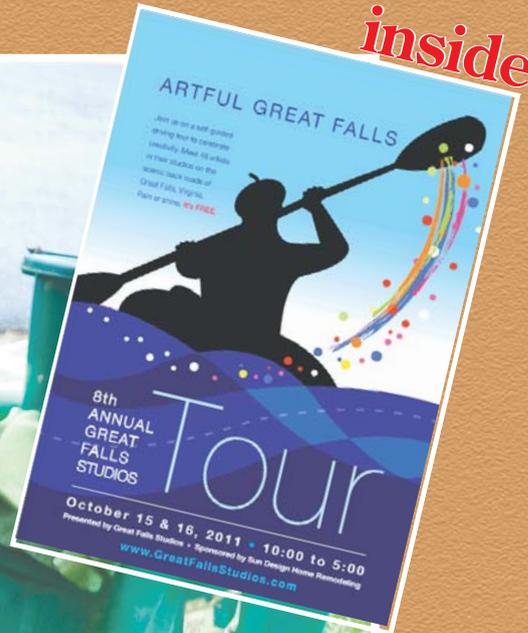


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Ainsley Pilant, 2, examines a tortoise and a rabbit, part of the petting zoo at the St. Francis Country Fair Saturday, Oct.

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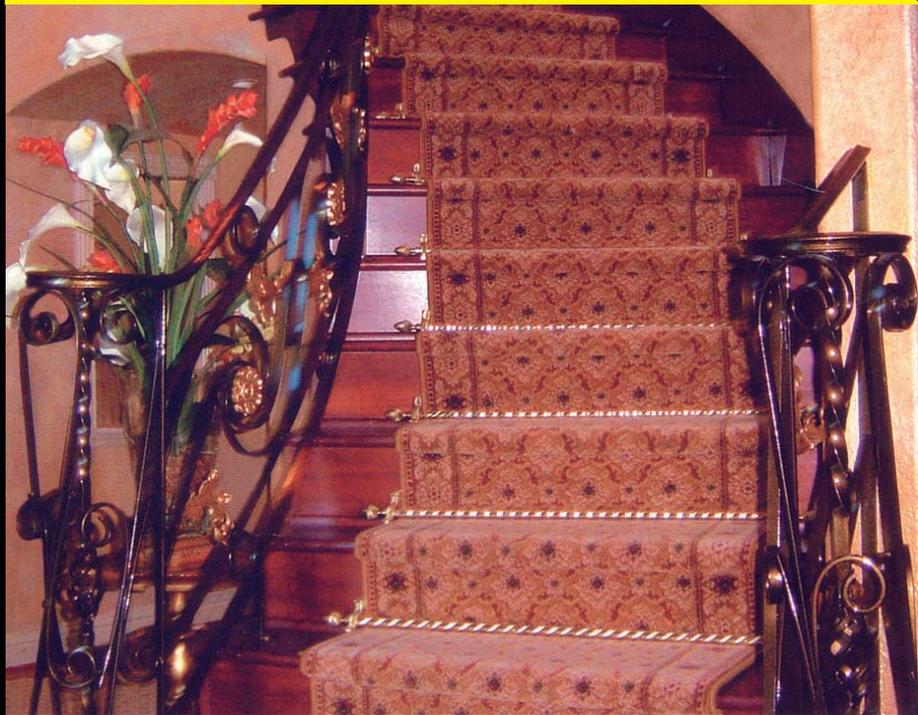
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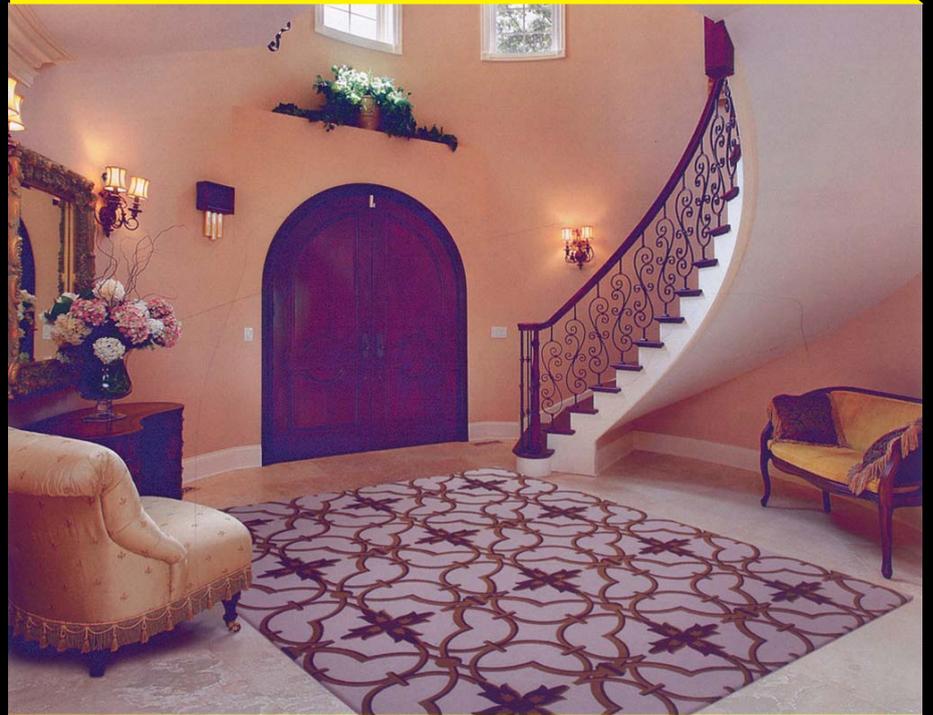
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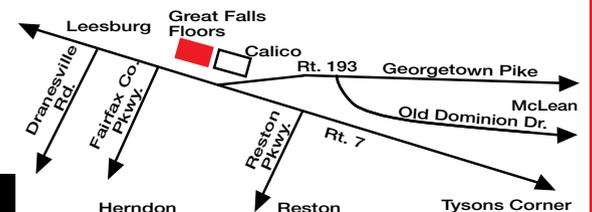
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St. Francis Hosts Country Fair

Annual event features book and clothing sale, petting zoo, children's games.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Though Saturday, Oct. 1, was filled with rain and cold winds, it didn't stop hundreds of people from going to the annual country fair at St. Francis Episcopal Church. For Adrienne Lietzsch, 7, the fair helped her answer a question she's had for a long time.

"We learned about the Tortoise and the Hare at school, and now we can see them in person," she said, referring to the petting zoo that featured a large tortoise and a rabbit together in the same pen. "The story told us that the tortoise would win, but that can't be true. This turtle barely moves while the rabbit is jumping all over the place."

While Lietzsch figured out the truth behind the fable, other children spent their time at a variety of games, such as a giant slingshot, a beanbag toss, "fishing" in a child's pool and more.

"The slingshot was the best thing here by far," said Joel Erskine, 11, who took a few tries to knock down the wooden pumpkins by flinging whiffle balls from the slingshot that was almost taller than he is. "Those balls make it tough to aim though. You never know when they're going to catch the wind just right and send the ball flying away."

While the younger visitors at the fair were content with braving the elements, there was plenty available for those who chose to stay dry. A quilt show, silent auction and children's arts and crafts were all available in the church.

The quilts were draped over few and rafters in the church, creating colorful decorations in every direction. Many of the quilts

were made by local quilters, while a display at the front of the church featured 20 quilts that are part of this year's Hoffman Challenge, an annual traveling arts collection. Quilts in that collection are from award-winning quilters across the country.

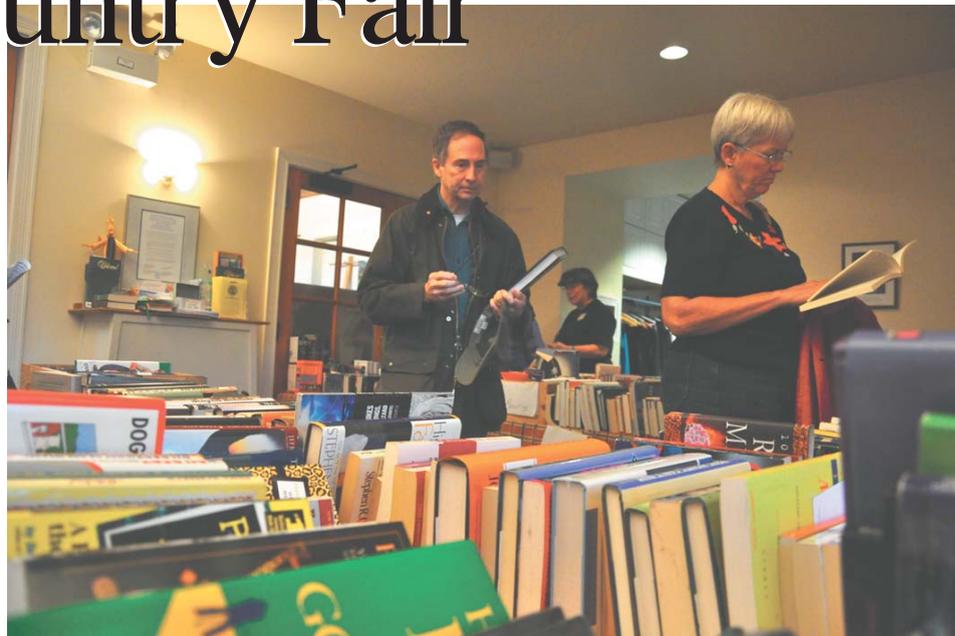
"The quilts really made for a beautiful display in the church, it was fascinating just to walk along each row and read about what inspired the local quilters," said Leeza Armitage of Vienna. "I'm not an expert by any means, but I was really impressed that the local quilts seemed to be right on par with the display of ones from around the country. It's neat to think of all the talent that's within a few miles of here."

Visitors could also browse silent auction items donating from local businesses and individuals, as well as peruse a collection of used books for sale.

"I've been coming here for a number of years because it truly has something for everyone in the family," said Ellen Normandy of Great Falls. "My older kids can look at books and enjoy the live music, and the younger ones can run around, play games, and this year they're welcome to get as muddy as they would like."

Many of those who came to enjoy live music wouldn't be deterred by the rain and wind. While the Difficult Run Jazz Band had to set up under a tent and play their big band music under cover, their fans were right at home dancing out in the open.

"How often can you dance live to big band music these days? I'm not giving up on a chance to do it," said Gail Siemens of McLean. "I even got my granddaughter to dance with me, and this music has been around since I was young. If it takes a little rain to get her to appreciate it, so be it."



Guests browse the used books for sale at the St. Francis Country Fair Saturday, Oct. 1.

PHOTOS BY ALEX MCVEIGH/THE CONNECTION



Alexis Hermes, 13, tries her hand at the giant slingshot at the St. Francis Country Fair Saturday, Oct. 1.



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Great Falls resident Susan Caddick Canis discusses Operation One Voice goals with Laird Canby before his remarks at the Old Brogue.

Residents Support Soldiers, Veterans

Military Appreciation Monday hosts Operation One Voice.

Great Falls residents gathered on Monday, Sept. 28, to hear from and lend their support to Operation One Voice (OOV), a nonprofit organization that meets the immediate needs of the families of wounded and fallen Special Operations Forces (SOF) soldiers.

Speaking at the Old Brogue that evening was Laird Canby, a board member of Operation One Voice, who came to Great Falls that day from his home in Georgia to make the presentation. OOV is comprised of unpaid volunteers with little overhead, assur-

ing that donations go to the cause.

Operation One Voice was designed by Duluth, Ga., police officers, fire fighters and community leaders. It was founded not long after Sept. 11, 2001 to honor those who took the fight overseas and help them when needed here at home.

Since its founding, Operation One Voice has provided roughly \$465,000 to nearly 1,800 SOF families throughout the United States and abroad.

Services rendered include post secondary education for children, rental cars for spouses visiting wounded family members, continued education for spouses, specialized bikes for rehabilitation of wounded, and holiday support for needing families.

OOV seeks to take care of those things that fall through the cracks that other nonprofits will not or cannot cover. Most of the

dollars raised come from donations, and grassroots events, such as golf tournaments, concerts, bike rides, appreciation dinners, and raffles.

Each year on Veterans Day, an OOV sponsored Honor Run, dedicated to a fallen SOF soldier, is held from Duluth, Ga., to MacDill Air force Base outside Tampa, Fla. Part of OOV's awareness efforts, soldiers, police and community leaders run a leap frog type format until the 650 miles is covered.

Canby spoke at a monthly program known as Military Appreciation Mondays, which met at the Old Brogue and sponsored by local resident Bob Nelson. A wide range of Great Falls residents and businesses co-sponsor the dinners; in addition, a portion of each diner's receipt is donated to the fea-

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Dranesville Candidates Debate

Louise Epstein challenges incumbent Janie Strauss.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Dranesville School Board representative Janie Strauss will face her first opponent in more than 10 years this Nov. 8 in FAIRGRADE co-founder Louise Epstein. While Strauss said her almost two decades on the board speak for themselves, Epstein said it's time for a change.

Epstein practiced law for 15 years. She co-founded FAIRGRADE, an organization dedicated to reforming Fairfax County grading scales and served as president of the Thomas Jefferson High School Parent Teacher-Student Association and budget chair for the Fairfax Education Coalition and McLean High School PTSA.

"I'm running to make sure that we do a better job of allocating our \$2.2 billion a year budget, so that more of it reaches our classrooms," she said. "I want to make sure our area, the Dranesville District, is adequately represented on the School Board



From left, Dranesville School Board representative candidates Louise Epstein and Janie Strauss state their platforms at McLean High School Monday, Sept. 26.

... If elected, I will not vote year after year for budgets that shortchange our children here in Dranesville."

Strauss has served for 18 years on the School Board and is the current chair. Her tenure also includes 10 terms as the board's

budget chair. She was elected as an at-large member in 1991, and as the Dranesville representative in 1995. She previously taught at Country Day School in McLean, and as the PTA president of Franklin Sherman Elementary School.

Joint Appearances

OCT. 25: The Grange, 9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, 7 p.m.

OCT. 27: Herndon High School, 700 Bennett St., Herndon, 7 p.m.

"For the past 18 years, I have fought to ensure that our students receive a world-class education, I am proud of my record," she said. "I brought full-day kindergarten to all Dranesville schools. It was the right thing to do for our 5-year olds. I promised our teachers they would receive a salary increase and I've been true to my promise. This year they will get a much deserved 3.5 percent pay increase. We cannot keep quality in the classroom unless we can attract and keep the very best teachers."

Strauss said much was accomplished while schools faced the economic realities of the past few years.

"We had to make tough decisions with budget shortfalls. Since FY2007, enrollment has increased by 8 percent, school-based staffing has increased by 4.5 percent, central office has decreased by 7.5 percent," she said. "Central office expenses are also at a 10-year low, so we can direct our resources to the classroom."

The new School Board will be tasked with appointing a successor to current superintendent Jack Dale upon his retirement in June 2013. Epstein said she would like to see an overhaul in the process, which she

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Roll Top Observatory Dedicated at Turner Farm Park

Working in partnership with the Analemma Society, and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, the Park Authority Board is helped develop a park and observatory at Turner Farm in Great Falls, which was dedicated Saturday, Sept. 24.

This is the only observatory in the Park Authority. Guests gathered for the celebration under cloudy skies and cut a symbolic ribbon.

This section of the park was previously owned by the U.S. Government and used by the Army Defense Mapping Agency for an assortment of functions including NIKE missile monitoring and other radar functions.

The observatory building is a converted radar tower. Programs are already in full swing at the site with the Analemma Society hosting viewings of the night sky in Observatory Park on Friday evenings. The Analemma Society has plans to promote science education through astronomy in the Northern Virginia area.

The Park Authority has currently completed roll top observatory renovations, considered to be the first phase of a multi-phase improvement and expansion program. For more information about the Analemma Society visit online www.analemma.org

Great Falls UMC to Host Annual Fall Bazaar and Barbecue Dinner

Great Falls United Methodist Church will hold its annual Fall Bazaar on Saturday, Oct. 22. It will feature handmade crafts, children's activities, gently used books and CD's, gift baskets, jewelry, bake sale, and Christmas ornaments.

Bazaar merchants will also sell apple butter and funnel cakes. The youth group will be holding a yard sale to benefit its mission trips.

A barbecue dinner will be served between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. (take-out available until 7 p.m.) and will include a pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, cole slaw, dessert, and beverage for \$10. The yard sale and bazaar will be from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

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Supporting Military at Old Brogue

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tured nonprofit.
Canby announced that Operation One Voice was establishing a special fund in honor of the late Tom Caddick, a major fund-raiser and supporter of the

nonprofit, and the brother of Great Falls resident Susan Caddick Canis.

For more information on Operation One Voice, go to www.OperationOneVoice.org; for more information on Military Appreciation Mondays, contact Bob Nelson at bob@bobnelsonsteam.com.

MILITARY NOTES

Army Pfc. **Bo J. Buffkin** has graduated from the Basic Field Artillery Cannon Crewmember Advanced Indi-

vidual Training course at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.
He is the son of Mark D. and Beverly

J. Buffkin of Huntover Court in McLean, and a 2008 graduate of Langley High School.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF THE APPLICATION OF WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY FOR APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT THE SAVE RIDER FOR 2012 CASE NO. PUE-2011-00101

On September 1, 2011, Washington Gas Light Company ("WGL" or "Company") filed its application ("Application") for approval of the SAVE Rider for 2012 ("2012 SAVE Rider") as required by the Commission's April 21, 2011, Order approving WGL's SAVE Plan. The Company states that it estimates expenditures totaling \$29,754,000 during 2012 that will be allocated among the four SAVE Plan projects approved by the Commission. WGL estimates that the 2012 SAVE Rider will add \$6.43 to a typical residential customer's bill.

In Case No. PUE-2010-00087, the Commission approved WGL's overall SAVE Plan pursuant to Chapter 26 of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia ("Code") (§§ 56-603 et seq. - Steps to Advance Virginia's Energy (SAVE) Plan ("SAVE Act")). WGL states that the SAVE Act provides for the recovery of the costs of replacing gas utility infrastructure not otherwise recovered through rates previously approved by the Commission or through revenues from new customers who connect to the utility. Under its SAVE Plan as approved by the Commission, the Company expects to recover approximately \$116.5 million in anticipated expenditures for the replacement of facilities over a five-year period (2010-2014). WGL's SAVE Plan includes the following categories of eligible infrastructure replacement projects: (1) Bare and Unprotected Steel Service Replacement Program; (2) Bare and Unprotected Steel Main Replacement Program; (3) Mechanically Coupled Pipe Replacement Program; and (4) Enhancement of Optimize Decision Support Computer Program.

The SAVE Act authorizes eligible infrastructure replacement costs to be recovered through a SAVE rider, which, according to WGL's Application, is included in a separate line item on customers' bills labeled "All Applicable Riders." The Company states that the 2012 SAVE Rider will be applied to meter readings beginning with the January 2012 billing cycle. Additionally, WGL states that, in accordance with § 56-604 F of the SAVE Act, "the Company will re-set the SAVE Rider for 2012 to reflect eligible infrastructure replacement costs that are incorporated in base rates, following the issuance of the Commission's Final Order in the Company's current pending rate proceeding, Case No. PUE-2010-00139."

A public hearing on the Application shall be convened at 10 a.m. on November 1, 2011, in the Commission's Courtroom, Second Floor, Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, VA 23219, to receive into the record the testimony of public witnesses and the evidence of the Company, any respondents, and the Commission Staff. Any person desiring to testify as a public witness should appear at the hearing location fifteen (15) minutes before the starting time on the day of the hearing and contact the Commission's Bailiff. Individuals with disabilities who require an accommodation to participate in the hearing should contact the Commission at least seven (7) days before the scheduled hearing date at 1-800-552-7945 (voice) or 1-804-371-9206 (TDD).

The Company's Application, the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, and all documents filed in Case No. PUE 2011-00101 may be inspected in the Commission's Document Control Center, Office of the Clerk of the Commission, First Floor, Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, VA 23219, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. The Application, the unofficial text of the Commission's orders, and other materials also may be viewed at the Commission's website at: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.

The Company will provide to interested persons, at no charge, a copy of the Application upon request to counsel to the Company, Meera Ahamed, Esquire, Washington Gas Light Company, 3rd Floor West, 101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20080. The copy of the Application may be provided on electronic storage medium or in electronic form if agreeable to the person making the request.

On or before October 26, 2011, any interested person may file written comments on the Application with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, VA 23218-2118. Interested persons desiring to submit comments electronically may do so on or before October 26, 2011, by following the instructions found on the Commission's website at: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. All comments shall refer to Case No. PUE-2011-00101.

Any person or entity may participate in this proceeding as a respondent as provided by the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, specifically 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent* and the requirements set by the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing entered in this proceeding. On or before October 14, 2011, a respondent must file with the Clerk of the Commission a notice of participation. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of the notice of participation must be submitted to Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, VA 23218-2118. A copy of the notice of participation simultaneously shall be served on counsel to the Company, Meera Ahamed, Esquire, Washington Gas Light Company, 3rd Floor West, 101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20080. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Interested persons shall refer in all of their filed papers to Case No. PUE-2011-00101.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure may be viewed at: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. A printed copy of the Rules of Practice and Procedure and an official copy of the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding may be obtained from Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, VA 23218-2118. All correspondence shall refer to Case No. PUE-2011-00101.

WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY

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THURSDAY/OCT. 6

Workshop for Older Adults with Chronic Health Conditions. 11 a.m. Unitarian Church, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Take control of your medical care and improve your ability to handle the frustration, fatigue, and feelings of hopelessness that often accompany life with a chronic illness. A series of six weekly two-hour workshops. Sponsored by the Fairfax Area Agency on Aging, Elderlink and the Shepherd Center of Oakton/Vienna. 703-281-0538 or eileentarr1@verizon.net.

Chronic Illness Workshop Series. 11 a.m. Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna, 541 Marshall Road, Vienna. First of six weekly workshops for people with chronic conditions and/or their caregivers. Free. DFSPIO@fairfaxcounty.gov.

TUESDAY/OCT. 11

Candidates' Debate. 7 p.m. Great Falls Grange, 9818 Georgetown Pike. Great Falls. Each candidate will give a five-minute presentation followed by paired debates. The 31st Senatorial District has the only local position without an incumbent. bcanis@yahoo.com.

*Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Sharon Bulova vs. Spike Williams.
*Dranesville Supervisor. John Foust vs. Dennis Husch.

*31st Dist. Va. State Senator. Barbara Favola vs. Caren Merrick.
*34th Dist. Va. State Delegate. Barbara Comstock vs. Pamela Danner.

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Leesburg Pike, in the Tysons Corner Marriott. Every Tuesday. 703-862-4895.

Vienna Area AAUW. 7 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Lecture by Dr. Janette Kenner Muir, associate professor at George Mason University, on "Power and Influence in the White House: The Evolving Role of First Ladies." Free, public invited. 703-321-7499.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 12

Candidates Night: State Senate and House of Delegates. 7:30 p.m. Langley High School, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Hosted by the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce. rhjackson@cox.net.

Virginia Chronic Pain Support Group Meeting. 1:30 p.m. at Kaplan Center for Integrative Medicine, 6829 Elm St., Suite 300, McLean. Group leader, Jodi Brayton, LCSW. 703-532-4892.

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group. 7 p.m. Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St., NE, Vienna, VA. A group for anyone with multiple sclerosis, their family and friends. Sponsored by the National Capital Chapter of the MS Society. The group meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Free. 703-768-4841.

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River kayaking is nothing most landlubbers have experienced. The Potomac River is ideal for beginners and intermediate paddlers, with placid upstream excursions to class two challenges and more strenuous currents.

"Kayaking is a different kind of challenge people enjoy because water is a different element," said Ian Buckley, a kayak instructor with Potomac Paddle Sports. "We are used to being able to breathe when you want to, but in kayaking you may have to wait."

Novice kayakers first learn how to roll their boat, and how to hold their breath. Those who plan to tackle more challenging runs train to stay underwater for up to two minutes. The rewards for such training, however, are plentiful.

Quiet morning rides down the Potomac during the fall, equipped with a thermos of hot cider, surrounded by nature, changing leaves and bird watching is a different kind of outdoor adventure.

Ward Morrison, a sea-kayaking instructor who frequents the class two runs at Violette's Lock, enjoys taking the 30-minute drive outside of town to observe the scenery. "There's an immense beauty on the Potomac," said Ward. "It's a real pleasure to be working with nature. You can paddle from flat wa-

ter to class five, anything you are willing to take."

Although basic kayaking takes place well upstream of Great Falls, some find a thrill in tackling the falls itself despite the risk of death.

"There's a natural progression to kayaking. There are progressively harder plays, and then you start

running out of rivers," said Buckley. "Other kayakers will ask what runs you've completed. It's like building a resume. Usually a more experienced friend says you are ready to take on Great Falls."

The Great Falls Park service does not regulate the use of the rapids for kayakers. Despite a lack of regulation, there has not been a single accidental kayaker death since the 1990s.

"We are not experts at kayaking," said Joe Burns, supervisory park ranger for Great Falls and Glen Echo. "We put up regulations once before, but we were shown they were

ridiculous. Kayakers self regulate, and the program works."

Beginners and intermediate kayakers, however, need not worry about taking a crash course on category five rapids. The sensation of doing something different is reason enough to give kayaking a try.

"Kayaking is tough to compare to anything else," said Buckley. "It's just fun, going down a river, you're out there in the morning and maybe you won't see a single person."

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"Kayaking is a different kind of challenge people enjoy because water is a different element"

— Ian Buckley, a kayaking instructor with Potomac Paddle Sports

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OPINION

Northern Virginia Pays Again

Commonwealth reaps economic benefits of Dulles, National airports, forces costs on Northern Virginia residents.

Drivers in Northern Virginia are justifiably concerned about tolls. The cost of driving from Leesburg to Woodbridge on existing and proposed toll roads would run between \$30 and \$40 at some times of the day.

The Greenway in Loudoun leads to the Dulles Toll Road to Beltway HOT Lanes to Interstate 95 Corridor HOT Lanes. In each case, a driver would theoretically have an alternative, Route 7 along the Greenway and Dulles Toll Road, the regular lanes of Interstates 495 and 95.

But recent vitriol about tolls on the Dulles Toll Road is misplaced. This is one more example of the Commonwealth of Virginia feeding on revenues from the economic vitality of Northern Virginia, then forcing Northern Virginia residents to pay for the infrastructure of that economic activity out of local funds and personal pockets.

The Virginia Department of Aviation report

in August attributes \$17.5 billion in annual economic activity in Virginia to Dulles International (IAD) and Ronald Reagan National airports, with Dulles providing the majority of that.

The Commonwealth collects most of the tax revenue that results from this activity, but pays only 3 percent of the \$6.2 billion cost of rail to Dulles. This will force more than 80 percent of the costs of building rail to Dulles to local drivers and property owners.

Having major airports adequately served by rail and other transportation options is more than an amenity, it is part of sustaining the economic benefit that comes from major airports. The question is not whether we should be building rail to Dulles, but about who benefits and who pays.

So yes, it makes sense to pressure MWAA to proceed to make cost-effective decisions. Yes, it is maddening that tolls could climb to the point of pushing drivers off the Toll Road and

onto Route 7.

But when you hear that the state wrapped up last fiscal year with a surplus, you can realize one more time that Northern Virginia residents are paying for the Commonwealth's prosperity coming and going. No relief is in sight. The state collects the income tax from the good jobs generated here in Northern Virginia by the airports, by the high tech firms, by the business innovators, by proximity to the Pentagon and the federal government.

The current funding structure for rail to Dulles, based on a projected total project cost of \$6.2 billion, is:

- ♦ Fairfax County, Loudoun County and Airports Authority contribution, 25 percent (Fairfax County pays most of this, 16 percent)

- ♦ Federal contribution, 14.8 percent, based on a fixed grant for Phase 1 of \$900 million.

- ♦ The Commonwealth contribution, 3 percent, which is based upon a fixed contribution of \$275 million.

- ♦ Dulles Toll Road contribution, more than 57 percent, provides the remaining amount.

And drivers beware, HOT Lanes ahead.

— MARY KIMM

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EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Widening Bridges May Save Lives

To the Editor:

I love Great Falls and would like to preserve its historic nature. I also hate the traffic as much as the next guy, but the time for talking about whether to widen and raise the one-lane bridges needs to change to how soon can we do it.

Expanding and raising the one-lane bridges has literally become a matter of life and death. With the recent flooding in our area, many if not all of the one-lane bridges were closed or completely destroyed due to the flooding water. If that weren't bad enough, the van fire that closed Georgetown Pike was a perfect example of what can happen during an emergency. There was no way for me to return home to help my family deal with flooding. I eventually made it home, but some people were not as lucky and lost their lives trying to get home.

Even on dry days, traffic at the bridges is backed up because they are not wide enough to let the traffic flow. Again, if there is an emergency at home, this extra 5 or 10 minutes could be a matter of life or death.

Please call VDOT today at 1-800-367-7623 and tell them to do their due diligence and expand and

raise the one lane bridges in our area. You can also send them an e-mail at drpt@drpt.virginia.gov.

Widening and raising the bridges would save us money from having to continually repair the bridges and roads from flooding or from snow plows breaking the bolts that hold the planks in place. It would also allow traffic to flow and possibly save your life.

Mark Angolia
Great Falls

Deer Problem

To the Editor:

You can set the clock by the deer in my Miller Heights subdivision in Oakton. About 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., we see them trot by our rear facing bay window and then about 9:30-10 p.m., they can be seen at the top of Blue Roan Road crossing over to Windsong. We have a herd of 11. Our most frequent visitors are a momma and two spotted fawns. It hardly matters the time of day, one must always be watching for multiple deer to leap from the woods onto Fox Mill, Vale, Oakton and Miller roads. Driving through our neighborhood any time of day, you will see deer grazing in someone's lawn.

My son has hit or been hit by two deer, yes, causing several thousands of dollars of car damage and raising our insurance rates. We are thankful that neither

he nor his then girlfriend were uninjured. We saw a van flipping a downhill curve on Oakton Road when Bambi leapt out of the brush. The car was totaled, luckily the driver miraculously was not seriously injured.

I used to have a 22-foot by 18-foot fenced vegetable garden. It became the neighborhood salad plate for the deer until I just plain gave up. Fluttering ribbons, scarecrows, human hair in hosiery, sprinkled dragon's blood, dangling pie plates, motion lights, radio playing were ineffective deterrents.

Also, we have lost several thousands of landscape dollars even though we always bought supposed shrubbery and plantings deer did not eat. Right. With the overpopulation and scarcity of food in late winter, even the bark on trees becomes delectable. We now pay \$80 every two weeks to have a noxious deer repellent sprayed in our yard. It does seem to work. That's more than \$2,000 a year.

Mary Kimm's article ["Overabundance," Connection, Sept. 29-Oct. 5, 2011] suggests there are 25,000 deer in Fairfax County. My guess is that is about 20,000 too many.

I am sick to death of the cost of these deer and the damage they are doing not only to property and potential loss of life but indeed they have now become a terrible

epidemic health hazard due to the spreading of Lyme tick disease. I cannot believe how many people I know are diagnosed with Lyme. My daughter was bitten. Luckily, she had the characteristic bulls-eye marking, and she had successful antibiotic treatment. But not everyone exhibits the bulls-eye, instead the insidious disease sneaks up on them later. It is very debilitating.

How much political correctness has to be borne until the deer are removed. I figure some politician's child or wife has to be killed in a deer collision and then there might be some action. Don't even think to tell me "we are the invaders, the deer were here first" ... look me in the eye and say that when your loved one has joints so excruciating to move that he/she has become a spaced out repository of narcotic painkillers.

Ronniejean Irvin
Oakton

Support for Epstein

To the Editor:

Almost a decade ago, I met Louise Epstein at our children's elementary school. She was always volunteering and seemed to know everyone. Even though our

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LETTERS

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children weren't in the same grade, Louise went out of her way to get to know me and my children. When her daughters went to Longfellow Middle School, Louise asked me to take over her job as the PTA committee chair. Years later, she recognized me at a high school orientation for new students, and immediately recruited me to work on the PTSA's recycling committee.

Louise has always been available to provide me advice and counsel on navigating through the various programs in the Fairfax County Public School system, which can be daunting at times. More importantly, Louise is a good listener. She takes time to listen and understand my issues or concerns before she offers up her suggestions or opinions.

Over the years, I have met many other parents who tell similar stories. Whether they were born in the United States or in another country, Louise is always friendly. No matter how busy she is, Louise makes time to answer our questions. We are all looking forward to seeing her on the School Board, where she will have the ability to do even more good work for our schools.

Christie Man
McLean

Support Merrick, Transportation Change

To the Editor:

I'm tired of sitting in traffic in Northern Virginia. We need to elect new leaders like Caren Merrick (R) who will solve the transportation problems grinding our region to a halt.

Caren Merrick's opponent, Barbara Favola (D), has made a career on the Arlington County Board blocking transportation improvements. She's responsible for the infamous lawsuit designed to stop HOT lanes on Interstate 395. The lawyers on that case got \$2

million and we taxpayers got the bill — and traffic that's worse than ever.

We cannot have partisan politics blocking our transportation projects any longer. We need to elect Caren Merrick to the State Senate.

Laura Scully

Visionary Candidate

To the Editor:

I recently met Louise Epstein [candidate in the Dranesville District for School Board] at a party. Like most of the other parents there, I grew up in another country and did not attend U.S. schools.

Some of the parents spoke about how Louise had gone out of her way to welcome them into their children's schools. She recruited them to work on PTA and other volunteer committees, and made sure that they felt comfortable in their children's schools.

Other parents spoke about how Louise had provided them with great advice about the schools, even though she didn't know them when they first approached her. When they had questions, they called Louise. They considered Louise as their education adviser and advocate, who functioned like their School Board member. At this party, I learned why. I asked Louise about foreign language instruction, that I was not sure what decision to make for my children. Louise listened carefully, explained the different options to me clearly, and gave me the information I needed.

Louise will be a great School Board member. She is not only smart and visionary, but also very approachable. She cares deeply about talking to everyone, no matter what your background is and what kind of children you have. She listens and communicates so well. She works so hard. She will make a huge difference for us.

Yaning Liu
McLean

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Author Carole Orzio Schryber Book Signing. 1 p.m. Caffe Amouri, 107 Church St. N.E., Vienna. McLean resident Schryber will sign copies of her book, "In His Image," about photographer Nicholas Orzio. traci@tatepublishing.com.

Start Your Engines. 10:30 a.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Stories and activities about everything that goes. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-356-0770, TTY: 711.

Lapsit Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Join us for stories, fingerplays and activities. Birth-2 with adult. 703-757-8560, TTY: 711.

Treasured Threes to Fives. 10:30 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Stories and songs. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-938-0405, TTY: 711.

THURSDAY/OCT. 6

Trevor Hall CD Release. 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Big Apple Circus. 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Dulles Town Center, 21100 Dulles Town Circle, Dulles. Performers from around the globe. 888-541-3750 or bigapplecircus.org.

2011 Red Ribbon Gala. 6:30 p.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Jay Fissette, Arlington County Board Member, will be honored at the Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry gala. With Congressman James P. Moran and Caressa Cameron, Miss America 2010. \$135. www.novam.org.

Mother Goose. 10:30 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Stories, songs and fingerplays. Age birth to 23 months with adult. 703-293-6227, TTY: 711.

Learn the basics of the Internet, Word and Excel. 2 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Call for appointment. Adults. 703-242-4020, TTY: 711.

FRIDAY/OCT. 7

VVFD Scrapbooking Weekend. 6 p.m.-12 a.m. Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St. South, Vienna. Dinner available for purchase. Admission \$45-\$55. 703-981-4504 or lisaemerson3@verizon.net.

Big Apple Circus. 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Dulles Town Center, 21100 Dulles Town Circle, Dulles. Performers from around the globe. 888-541-3750 or bigapplecircus.org.

The Wood Brothers with Clay Cook. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$20. www.wolftrap.org.

Friday Afternoon Chess Group. 1 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Players of all levels welcome. No registration



The Fairfax Festival of the Arts will be at Fairfax Corner, 11900 Palace Way, Fairfax, on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 9 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Over 10,000 pieces of art will be for sale, including paintings, sculptures, photographs, jewelry, glass, fiber and ceramic art and more. Admission is free. paragonartevents.com/fairfax2/

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English Conversation Group. 10 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. English conversation group. Adults. 703-938-0405, TTY: 711.

Pokemon League. 3 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Learn and play. Age 5-18. 703-938-0405, TTY: 711.

SATURDAY/OCT. 8

McLean Orchestra. 8 p.m. Oakcrest School, 850 Balls Hill Road, McLean. "Fireworks," conducted by Principal Guest Conductor, J. Ernest Green performing Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture and Symphony No 5. Concertmaster Regino Madrid and Principal Violist Chiara Kingsley Dieguez perform Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante. www.mclean-orchestra.org.

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Chris Smither. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Blues and contemporary roots music. \$25. www.wolftrap.org.

Falls Church Farm Day. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Cherry Hill Park, 312 Park Ave., Falls Church. Hayrides, pony rides, a petting farm, pumpkin painting, scarecrow making, beekeeping, blacksmithing, live music and more. Fee for some activities. 703-248-5171.

Artist's Reception. 6-8 p.m. Applegate Gallery & Custom Framing, 101 Church St. N.W. Suite C, Vienna. "Color Theory" by Ai-Wen Wu Kratz. info@applegateframing.com.

Great Falls Historical Society Civil War Film Festival. 7 p.m. Great Falls Village Green, Great Falls. "Shenandoah" is a 1965 film that presents the Civil war from a Virginia farming family's perspective. "Friendly Persuasion" is a 1956 film that presents the Civil war from an Indiana Quaker family's perspective. www.gfhs.org.

Art Reception. 3-5 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. "Of Men and Women, Families, and Friends..." by Claudia Samper. www.claudiasamper.com.

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Opening of the 37th Season of the Music Friends' Concerts. 3 p.m. Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. With violinist Joshua Brown, pianist Evelyn Mo, oboist Ava Oaxaca and pianist Ryo Kaneko. Reception to follow. Free. 703-620-9535.

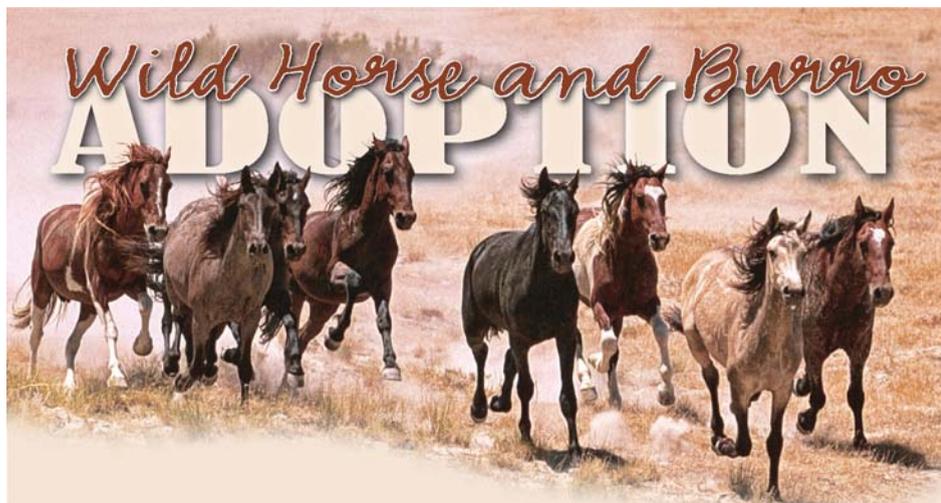
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The Doctor Will See You [Right] Now

Concierge medicine offers greater access to physicians and less time in crowded waiting rooms.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

At one point in her medical career, Dr. Sandy Ibrahim of Fairfax County saw about 25 patients per day. Each patient got less than 15 minutes of her time, even for a physical examination Ibrahim had little time to develop a doctor-patient relationship, which she said is an essential component of quality health care.

"I put out fires the best I could in the time I had," said Ibrahim.

In 2008, Ibrahim joined PartnerMD, a membership medical practice with an office in McLean. She now spends a minimum of 30 minutes with each patient during routine office visits and 90 minutes for a physical exam.

"I can sit with them one-on-one, really listen and learn about them," she said.

Ibrahim is part of a medical trend called concierge medicine. Here's how it works: patients join a concierge medical practice by paying a membership fee that typically ranges from \$900 to \$3,600. In exchange, they avoid long waits in crowded waiting rooms and spend more time with their physician during office visits. Their physical exams are more thorough than in many traditional practices and include in-depth screenings and tailored education for disease prevention. Same-day or next-day appointments are also common. In practices such as PartnerMD, patients even have 24/7 access to the physicians and medical staff, including their doctor's cell phone number and e-mail address.

"Patients [are not] just another medical chart," said Ibrahim. "Because I have more time to devote to each patient, I can dig deeper into their symptoms."

Tom Blue, executive director of American Academy of Private Physicians, said that annual exams in a concierge medical practice are more likely to provide early detection of diseases, which can lead to more successful treatments.

"[Concierge medical practices] are able to deliver a more current and modern ap-

proach particularly to disease prevention than traditional practices [in part] because [the services] don't hinge on what isn't reimbursed [by insurance companies]," said Blue. Most concierge practices accept insurance, and the membership fee is specifically for services that are not covered.

Blue said that although no official tracking of concierge practices is available in the Washington, D.C., area, he estimated that there about 200. Among the largest and most well-known companies offering such services are MDVIP and Privia Health.

"We have so much more paperwork to do because of the insurance companies. Unfortunately, some of the doctor-patient relationship gets lost."

— Dr. Janice Ragland, MD, Herndon Family Medicine



In a concierge medical practice, patients pay a membership fee ranging from \$900 to \$3,600. In exchange, they avoid long waits in crowded waiting rooms and spend more time with their physician during visits.

Concierge medical practices offer benefits for doctors, too, like a caseload reduction from as many as 3,000 to as few as 600 patients. Dr. Janice Ragland, M.D., a family practice physician with Herndon Family Medicine and former president of the Virginia Academy of Family Physicians says that fewer patients mean a stronger doctor-patient relationship.

"We have so much more paperwork to do because of the insurance companies," said Ragland, who has chosen to remain in a traditional practice. "Unfortunately,



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Dr. M. Anthony Casolaro of Virginia Hospital in Arlington says executive health clinics allow patients to get efficient, personalized attention and early detection of diseases, which can lead to more successful treatments.

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The salary of family physicians, who are among the lowest-paid doctors, can increase when they transition to a concierge practice. "Often [doctors] have extremely significant debt that they've incurred through medical school, and they are looking at how they can make the amount of money they need to pay their bills off," said Ragland.

Concierge medicine came about in 1996, but the focus on finding innovative strategies to improve doctor-patient relationships is much older. In 1948, executive health programs emerged as a way to benefit both patient and physician. Since that time, other executive health clinics have sprouted up around the country including locally at Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington.

"We need to figure out ways to make the clinician's life more rewarding, and this is one of them."

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Like in concierge practices, patients pay a fee to join and get extensive, personalized physical examinations that include tests running the gamut from electrocardiograms and stress tests to CT scans and bone density tests. The tests are all performed in one appointment, and the doctor delivers the results to the patient at the end of the session.

"They do in one [visit] what you would need four or five visits to different physicians to accomplish," said Dr. M. Anthony Casolaro, M.D., medical director of Executive Health at Virginia Hospital in Arlington.

While concierge services replace tradi-

tional primary care doctors, executive health services are meant to work in concert with a primary care doctor. Rates at Executive Health at Virginia Hospital in Arlington start at \$2,200.

"It is really designed for people [for whom] time is [the] biggest constraint," said Casolaro.

One such person is Marc Wallace, an Arlington business owner who says he was dissatisfied with the hurried pace of the physical examinations he received from his primary care doctor. At the suggestion of a friend, he tried Executive Health at Virginia Hospital Center.

"I was able to ask [the doctor] any questions and not feel pressured like he had to run off to see somebody else quickly," said Wallace.

Some health care experts say that such personalized services cater to the elite and put additional stress on an already overburdened health care system. Baby Boomers

begin turning 65 this year and will require increased medical care. At the same time, the American Academy of Family Physicians says the number of medical students entering family practice is declining, with the current environment driving them into subspecialties like radiology and anesthesiology.

"The med student who is choosing family practice

now is pretty much in the single digits per year," said Len Nichols, Ph.D., director of the Center for Health Policy Research and Ethics at George Mason University. "We're not even replacing the [family practice doctors] we have, and we don't have enough now."

Nichols said the field of concierge medicine is not yet large enough to pose a serious threat to the health care system. In fact, he said there are aspects of the model that health policy experts would be wise to emulate. "I certainly wouldn't want to nip this innovation in the bud," he said. "We need to figure out ways to make the clinician's life more rewarding, and this is one of them."

ENTERTAINMENT

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Genealogy Databases. 2 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Search for ancestors using the library's genealogy databases and more. Adults. 703-293-6227, TTY: 711.

English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-293-6227, TTY: 711.

Fairfax Bibliophiles Book Collecting Group. 7:30 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Topic of discussion to be decided. Adults. 703-293-6227, TTY: 711.

Tuesday Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Stories, songs and activities. Age 1-2 with adult. 703-790-8088, TTY: 711.

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, TTY: 711.

Practice Your English. 6:30 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-790-8088, TTY: 711.

One-on-One Computer Tutoring. 3 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Learn the basics of the Internet, Word and Excel. Call for appointment. Adults. 703-242-4020, TTY: 711.

Money Matters. 7:15 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Explore the importance of

money and the economy. Monthly group discussion focuses on personal finance and investing. Adults. 703-242-4020, TTY: 711.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 12

An Evening With The Duhks. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

India Calling: Returning to my Parents' India. 7 p.m. Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Meet Anand Giridharadas, author of India Calling and columnist for the New York Times. 703-293-6227, TTY: 711.

Fall Frolics. 10:30 a.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Rhymes, stories and songs. Age 2-3 with adult. 703-356-0770, TTY: 711.

Toddler Tales. 10:30 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Stories and activities for you and your toddler. Age 2-3 with adult. 703-242-4020, TTY: 711.

Sam Bush. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. A fusion of bluegrass with jazz, rock, reggae and more. \$35. www.wolftrap.org.

THURSDAY/OCT. 13

Todd Wright & Friends: A Retrospective featuring members of the Excentrics, The Getaway Car and West Goes East. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Toddler Time. 10:30 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Stories, songs, fingerplays and other activities. Age

2-3 with adult. 703-293-6227, TTY: 711.

One-on-One Computer Tutoring. 2 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Learn the basics of the Internet, Word and Excel. Call for appointment. Adults. 703-242-4020, TTY: 711.

Enter the Haggis. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. A Canadian indie/Celtic-rock world-fusion band. \$20. www.wolftrap.org.

FRIDAY/OCT. 14

HoneyHoney and Joshua James. 6:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

"Auntie Mame." 7:30 p.m. James Lee Community Center Theater, 2855 Annandale Road, Fall Church. An eccentric aunt introduces her nephew to a life of madcap parties, silly escapades and more. \$128 adults, \$15 students and seniors. www.providenceplayers.org or 703-425-6782.

Friday Afternoon Chess Group. 1 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Players of all levels welcome. No registration necessary. All ages. 703-757-8560, TTY: 711.

English Conversation Group. 10 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. English conversation group. Adults. 703-938-0405, TTY: 711.

Pokemon League. 3 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Learn and play. Age 5-18. 703-938-0405, TTY: 711.

The Ahn Trio: BraziliAHN. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Chamber music. \$40. www.wolftrap.org.

FAITH NOTES

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

Oakton United Methodist Church, 2951 Chain Bridge Road in Oakton, will cancel services on Sunday, Oct. 2 to participate in Faith in Action (FIA), a four-week ministry that invites Christians to mobilize and "Be the Church," by practicing their faith in a way that uniquely serves their immediate community. Many members of Oakton UM Church will serve at local agencies helping persons and households affected by poverty and other life transitions. Sponsored by three Christian organizations, World Vision, Outreach and Zondervan, FIA culminates in a community outreach Sunday where regular services are cancelled and the entire congregation engages in service projects in, and with, the community. The program also helps Christians invite members of their community to join in serving. The theme for Oct. 2 will be "Don't go to church: Be the church!" oaktonumc.org.

Epiphany United Methodist Church, 1014 Country Club Drive, N.E. in Vienna, is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a special worship service on Sept. 25 at 11 a.m. Reserve by Sept. 10 for luncheon after services. office@epiphanyumc.com or 703-938-3494.

The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA) offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. www.jssa.org/growth-learning.

HAVEN of Northern Virginia offers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly basis. Contact 703-941-7000 or www.havenofnova.org for schedules and registration information.

McLean Bible Church Fitness Class at Body & Soul Fitness. Balance is key, energy is renewed and strength is gained. 9:45 a.m. Mondays and Fridays. Free childcare for registered students. bodyandsoul@mcleanbible.org.

Vajrayogini Buddhist Center offers ongoing classes on meditation and Buddhist philosophy, Mondays at 7 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. \$10 per class. 202-331-2122 or www.meditation-dc.org.

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, 1830 Kirby Road in McLean. The third Sunday service every month at 10:15 a.m. allows children to play active roles in the music and as greeters and ushers. Traditional services are every Sunday at 8:15 and 10:15 a.m.

Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. in Vienna, presents the 12-week program "Passages," for those experiencing separation or divorce. The DivorceCare series meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Cost of materials \$20, scholarships available. 703-938-9050 or Passages@ViennaPres.org.

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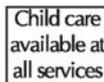


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Dranesville Candidates' Forum

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said would hopefully result in a more accessible superintendent.

"We need a superintendent that is more responsive to parents and teachers," she said. "If you like the last two superintendents and how they worked out, then voting for my opponent might make sense. If you feel like it's time for a change and a different kind of superintendent, you might want one on the School Board as well."

Strauss said the new superintendent must be committed to working with the community.

"We need a superintendent that has to be able to build partnerships, long partnerships, expectations are high and they should be," she said. "A superintendent has to be able to work from the ground up, not the top down."

Class sizes in Dranesville are currently the largest in the county. Both Epstein and Strauss said reducing them is a priority and Strauss said once more funding becomes available, reducing class size will one of the first things the money is used for.

"The first thing we need to buy back is reduced class size," she said. "We need to get back to where we were before the recession. As money becomes available, I would like to put those additional resources back into the schools with larger class sizes first."

However, Epstein said that it is possible under current conditions.

"When you look back and compare class sizes in this area to class sizes in the county as a whole, in-

cluding Haycock, Springvale, Colvin Run, Churchill, Forestville [elementary schools], those schools have much larger class sizes than the average school in Fairfax County," she said "We need to take money out of central headquarters, because you look at statistics on the Fairfax County website, you'll see that between 2004 and 2011 total spending on central departments net budget cost increased by 23 percent, while the number of students increased by 7 percent."

The process of notifying parents should a disciplinary or other situation arise has been a hot button issue as of late, and Strauss said she believes principals need to use judgement when deciding on when to notify parents.

"While investigating whatever is going on, they need to figure out if a student is involved, what's good for them," she said. "At the same time, I believe that you can run parallel track and pick up the phone and call, as soon as they figure out who to call."

Epstein said the current process is flawed, and should the matter come up for vote while she is serving, she would vote to change it.

"One of the problems is that what we have now is an optional process. If a principal doesn't want to call the parents for a while, they don't have to," she said. "If we put in a regulation that you are supposed to require notification except under the following circumstances, then it's much harder to take away the right for parents to be notified."

More information on Epstein can be found at www.louiseepstein4schoolboard.com. More information on Strauss can be found at www.janiestrauss.com.

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American Legion Post 180, 303 Center St., N., Vienna. The Hunter Mill candidates will be featured. 703-242-7651.

Avoiding Divorce Court I: How to Negotiate or Mediate a Property Settlement Agreement. 6:30 p.m. The Women's Center, 127 Park St., N.E., Vienna. \$40-\$70. A divorce attorney will guide you through a comparison of mediation and negotiation and provide mediation and negotiation tips. The workshop covers strategies and pitfalls to avoid and a general discussion of the issues that are commonly addressed in an Agreement, from property to support to custody. www.thewomenscenter.org.

Re-entering the Workforce. 7 p.m. Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St., N.E., Vienna. \$35 non-members, \$25 members. How to get started, the nature of the job market, what hiring managers seek, proactive and reactive job search strategies, the key steps of a targeted job search, key competitive advantages and how to develop them, and addressing the issue of your absence on your resume. www.thewomenscenter.org.

Vienna Arts Society Meeting. 7:30 p.m. 115 Pleasant St. N.W., Vienna. Artist Lori Goll will demonstrate creating a seascape using pastels. Free and open to the public. 703-319-3971 or www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 15

Creating a Supportive Community For All Ages. 1:30 p.m. Capitol One Bank, 1680 Capitol One Drive, McLean. Explore innovative community practices for those living

with a disability or aging in McLean. Exhibits about county and non-profit resources. Hosted by Dranesville District Supervisor John W. Foust. Sponsored by Fairfax County, AARP, Capitol One Bank, Fairfax Long Term Care Coordinating Council and the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce. 703-288-5426 or www.fairfax.gov/dranesville.mcleanlivablecommunity.

Fairfax Education Summit. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. W.T. Woodson High School, 9525 Main St., Fairfax. The summit, hosted by the Fairfax County School Board, will explore how education is moving away from the industrial model and evolving into an era of customization, and what that means for Fairfax County Public Schools. A keynote panel discussion, moderated by FCPS Superintendent Jack Dale, will include perspectives from a parent, student, teacher, principal, higher education leader, and business leader. www.fcps.edu/news/summit.htm.

Countywide Crime Prevention. 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Reston Association, 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. Seminars and tips, training sessions, and a variety of police equipment displays, including vehicles, robots and more. A moon bounce, McGruff the Crime Dog and officers will be on hand. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police.

SUNDAY/OCT. 16

Modern Retirement Strategies: Current alternatives for choosing and funding your residence, health care and living expenses. 4 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Topics will include aging-in-place, healthcare and assistance with daily living, as well as typical costs,

financial concerns and insurance options. Free. Reserve at jschatz@brucevaughn.com or 703-496-7182.

MONDAY/OCT. 17

Creative Thinking Through Watercolors. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., N.W., Vienna. A 7-session class with artist Marni Lawson. \$150. 703-577-0967 or www.viennaartssociety.org.

TUESDAY/OCT. 18

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Meeting. 9:30 a.m. Fairfax County Government Center, Board Auditorium, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-3151, TTY 703-324-3903.

Historic Vienna, Inc. Fall Membership Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Town Council Chamber, Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center St. South, Vienna. Following a brief business meeting, they will present the 2011 Volunteer of the Year Award. Historian Ted Ballard will discuss the Oct. 1861 Battle of Ball's Bluff, one of the largest engagements in Loudoun County during the Civil War. Free and open to the public, refreshments served. www.historicviennainc.org or 703-938-5187.

Vienna Sesquicentennial Committee. 6:30 p.m. Town Council Chamber, Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center St. South, Vienna. All interested persons are invited to discuss future projects. www.historicviennainc.org or 703-938-5187.

Five Hills Garden Club. 10 a.m. Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St., Vienna. Meets third Tuesday of every month. 703-988-9324 or mariansanders@cox.net.

Madison Tops Off Homecoming in Overtime

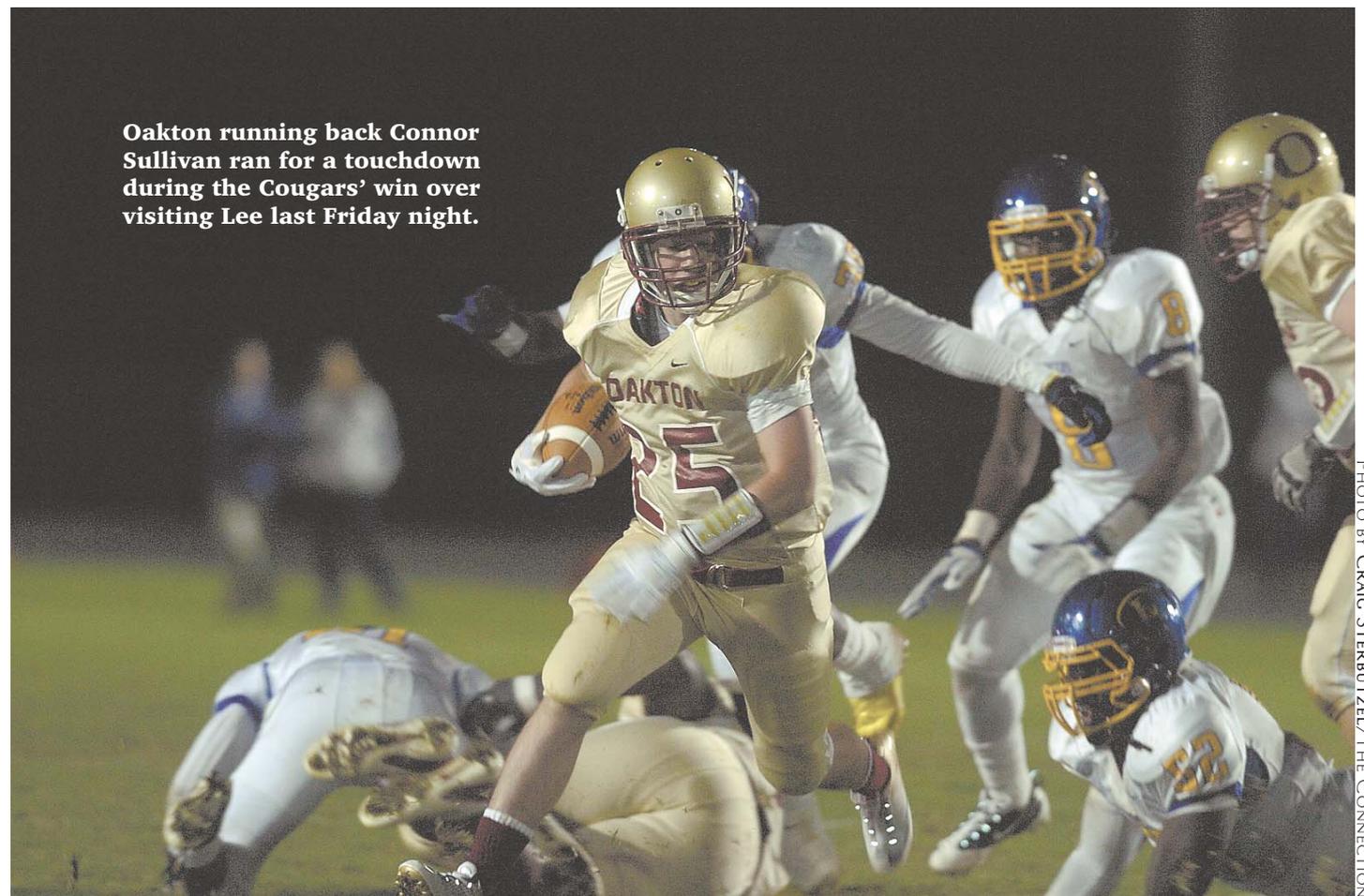
Warhawks get key late defensive stop in win over Langley; Oakton's Masker throws four TDs in Cougars' win over Lee Lancers.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Two overtime plays defined Madison's Homecoming 13-7 victory against Langley Friday night, Sept. 30. First, Madison's stout defense stopped Langley on fourth and goal from the 1-foot line. Then, moments later, Madison's offense hammered the ball into the end zone from the 1-yard line for the winning points. The win raised the Warhawks' overall record to 3-2 and 2-0 in the Liberty District. Langley fell to 3-2 and 2-1.

The game began with a bang when Connor Douglas returned the opening kick-off 66 yards to the Langley 27-yard line. However, the drive stalled on an interception. In the first half, both teams moved the ball well on offense, but neither team could find the end zone.

Just before the half, Langley mounted an 11-play drive and scored on a 7-yard pass when Langley quarterback Nick Casso, who a week ago took over for injured quarterback Austin Visiliadis, tossed a 7-yard touch-



Oakton running back Connor Sullivan ran for a touchdown during the Cougars' win over visiting Lee last Friday night.

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down pass to A.J. Holtberg. The Saxons carried the 7-0 lead into the half.

"Langley held onto the football for some time," said Madison head coach Lenny Schultz, of Langley's talented offensive line and running game. "But our guys [on the defensive line] played physical up front."

Madison struggled offensively in the game's first half.

"We just needed to start making plays on offense," said Schultz, who credited Langley with playing a fine all-around game. "We weren't catching or throwing the ball at that time."

Schultz, whose team was playing in front of a large, enthusiastic homecoming crowd at the Vienna high school, said the coaching staff, at halftime, encouraged the Warhawks to play better fundamentally

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Highlanders Edge Tough Marshall Squad, 20-19

Fourth quarter touchdown run by Eckrod helps Highlanders improve to 3-2.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

It did not come easily for the McLean High football team last week, but the Highlanders snapped a two-game losing skid by defeating Marshall, 20-19, in a Liberty District Friday home game.

McLean (3-2), which had lost close district games to Fairfax, 19-16 in overtime, and Madison, 17-16, over the prior two weeks, earned its first district victory of the season with the one point win over the Statesmen (1-4).

Four of McLean's five games thus far have been decided by three points or less, and three of those games were decided by a single point. The only lopsided affair was a 24-6 Highlander win over Falls Church in week two.

The game with Marshall was another typically close encounter of which McLean was involved in.

"I was definitely proud that the kids played down to the wire for another week and were able to putt-out the win," said McLean coach Jim Patrick. "I feel like we are a couple plays away from being 5-0."

But Patrick also saw the other side of that. "I guess you could say we are a couple plays away from being 1-4, too."

Both McLean and Marshall ran the football with success in Friday's meeting. The Highlanders had big running games from both Hunter Eckrod (nine carries, 105 yards) and Ryan McColgan (13 carries, 93 yards). Both ball carriers found the end zone. McColgan, a senior, scored a pair of touchdowns, the first from 42 yards out in the second quarter to break a scoreless tie, and the latter coming from a yard out in the third quarter. Eckrod, a junior, broke free for a 65-yard touchdown run which accounted for the game's lone fourth quarter score.

Marshall quarterback Danny Mendez

rushed for a game-high 142 yards on 14 carries. His 16-yard scoring run tied the game at 7-7 in the second quarter and that was still the score at halftime.

THE STATESMEN got a defensive touchdown in the third quarter and got onto the scoreboard again when Mendez connected with receiver Luigi Fernandez for a 30-yard scoring strike to make it 19-7 Marshall.

McLean got within 19-14 on McColgan's 1-yard touchdown run in the third quarter before the Highlanders struck in the final quarter on Eckrod's long scoring run. Following the t o u c h d o w n , McLean's two-point conversion attempt failed but the Highlanders still had the lead at 20-19.

"Marshall had a strong game plan, but I was proud how we were able to execute

when it counted," said Patrick.

McLean will play a Thursday night district game this week at South Lakes. The Seahawks are 0-5 and coming off a tough 21-19 loss at non-Northern Region opponent Louisa County (Mineral, Va.), a Region II member of the Jefferson District.

The Highlanders know they cannot take any opponent for granted and will be looking

to improve to 4-2 before having to face two of the Northern Region's best teams the following two weeks in Centerville (Oct. 14) and Stone Bridge (Oct. 21).

"We will have a tough match up with South Lakes this Thursday," said

Coach Patrick. "They found some real offensive success last week versus Louisa County, and have very explosive potential. I think we are going to have our hands full defending them."

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— McLean coach Jim Patrick

Much Ado About Something, Maybe



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Or maybe not. Such is life as a cancer patient. The other day I received a call from my oncology nurse advising me of an elevated level of something from my previous day's monthly, pre-chemotherapy lab work (blood and urine). This is in fact the exact reason for this pre-chemotherapy lab work: to monitor. And during my now 30 months of it, receiving such advisories has not been uncommon; it has happened half a dozen times, approximately, for a variety of reasons: low white blood cell count, as well as increased levels of bilirubin, creatinin, potassium, protein. Consequences have ranged from delaying that particular week's chemotherapy to emergency-type doctor's appointments – that same day, to adjustments in medication (adding or subtracting or changing altogether) and/or re-tests to confirm the abnormal readings, and of course lifestyle and diet suggestions. In summary, I have fared pretty well, having survived all of it, many months beyond the original timeline as initially projected by my oncologist back in Feb., 2009.

Fortunately, so far, the previous irregularities in my lab work have always returned to normal, either after a re-test or the passage of time. However, any abnormalities have always been cause for concern, for doctor and patient alike. Similarly, any change or worsening of symptoms/behavior, especially breathing and/or coughing (which diagnosis to date, have remained non-issues, thank God!) have likewise been carefully noted. Through it all, my body has tolerated the treatment exceptionally well and been fairly resilient, which presumably has contributed to my rather ordinary life, post diagnosis. Nevertheless, 30 months into it, I'm beginning to have a bit more difficulty mentally, shrugging off this most recent result. At some point, either the poisonous nature of the chemotherapy or the multiple malignant tumors in my lungs (currently characterized as in "partial stable remission") have to have a harmful effect, don't they? I mean, stage IV lung cancer is, well; there is no stage V, so sooner rather than later, one would presume that you know what is going to hit the fan, figuratively speaking, and when it does, it may be, as they say in Massachusetts: "Katie bar the door."

As much as I want to believe I'm immune to cancer's effects, there's a logical Libra inside of me scaling this mental mountain every day, wondering: when? And statistical anomalies aside, what I have is incurable, according to my oncologist, as told to me on that fateful day back in February, 2009. Presumably, what's not making me stronger is in fact killing me – to turn a phrase completely around. And try as I might to ignore certain facts and pretend that what ails me, doesn't, calls from my oncology nurse with precautionary indications of something or other upset my apple cart. An apple cart I didn't even know I had but one that I cling to every day, apparently without realizing it.

Let's be realistic here, I have to cling to something. I can't be expected to skate through this diagnosis/prognosis like I'm Alexander Ovechkin on holiday. This is no holiday. This is a hell of a day, especially when my lab work generates a "Kenny, how are you feeling"-type call. As experienced as I now am at receiving these calls, the arrival of them is still unsettling. Thankfully, diagnosis to date, the blips in the miscellaneous levels of whatever that have appeared in my blood and urine have always returned to acceptable levels within very short order. One day, sooner than I care to admit, that has to change, doesn't it?

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- The proposed changes, to be effective April 1, 2012, include the following:
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sound football.

"At halftime, it was not this big hype [speech]," he said. "We wanted to be competitive and too make some plays."

Both teams played tough defense in a scoreless third quarter. Midway through the final period, Madison tied the score, 7-7, on an 8-yard pass when quarterback Dan Powers found Max Ehram in the right corner of the back of the end zone.

"It was a regular waggle [rollout] play to the right — a good throw and a good catch," said Schultz. "Dan had a good look."

Nick Dorka's extra point kick tied the game at 7-7.

Before the end of regulation, the Warhawks had to dodge two Langley bullets: the Saxons missed a 21-yard field goal attempt on a bad snap and also missed a 28-yard attempt that hit the left goal post. That led to overtime.

Madison won the overtime coin toss and chose to play defense to start the extra session. Langley, in its set of downs from the Madison 10-yard line, moved the ball steadily and faced a fourth down at the 1-foot line. Opting to go for the touchdown, the Saxons called a quarterback sneak and quick-snapped the ball to QB Casso. But Madison was ready and the entire Warhawk defense met him and pushed him back several yards.

"It was unbelievable," said Schultz of the huge, game-saving defensive stop. "We expected them to do a quarterback sneak because they put [Casso] behind center and they hadn't been doing that all game."

Throughout the game, Casso had set up in the shotgun formation. But on the critical play he lined up directly behind center. Schultz said interior defensive linemen Manny Momah and Alex Vargas, both seniors, played key roles in the fourth down stop.

SPORTS NOTES

The Flint Hill School football team improved its record to 4-0 on Saturday, Oct. 1, with a 14-0 shutout win over visiting St. Anne's Belfield (Charlottesville). All of Flint Hill's points were scored in the first quarter as the Huskies scored two touchdowns, scoring runs from running back Jonny Reed (10 yard TD) and fullback Jerrod Reed 8 yards out). Howard's touchdown capped Flint Hill's first possession of the game. For the afternoon, Howard carried the ball 18 times for 115 yards. Reed had 11 carries for 58 yards.

Through the air, Flint Hill quarterback Andy Rehberger completed 7-of-11 passes for 81 yards. His targets included wide receiver Chyrstian Brown (two catches, 27 yards), Howard (two catches, 24 yards) and wide receiver Nick Bazzarone (two catches, 17 yards).

Defensively for the Huskies, Brown, a member of the secondary, had an interception. Other big games came from free safety Ben Kase, who had an interception,

"They both did great staying low and not giving up any ground, and everyone else swarmed to the football," he said.

Madison, on its set of downs with the game still tied, took over on offense needing a score to win. Jacob Hall carried twice for nine yards and Nick Hoy, led by his offensive linemen, hammered the ball into the end zone for the winning score.

"I was thinking about kicking [a field goal] on third down but we were up close [to the goal line]," said Schultz. "Our offensive line has gotten better each week and we were working on our short yardage downs this week in practice. So on third down we ran it up the middle. I said, 'Hold onto the ball with both hands.'"

Hoy did just that and crossed the goal line for the winning touchdown.

"We blocked well," said Schultz, of the team's overtime possession.

The coach was proud of his team's win. "They're starting to believe in themselves and coming together" said Schultz. "Langley's a great team and either team could have won that game."

Langley, in the tough loss, had big games from Casso (14-of-26, 187 yards) and running back Philip Mun (30 carries, 84 yards). Hall rushed for 53 yards for Madison and Powers completed seven passes for 98 yards.

Madison's next game will be this Thursday Oct. 6, at 7:30 p.m., at Jefferson High School. Langley, also on Thursday, will host Stone Bridge.

OAKTON HIGH went into its non-district home game against fellow unbeaten Lee knowing it would have to play a good defensive game in order to slow down a Lancers' squad which was averaging a remarkable 42.5 points per game. The Cougars did just that, holding the Lancers' offense in check and coming away with a 38-23 win.

Oakton improved to 5-0 under first year

head coach Jason Rowley. Lee, under first year head coach Clarence Martin, fell to 4-1.

"I'm nothing but pleased," said Rowley, of the win. "We've done a nice job playing teams outside our district. I feel we're playing better each week. In particular, we're not turning the ball over. We've worked hard on ball security during practices."

All of Oakton's games thus far have come against non-district opponents — victories over Madison, South County, Woodson, Annandale and the Lancers. On Thursday, Oct. 6, the Cougars will open up play in the Concorde District with a game at Herndon (1-4). The Hornets are coming off a 36-7 non-region loss at Broad Run last week.

"Herndon's always a tough game," said Rowley. "I think they're physical and they have good skill position players. I think coach [Joe] Sheaffer does a great job there."

In the win over Lee, Oakton quarterback Tuck Masker had an outstanding night, completing 12-of-22 passes for 284 yards and four touchdowns. His scoring passes went to Stephen Lambrides (two TD catches of 60 and four yards), Ryan Santoro (7 yards), and Andy Boone (40 yards). Also for Oakton, Connor Sullivan scored on a 17 yard touchdown run and kicker Eric Goins made a 38 yard field goal.

Oakton led 17-7 after one quarter, 24-14 at halftime, and 31-17 after three quarters.

Masker, Oakton's senior signal caller, had a breakout passing game. Oakton, in being unbeaten, has displayed a balanced offensive attack by moving the ball both on the ground and in the air this season.

"He's got a great touch on the ball and he's an accurate passer," said Rowley, of his quarterback. "We hadn't asked Tuck to throw the ball a whole lot this year. But we knew we'd have to throw the football a whole lot [against Lee]. It was just the way the game unfolded. We still run the ball solidly. We took what the [Lancer] defense gave us. I'm real pleased with the way we've

Cecil Case in the 50-59 age bracket; as well as the teams of Fairfax duo Michael Eber and Nelson Kieff (60-69 division); Burke's duo of Phil Doherty and Robert Shellhouse (70-79); and the twosome of Case and Tom Jacobs (80-89). On the women's side, the duo of Joan Lithicum (Aldie, Va.) and Springfield's Kelley McCaffey were champions.

The NVSO Games officially concluded on Wednesday, Sept. 28 after three days of pickleball competition at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center in Arlington.

Gold medal winners in the pickleball competition included: Wilson (men's 70-79); Wilson and Arlington's J.T. Price (70-79, men's doubles); Arlington's Marian Lapp and McLean's Karen Pearson (60-69, women's doubles); McLean's Karen Pearson and Arlington's James Hewitt (60-69, mixed doubles); and Springfield's Lynn O'Connor and Roy O'Connor (75-79, mixed doubles) More than 600 seniors participated in the 2011 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics.

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