish from organizations involved in charity, evangelization, or education. www.lifecirclealliances.com or 571-321-2018.

Centering Prayer offered at St. Dunstan's, 1830 Kirby Road, McLean, Tuesdays at 7-7:45 p.m. Centering prayer is meditation and contemplative prayer, wordless, trusting, opening of self to the divine presence. Instruction offered. marjorie.cole@gmail.com.

Epiphany United Methodist Preschool, 1014 Country Club Drive, N.E. in Vienna, is now enrolling 3-4-year-old students for the 2010/2011 school year. Contact 703-938-2391 or www.epiphanypreschool.com.

Vienna Assembly of God has a ministry to children on Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. at the corner of Center N and Ayr Hill Avenue, N.E. Children's Church on Sundays also available. 703-938-7736 or www.ViennaAG.com.

Vienna Christian Healing Rooms, every Saturday, 1-5 p.m., at 8200 Bell Lane. A team of Christians is available to anyone requesting prayer. Free and open to the public. 703-698-9779 or www.viennachristianhealingrooms.com.

Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean, Sunday worship services are at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for adults is at 9:30 a.m. and for children during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Youth Group for grades 7-12 meets Sunday nights, 6-7:30 p.m. A 20-minute service of Holy Communion is held each Wednesday at 12 p.m. 703-356-3312 or umtrinity.org.

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Anne Stuntz's early 20th century home emphasizes period pieces, from an 1880s piano to original flooring and wood-work.



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Living History

Stuntz family home remains true to its past.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Stephen Conrad Stuntz died in 1918, leaving a wife and five children under 9 years old. The 42-year-old, suffering from an infection, died in the dining room, away from the bedroom in which his newborn daughter lay. The house he lived in, sitting on five acres on Rt. 123 in Vienna, was completed the year before he died. The house still stands today, looking much as it did in 1917, and still owned by a Stuntz.

"My grandfather loved Vienna," said Anne Stuntz, who now lives in the home and property known as Merry-Go-Round. "He had a prominent Washington architect design this house, which was quite unusual in its day."

Stephen Conrad Stuntz and Lena Grayson Fitzhugh Stuntz moved to Vienna from Wisconsin when Anne Stuntz's grandfather got a job in Washington.

"Just about everything structural in the house is original," Stuntz said. The floors, woodwork, stairs and doors are close to 100 years old. Inside the home Stuntz shares with her husband, Brad, and their three children are period pieces and treasured family photographs.

"This is my favorite thing," said Stuntz, holding up a framed photo of her grandfather and his expectant wife, carrying the child that was but two weeks old when Stephen Stuntz died.

Route 123 was not yet paved in the early 20th century but there was a streetcar stop a block away. Stuntz surmises that is why her grandfather built the house where he did.

Anne Stuntz lives history. The daughter of local historian and author Mayo Stuntz, Anne Stuntz preserves pieces of her heritage in her house and promotes Vienna's complex 19th century history in her position as president of Historic Vienna, Inc. Anne Stuntz lived in this house with her parents and siblings when she was young.

"I love living in my grandparents' home," Stuntz



Anne Stuntz's father, Mayo Stuntz, authored the book Stuntz is holding, 'This Was Vienna.'

said. "Sadly, I didn't know either one of them. Both died before I was born. Stephen in 1918 and Lena in 1949, I think.

"So the house is a way of being closer to them and knowing them in a way that I wouldn't have," she said. Mayo Stuntz's brothers and sisters often came to visit and talked about growing up in the early 20th-century house.

"One of the weirdest things about moving back into the house in 1999, when I moved back here with Brad and the three boys, is that I would automatically go to the wrong bedroom when I went upstairs," Stuntz said. "After years and years of turning right to go to my childhood room, which was on the front of the house, I had to make a real effort to turn towards my grownup room at the back of the house. It was really weird."

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Caitlin Murphy

Vienna Native Makes 'Top 30 Under 30'

Caitlin Murphy recognized by Travel Agent Magazine.

Travel Agent magazine has selected Caitlin Murphy of Frosch Classic Cruise & Travel as one of their top "30 under 30" for 2010. To celebrate the industry's newest shining stars, Travel Agent annually selects 30 up and comers under the age of 30 who are blazing trails to a new era of modern travel. These tech-savvy newcomers leverage traditional and on-line resources to redefine the travel industry each year.

Murphy hails from Vienna, where she attended James Madison High School and graduated with the class of 2002. She graduated from Virginia Tech with a degree in business focusing on hospitality and tourism management. Her sister is in her second year at Virginia Tech and her brother is in his first year at Northern Virginia Community College. Her parents reside in Vienna.

Murphy has traveled to Vietnam, Cambodia, Argentina, Europe, Mexico, Brazil and most recently Australia. She is certi-

fied as an "Aussie specialist" and has extensive knowledge of luxury hotels around the world. Her primary focus is honeymoons, adventure travel and culinary tours. Her latest adventure in Australia included a helicopter ride over the Great Barrier Reef and scuba diving off Lizard Island. In Buenos Aires, she learned to cook empanadas at a private home. In Ho Chi Min City, she dined at the former residence of the U.S. Ambassador and did yoga at a private beach in Halong Bay.

"It's all about the experience and continuing to expand my travel knowledge and strengthening my relationships with suppliers to better assist my clients. Our clients want only the best: Luxurious accommodations, white-glove service and so on, but they also want to be sure they are receiving the best value...I love being a travel agent because I have the opportunity to learn about the best of the best in regard to accommodations, tour operators and cruise lines," Murphy said.

WEEK IN VIENNA

Town Offices Closed for Holiday

Town of Vienna offices will be closed on Monday, Jan. 17, in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The Vienna Community Center will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and no classes will be held. Garbage collection will operate as normal on Monday, Jan. 17.

Panera Bread to Open at Vienna Shopping Center

Panera Bread will open a bakery café with outdoor seating in the spring of 2011 in the former Hamilton's Sofa Gallery space at Vienna Shopping Center. Panera Bread specializes in home-made bread, made-to-order sandwiches, tossed-to-order salads and soups served in bread bowls. The bakery café has 20 other locations in the Washington, Maryland and Virginia metropolitan areas.

Scrapbooking Weekend at Fire Department

The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary is sponsoring a scrapbooking weekend. The event will be held Friday, Feb. 4, from 6 p.m. to midnight, and Saturday, Feb. 5, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. It will be held in the hall at the fire department, located at 400 Center St., South in Vienna. There will be vendors on-site so participants can purchase supplies or get expert advice. Registration fee includes croppin' space for the entire time, lunch on Saturday, snacks, coffee, tea and lemonade, and a goody bag filled with free products and coupons. Dinner will be available for purchase on both evenings for \$7 each night or you can pre-purchase a dinner ticket good for both nights for only \$12.

The fee is \$50 by Jan. 21 and \$55 after Jan. 21. All table fees benefit the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department.

For information and an application contact: amy.vernon@vvfd.org or 703-281-5797.

Program on Technology in Children's Lives

"Parent Program: Social Networking, Cyber Bullying & Understanding the Importance of a Positive Online Digital Reputation" will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 26, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., SE.

This free program will provide information about the latest trends in social networking, Facebook, cyber bullying, texting, sexting, GPS tracking and the effects on teens. Participants will also learn how to monitor their child's technology use and ways to manage their digital footprint.

The course is free and open to all parents and others invested in our children's welfare. Please register in advance by calling Vienna Parks and Recreation at 703-255-6360 or by visiting www.viennava.gov.

Vienna Theatre Co. Presents 'Almost, Maine'

Performances for the Vienna Theatre Company's winter production of "Almost, Maine" will be Jan. 21, 22, 28, 29, and Feb. 4 and 5 at 8 p.m. and on Jan. 30 and Feb. 6 at 2 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E.

Tickets are \$13 general admission and \$11 for students and senior citizens age 65 and older. Tickets are available for purchase in advance or at the door. For more information, call 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennatheatrecompany.org.

NEWS

Changes Proposed to Noise Ordinance

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

The Vienna Town Council has proposed changes to its current noise ordinance to allow contractors, as it permits homeowners, to work on Sundays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. In the new draft, noise-producing equipment, events and circumstances, from lawnmowers to construction equipment to other means of disturbing public quietude, are finely-detailed. Fairfax County code permits construction and

demolition by contractors from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday and federal holidays.

A third public hearing on Town Code Section 10, Article 3, Section 10-20.1, is scheduled for Feb. 7 at Town Hall to allow additional public input.

Several Vienna-area residents responded to these questions:

Is noise a problem in your neighborhood? Are you bothered by trash pick-up or construction noise in early morning? Are you amenable to the proposed changes?

Nancy Volpe, Vienna

"Nothing in my neighborhood causes too much noise. Occasionally we'll hear tree cutters. We are way back from Lawyers on a cul de sac and on a pipestem. Sometimes it's too quiet. I have no problems with the occasional 'noise.'"



Mary Ellen Larkins, Vienna

"Being a home owner right next to businesses can be a problem. Living on Church Street, we butt up to the businesses on Maple Avenue. The businesses have big dumpsters and sometimes these dumpsters are dumped very early in the morning, especially during the week. The sound travels since the businesses are lower than the homes in back.

Sometimes, when the commercial area is doing construction, they seem to start before 8 a.m. When the building on Glyndon and Maple was being built in 2010, the noise started very early in the morning and was very annoying on weekends when I would hope we could experience some peace and quiet.

However, a call to planning helps as they then notify the construction crew and owner to, please, only start the noise when allowed.

I believe most of our neighbors do not make much noise at all. I do not believe the new ordinance would affect us.

One thing that makes lots of noise is big commercial trucks using Church Street. The residential area of Church Street is not supposed to have big trucks using this street since it is not a truck route, but the commercial trash trucks picking up trash from the commercial area of Church still uses the non-truck route and so do other trucks. Trucks are only supposed to use the residential part of Church Street if they are making a delivery on it. These trucks make lots of noise. Wish this noise would stop. Wish the truck drivers knew they are only supposed to use the commercial area of Church Street and use Maple Avenue where trucks are allowed."



Deborah Brehony, Vienna

"Noise is not a big problem in my neighborhood, although I was awakened on the last Saturday that the leaf sweeper came down Park Street.

I would not be in favor of the town changing the Noise Ordinance to allow Sunday construction

work. I was raised in a time and place where Sundays were considered a sacred day of rest. Faith aside, I think all people need a quiet time to relax, reflect and rejuvenate."



Luisa Freeman, works from home in Vienna

"While we are certainly annoyed by the loud commercial-grade lawnmowers, leaf blowers and other heavy duty lawn equipment that invade the peace and quiet of our neighborhood, our household is up early (6 a.m.-ish),

walking our dog, getting ready for school, etc. I can't really say that a 9 a.m. start time to the cacophony is a problem for us, even on weekends. While it would be nice if weekends were declared noise-free time zones, I guess that is not realistic given the demand for services in our area.

We do appreciate all the hard work these enterprises do keeping our community neat and our local economy thriving. As to Town of Vienna maintenance folks, they do a great job and are welcome around here anytime. I would hope that they get Sundays and holidays off, however."



Home Preserves Area History

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Growing up, Anne Stuntz said, she was surrounded by history. "It was part of everything we did. Mom and Dad had been in the area a long time, so we were always visiting elderly relatives and lovely old homes. We were always exploring old houses and ruins.

"They [her parents, Mayo and Connie] were very active with the Historical Society of Fairfax County. My dad is a founding member of the Fairfax County History Commission, since the 1960s, and he frequently, very frequently, gave talks about the history of Vienna and the County.

"... we live with a lot of books here at Merry-Go-Round. Well, I think Mom and Dad had even more."

There have been few changes to the original structure. In the early 1940s, the family rearranged the third floor and put in a bath and kitchen. "We really haven't done much over the years at all, other than paint and wall paper," Stuntz said.

On the parlor wall is a photograph of young Lena Fitzhugh Stuntz holding four cats. A piano dating to the 1880s, with detailed legs, takes center stage. Between the parlor and kitchen is a walk-through pantry which once held the home's icebox. Along the outside wall is a hatched door, once used by the iceman to deposit ice into the pantry. Built-in cabinets are focal points. The home exudes warmth and a visitor would have no trouble imagining the young family of Stuntzs who moved into it in 1917.

Anne Stuntz's sons, Jay, 22, Charlie, 20, and Steve, 17, all attended James Madison High School, and the two older sons are in college now. The family moved back to Vienna in 1999 after having lived 10 years in England and nearly 10 years in New York City. Anne and Brad share their five-acre home with a very big dog, a cat, some geese and chickens.

A team of HVI volunteers, town officials, Civil War buffs and local residents are beginning to formulate



Anne Stuntz is president of Historic Vienna, Inc. [HVI].

plans for Vienna's participation in the Civil War sesquicentennial. Plans include the reenactment of the skirmish along the Washington & Old Dominion Railroad tracks near where the community center now stands, scheduled for Saturday, June 18, 2011, and a reenactment, on Saturday, May 21, 2011, of the secession vote taken at Lydecker's Store, now known as the Freeman House Store and Museum.

Vienna's Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee is meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Town Hall, 127 Center St., South. The committee is looking into hosting a lecture series, period music concerts, art exhibits, a photo contest, walking tours, garden projects, essay contests, exhibits, Civil War publica-

tions and other similar Civil War-era projects.

The Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee welcomes Civil War buffs, re-enactors, teachers, students, genealogists, artists, business people and anyone interested in the Civil War era to participate in the meeting on Jan. 18, Stuntz said.

"We can learn so much from history," Stuntz said. "I grew up hearing all about the big battles of the Civil War and playing Civil War military games with my brothers and friends. But as an adult, I've found that what is also fascinating is how the regular people lived. What was Vienna like in the 1860s? What did people do?"

"I think that one of the coolest things we could do is to teach people the answers to some of these questions [they have about life in Vienna in the 19th century]. Let them know what their lives might have been like if they had lived in Vienna then.

"And then, beyond that, of course, is the bigger picture of the Civil War. The legacy of slavery and the Civil War are part of this country's fabric today.

"We have a lot to learn about why the Civil War happened and what that meant for our country."

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At the Connection, we begin 2011 by looking for more input from our readers.

First, send us photos of you and your pet plus a few sentences for our Pet Connection, which will appear the first week in February. We'd like to have photos by Jan. 20.

Let us know how we're doing, and let us know what is going on in your part of the community.

We invite you to e-mail us letting us know about something you especially liked or didn't like about our coverage, and to write us letters to the editor.

We learn a lot from readers' ideas and questions. If you see something that you think might

be a story, or just something you wonder about, give us a call, or drop us a line.

We want to know if you have an idea for fixing traffic in your part of the world. We want to know if you've had a good or bad experience with local government or your schools.

We'd like to hear your ideas about how to make things better. If you know of a person or an organization that is interesting, doing important work, and might make a good feature story, let us know.

This year, almost every state and local elected official is up for reelection, and we will do our best to let you know why this matters and what you need to know in short bites with some longer analysis along the way. If you have questions you'd like us to ask candidates as we go forward, let us know.

We are looking for interesting people to feature in our pages each week. If someone in your family or your community published a book, became an Eagle Scout, raised money for a good cause, accomplished some feat like running a marathon or having art included in an art show, these are all things that we want to know.

The Connection will publish photos and notes of a variety of community events and

milestones, including births, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, awards and obituaries.

We are also interested in events at your church, mosque, synagogue, community center, school, etc. Email or mail us a photo and a note about the event. Be sure to include the names of all the people who are in a photo, and say when and where the photo was taken.

We also publish notes about news and events in local businesses. Notes about openings, new employees, anniversaries and other accomplishments and events are welcome.

Our calendar of events lets people know about upcoming events. Send the information at least two weeks ahead of the event, and include a photo if possible. Events to be listed in calendars should be free or at nominal cost and open to the public.

In covering the issues, we strive to provide a voice for our readers. We look forward to hearing from you in 2011. We have a new website in the works (our current site has served us well but is best described as an antique) that will open up many more lines of communication. Stay tuned.

— MARY KIMM,

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Priorities for 2011

BY SHARON BULOVA
CHAIRMAN, FAIRFAX COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

As we turn the page for the New Year, Fairfax County continues to face significant challenges. Our economy is on a slow road to recovery from the worst recession in decades. Residential and commercial property values are still too low, close to a thousand homeowners in Fairfax are still struggling with foreclosures and nearly 30,000 of our residents are unable to find work.

Despite these challenges, Fairfax County continues to be an exceptional place to live, work and play. We have taken advantage of some of the opportunities the economic downturn has presented. With the cost of construction at a record low, we have been able to realize long term savings in our capital program for parks and schools. We have also made organizational changes and found efficiencies that have lowered the cost of providing services while keeping taxes affordable.

Work has begun on the County's budget for Fiscal Year 2012. As the effects of the Great Recession linger, we estimate a projected shortfall in our \$3.3 billion General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2012

of about \$50 million. Giving employees raises "as usual" would increase this shortfall by \$107 million — \$33 million for County workers and \$74 million for School employees.

When our Board adopts the budget in April, we will be investing in our community's priorities. The budget we adopt must be balanced and cannot include a deficit. As in past years, it is critical to have the community at the table with us as we consider funding decisions and I look forward to working with my colleagues and constituents through another community engagement process.

A number of things will happen in Fairfax County during 2011 in addition to adopting the budget — some Supervisor districts will change, 13,000 Defense employees will move to Ft. Belvoir, and state and local elections will take place.

In addition to these items, I will be working toward achieving several goals for the year ahead. These goals deal with growth and redevelopment, energy efficiency, and sustainability, economic development, and transportation.

Fairfax County's future is in redevelopment. As Fairfax County continues to grow, it is important that we get it right by encouraging growth where it can be sup-

ported by mass transit in compact, walkable mixed use developments. This will allow growth to happen in a way that protects the environment, our older stable neighborhoods and offers another life style choice that is desirable for our residents through all chapters of life.

Our vision for transforming Tysons is a model for future smart growth in Fairfax County. Look for development to advance during the next year (as a result of Comprehensive Plan changes in Tysons, Merrifield, Springfield and other redeveloping parts of the county) that will contribute to that vision.

In 2011, I will make encouraging innovation and collaboration for energy that is clean, efficient, sustainable, secure and reliable a priority. Energy efficiency is critical for industry to remain competitive in Fairfax County. It is also the right thing to do. In November I began plans for a Private Sector Energy Task Force that will work with our county staff and my office to identify strategies to realize progress toward meeting our energy goals.

In addition to clean energy, I will be working with our corporate neighbors in identifying and fostering the emergence of new industry sectors, such as personalized medicine and tourism. To-

gether with our business community we can build a new economy in Fairfax County, and emerge from the Great Recession stronger than ever.

And lastly, improving mobility in Fairfax County that incorporates multi-modal options for our workers and residents will be a top priority for 2011. We must continue to plan for and invest in pedestrian and bike routes, light rail, Metro, and the VRE, and ensure they connect to offer efficient mobility options.

Fairfax County offers a great quality of life. The most important ingredient in making that happen is the positive engagement of our community. I extend my warmest wishes for the year ahead as we work together to realize its promise.

Sharon Bulova
Chairman
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SCHOOLS

Madison Dance Team members pose with the trophies.

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Madison High Dance Team Wins Top Honors at GMU Invitational

The James Madison High School varsity dance team took home top honors at the 2010 George Mason Dance Invitational, hosted by the George Mason Masonettes. A number of teams from around the region showcased performances in a variety of styles including Jazz, Pom, Kick and Hip Hop. James Madison dance took first place in the large varsity Jazz division and third place in the large varsity Hip-Hop division. In the officers division, Madison scored fourth overall.

The James Madison dance team will next compete at the East Coast Regional Dance Championships on Jan. 23 at West Springfield High School and will travel to Orlando, Fla. in early February to compete in the National Dance Team Championships.



Madison High Dance Team captains



Correcting the Credit

This drawing by Caroline Salwen, 4th Grade, Vienna Elementary School, was published with the wrong credit in the Vienna and Oakton Children's Connection, Dec. 29, 2010-Jan. 4, 2011.

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Natalie York, a 2007 graduate of James Madison High School and 2010 graduate of the University of Miami Frost School of Music, launched her professional career with her CD. 'Threads.'



Natalie York performed to a sold-out audience at Jammin' Java on Dec. 30.

Capturing Beauty by Music

Natalie York's 'Julian' won D.C. Songwriters Association silver award.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

When Natalie York's parents encouraged her to practice piano as a little girl, she balked. It's not what she wanted to. She wanted to learn to play saxophone ... and by the time she was out of elementary school, York was playing sax. Nowadays, if an aspiring songwriter asks Natalie for start-up advice, York would tell that person, "learn to play the piano or guitar because you can't write music if you don't know how chords work."

York is a 21-year-old home-grown Vienna jazz vocalist and songwriter who graduated from the University of Miami Frost School of Music in December. She's already planning her first tour, sometime later in 2011.

"I might not make money [on first tour], but part of going on-tour is getting people to hear my music," York said. "At this point in my career, the biggest thing is exposure."

At her CD launch at Jammin' Java on Dec. 30, York performed to a sold-out crowd of Madison High School friends and her local supporters. Today, she accompanies herself on-stage with guitar, singing mostly songs she has written at Miami and at the summer Young Writers Workshop at the University of Virginia. One of those songs, "Julian," from her CD "Threads," won a silver award given by the Washington, D.C. Songwriters Association. At the association's event on Jan. 23 at Jammin' Java, York will perform "Julian."

"I spent all my life being practical, holding back my dream, to play music," said York. "My sax teacher encouraged me to go after my dream. That's what I would tell other kids, not to be afraid of your dream. Say it out loud."

"He [saxophone teacher Ed Fraedrich] told me, 'it's okay to want what you want. So, you don't

have to be afraid to go after that.'"

A 2007 graduate of James Madison High School, York graduated from the University of Miami early, taking 18 to 20 credits a semester. "It's all a lot of fun, doing things you really want to do," York said of the heavy academic load.

Her Madison friends are among York's biggest supporters. Anna Claire McGrath, friends with York since elementary school, said that York draws people to her because she's happy to be around, full of energy and talent.

"Natalie is really deserving of the talent she has," said McGrath. "She's not conceited but confident of her ability. That's what I really like about her. She has the goods and the drive to make success happen."

When McGrath heard York sing for the first time while they were in high school, McGrath thought, "where is this coming from?" "I've know her all her life and I never imagined she could sing like that."

Rachel Jones met York when the two girls were in third grade and have been friends ever since. Jones played with York in Madison's band.

"Natalie's always stood out for me with her voice and ability to write lyrics," Jones said. "I think she has a particular talent for capturing beauty in the world." Describing York as a positive and optimistic person, compassionate and good with people, Jones said she thinks those qualities will serve York well in her field and in her life. "I think she'll go very far in her music career," said Jones.

York's vision of her future includes performing her music and teaching songwriting some day, keeping Vienna as her base. While music is her passion, helping others is a close second. In college, she worked with the university's Methodist community services, creating a coffee house that featured music. In early January, York participated in a mission trip to Atlanta to work with the city's homeless population.

"I want to be able to play music throughout my whole life," said York. "To enjoy what I'm doing. I want to do what makes me happy, and, right now, that's music."

To download Natalie York's new CD, 'Threads,' go to <http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/natalieyork>

ENTERTAINMENT

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THURSDAY/JAN. 13

Painting Shadows and Color in Shade. 10 a.m. at the Vienna Arts Society, 115 Pleasant St., N.W., Vienna. Artist Carolyn Grosse Gawarecki with watercolor techniques. Free and open to the public. 703-319-3971 or www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

Jammin' Java's Mid-Atlantic Band Battle IV. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

International Guitar Night. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. With Clive Carroll, Alexandre Gismondi, Pino Forastiere and International Guitar Night (IGN) founder Brian Gore. \$25. www.wolftrap.org.

FRIDAY/JAN. 14

The OK Corral CD Release. 6:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

"The Drowsy Chaperone." 8 p.m. McLean Community Center Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Glamorous brides, tap-dancing groomsmen and more. \$17-\$19. 703-790-9223 or www.mcleanplayers.org.

English Conversation Group. 10 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. English conversation group for adults. 703-938-0405.

Pokemon League. 3 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Learn and play. Age 5-18. 703-938-0405.

The Peabody Trio. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Chamber music. \$35. Wolftrap.org.

SATURDAY/JAN. 15

Sing Me Insomnia and Struan Shields at 6 p.m., JAMuary, Box

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THURSDAY/JAN. 13

Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna Adventures in Learning Open House and Registration. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Registration for classes Jan. 20-March 17 (no class Feb. 17). \$40 for the 8-week session. For a list of classes call 703-281-0538.

Happy Hearts, a Senior Adult Fellowship Group. 12:30 at the Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road, Vienna. Pot-luck luncheon and games. All area seniors are invited to attend. www.antiochdoc.org or 703-938-6753.

Building Your Self Esteem. 6 p.m. The Women's Center, Room 32,127 Park St., N.E., Vienna. Explore techniques to help build self-esteem and develop a more positive self-identity. Hosted by The Women's Center. Thursdays through Feb. 10. \$100 non-members, \$90 members. Register at www.thewomenscenter.org or 703-281-2657.

Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce Board Installation Luncheon. 11:30 a.m. Maggiano's Restaurant, 2001 International Drive, McLean. \$40 members, \$50 non-members. Vtrcc.org.



The Vienna-based band The Bigger Lights will be performing at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E. in Vienna, on Saturday, Jan. 22 at 6 p.m. with two Fairfax bands, Boys Will Be Boys and The Love Light. jamminjava.com.

& Won, Venise and Empuls at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra. 8 p.m. at the George Mason University Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$25-\$55, available at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

The Mary Ann Redmond Band. 8 p.m. 1st Stage Theater, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean. Heartfelt ballads and funky tunes. \$20. 703-854-1856 or www.1ststage.com.

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Buskin & Bateau. 7:30 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Folk duo. \$22. Wolftrap.org.

SATURDAY/JAN. 15

Joint Program of McLean and Great Falls Historical Societies. 2 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Georgetown Pike: Virginia's first Scenic & Historic Byway, by Tanya Beauchamp and Christopher H Marston. Free. 703-759-3108 or ghs.org.

MONDAY/JAN. 17

Give Together: A Family Volunteer Day. Dewberry Hall in the Johnson Center, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Volunteer Fairfax is calling all families to volunteer, in conjunction with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. Projects are most appropriate to elementary school aged children, but can be completed by younger children with adult supervision. Service projects will benefit FACETS, Fairfax 4-H, Herndon Senior Center, the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, Operation Military Kids and the Orphan Foundation of America. Register at 703-246-3826 or www.volunteerfairfax.org.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day basketball clinic at The Potomac School in McLean from 9 a.m.-12 noon. Open to boys and girls of all ages. Cost: \$50. Email katie@gameteskills.com for more

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Ugly. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

TUESDAY/JAN. 18

Five Hills Garden Club. 9:45 a.m. on the lower level of Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Michael Lawn, retired White House Gardener, will lecture and give a slide presentation of the White House gardens. Free, visitors welcome. 703-988-9324.

One-on-One Computer Tutoring. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Learn the basics of the Internet, Word and Excel. Adults. 703-242-4020.

Tuesday Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Stories, songs, and activities. Age birth-5 with adult. 703-790-8088.

Personalized Internet Training. 2:30 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. A 45-minute one-on-one Internet training session with a technology volunteer. Call for appointment. Adults. 703-790-8088.

Mystery Book Discussion. 6:30 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Please join the mystery book discussion group. Call for title. Adults. 703-790-8088.

Understudies, Punch Drunk Poets, Forever The Win, Caryn Server, Ethan Douglas, Treble Lifter and Chaotika. 6:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 19

Travelogue: Voyaging Alaska's Inside Passages. 7:30 p.m. McLean Community Center Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean.

Preceded by a cooking demonstration of Alaskan cuisine at 6:30 p.m. Sabrina anwah@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Organ Recital by Russell Weismann. 1 p.m. Saint Luke Parish, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Weismann is university organist and director of music and liturgy at Georgetown University. Free

information. Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Meets second and fourth Saturday of the month. brinker.wordpress.com.

T'ai Chi Practice. 8 a.m. at St. Luke's Catholic School Gymnasium, 7005 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Saturdays through March. Free, open to all. No special clothing or equipment needed. www.FreeTaiChi.org or 703-759-9141.

McLean Branch of the American Association of University Women Monthly Meeting. 9:30 am at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. With Sandy Sieber on Cuban women, their educational and cultural opportunities and equity issues. Public welcome. 703-847-3195 or www.mcleanaauw.org.

MONDAY/JAN. 24

McLean & Great Falls Celebrate Virginia. 5:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The group is planning an event for Saturday, Oct. 22 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. If interested in participating contact Carole Herrick at 703-356-8223.

Ayr Hill Garden Club. 12:45 p.m. Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna. With David Yost of Merrifield Garden Center on easy-to-grow plants. plhweiss@yahoo.com

SATURDAY/JAN. 22

Brinker Toastmasters. 9:30 a.m. at

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and open to the public. 703-356-0670 or www.musicmclean.org.

Toddler Tales. 10:30 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Stories and activities. Age 2-3 with adult. 703-242-4020.

One-on-One Computer Tutoring. 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Learn the basics of the Internet, Word and Excel. Adults. 703-242-4020

Lunch Bunnies. 11 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Bring a snack and enjoy stories and songs. Age 1-5 with adult. Register at 703-938-0405.

Model Investment Club of Northern Virginia. 7 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Learn more about investing following an investment club model. New visitors welcome. Adults. 703-790-8088.

American Antique Arts Association. 10 a.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. "Oriental Rugs, History, Care and Conservation" by John Ayoub. pauljoanl@cox.net or 703-532-0280.

Pierce Pettis and Grace Pettis. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

THURSDAY/JAN. 20

Artist's Reception. 7-9 p.m. McLean Project for the Arts, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Paintings by Deborah Addison Coburn. Mpaart.org.

Warm Up to a Good Story. 10:30 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-293-6227.

Afternoon Reading Group. 1 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Water for Elephants by Sarah Gruen. Adults. 703-293-6227.

OK Book Discussion. 7 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks. Adults. 703-242-4020.

Schiavone, We Were Kings and My Radio. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

TUESDAY/JAN. 25

Tysons Corner Kiwanis Club Meeting. 7:30 p.m. at George C. Marshall High School, Room 124, 7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Meeting is public and Individuals looking to volunteer in their community welcome. www.tysonscornerkiwanis.org.

Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce Networking 101 Mixer. 4:30 p.m. Location to be announced. \$15 members, \$20 non-members. A joint event with the Greater Merrifield Business Association. Vtrcc.org.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 26

Support Group for Survivors of Clergy Abuse. 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Tysons-Pimmit Hills Regional Library, 7684 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. A monthly peer support group for survivors and others affected. Free. Confidential. No registration required. 703-538-6128.

JSSA Parent Support Group for Young Adults Across the Autism Spectrum. 7 p.m. at JSSA, 3018 Javier Road, Fairfax. A monthly support group to discuss participants' interests and concerns. Identifying community resources, building a support network and balancing one's own needs with that of an adult son or daughter. Register at 703-204-9100.

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Jefferson High sophomore boys' swimmer Bohe Hosking, of Vienna, competes in the 100-breaststroke event during his team's meet versus McLean.

Paul Rupp Named Athletic Trainer of the Year

Paul Rupp, who has served as head athletic trainer at Oakton High School since 2000, has been named Secondary School Athletic Trainer of the Year by the Virginia Athletic Trainers Association (VATA). He will be recognized on Saturday, Jan. 15 at the VATA annual meeting in Richmond.

Rupp, a Certified Athletic Trainer (ATC), is credited with transforming the Oakton High athletic training program into one of the flagship programs within the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) system.

"His demeanor with student athletes exemplifies a caring individual regardless of the severity of the illness or injury," said John Reynolds, the ATC at Marshall High School, who nominated Rupp. "The commitment to excellence and thoroughness of each care plan is a testament to his overall professional commitment to the profession of athletic training. Paul is a can-do person who is also the go-to person for fellow colleagues."

Working with a local family practice group, Rupp has established a sports medicine fellowship program, and is regarded as a teacher to the physicians in the program. His commitment extends beyond the Oakton High community; he has been involved in the statewide Virginia High School League's (VHSL) Wrestling Weight Control program and has served as a statewide instructor for the certified measurer's workshop. In addition, Rupp is a past member of the VATA Secondary School Athletic Trainer's Committee, and former liaison to the VHSL Sports Medicine Advisory Committee.

THE FLINT HILL HUSKIES GIRLS' AND BOY'S SWIM TEAMS won their meets against Potomac this week, by scores of 113-57 and 90-78, respectively. Double event winners for the boys were Drew Johnson and Rob Ikeda, and single event winners were Jonah Chang and Eric Tang. Rachel Swarts was a double event winner for the girls, with Allison

Kennedy and Natalie Brendsel each winning an event as well.

GEORGE C. MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL has announced the hiring of Shomit Mukherjee as its new head boys' soccer coach. Coach Mukherjee comes to the Statesmen with 10 years of coaching experience and has won a number of league titles coaching locally within WAGS, ODSL and NCSL clubs. As a player, coach Mukherjee was an All-Virginia State selection at Osbourn High School before playing collegiately at High Point University. The Marshall community welcomes Coach Mukherjee and is excited for the upcoming spring soccer season.

GREATER VIENNA BABE RUTH BASEBALL walk-in registration sessions for the Spring 2011 season will be held Saturday, Jan. 15 from 12 noon to 4 p.m., and Friday, Jan. 28, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., Vienna. All first-time players must register in person. Returning players may use online form. Information is available at GVBRL.org.

CADET COOPER BOURDON, the son of Heather Wreath of Vienna and Brian Bourdon, also of Vienna, was recognized for outstanding athletic achievement during the fall sports season at Randolph-Macon Academy, in Front Royal. Cooper, a senior at the Academy, received the Coach's Award for the varsity football team.

Randolph-Macon Academy (R-MA), founded in 1892, is a college-preparatory, coeducational boarding school for students in grades 6 through 12. Students in grades 9-12 participate in R-MA's 91st Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC), which is currently recognized as an Outstanding Organization. R-MA is affiliated with the United Methodist Church and is located in Front Royal, VA.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

Madison Swim Teams Excelling in District

Warhawk boys sporting an unbeaten mark at 5-0, while Madison girls are healthy 4-1.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

This winter has been an other outstanding season for the undefeated Madison High boys' swim and dive team, the defending Liberty District champion which is well on its way to perhaps claiming another crown this winter.

And while the Madison boys remain unbeaten at a perfect 5-0, the Madison girls' team is also having a successful season thus far, posting a 4-1 record as the regular season begins to wind down.

"We're having a very successful season so far," said Madison head coach Andrew Foos, of both his boys' and girls' squads.

The Madison boys have been dominant in their win margins. Last Friday evening, the Warhawks, in a meet held at Oak Marr Recreation Center, handily defeated the Langley Saxons, 200-115.

Prior wins for the Madison boys have come over South Lakes, 223-83, in their season opening competition on Dec. 3 at Providence Recreation Center; Thomas Jefferson, 223-92, on Dec. 10 at Audrey Moore Recreation Center; McLean, 204-111, on Dec. 17 at Oak Marr; and Stone Bridge, 212-74, a day later on Dec. 18 at Ida Lee Recreation Center.

"Our men have put together very convincing wins in each of our regular season meets so far," said Foos. "We are building toward our ultimate goal of repeating as Liberty District Champions."

Numerous contributors have come from the boys' side, including senior David Fallavollita (50-free and 100-butterfly), sophomore Evan Owens (200-IM and 100-free), sophomore Howe Wang (200-IM and 500-free) and senior Austin Chute (100-back and 100-fly). Meanwhile, diver Ryan Fox, an All-American, has been spectacular with six school-record dives thus far on

the season.

Along with its standouts on the boys' side, Madison has outstanding talent all across its boys' roster as well.

"We have a number of other great swimmers who provide us with more depth than any other team in the district," said Foos.

The Madison girls, meanwhile, have been led by such talented team members as sophomore Laura Kellan, junior Sami Fletcher, and senior Bev Dobrenz. And dive team member Kelly Corish, an All-American like Fox of the boys' team, has put together a wonderful season with six school-record dives of her own.

The Warhawk girls' wins thus far have come over South Lakes, 211-101; Jefferson, 176-138; McLean, 161-153; and Stone Bridge, 162.5-94.5. The team's only loss came last Friday to Langley, 207-108.

SEVERAL NEW MEMBERS to the Madison swim program this season have been instrumental to both the girls' and boys' team's stellar showings thus far. Taylor Smith, a transfer student from cross-town Oakton High School, has been a solid contributor on the girls' side.

"One of our nice surprises this season is the addition of Taylor," said Foos. "She instantly fit in with the team and continues to provide a spark for our women's team."

The Madison boys have especially benefited from newcomer freshmen swimmers Grayson Smith and Peter Kinton, the latter a transfer student from the Richmond area.

Madison's boys' and girls' teams will meet Fairfax High this Friday night at 8:30 at Audrey Moore. The following Friday, Jan. 21, will cap off the regular season schedule with a meet versus Marshall High at Spring Hill Recreation Center.

The district championships are set to take place the weekend of Jan. 28-29 at Audrey Moore.

Creating a Kitchen-centric Entertainment Suite

Making the kitchen a 'more inviting place.'

BY JOHN BYRD

For years, Ginny Craig experienced a vague anxiety as holidays approached. A skillful and passionate cook, the Oakton resident loved regaling friends and family with tasty treasures from her grills and ovens. The problem was that entertaining often became an isolated affair with Craig pushed into a far corner of the kitchen, searching for places to prepare and stage meals while simultaneously defending her "work triangle" from well-meaning guests.

"The old model kitchen wasn't conceived with my preferences in mind," Craig said. "A typical late 20th century floor plan calls for cooking to be out of view. With all the utilities pushed together, it was tricky just keeping food preparation and clean-up sorted out."

After a transformation, the Craigs inaugurated their new space by hosting a soiree with top-rated chef Patrick Bazin preparing signature dishes.

"As an observer, I was really impressed at how well the layout supports complex cooking," Craig noted. "Certainly food preparation has a bigger spotlight in our new space," Craig said. "But it's really all the thoughtful zoning considerations that explains how well this plan functions."

PATRICK BAZIN, formerly star chef at the District's historic Occidental, now owns Bazin's on Church, a popular Vienna restaurant. The menu features contemporary American cuisine with an emphasis on seasonal and organic ingredients and has been lauded by food critics.

Bill and Ginny Craig have been regular patrons since the restaurant opened four and half years ago, so Bazin was pleased to cook at an affair to be attended by so many like-minded gourmands.

Bazin was particularly impressed with the new kitchen's layout, which provides a pass-through archway linked to the breakfast room that enabled him to face seated guests while cooking.

"It really inspires a chef to see people enjoying your work and having fun," Bazin said. "The whole atmosphere becomes festive and very special for everyone."

Bazin also praised the tightly-conceived food preparation zone, which allowed him to complete every task without ever walking more than a few feet.

Smoked chicken, black pepper biscuits and jumbo lump crabmeat were among the dishes Bazin prepared for the approximately 50 guests who enjoyed the debut of the Craig's new kitchen.

So how does one convert a series of boxy,



PHOTO BY GREG HADLEY

The open floor plan puts the cook's work triangle in the center. The design solution included a second artery to the breakfast room; cathedral ceilings with skylights dramatically improved natural light availability.



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Chef Patrick Bazin (of Bazin's on Church) found the open kitchen plan 'inspiring.' The layout allowed him to see guest reactions to his cooking. 'The whole atmosphere (was) festive...very special for everyone.'

sequentially arranged chambers into a generously-apportioned kitchen-centric entertainment suite?

"We actually interviewed quite a few firms," Craig recalls, "but the people at Sun Design Remodeling showed they were really listening. That was important because we hadn't worked out a lot of the important details—like whether we wanted to bump out the rear or stay within the existing walls."

"The existing kitchen—which was conceived in a remodel in 1992—just wasn't well-rationalized," said designer/project manager Dawn Parker, who made use of her extensive architectural background. "The earlier plan converted the garage and breezeway into a sizeable entertainment area, but there was only one artery leading to the food and drink."

"Above all, we just wanted this part of the house to be inviting," Ginny Craig recalls.

"I pictured a spacious, visually-appealing version of the kind of old fashioned country kitchen where everyone would gather."

ONE OF PARKER'S FIRST CHALLENGES was to create a better circulation plan when planning the kitchen's custom interior. The four feet of wall space allocated for the Thermador range, for instance, had to be situated midway between parallel open arteries into the breakfast room. This preserved a mere two feet on either side for custom cabinetry essential to the chef's process.

Parker's next step was to radically increase natural light by raising a formerly-hidden cathedral ceiling to its appropriate height and introducing three skylights. The elevation at the rear of the breakfast room, likewise, was reworked to incorporate five

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Top 8

Home design and remodeling trends for 2011.

Case Design and Remodeling identified what they believe will be the top eight trends in home design and remodeling for 2011. Based on emerging industry developments and customer requests, the list was compiled by Bill Millholland, executive vice president at Case.

- 1. LED or compact fluorescent (CFL) lighting** – Homeowners are moving away from incandescent fixtures toward more energy-efficient choices such as LED and CFL bulbs.
- 2. High-quality synthetic materials for home exteriors** – Synthetic materials such as Hardie Plank siding and PVC trim pieces mimic the look of natural materials like wood, but are much more durable and better able to withstand climate changes.
- 3. Large format bathroom tiles** – Smaller square tiles are being replaced with tiles measuring 12" x 12" or larger, as well as non-square shapes (12" x 18"), producing flooring and walls that showcase more tile and fewer grout lines.
- 4. Multiple finishes on kitchen cabinetry** – Complementary multiple stains and a mix of painted and stained finishes on cabinetry enables homeowners to escape the look and feel of a "cookie cutter" kitchen where all surfaces match.
- 5. Screened porches** – Homeowners are extending their living areas with screened porches that allow them to enjoy the outdoors throughout the year without the nuisance of insects.
- 6. "Furniture-like" detailing in kitchens** – Varied cabinet and counter heights, distressed finishes and furniture-style toe kicks provide visual interest and help eliminate the "component" look of many kitchen cabinet designs.
- 7. Heated bathroom flooring** – Heated mats underneath bathroom flooring tiles provide radiant heat that is proven to keep homeowners warmer than forced-air heating systems, helping to save on energy costs.
- 8. Kitchen cabinet accessories** – With drawer inserts for cutlery, spices or dividers, homeowners are making better use of every available space within their kitchens.

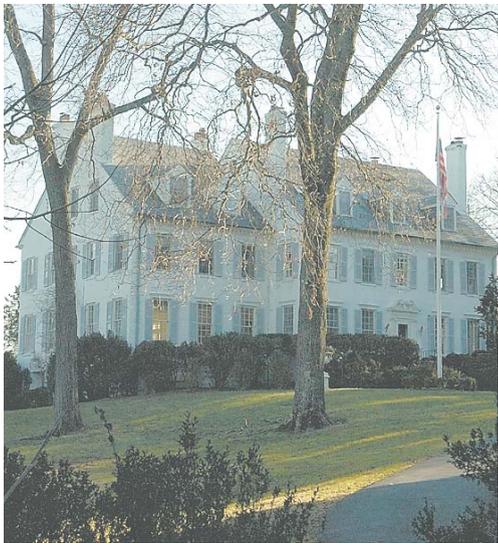
"The remodeling industry is poised for substantive growth in 2011 due to the number of options available to homeowners wanting to revitalize their living spaces," said Millholland.

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Top Sales

A look at some of the top sales of 2010



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1 1322 Balls Hill Road NE, McLean



3 10350 Elizabeth Street, Great Falls



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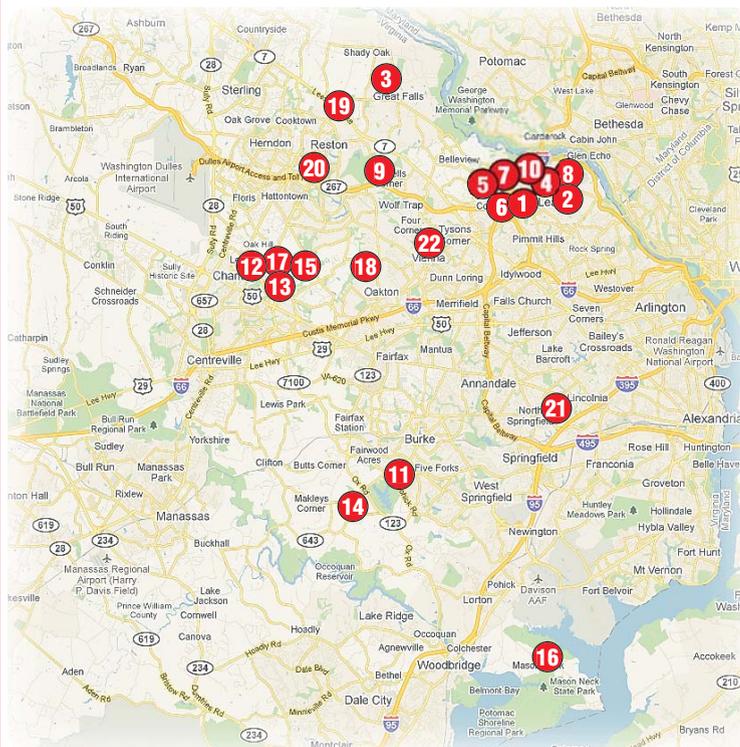
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2 1147 CHAIN BRIDGE RD	12	..	10	..	1	MC LEAN	\$8,250,000	..	Detached	..	5.63	LANGLEY FARMS	01/07/10
3 10350 ELIZABETH ST	7	..	10	..	3	GREAT FALLS	\$6,500,000	..	Detached	..	2.71	GOULDMAN ACRES	07/01/10
4 6622 MALTA LN	5	..	7	..	1	MCLEAN	\$6,160,000	..	Detached	..	1.00	LANGLEY FARMS	03/17/10
5 8113 SPRING HILL FARM DR	5	..	5	..	1	MCLEAN	\$4,402,132	..	Detached	..	1.17	SPRING HILL FARM	04/15/10
6 7301 DULANY DR	5	..	6	..	2	MCLEAN	\$4,335,000	..	Detached	..	2.19	ELMWOOD ESTS	08/12/10
7 7681 BALLESTRATE CT	6	..	6	..	3	MCLEAN	\$4,000,000	..	Detached	..	1.03	THE RESERVE	08/03/10
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9 1532 CROWELL RD	5	..	5	..	3	VIENNA	\$3,750,000	..	Detached	..	2.83	BROWNS MILL ESTATES	11/11/10
10 7029 BENJAMIN ST	5	..	5	..	1	MCLEAN	\$3,603,350	..	Detached	..	1.10	LANGLEY FOREST	06/11/10

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22 330 AYR HILL AVE NE	6	..	5	..	2	VIENNA	\$2,200,000	..	Detached	..	0.53	VIENNA	07/22/10

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Kitchen Transformed

FROM PAGE 11

windows with running surfaces, storage built-ins, a country-style sink and two dishwashers.

“The counters are also perfectly positioned for service to the family and breakfast rooms,” Craig points out. “It’s made the family room a much more sensible gathering place in every season.”

Appropriate to the gourmet-dining theme, Parker proposed an in-kitchen wine storage console and tasting table as the new home for Bill Craig’s wine

collection. With its marble surface and split-face natural stone backsplash, the station features two 57-bottle-capacity GE Monogram coolers and cabinetry milled specifically to accommodate the couple’s stemware and crystal.

Still more to the point, Ginny Craig is now hosting sit-down dinners for 12 and holidays are fun again.

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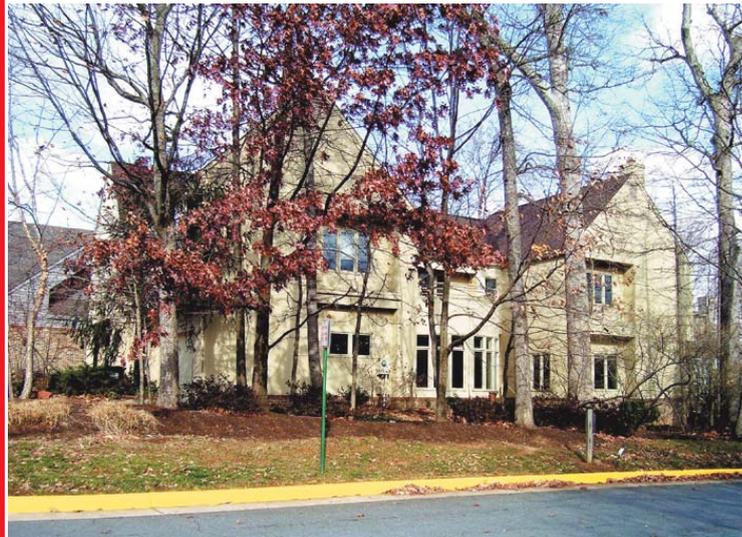
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Kathryn Peyton (fourth from left) with one of her IB economics classes.

Marshall High Teacher Honored

Kathryn Peyton named Virginia's 2010 Outstanding Economic Educator of the Year.

BY MIRIAM MCPHIE
THE CONNECTION

Three years ago, Kathryn Peyton began teaching at George C. Marshall High School and promptly started pushing for the school to offer International Baccalaureate (IB) classes in economics. Her interest in teaching economics sprung from years of putting her MBA to use in the professional business world. Last year, her hard work paid off when students began to enroll in the first IB Economics class Fairfax County Public Schools had seen in several years. She was recently rewarded for her efforts by being named Virginia's 2010 Outstanding Economic Educator of the Year.

Marshall is currently the only school in Fairfax County that offers IB Economics, though Peyton hopes more IB schools will follow Marshall's example soon. By next fall, all Virginia high schools will require students to take an economics class before graduation.

"Kids want to take econ," Peyton says, "and the current economic situation in our

country provides the best lab." She encourages her students to keep up-to-date on the nation's financial conditions and to think critically about all the information presented to them.

Several schools in the area that provide Advanced Placement courses have economics classes, which Peyton explained are similar to the International Baccalaureate class. "The difference lies in where their focus is," Peyton notes. "AP economics focuses primarily on domestic and micro level matters, while our IB economics looks at both domestic and international issues."

Because IB does stress an emphasis on global topics, Peyton makes sure her students are aware of the financial situations in other regions of the world, particularly third world countries. Many of her lessons are interactive, such as having her students figure out ways they would balance our national budget and showing them videos of foreign sweatshops.

Peyton was nominated by Kurt Waters, the high school Social Studies Specialist for Fairfax County Public Schools. He said that while there are a great number of very strong economics teachers in Fairfax County, Peyton came immediately to mind this year.

"She has worked in the business industry and brings a lot of relevant perspectives to her teaching," Waters said.

Peyton is currently working to develop new lesson plans and creative ways to teach the course, which she hopes will make it easier for teachers to approach some of the more difficult content.

is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Byung Wook Choi and So Yeon Lee, Eliason is the son of Randall Dean Eliason and Cherie Renee Kiser, and Kwon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gooheon Kwon.

McLean residents **Gregory R. Epreman** and **Meaghan E. Gilmore** have been named to the fall 2010 dean's list at Bucknell University of Lewisburg, Pa. Epreman is the son of Jeffrey and Annette Epreman, and Gilmore is the daughter of Shaun and Lynn Gilmore.

Gillian Eiserman of McLean has been named to the fall 2010 dean's list at Bridgewater College of Bridgewater, Va. Eiserman is a freshman majoring in business administration.

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McLean residents **Jun Woo Choi**, **Nathaniel Eliason** and **Andrew Kwon** were named to the fall 2010 dean's list at Choate Rosemary Hall. Choi

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Of Maximum Importance



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

By the time this column prints on Jan. 12, 2011, I will have met with my oncologist and discussed the results of my end-of-December scans. Given the Jan. 5, 2011 due date of this column however (as was the case with last week's column), it is being written and submitted for copy-editing consideration before the Jan. 7, 2011 appointment with my oncologist will actually have occurred. Ergo the continuing uncertainty.

This kind of waiting and wondering and mind-racing-out-of-control is nothing new for me, nor is it for any patient, terminal or otherwise, who is scanned/X-Rayed and/or examined regularly (women waiting for the results of a mammogram certainly come to mind). And though I don't think I feel any differently (meaning symptomatic/worse), I do feel something. And that something is inevitability. Consider the fact that my oncologist initially told Team Lourie back on Feb. 27, 2009 that I had 13 months to two years to live and Feb. 27, 2011 (the end of that two years) is merely six weeks away, and I'm sure you can imagine the calendar-watching I'm obsessing on.

And as much as I want to, try to, ignore that original prognosis (I hesitate to characterize it as fact since medicine is, after all, a science; it's not arithmetic), it is nearly impossible to do so. Moreover, I have made many changes in my life since first receiving my cancer diagnosis, and they, presumably, along with my attitude, have served me well and likely enabled me to maintain an atypical quality of life (for a terminal patient, I mean) and to outlive that original prognosis. However, as a long-time salesman, I can't shake one of the adages that many of us have learned to live by: "Waiting for the other shoe to drop." Meaning, something negative is lurking – which you can't control. And the corollary to that adage/attitude is inevitability: the longer the news is positive, the closer it gets to being negative. (Or for non-terminal salespersons – in general: "Every 'No' is one step closer to a 'Yes.'")

Not that I'm depressed or on any kind of mental slide, it's more that I'm living a very time-sensitive existence, according to my oncologist. And having been diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer which, generally speaking, doesn't go away, and in my case is inoperable to boot, doesn't exactly enhance what quality of what life you do have. So minimizing anything that is happening to me: symptom-wise, diagnosis-to-date-wise or plain old words-to-the-wise-wise, is challenging to say the least; and the bane of that existence to say the most.

But what else is new? Nothing! This recurring quarterly cycle is of course familiar to me – at this juncture, and comfortable, sort of. I go to the same places, see the same people, follow the same routine. And for me, "same" is good as is "familiar." It lessens the impact and eliminates any of the awkwardness. All of which contributes to managing stress – and stress, as I've been repeatedly told, especially as it effects terminal/cancer patients, is a killer (literally and figuratively). And since being the exception that proves the rule has been my mantra, I am happy to find a path of less resistance.

Still, knowing what I know and doing what I do, doesn't make life any easier, it just doesn't make it more difficult than it already is. And simplifying the cancer tasks (as well as most others, if you want to know the truth) is my goal, because I've reached a point where I can no longer be bothered. I'm already bothered enough.

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