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Al Hakimi was the tennis coach for Lauren and Casey LaTeef of Great Falls. Hakimi died in a drowning accident during the heavy flooding on Thursday, Sept. 8.



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Walker Rd at the one lane bridge was a raging river, closing access to both Rt. 7 and Georgetown Pike.



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Two Die in Floods, Some Roads Still Closed

Drownings occurred in Oakton and Great Falls, while several bridges in Great Falls and McLean remain washed out.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Two people in western Fairfax County were killed in floods that were the result of more than 10 inches of rain that have fallen over the past two days. Jack Donaldson, 12, of Oakton and Arsalan Hakimi, 67, were both caught in floodwaters in two separate incidents, according to Fairfax County Police.

Donaldson was in his backyard at the 9700 block of Marcliff Court in Vienna when he was reported missing around 6 p.m. Thursday. His body was found at around 8 p.m. in Piney Branch Creek off of Lawyers Road.

Around 7 p.m. Thursday night, Hakimi was driving his Toyota Yaris on Beach Mill Road near Club View Drive, which is northeast of River Bend Country Club, when he apparently tried to get out of his car and was swept away by waters.

In Great Falls, bridges on Springvale Road, Beach Mill Road, Walker Road and Leigh Mill Road were all flooded over, and parts of Old Dominion Road, Walker Road and Swinks Mill Road are still closed due to damaged pavement.

Fairfax County Fire Chief Roland Mastin said Friday that at times there was an enormous backlog of calls for help in their queue while emergency personnel responded.

"We were inundated with flooding last night in this county and the surrounding areas," he said. "Our resources were overtaxed, we had calls waiting for units to be available to respond, we had close to 100 at one time. We're very fortunate here in Fairfax, not only to we have a career staff, but volunteers as an



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

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Hunter Mill Road between Vienna and Reston the day after the storm.

extra contingent of well-trained personnel that can step up at these times ...We had some very heroic rescues last evening."

Frank Smith, Chief of the Great Falls Volunteer Fire Department, said his personnel spent the entire night responding to calls.

"At one point, we had 11 simultaneous rescues going on," Smith said. "We had a rescue where a woman had fallen and was stuck in her basement as it flooded."

Master Police Officer Bill Murray of the Vienna Police Department reported that in addition to the usual fallen tree limbs, there was a partial building collapse at 421 Church Street NE.

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Casey LaTeef and Al Hakimi.

The Man Who Loved Tennis and Mozart

Remembering Arsalan Al Hakimi who died in Great Falls flooding on Sept. 8.

BY HARRIS LA TEEF

Friday, the day after the heavy rain and flooding — thinking about the still not identified boy in Vienna and man in Great Falls who lost their lives in Thursday's flooding and without the power for the last 28 hours — on our way to an early dinner we went for a ride around the neighborhood to check the storm damage. We went up Beach Mill Road and took a left on Carrwood Drive to view the creek, which often made a pleasant gurgling sound as it went its cheery way, but after a heavy rainfall the sound from the creek could turn ferocious. The creek was raging, as I suspected. I noticed a section of shiny red metal from a car lodged in debris in the water that had "Toyota Echo" printed on it. For some reason my first thought was, it looks like a piece from Al Hakimi's little red car, which he drives on his Domino's Pizza delivery rounds. I guess there are not too many red cars in Great Falls. Al is the nicest man you will ever meet.

He is also my younger sister Lauren's, and my younger brother Casey's tennis coach. His daughter, Tina Moazami, is a family friend who we knew before we met Al. Her two sons attended preschool with me at the Village Green Day School and her sons and I were on the school's soccer team together.

As soon as we arrived home I asked my mother to call Domino's Pizza just to make sure Al was okay. A woman answered the phone and then passed my mother to the store manager. To our utter shock and horror he confirmed that it was Al's car and that he had passed away.

Al saved a woman's life that day. When his car was caught in a flashflood near Club View Drive and swept all the way to Carrwood Drive, a woman nearby was stranded in a Mercedes with water creeping dangerously high. When rescuers came to get Al they discovered her car stranded deep in the woods and were able to

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Firefighters join with Great Falls residents in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance at the Village Green Sunday night for a 9/11 10th anniversary remembrance ceremony.



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Attendees at the Great Falls 9/11 ceremony raise their candles at the conclusion, while singing "America the Beautiful."

Great Falls Looks Back on 9/11

Tenth anniversary remembrance ceremony held at Village Green.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

On Sept. 12, 2001, hundreds of members of the Great Falls community gathered at the Village Green for a candlelight vigil to honor the

thousands who had been killed in the previous days attacks. Ten years later, more than a hundred people gathered to remember the events of that day, as well as in the years since.

At sundown, the flag that had flown at half-mast all day was raised by scouts from Boy Scout

Troop 55, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by the numerous elected officials in attendance.

The scheduled speakers for the event were Pete Hilgartner, a Marine Corps Veteran who was instrumental in creating the Great Falls Freedom Memorial and Capt. Mark Feaster, station commander of the Great Falls Fire Station.

Hilgartner recalled the days fol

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Helping a Neighbor in Need

Sept. 25 Wine Tasting and Silent Auction/Raffle at Maison Du Vin in Great Falls to benefit Eric Sanson Fund.

BY JEAN T. JIANOS
THE CONNECTION

Maison Du Vin (House of Wine) in Great Falls Village Centre describes itself as a neighborhood fine wine shop: "Maison du Vin believes in giving back to the community to help make a difference that will have lasting impact every time."

In a recent conversation about the upcoming, Sept. 25 Wine Tasting and Silent Auction/Raffle to benefit the Eric Sanson Fund, which is being held at Maison Du Vin, General Manager Alex Odier said, "We try to participate as much as possible; whatever we can do." In addition to providing the location, Maison Du Vin will be donating the services of a bartender at the event, and a \$200 gift card to the silent auction/raffle. It will also be extending its 10 percent discount for established customers to purchases made at the event.

Adeler Jewelers, local business known for supporting Great Falls with its long-standing tradition of community outreach, will also be donating to the silent auction/raffle, according to the event organizers. The Homestead in Hot Springs, Va. has donated two nights of hotel accommodations, with breakfast and golf included. Peter Faraone, Vice President and General Manager of The Homestead, is a former resident of Great Falls. Event organizers also say that The Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner has donated a hotel package.

SOON AFTER the organizing committee established the Eric Sanson Fund at the Great Falls branch of Bank of America and began depositing donations, a bank manager remarked to a committee member that, "he is amazed at the generosity of this community."

Great Falls resident and Sanson family friend, Ginger Mahon is the founder and organizer of The Wish List Project, which has helped local families and adults in need, and foster teens, since the year 2000. She has a similar opinion. With regard to the Eric Sanson Fund, Mahon says that, "Great Falls once again has come together to help a family that is facing challenges."

Eric Sanson and his wife Donna, together with their four children, have lived in Great Falls for more than a decade. Eric underwent a complete heart transplant less than two months ago and is still hospital-



Great Falls residents Meggan Abboud, Julie Casso and Kathy Amano, with other Eric Sanson Fund committee members, plan Sept. 25 Wine Tasting and Silent Auction/Raffle.

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Eric Sanson Fund committee members Meggan Abboud and Kathy Amano discuss Sept. 25 Wine Tasting with Alex Odier, General Manager of Maison Du Vin in Great Falls Village Centre

ized in critical condition. His recovery will be long and slow, but the family's financial needs are immediate. Faced with a financial crisis, the Sansons decided they needed to sell their single-family home, so Donna Sanson called her close friend and neighbor, Kathy Amano, a real estate agent with Weichert Realtors, Great Falls, and asked Amano to help her with the sale. It may be the only listing that Amano has turned down. Instead, Amano's first thought was, "I've got to help my friend."

"I've organized things before, and setting up a formal 501(c) 3 would have taken too long," said Amano. That has not been a deterrent to the many donors who benefited from having Donna as the team mom for every sport that the Sanson children played, cheering the team on from the sidelines; or who remember Donna standing in the pouring rain, selling spirit wear for the Langley Athletics Booster Club — with enthusiasm. Amano notes that the fund has also received contributions from members of the community who do not even know the family. "Each of us feels the comfort of knowing that we live in a community with such a spirit of giving and genuine care."

FOR MORE INFORMATION on the Sept. 25 Wine Tasting and Silent Auction/Raffle contact the Eric Sanson Fund Committee by email at: ericsonsfund@gmail.com. Event organizers have suggested a contribution of \$50 per person.

Finding 'Enterspiration' In Great Falls

SpiritTed show comes to United Methodist Church Sept. 22.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The Great Falls United Methodist Church will host SpiritTed, a humorous, musical show that focuses on the joyful parts of life, Thursday, Sept. 22. Featuring Janet Clazzy and Jonathan Richard Cring, the duo is currently on their "Stop the Meanness Tour."

Their show is an hour of humor, music and "enterspiration," a combination of entertainment and inspiration.

Clazzy grew up playing classical music on the oboe, where she said she "was taught that the only people who can write good music are already dead." She moved to Nashville, Tenn. In 1996, which was where she met writer and singer Cring.

"He had a voice straight out of the 70s, like The Beatles or John Denver," Clazzy said. "And he's amazingly talented, in addition to being a wonderful singer, he's written a number of books and is very funny. I call him a joke machine."

The duo calls their sound "clazzycal music," combining the spirit of classical and the soul of jazz with a pop-minded sensibility. Clazzy remembers the duo's sound was transformed by the addition of a Yamaha WX-5 Wind Machine, which looks like a clarinet, but is capable of reproducing other instruments, similar to a keyboard.

"If we're playing gospel and blues, I can turn it into a harmonica, if we're doing a ballad, I can play it as a flute or cello," she said. "In one of our songs, I

change to seven different instruments in a minute and a half."

The duo have been playing in churches across the country as part of their tour, which Clazzy says is appropriate to what their goal is.

"The church is like a local watering hole, only it's one where Republicans and Democrats have to come in, sit together and shut up," she said.



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Janet Clazzy and Jonathan Richard Cring, the duo known as SpiritTed, will bring their humor and music show to the Great Falls United Methodist Church Thursday, Sept. 22.

"We want to rejuvenate and re-energize people, and even though there is a natural reticence to be loud in church, we want people to come ready to clap their hands."

Clazzy says she hopes people will walk away with a sense of fellowship with their fellow human beings.

"We're all human, we have a ton of things in common," she said. "We have bills to pay, we have parents, a lot of us have kids and we just keep forgetting that we share our humanity."

SpiritTed will perform at the Great Falls UMC, 10100 Georgetown Pike, on Thursday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. Admission is free. More information is available at www.janethan.com.

NEWS

Under Water

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“Nothing crazy, just a wall of bricks that fell during the night. No injuries,” he said.

Mastin said that in the days before the flood, they had released lists of locations that commonly get flooded out, and he urged caution to people traveling on roads with flowing water on them, even though it may seem shallow.

“The day before we had put out a list of every place we know historically in Fairfax County that has flood issues,” he said. “Sometimes folks still try to drive through those waters, no matter how problematic it will be. There’s a mindset in this region that when it’s time to go home, we’re going home no matter what.”

Mastin said that while it’s the job of public safety officials to help those in need, that the more prepared the public is, the safer everyone will be.

“The citizenry, the businesses play a huge role, because if you’re not at risk, we don’t have to risk ourselves to help you,” he said. “I think sometimes we take the [flash flooding] warning for granted, but flash flooding was exactly what it was last night. The water is just below your knees, then by the time you get to the door, it’s up to your chin.”

According to Fairfax County, storm drains may be backed up or clogged with debris as a result of current flood conditions. To report such blockage, use the Storm Drainage Report Form, located at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/utilities/sdflood_form.htm, or call the Maintenance and Stormwater Management Division at 703-877-2800.

To report sewage backup in a home, an overflowing manhole or if there is an odor relating to a sewer, call 703-323-1211.

For street flooding or trees blocking roads, call the Virginia Department of Transportation at 1-800-FOR-ROAD (367-7623).

Up-to-date storm information, as well as phone numbers and other resources can be found on the Fairfax County Emergency Information Blog at <http://fairfaxcountyemergency.wordpress.com>.

Flood Safety Tips

- ❖ Never drive through a flooded roadway; the depth, current, and condition of the road are all unknowns and can be deadly.
- ❖ If you come to a flooded area while driving, stop and take an alternate route.
- ❖ If your vehicle stalls on a flooded road and water is rising, get out of car, call 911, and move to higher ground.
- ❖ Always stay away from floodwaters; even six inches of swiftly moving water can knock someone off their feet.
- ❖ Approximately two feet of swift water can move or float most vehicles, including SUV’s and pickup trucks.
- ❖ Never let children near flooded areas.
- ❖ When flooding is predicted, keep your vehicle parked in your garage or on the driveway away from low-lying areas and large drains.
- ❖ Be especially cautious during periods of limited visibility or nighttime when it is extremely difficult to see and judge conditions.



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A brick wall at 421 Church Street NE collapsed during the storms Thursday night. Vienna Police said there were no injuries.



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From left: Joseph Cuomo, Sammy Kelly, Mari Gardiner, Hana Gardiner, John DiSalvo, John Kelly, Christopher Cuomo, Michael Cuomo, Emi Gardiner watch the aftermath of Thursday’s flooding in Great Falls.



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Remembering Al

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save her. Al had a shock of white hair and always a kind word and a welcoming smile for everyone he met. He was the kind of guy who if kids gave him a T-shirt that was a couple of sizes too small he would still wear it to show his appreciation. My aunt who is a good tennis player always said Al's tennis form was perfect. He taught tennis because he loved the game. If Lauren and Casey are good players it is all because of Al. Almost every show of effort on the tennis court would merit a celebratory high-five from Al. The competitive antics of my brother and sister tickled his funny bone. When the windows were open in the house you could always hear Al laughing as he instructed them. I never heard him say a cross word or lose his temper. When Lauren had a piano recital she asked Al to join our family for the recital. After the recital, Al presented her with a beautiful bouquet and a tape with his favorite piano piece, Mozart's Theme From Symphony No.40, which he played full volume when

he was making pizza deliveries in his little red car. When Casey mastered his tennis serve, Al gave him a red wristband that Casey never plays tennis without. Often times, we would tell my parents we wanted to order Domino's Pizza just so we could see Al. I remember in June when my sister was celebrating her 12th birthday with a pool party, Al delivered the pizza and all sixteen girls, screaming his name, rushed out of the pool to hug him. He didn't mind that they were soaking wet, he hugged them all.

Al was such a kind and happy man. He loved his family very much. He loved tennis. He loved delivering pizza and he loved life. He is one of the nicest people I have ever known. Everyone in Great Falls is going to miss the little red car and the nice man who drove it bringing joy and pizza wherever he went. I will never see a little red car again without hoping to see Al driving behind the wheel.

Harris LaTeef, 14, is a 9th grader at Langley High School and is on the staff of "The Saxon Scope."

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OPINION

Tune in for Elections

Vote early, but not before figuring out who, what, where, when and why.

Voting will be more complicated in some jurisdictions than others. In Arlington, for example, figuring out what state senate district you are in is important; there are three possibilities, each is contested, and all of the choices are new to you or new to the Senate. In the 30th, Timothy McGhee (R) vs. Adam P. Ebbin (D); in the 31st, Caren D. Merrick (R) vs. Barbara A. Favola (D); in the 32nd, Patrick N. Forrest (R) vs. Sen. Janet D. Howell (D).

EDITORIAL

In Fairfax County, what is arguably the most important race this year is also nearly incomprehensible in its size and scope: school board, especially the at-large race. There will be at least seven candidates on the ballot for the three school board at-large seats, and only one incumbent, Ilryong Moon, who is endorsed by Democrats. Two more candidates were endorsed by the Democrats, Ted Velkoff and Ryan McElveen. There are three candidates endorsed by the GOP, Lolita Mancheno-Smoak, Sheree Brown-Kaplan and Lin-Dai Kendall. Steve Stuban, father of a high school student who

died of suicide earlier this year after being badly treated by the Fairfax County Public Schools disciplinary process, is also on the ballot. Technically, school board is non-partisan, but party endorsements have been important historically. FCPS controls more than 50 percent of the Fairfax County budget.

In the City of Alexandria, determining what Senate district you are now in and sorting out candidates will also matter. Could be 30th, Ebbin v. McGhee; 35th, Sen. Dick Saslaw (D) vs. Robert C. Sarvis (R) and Katherine Pettigrew (I); 39th, Sen. George Barker (D) vs. Miller Baker (R).

Virginia's state senate lines have changed dramatically, and all of Northern Virginia's races for Senate are contested by both major parties, so you'll have to tune in wherever you live.

Every voter should consider voting early via "in person" absentee voting. Given the traffic nightmares caused by earthquakes, flooding and man-made problems, anyone could find oneself unable to get to the polls if something goes awry on Election Day.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Value of Buildings Next Door

To the Editor:

I've never respond to an editorial column but the analogy and misinformation that Jan McCarthy presented ["Mega Buildings Next Door," Great Falls Connection, Aug. 31-Sept. 6, 2011] really needs to be addressed. Let me begin by saying that the proposed Brightview Sr. Living facility will not create a traffic problem. I have two aging parents in facilities that are much larger than Brightview and the traffic impact at both of them is nil. Most residents at these homes don't drive and the shuttle buses that are normally provided for transportation do not run at rush hour nor do they run continually. You'll find more traffic snarls due to public school buses on the road but we've all learned to live with those, haven't we?

Secondly, the comparison of the traffic associated with McLean Bible Church (MBC) to that of a senior living facility is rather far

fetched, but some of the information presented about MBC needs to be corrected. First of all, MBC did not "build a huge campus of buildings." They added an auditorium to the end of one of them and did some internal modifications (including a youth center) to what was there but the old NWF is still pretty much the way it was, footprint-wise. They did add structured parking but that's the best answer to parking a lot of cars, and the parking lot is not on a side of the church that would make it an eyesore to nearby homes.

Does the traffic back up on Sunday mornings? Yes, between 10:30 and noon it does slow down on eastbound Rt. 7, but only on Sunday and only in the morning. I've been in that traffic because we attend MBC from time to time, and I have never sat for 15 to 20 minutes. Ever. It takes us about that long to go from our house in Great Falls to the church at its busiest

time. MBC has been very sensitive to the traffic issue. They have provided shuttle buses to off-campus parking on Sundays and pay to have police officers there to help keep traffic moving every week. You don't get that at the mall.

As for the trees that were taken down, Jan must be referring to the ones that were removed to allow the building of "Jill's House," the only respite home of its kind in the United States for handicapped children and their parents. MBC owned that land so they were free to do whatever they wished with it provided they received County approval. I think a state-of-the-art facility for the handicapped was a pretty good choice. The benefits that Jill's House provides to these kids and their parents more than offsets the loss of a few trees (and new ones had to be planted as part of the landscaping that was required anyway). And Jill's House wasn't built for MBC people. It

serves families from all over the D.C. metro area and beyond. It was primarily funded by MBC people but it is open to all, as is almost everything the church does.

If Ms. McCarthy is so inconvenienced by the 90-minute window that traffic slows down on Sunday mornings, then I would suggest taking Old Dominion Drive. It's a nicer, more serene drive anyway with fewer lights and much less traffic. You can get to McLean or Tysons just as easy and hey, you'd only have to do this on Sundays before noon. Better yet, why not stop in at MBC on a Sunday morning and find out what it is that attracts so many people to this church every week? It might change your mind about value that some large buildings can bring to a community. (Not a sermon, just a thought...)

Dan Huthwaite
Great Falls

Re-elect Foust

To the Editor:

The redevelopment of Tysons and the construction of Metro's Silver Line mean the next few years are going to bring a lot of changes for our community. The transportation and land use choices being made now will determine our quality of life for years into the future. Growth in our part of the county is inevitable; managing it so that the result is not

gridlock is the big challenge.

We have been fortunate in having John Foust as our Dranesville District representative as this process has gotten underway. Now, at this most critical time in the Tysons process, we should reelect him to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

John Foust has shown himself an able champion of our quality of life issues on everything from neigh-

borhood improvements like traffic lights, crosswalks and turn lanes, to larger challenges like securing noise walls along highway projects and the ongoing effort to make walking and bicycling into real options for getting around.

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cially needful as the HOT lanes progress and issues arise constantly.

John has shown that our concerns are his concerns. He has both the experience and the ability to represent us on the Board of Supervisors, and we should return him to office this November.

Ivy Main
McLean

Election Dates

Friday, Sept. 23 is the first day for in person absentee voting.
Monday, Oct. 17 is the deadline to register to vote, either in person or mailed registration postmarked by that date.
Tuesday, Nov. 1 is the deadline to apply for an absentee ballot by mail.
Saturday, Nov. 5 is the last day to vote an absentee ballot in-person.
Tuesday, Nov. 8 is Election Day.

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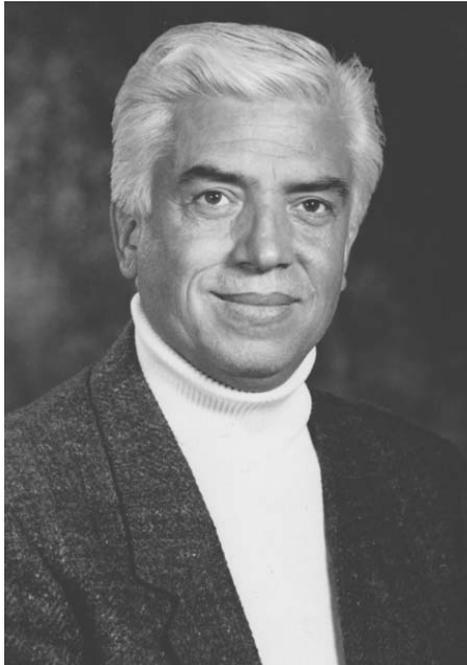
Arsalan Hakimi, 67, Dies In Great Falls Flooding

On Sept. 8, 2011, our beloved Arsalan Hakimi, 67, departed this life suddenly and flew to his final destination. A devoted father, a loving husband, a gentle grandfather, a caring brother and a loyal friend, Arsalan brightened his family and friends' daily lives with his kindness, optimism and tender smile.

Arsalan was born in Iran. He graduated from the Iran Banking Institute and became a divisional director at the Central Bank of Iran.

Arsalan had a profound love for adventure, and spent much of his time leading hiking and skiing expeditions throughout Iran's rocky mountains. He enjoyed coaching children's tennis, Persian poetry, and entertaining loved ones with his guitar and his serene voice. Love of humanity was the tenet by which Arsalan lived his life. He was a true role model, and his legacy will continue to inspire us all.

Arsalan will forever live in the hearts of his loving wife Shokouh Mobasher, daughter Tina (Hakimi) Moazami, son Sam Hakimi, son-in-law Bijan Moazami, grandchildren Cyrus and Darius Moazami, and countless family members and friends.



Arsalan Hakimi

The family will celebrate Arsalan's life and bid farewell on Thursday, Sept. 15 at 11 a.m. at national Funeral Home, 7482 Lee Highway in Falls Church.

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(July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013)

Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Center

Residents who wish to speak at the Public Hearing are asked to call 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, to be placed on the speakers' list. Copies of the draft budget proposal will be available during the committee meeting and public hearing.

Written comments may be delivered to the Center's address shown below, marked "Attention: Executive Director," or sent by email to 2013budget@mcleancenter.org. Written comments must be received prior to the Governing Board meeting, which starts at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 27.



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NEWS

Remembering 9/11

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lowing the attacks and deciding with his wife Sara and Old Brogue owner Mike Kearney that Great Falls needed a memorial to honor those who were lost that day.

Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34), presented the Hilgartners and Kearney with a proclamation by Governor Bob McDonnell, praising the community for creating the memorial.

"For hundreds of us here in Great Falls, it became a personal tragedy very quickly," she said. "But this community gathered as it always does, and had this memorial foundation come together to honor these people who lost their lives in 9/11."

Pete Hilgartner and Kearney both said that while they were flattered to be named on the proclamation, like the memorial itself, the honor belongs to everyone in Great Falls.

"It's not for us, it's for the community," Kearney said. "It's going to be my recommendation that it hung proudly in the library for everyone who comes to observe the memorial itself."

During his remarks, Hilgartner also made sure to praise the first responders who were on the scene at the Pentagon and World Trade Center that day.

"These men and women risked their lives to go to these places and save lives," he said.

As if on cue, as Hilgartner was finishing his remarks, the half dozen firefighters in attendance cocked their heads, listening to their radios. As it became clear that they were needed to answer a call, they motioned to Feaster, who joined his fellow first responders in doing what they do best. As the firefighters ran to their truck, they were sent off by a round of applause from those in attendance.

Fairfax County Fire Chief Ronald Mastin filled in for the departed Feaster, calling it just another example of the daily service performed by fire and rescue personnel.

"Capt. Feaster was one of the responders that went to the Pentagon, among many, but certainly we have a large group of first responders right here in Fairfax County," he said. "Today is a day to remember the heroes of that day, those that lost their lives, those that went back in when everyone else was trying to get back out. And that wasn't only first responders, there are many stories of co-workers that went in to get co-workers



PHOTOS BY ALEX McVEIGH/THE CONNECTION

Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34) presents, from left, Sara Hilgartner, Pete Hilgartner and Mike Kearney with a proclamation from Governor Bob McDonnell honoring them for their efforts in creating the Great Falls Freedom Memorial. Comstock made the presentation during the annual 9/11 remembrance ceremony Sunday night.



Fairfax County Fire Chief Ronald Mastin speaks at the Great Falls 9/11 remembrance ceremony at the Village Green Sunday.

Mastin also said he was touched to see a community rally around its fallen members.

"It's really heartfelt to see a community like this come together to honor those here, right in your own community that lost their lives that day," Mastin said.

The event concluded with candles lit for the six Great Falls residents who were lost, and then a brief candlelight vigil while "America the Beautiful" was sung by all in attendance.

Ed Heberg of the Great Falls Freedom Memorial Committee, said that despite the days of coverage leading up to the 9/11 anniversary, it was up to each individual to remember and reflect on the events of that day.

"We can leave the analysis and the explanations of 9/11 to the experts," he said. "Rather, tonight we chose to remember those people who perished, and particularly our six neighbors who were on [American Airlines] Flight 77."



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'Back to School Makeover'

BY JOHN BYRD
THE CONNECTION

Vienna's Johnson family, Christer, his wife Beth and daughters Natalie and Megan, recently remodeled the family-use areas of their circa 1960s Colonial with an eye to spending more time together, even when working at home.

"We wanted an enhanced environment that would make it easier for all four of us to interact, multi-task and learn from one another," says Christer, 40, an IBM executive who has occupied the 5,000 square foot residence with his family for nearly a decade.

"I wanted it to be easier for Beth to do her work while keeping an eye on the girls, and for the girls to have some exposure to computers and the internet."

The family also wanted to a) access family living areas without tracking-in mud, b) keep down clutter, c) improve kitchen efficiencies with more visual contact to the outside and d) create an aesthetically cohesive whole.

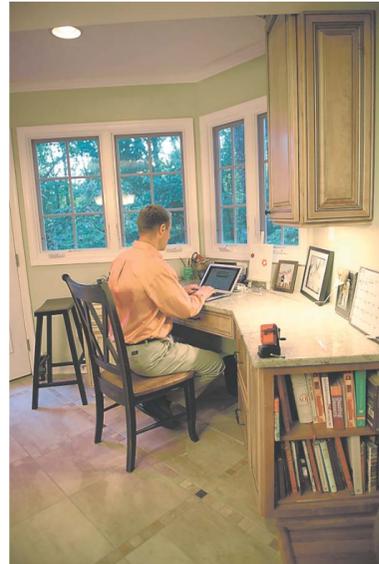
Starting from these goals, Katherine MacNeil at Sun Design Remodeling in Burke commenced a plan that converts a boxed-in kitchen/great room into an open floorplan, including specified activity zones, uncluttered sightlines and an orderly sense of purpose crisply articulated in alcoves, anterooms and precisely-purposed built-ins.

"You could call it a back-to-school makeover," the designer quips.

MacNeil's first challenge was to render the Johnson program and budget as an actionable floorplan

"Katherine helped us visualize," Christer Johnson says. "Her drawings allowed us to edit back a rather over-large program into ideas that are focused and manageable."

Hence:



Christer Johnson and his wife Beth (not pictured) can see their daughters Megan and Natalie Johnson from their "command center" in their remodeled kitchen.

❖ A needlessly long garage-to-kitchen hallway borrows a few square feet from the dining room to become a family entry, complete with designated closets and cubbies;

❖ A U-shaped kitchen counter is replaced by a triangular food preparation island and dining counter;

❖ A wing off the rear of the house, a hexagonal-shaped bump out, accommodates a custom-designed work-station.

"This is the command center," MacNeil

points out. "It's the spot where adults can check on work projects without leaving the family, and the kids can start homework with Mom nearby."

Naturally, a key consideration is where this essential cockpit should be located. One can't have a "command center" in the middle of primary traffic streams, so MacNeil pro-

posed an octagonal alcove that extends the rear elevation from the breakfast area. A steel I-beam now supports a portion of the existing rear bearing wall. The alcove also features several divided-light windows and a glass-facing door.

The set-up allows Beth to work from the computer while keeping an eye on the kids



The purpose of the renovation was to create a space where the family could multitask and learn from each other. Here, Christer and daughter Megan prepare dinner while daughter Natalie tackles homework and a friend uses the computer in the background.

playing in the backyard. It's also situated so that she can oversee the children's online activities while preparing dinner.

The work-station complements the existing decor, which mainly deploys traditional furnishings and soft neutral colors.

The solid maple desk features a spacious ivory-hued granite surface. Bookcases and cabinets — finished



Natalie Johnson uses the microwave, built into the kitchen island, while her father cooks.

in a brown antique glaze — were built by Sun Design carpenters to satisfy specific household requirements. Other original pieces include an alderwood hutch, a floor-to-ceiling wet bar and surfaces, plus drawers and cabinets for a wide array of tasks and tools.

"The built-ins make it clear that living productively is really about knowing what you need, and how to put the whole picture together," Christer says. "Having an experienced guide conduct the process is enormously helpful."

Sun Design Remodeling holds workshops on home remodeling topics at their office in Burke. 703/425-5588 or www.SunDesignInc.com

Big Design for Small Spaces

Interior designers use smart storage strategies and lighting to make small spaces feel bigger.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Whether in a tiny apartment or a sprawling home, most people have encountered a small-space dilemma. A few local interior designers share their suggestions challenges from cramped kitchens to limited storage.

COLOR

Lauren Liess of Lauren Liess Interiors in Herndon says never underestimate the power of color.

"It can either open up a room or make it feel smaller, she said. "Some people might want to make a small room feel cozy so they might use a darker color, while others might want to open it up so they might use a lighter color."

"Using a common color throughout threads through the house and brings fluidity to the space," said Alex Deringer who owns 2 Ivy Lane Interiors along with her design partner Courtney Cox. "A common thread of color adds a casual elegance. It is a unifier."

Not everything needs to be beige. Bold colors can work in small spaces too. "Think

of [furniture] as a little black dress," said Deringer. "You can start with neutrals and always accessorize it with color through pillows or other accessories."

LIGHTING

Lighting is important in any space, but is vital to a small space. "You don't want [small homes] to feel cramped or tight," said Laura Campbell of Peabody Architecture. "We try to alleviate that with lots of natural light."

Elizabeth Todd saw the significance of lighting when she purchased a two story building in Old Town Alexandria. She turned

the top level into an apartment which she rents to her sister. Her biggest issue: the home had only two windows.

Todd, who houses her store The Shoe Hive in the building's bottom level, said: "The first thing that I thought of when I got up there was 'how do you make this place lighter?' That is the thing that we struggled with the most."

Todd called on Alex Deringer and Courtney Cox of 2 Ivy Lane Interiors to tackle the issue. The design duo added recessed lights and skylights to give the space an airy feel.

"Whether it is achieved through table lamps, floor lamps, recessed lighting or chandeliers, a proper lighting plan adds to the ambience and mood that is set in a room," said Deringer.

SMALL KITCHENS

Just because a kitchen is small on space doesn't mean that it can't be big on style and efficiency.

"Open shelving instead of upper cabinetry in the kitchen really adds to the feeling of space in a kitchen," said Liess.

Nicole Reynolds tried this technique when she purchased her home in Old Town Alex



Interior designers Alex Deringer and Courtney Cox created a kitchen in Nicole Reynolds' home using soft colors, glass-front cabinets and small scale-appliances like a dishwasher drawer instead of the standard version.

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Big Design for Small Spaces

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andria four years ago. Built in 1825, the home is just over 1300 square feet and has low ceilings and a galley kitchen. None of the appliances had been updated in more than 20 years.

"Everything needed to be replaced, and I was worried about not having enough cabinet space," said Reynolds. "I wanted something chic and neutral because it is such a small space."

Deringer and Cox created a kitchen for Reynolds using soft colors, glass-front cabinets and small scale-appliances like a dishwasher drawer instead of the standard version.

"Most manufacturers have smaller depth, smaller width appliances that can fit into smaller spaces," said Deringer.

Another space-creating option for homeowners is to add cabinet fronts to appliances in a wood that match a kitchen's existing cabinetry. "If that is not an option, then stainless steel is better than black or white."

STORAGE, EVEN FOR PETS

A dearth of storage space is a quandary many people face, no matter the size of their living space.

One solution is multi-purpose furniture that can do double-duty.

"I've used a shelf behind a sofa instead of the traditional console table because it provided a surface for a pair of lamps on top and additional storage below," said Liess.

Ann McCord experienced the creative use of space when she remodeled her condominium. She enlisted the help of David Peabody of Peabody Architects and Interior designer Sarah Pak of SPI Designs. Peabody and Pak added extra storage space to McCord's home by using empty wall space to build shelving.

On the wall under the stairway that leads to the second floor, the design team added a built-in wine rack, book shelving and an area to rest a bed for her cat. A similar pet space was added to the bottom of a half-wall that surrounds her kitchen. There are built-in wall spaces for bowls for pet food and another space for a dog bed.

"[This keeps you from] seeing a big dog bed in the middle of the living room," said Pak. "By thinking through how a person really lives in their space and using design creatively, you can make a small space seem bigger because everything has its place and each function is thought through and planned for," said Pak.



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Interior designers Alex Deringer (pictured) and Courtney Cox keep the colors in a small kitchen neutral and use unexpected lighting to add elegance and glamour.

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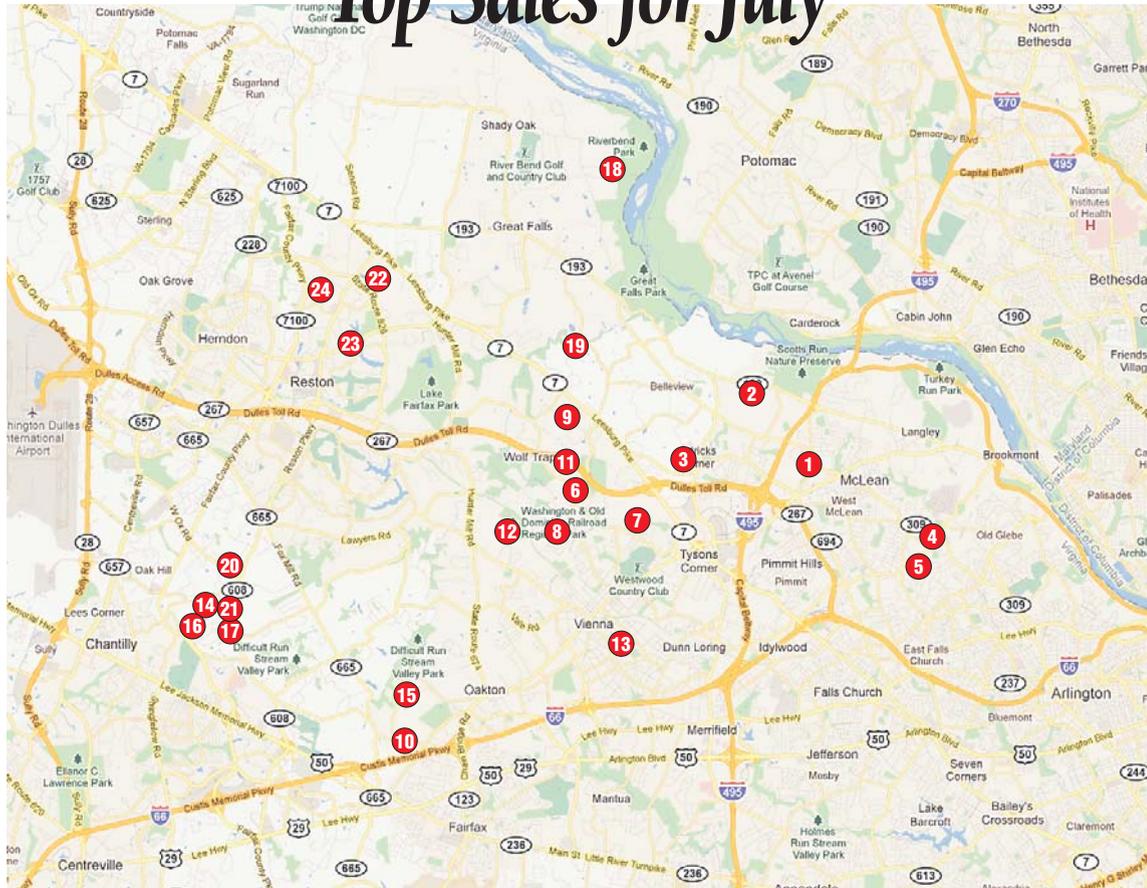
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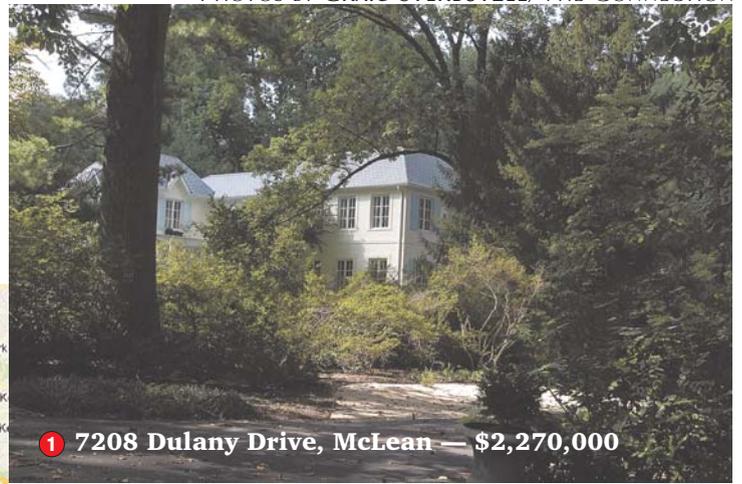
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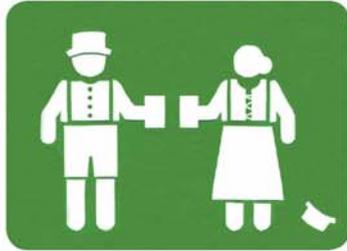
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Model Railroad HO Scale Open House and Display. 1-5 p.m. Historic Vienna Depot of the W & OD Railroad, 231 Dominion Road N.E., Vienna. Free, donations accepted. www.nvmr.org or 703-938-5157.

"Social Security." 8 p.m. McLean Community Center Alden Theater, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. An adult comedy about the shattering of yuppie bliss, romance and an aged Jewish mother. \$10-\$15. www.mcleancommunityplayers.org.

Red Cross Blood Drive. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Old Dominion Animal Health Center, 6719 Lowell Ave., McLean. Blood donors of all types are needed to help fill a critical shortfall in local blood banks, especially donors of type O negative blood. Free nail trim for one pet for each participant. Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in generally good health. cherish@odahcenter.com.

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The Rheinlanders, a traditional German oom-pah band, will play polkas, waltzes, folk songs and sing-a-longs at "Munich in McLean," an authentic German Oktoberfest dinner on Friday, Sept. 24 from 6-10 p.m., at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave. in McLean. The dinner will be catered by Herndon-based restaurant Euro Bistro, with bratwurst, knackwurst, pork schnitzel and chicken fingers, German potato salad, potato pancakes, sauerkraut and red cabbage. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be sold separately by the Friends of the McLean Community Center. Participants are asked to bring their favorite beer steins and other traditional German collectables to the dinner. Advance tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 children age 9 and younger and \$25 per person at the door. 703-790-0123, TTY 711 or www.mcleancenter.org/special-events.



The Temptations and The Four Tops will perform their R&B hits on Thursday, Sept. 25 at 8 p.m. at the Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$38 in-house, \$22 lawn. www.wolftrap.org.

Kids Shows: Rocknoceros "Colonel Purple Turtle" CD Release Show. 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

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"Don't Dress for Dinner, or Pajamas for Six." 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road in Tyson's Corner. A farce by Marc Camoletti about mistaken identity and infidelities with more twists than a corkscrew. Tickets \$25. www.1ststagetysons.org/jeeves or 703-854-1856.

Propagating and Growing Salvias. 10 a.m. Meadowlark Botanical

Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Tour the Salvia Collection and learn about their care, propagation and use in the garden. \$5. Reserve at 703-255-3631 ext. 0.

Virginia String Teachers Association and Fairfax Symphony Masterclass. 12:30 p.m. McLean High School, 1633 Davidson Road, McLean. With violinist and master teacher Karina Cannelakis. www.vastaweb.org, vaviola@gmail.com or 703-772-5212.

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra. 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Featuring violinist Karina

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Canellakis. Corigliano's Three Hallucinations, Chausson's Poème, Saint-Saens' Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso, and Berlioz's Symphonie Fantastique. Free pre-concert discussion for ticketholders with Rachel Franklin at 7 p.m. Tickets \$25-\$55. info@fairfaxsymphony.org.

Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association Annual Anniversary Dance. Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Rd., Falls Church. Line dance lessons at 7:30 p.m. Specialty dance lessons at 8 p.m. Open dancing 8:30-11 p.m. Two step, waltz, swing, cha cha and more. Admission \$5-\$12. www.nvcwda.org or 703-860-4941.

Plant Clinic hosted by the Master Gardeners. 10 a.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Masters Gardeners from the Fairfax County Cooperative Extension answer your gardening questions. Adults. 703-790-8088.

Magician Jay Mattioli. 2 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. An electrifying magic show. All ages. 703-790-8088.

English Country Dance. 7:30-10:30

p.m. St. Francis Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. All dances are called, as in square dancing. Dances are taught and new dancers are welcome. \$10 admission. TheLeesburgAssembly.org or 703-757-8648.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 18

A Grand Piano Celebration. 3 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. This event marks the launch of the Dr. Linda Apple Monson Music Endowment Fund, which honors the commitment and impact Monson has had on Mason's School of Music. The fund will support student scholarships and related programs in the School of Music. Post-concert reception on the Center's Grand Tier III at 5 p.m. Tickets \$20-\$75. 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

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Colonial Fall Chores. 1-4 p.m. The Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Help the colonial farm family prepare for winter with 18th century fall chores at this working farm. Clear brush from fields, stack wood for the hearth, help repair old fencing or participate in other colonial farm tasks. The colonial farm family welcomes all extra hands. Comfortable clothes and work gloves suggested. \$3 adults, \$2 children and senior citizens. 703-903-9330 or www.1771.org.

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MONDAY/SEPT. 19

Preschool Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Stories, fingerplays and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-757-8560.

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

TUESDAY/SEPT. 20

Letters to Virginia: Civil War Correspondence. 2 p.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Author Barb Winters tells the story of three generations of Alexandrians before, during, and after the Civil War. Books available for sale and signing. Adults. 703-356-0770.

Personalized Internet Training. 2:30 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. A 45-minute one-on-one

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WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 21

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Saturday Night, Sept. 17 – 7:02 p.m. sunset

Gone with the Wind (1939) 238 minutes - Perspective on southern plantation life

Saturday Night, Sept. 24 (Double Feature) – 6:50 p.m. sunset

Shenandoah (1965), 105 minutes – The war from a Virginia farming family's perspective; and

Friendly Persuasion (1956), 140 minutes - A Southern Indiana pacifist Quaker family's perspective

Saturday Night, Oct. 8 (Double Feature) – 6:27 p.m. sunset

Glory (Rated R) (1989), 122 minutes – Perspective of the 1st African American Soldier Regiment; and

Red Badge of Courage (Rated R) (1959) 69 minutes, Perspective of a young soldier

Saturday Night, Oct. 15 – 6:16 p.m. sunset

Gettysburg (1993), 261 minutes - The decisive battle of the Civil War at Gettysburg from both Confederate and Yankee perspectives

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SPORTS

Langley High Football Utilizing Option Attack

QB Vasiliadis is directing the run-oriented scheme for 2-0 Saxons.

By RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

A year ago, the Langley High football team played two of the Northern Region's top teams — Lake Braddock and Chantilly — in the opening two weeks of the season. The result was a 0-2 start. The Saxons, thereafter, won their next five games and ended up with a pretty good 6-5 overall record in 2010.

This year's Langley squad has made things easier on itself early on, winning its first two games to get off to a 2-0 start. While the wins have come against teams (Herndon and Jefferson) not as formidable as Lake Braddock or Chantilly — two squads which went on to meet in last year's Div. 6 region finals — the Saxons did play good football in the two victories and have created good early season momentum.

“It was a big win for us and set the tone.”

— Langley coach
John Howerton

Langley, with a week one 14-7 road winner at Herndon High on Sept. 1, played its scheduled home opener this past Saturday, Sept. 10 and handled Jefferson, 28-12, in a Liberty District victory. The game was originally scheduled to be played at Langley a night earlier, but the rainy, flooding conditions throughout the area resulted in the 24-hour postponement and the game taking place at West Springfield High School. The turf field at West Springfield was created for such wet conditions whereas Langley's natural grass field was not playable.

Langley running back AJ Holtberg opened the game's scoring with a 57-yard touchdown run in the first quarter. Later, feature back Philip Mun scored on touchdown runs of three and 17 yards to make it 21-0 at the intermission.

Jefferson got within 21-6 in the third quarter but Langley scored its final touchdown early in the fourth quarter on an eight-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Austin Vasiliadis to Colin Pitts. Jefferson scored later in the quarter for the final score.

Mun rushed for 155 yards, Holtberg



Andrew Gentry (35) zeros in on a Herndon ball carrier during the Saxons' season opener win over the Hornets on Sept. 1.

81 and Vasiliadis 64 as the Saxons' offensive line, which included Bob Nobakht, Jack Howerton, Dylan Clemente, Austin Anthony, and Tate Dulany, proved dominant all night.

A WEEK EARLIER in its season opening win at Herndon, Vasiliadis, Langley's first-year starting quarterback, connected with Holtberg on a seven-yard scoring pass to break a 7-7 tie in the fourth quarter and boost the Saxons to the hard-fought win over the Hornets.

Langley had a huge game running the football in that contest as well as Mun, who opened the game's scoring with a one yard touchdown run in the first quarter, finished with 161 yards rushing on 34 attempts. Vasiliadis added 65 yards on 16 carries. Defensively, senior outside linebacker/strong safety Marcus Harvey recorded a couple of sacks for Langley.

Langley head coach John Howerton was pleased with the play of his offensive line and the way the Saxons came off the ball.

“We were blocking real well,” said Howerton, of the Herndon game. “We had 25 [blocking] knockdowns.”

Surprisingly, it marked the first time in Howerton's nine years as head coach that Langley won its season opener.

“It was a big win for us and set the tone. Unfortunately for us, we've had some pretty tough openers [over the years],” said Howerton, who recalled season opener games versus such annual region powers as Robinson, Chantilly, and Lake Braddock twice each, and Westfield once.

Langley's offense, which in recent years utilized a prolific passing attack behind former standout quarterback Braden Ander-

son, is an option style team this season with the athletic Vasiliadis behind center. The offense is similar to what coach Howerton utilized years ago when he was head coach at West Potomac High.

“He had some nice runs,” said Howerton, of his quarterback's outing versus Herndon. “He had one 50 or 60 yarder called back because of a clip. He's an athlete with quick feet. [The option] gives us something people will have to prepare for. It opens things up. We'll continue to use it. At West Potomac that was our main attack.”

LAST YEAR for Langley, Vasiliadis, a 5-11, 175-pound senior, played a wideout position on offense and cornerback on defense. He also returned kicks for the Saxons. He did get some repetitions at quarterback during practices in 2010.

This year he is in charge of the team's offense. But Langley running success, with Vasiliadis running the option, will be greatly dependent on the Saxons' offensive line. Thus far, the line has been extremely impressive. One of Langley's top linemen is Howerton's son, Jack, a key two-way player for the team. Jack plays right guard on offense and plays at tackle on defense. He is tremendously strong, having broken the program's weight lifting records in both bench press (430 pounds) and squat (630). At 6-2 and 310 pounds, the young Howerton is a force on the field.

“He works real hard,” said John Howerton.

Howerton's squad will face 2-0 Chantilly at home this Friday night at 7:30. The Chargers are coming off a week two win over defending Div. 5 region champion Stone Bridge.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

Jimmy Lange, the popular local pro boxer from Great Falls, knocked opponent Raul ‘El Toro’ Munoz down three times in the sixth round to notch a technical knockout win and take possession of the World Boxing Union's (WBU) vacant 154-pound championship. The victory bout, which took place last Saturday night, brings Lange's record to 37-4-2, 24 knockouts, while Munoz falls to 22-15-1, 16 knockouts. It was Lange's 13th headliner show at the Patriot Center on the George Mason University campus.

In the fourth round Lange began to gain control and a solid right to Munoz' chin in the fifth was the turning point. In the sixth round Lange came off the ropes and caught Munoz with a left hook for the first knockdown of the round. He ended up knocking Munoz down two more times before the fight was stopped.

“I did not think a lot of things were working early for me,” said Lange. “I was going to the body and using my jab but I don't think I hurt him at all early. I think in the fourth round things started to turn for me.”

Johnny Lange, Jimmy's father/manager, said his son stuck to his boxing plan.

“I thought it was a great fight and that Jimmy followed his plan and set up Raul,” he said. “I also want to thank a lot of people who have helped Jimmy get here tonight.”

Jimmy Lange sensed he was beginning to gain control of the fight several rounds into the match.

“I thought I was gradually wearing him down and maybe could get him in the seventh or eighth round,” said Lange. “But in the sixth I caught him with a left hook for the first knockdown and I don't think he ever really recovered.”

NoVa West Lacrosse is accepting registrations for the 2011 Indoor Lacrosse League which opens play Oct. 7. The league is accepting both team and individual registrations. Space is limited so register soon. Go to <http://www.novawestlax.com/NWILL>. The league is held indoors at the Purcellville Sports Pavilion.

The 27th Annual Mayor's Cup Golf Tournament is set to take place on Tuesday, Oct. 11 at the Herndon Centennial Municipal Golf Course, located at 909 Ferndale Ave. in Herndon. There will be a ‘meet and greet’ beginning at noon and tee-off will be a 12:30 p.m. with a shotgun start. The 18-hole Captain's Choice format, followed by the annual barbecue at 5:15, is designed to provide everyone from the most experienced golfer to the weekend hacker an opportunity to share in the play.

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OBITUARY

Arsalan Hakimi, 67. On September 8, 2011, our beloved departed this life suddenly and flew to his final destination. A devoted father, a loving husband, a gentle grandfather, a caring brother and a loyal friend, Arsalan brightened our daily lives with his kindness, optimism and tender smile.

Arsalan was born in Iran. He graduated from the Iran Banking Institute and became a divisional director at the Central Bank of Iran. Arsalan had a profound love for adventure, and spent much of his time leading hiking and skiing expeditions throughout Iran's rocky mountains. He enjoyed coaching children's tennis, Persian poetry, and entertaining loved ones with his guitar and his serene voice. Love of humanity was the tenet by which Arsalan lived his life. He was a true role model, and his legacy will continue to inspire us all.

Arsalan will forever live in the hearts of his loving wife Shokouh Mobasher, daughter Tina (Hakimi) Moazami, son Sam Hakimi, son-in-law Bijan Moazami, grandchildren Cyrus and Darius Moazami, and countless family members and friends.

We will celebrate Arsalan's life and bid farewell on Thursday, September 15, at 11:00 am, at National Funeral Home, 7482 Lee Highway, Falls Church, VA 22042.

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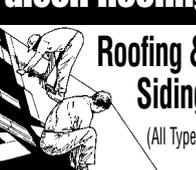


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A Cut Above— And Across



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Even though I heard first what I eventually saw, it was still an extremely pleasant sight to see: one of my neighbors, chain saw in hand, cutting through a tree that had fallen across our driveway (care of Hurricane Irene), blocking our cars' exit, rendering us somewhat trapped. Nevertheless, aside from this crossing and miscellaneous other non-threatening tree and branch damage in our yard, we experienced minimal effect and even less inconvenience, other than losing our cable service (television and computer) for a few days. Overall, we endured the Hurricane fairly well, fortunately.

Living in a 250-year-old log cabin surrounded by trees presumably just as old, storms such as these, however, long ago stopped being a source of curiosity and bemusement. The combination of a saturated ground and high winds – before, during and after the torrential rains fell, gives me pause, not to refresh, but rather to worry if this time, our house will be hit by a 100-foot Maple. Given the age and number of trees on our property, the sound of cracking branches, breaking limbs and trees toppling to the ground has hardly been uncommon during our 19-year residence. Only once though, has a tree actually landed on our house, fortunately with minor damages. Still, having experienced it once hardly prevents it from happening again. The law of averages doesn't exactly work in determining the likelihood of a tree falling on our house. In fact, in my mind, it's only a matter of time. It's inevitable, given the nature – of nature, that one day, probably sooner than later, the next sound I hear will be either my wife or myself screaming while staring at a fallen tree – in our living room.

Until that day comes, I can only anticipate the disruption and consider what preemptive "proaction" I could take. I suppose someone with the other half a brain that I don't have could easily plan for such an occurrence and purchase the necessary tools of the trade to circumvent – and presumably prevent, what many homeowners – other than me, consider their primary responsibility: property damage.

However, I have so little experience and even less training and instincts in such matters that when a situation arises that requires a homeowner to act without consulting the manual, the half a brain that I possess doesn't quite know what to do. I simply hope for the best and try not to worry about the worst. (Oddly enough, as I sit and write this column about gratitude and trees falling, my philosophy seems to mirror my attitude toward my having cancer: control what you can, don't worry about what you can't; try to think positively, know your limitations/don't take on more than you can handle, and always be grateful for the assistance and understanding of others and most importantly, don't be afraid to ask for that understanding and assistance.)

Today, my neighbors, the Darlings, went above and beyond the call of neighborly duty: seeking us out to solve our problem. Though I am not in any kind of distress due to the cancer, I am nonetheless compromised a bit by its hold on me; not so much emotionally, but physically for sure. Moreover, problem solving doesn't seem to happen as instinctively as it once did. As such, before I could even begin to stress over our "tree-dicament," I heard the "most respected tool in the homeowner's arsenal:" the chainsaw whirring away up our driveway. And when I walked outside to inquire further to see who had come to our aid, I saw my neighbor Allan doing for me what I can no longer do for myself: manual labor and heavy lifting. What a wonderful sight! Thanks again for your help. It is most appreciated.

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

Rick Santorum Speaks at Great Falls Rotary

Presidential candidate Rick Santorum spoke at the Rotary Club of Great Falls meeting held at the River Bend Golf & Country Club on Sept. 1. Santorum, born in Winchester, Va. and currently a Great Falls resident, previously served in the U.S. House and Senate representing Pennsylvania. Since leaving the Senate in 2006, he has, among other things, practiced law and served as a commentator on the FOX News Channel.

Santorum shared his vision for the United States, one based on strong conservative values.

He addressed the tensions between government regulation and individual freedoms, referring to his Italian ancestors and drawing distinctions between more activist European governments and the more individual-oriented ideals of our Founding Fathers. He cited the Declaration of Independence as a seminal "how to" document for American democracy, and emphasized family values as a core element of America's successful development.



Presidential candidate Rick Santorum, a Great Falls resident, shared his vision for the United States.

When asked about what he would do to address the economy and jobs, Santorum called for the repeal of the Health Care Legislation and highlighted the need to reduce corporate tax burdens on manufacturers and on profits currently held by corporations overseas.

Referring to the mining and manufacturing industries in Pennsylvania, he also noted a need for renewed investment in manufacturing jobs to begin closing the widening income gap in America.

Santorum, the only candidate in the field to have defeated three democratic incumbents, remains optimistic about his chances going forward. More information is available on his website at www.ricksantorum.com.

The Rotary Club of Great Falls comprises area leaders from a wide array of professions in the private and public sectors, united in a commitment to give back to their communities. The Club meets at the River Bend Golf & Country Club on Thursdays at 7:30 a.m.

Roads, Bridges Damage Could be \$10 Million

Virginia Department of Transportation crews continue to assess road and bridge damage in northern Virginia from Tropical Storm Lee, which destroyed three bridges on secondary roads and damaged pavement on dozens of roads.

"Our initial assessment indicates that there could be up to \$10 million in damages to bridges and roads in Fairfax County," said Garrett Moore, VDOT District Administrator for northern Virginia. "We will make repairs as quickly as possible. We could even see more pavement and slope failures in the coming days, in addition to potholes."

By the end of the weekend, VDOT engineers completed assessments on more than 200 bridges. Three bridges in Fairfax County were destroyed and will be replaced with temporary structures:

- ❖ Lorton Road over Giles Run will be temporarily replaced within two months. The posted detour route will be a little more than eight miles long. This road carries about 6,000 vehicles a day.

- ❖ Beach Mill Road over Nichols Branch will be temporarily replaced within six weeks. Beach Mill Road carries about 1,700 vehicles a day. The posted detour will be approximately six miles long.

- ❖ Towlston Road will be temporarily replaced within six weeks. This road carries about 350 vehicles a day, and the posted detour will be approximately two and a half miles long.

Plans were already underway to permanently replace each bridge that was damaged by the flooding. Construction for the permanent bridges on Beach Mill Road and Towlston Road is scheduled to begin in 2012, and a Fairfax County project for relocating Lorton Road, which includes a new bridge over Giles Run, is scheduled to begin in 2013.

In addition to the three locations above, the following roads are also reported closed



This bridge on Beach Mill Road will be temporarily replaced within six weeks.

as of Monday morning, Sept. 12 (all are in Fairfax County):

- ❖ Sunrise Valley Drive eastbound between Glade Drive and Mercator Drive
- ❖ Hillside Road (both directions) between Moverly Court and Cameo Square
- ❖ Essex Avenue (both directions) at Middlesex Avenue
- ❖ Miller Road (both directions) at Westhurst Lane
- ❖ Hunter Mill Road (both directions) between Crowell Road and Chamberlain Drive
- ❖ Walker Road (both directions) between

Colvin Run Road and Walker Mill Road

For the most updated listing of road conditions by county, including major and secondary road closures, call 511 or visit www.511virginia.org and click on Road Conditions. Northern Virginia traffic information is also available on Twitter @511northernva.

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