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Kelly Koshuta, Madison High's standout freshmen center, cuts a piece of the net following the Warhawks' Liberty District tournament finals win over Slouth Lakes last Friday night in Reston. Madison, 21-4, opened the Northern Region tournament playoffs with a home game versus Lake Braddock earlier this week.

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NEWS

Vienna Optimists Host Speech Contest

Deaf and hard of hearing elementary school students from Camelot Elementary School competed in a speech contest sponsored by the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna at a regular membership meeting on Jan. 18 at the Marco Polo Restaurant in Vienna. Four students in the fourth and fifth grades addressed the topic: "How my Optimism Helps me Overcome Obstacles"

Students begin their research in the fall as part of the school curriculum and practice sessions held in preparation for the contest. The contest itself involves speaking in front of a large group of adults.

Following the local competition, the winner, Bianca Calderon of McLean will compete for a \$2500 scholarship in Charlottesville on Feb. 25. All of the contestants received a medal in recognition of their efforts. The Optimists, who have partnered with the Camelot School for about 20 years, presented a donation to Craig Geller, the Principal of the school.



Pictured are this year's contestants for the Optimist Club's deaf and hard of hearing contest: Gabrulla Yohannes, winner Bianca Calderon, Anabelen Tino and Michael Williams.

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The Optimist Club of Greater Vienna awarded cash prizes to its essay contest winners (from left) Diba Ghanei, Gabriela D. Garcia and Sylvie Dufort, missing from photo. Marshall High School career counselor Gardner Humphreys accepted Dufort's award. Back row, club president Walt Petersen, essay chair Barbara McHale and Madison High School career counselor Lynn Otto.



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Optimist Club Awards High School Essay Winners

First-place winner goes to next level of international competition.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

The Optimist Club of Greater Vienna awarded \$600 to three local high school students at its Feb. 15 dinner meeting. The students were winners of the annual Optimists International essay contest, "How My Positive Outlook Benefits My Community."

George C. Marshall High School sophomore Sylvie Dufort, honored as first-place winner for her essay on optimism for her native country's future - that of Haiti - was awarded \$300. Second-place winner Gabriela D. Garcia of James Madison High School was awarded \$200, and third-place winner Diba Ghanei, also of Madison, received a \$100 check.

Marshall career counselor, Gardner Humphreys, read Dufort's essay and accepted the check and framed certificate on behalf of Dufort who was at a Marshall event she had previously committed to. Garcia and Ghanei read their essays to the club members and took home framed certificates, as well as award checks.

DUFORT, as first-place winner, goes on to the capital-area competition where the top prize is \$2,500. Committee chairperson Barbara McHale, who has chaired the essay committee for 19 years, presented the winners and their awards.

Every year, on the first Sunday of the new year, Dufort's family in Haiti hosts a dinner for about 300 impoverished children, and it is these memories that instill Dufort with optimism that benefits others. She

sees the beauty of her native Haiti and back in the Vienna-area, she shares her culture with classmates, doing presentations and bringing in to school Haitian food for sampling.

In 2010, after the Haiti earthquake, her family served 400 children. It's only one meal a year, Dufort said, but it gives them hope. "Hope still exists," said Dufort in her essay, dotted with French terms. "I know that, one day, Haiti will change for the better."

Garcia, in her essay, gave examples of perspective, looking at things from the point of view of others. It has saved friendships, and given her new-found understanding, she said.

Ghanei, an Iranian-American, spoke on the impact of words. After 9/11, she was judged by peers and strangers, called a "terrorist." She talked about a teacher, still working at her high school, who referred to another Middle Eastern student as a terrorist. Words, Ghanei said, do have impact. She said she refuses to allow herself to be ruled by the cruelty of

others, and, looking beyond their "caustic" words inspires her optimism.

OPTIMISTS Mark Goldberg, Kathryn McHale and Anna Ryjak judged the essay competition.

Dufort, who will read her essay to club members at a future meeting, goes on to the next level of competition.

Optimists International calls itself "friend of youth." Its signature campaign is raising funds on behalf of children with cancer. Each chapter creates its own fundraising programs and designates its own recipient(s). During the year, the Optimists of Greater Vienna also hold an oratorical contest and a communication contest for children who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. The Vienna club sponsors the Vienna Farmers' Market, and maintains the red caboose on Dominion Road.

To learn more about the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna, go to <http://www.optimistclubofgreatervienna.org/>

"I know that, one day, Haiti will change for the better."

— Sylvie Dufort, Marshall High, Essay Contest Winner



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The Reverend Johnny Kurcina and his wife Sarah. Kurcina started a new Anglican church in Vienna in early November.

Vienna Resident 'Plants' a Church

Johnny Kurcina grew up in Vienna, opened Anglican Christ Church Vienna.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Johnny Kurcina grew up in Vienna, going to local schools, playing local sports. Like many teenage boys, Kurcina wanted to get away from his hometown after graduating from James Madison High School. He did get away for a while, as far as seminary school in the UK. But he discovered he couldn't wait to get back to Vienna. He did return, married and became a father of three. Now, he's "planting" an Anglican church in his hometown.

While at James Madison High School, Kurcina considered applying to a military academy. He was very involved with a youth Christian group, Young Life, in high school and found that "something really fit" with his role with his peers in relationship to his Christian faith. He made a life-altering decision as a junior. "I decided I wanted to go into the Christian ministry and I never looked back," said Kurcina.

CALLED CHRIST CHURCH VIENNA, the blossoming church held its first service in November, in the Louise Archer Elementary School cafeteria. It is run by a Board of Directors,

the "church council." As Pastor of the church, Kurcina heads its future, guided by the deliberations of the church council. Kurcina would like to see more Anglican churches "planted" in the area.

In 2005, Kurcina spoke with the senior minister, a friend, of The Falls Church in Falls Church, about the feasibility of opening a church in Vienna. "They have the human resources, the financial resources and a real interest seeing new churches started," said Kurcina. He became actively involved with The Falls Church, whose history goes back to the early 18th century, intending to "plant" a new church in Vienna. "When I graduated from Madison, I wanted to get away from Vienna. Now, I couldn't wait to get back," he said.

Kurcina does not foresee leaving the Louise Archer cafeteria in the near-future. The arrangement of rooms fits the church's vision. Babies and preschoolers are supervised in a separate room during the service, while elementary school-aged children, with their own program during the sermon and prayers, return to the service for communion.

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OPINION

Crossover in Richmond

BY KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)



Last week was "crossover" for the General Assembly— the time when each house of the legislature must complete consideration of bills introduced into its chamber. After Tuesday of last week, only bills introduced by the Senate can be considered by the House of Delegates and vice versa. The exception is the budget bill, which is given an additional week for consideration in each house. Bills that had been tabled during debate in the house in which they were introduced are now effectively defeated.

Hundreds of bills have been passed in each house, but most of the bills impact only a small number of people, government and court procedures, and local governments. In order for a bill to become a law it must pass both houses

of the legislature in identical form and be signed by the Governor. Bills on the same subject that are passed in different form by the two houses are reconsidered by committees of conference, usually made up of three delegates and three senators. If an agreement cannot be reached and then approved by both houses, the bills are then considered to be defeated.

Here is where some of the high-profile issues are in the House: current law limiting handgun purchases to one per month passed the House. I voted against this. A similar bill is coming over from the Senate. The Governor has said that he will sign it, justifying its legitimacy on the basis of the Second Amendment to the Constitution.

Ultrasound requirements before receiving an abortion also passed the House. Again, I voted "no." No health reasons were given in its support. This will be used as a way to slow down the abortion process and will also make it more difficult for women to make a decision. I also voted against the bill that defines a fetus as a person. The implications for the legislation are not fully known but clearly far-reaching. Whether it outlaws some forms of contraception or could be used to outlaw abortion entirely by the overturning of *Roe V. Wade*, many real concerns are being raised.

The death penalty was expanded to include others beyond the "triggerman," in murder cases. I also chose to oppose this, as I oppose all death penalty bills. Several immigration bills requiring a check of immigration status of individuals came up as well. I voted against these measures.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Human Services Need Support

To the Editor:

I am pleased to see coverage about the actions of the General Assembly, but I think the legislative effect on human services needs more emphasis since the stakes are so high. Now is not the time to cut funds from programs that are helping struggling neighbors in need become self-sufficient. That was the message that I—along with a group of other Virginia nonprofit leaders—delivered to the General Assembly in Richmond recently. The reality for many families we serve is they have to make tough choices: do I eat or pay rent, do I miss work for a sick child and lose my job, or do I buy school supplies or clothes. Unfortunately, if the Virginia Legislature cuts funds that support our core services and diverts sales taxes to fund transportation, the choices will become even more desperate for the 58,000 Fairfax County residents living in poverty—who are productive, contributing citizens that just need a little help to stay stable. Fifty-nine percent of the cuts in the Governor's budget impact people who are low-income. The long-term ramifications could be significant for our region, which is already reeling from the great recession.

Amanda Andere
FACETS Executive Director

Trust Deficit In FCPS

To the Editor:

The following open letter is addressed to the Fairfax County School Board.

Once again, I would like to thank you all for your dedication to the students, parents and teachers of Fairfax County Public Schools. It is obvious to me that often you have an all-consuming, thankless responsibility to ensure the best education policies are in place for our school system—all on a so-called "part time basis"! I am sure your families and friends chuckle often on the term "part-time"!

Generally, I am a supporter of a "Governance Policy" to streamline the workload and to reduce redundancy of tasks for a part-time School Board. Alas, we have a serious trust deficit occurring in Fairfax County Public Schools that has been building up over the last 7-10 years, or possibly even longer. This trust deficit is placing an undue burden on our School Board members and I hope with the hiring of a new Superintendent, this burden can be lightened.

In the meantime, it is your sworn duty as elected officials to ensure that the policies and guidelines that are set down on record, either by your votes, or state and federal laws, are implemented in a legal and consistent manner county-wide. When you have an uproar across the county from students, parents and teachers regarding an egregious lack of public engagement on an important issue, then our elected School Board is obligated to take action beyond the Governance Policy. This is what occurred recently regarding the 11-1 vote on Jan 26 to add five Honors courses to our high school course of studies for the coming school year. It was right and just for our elected

School Board to give credence to the strong outpouring of concern for appropriate learning options. Our county administration had been appealed to for years with no appropriate response as they disregarded important input from the community.

Since the "Retreat" is open to public observers as should be the case, I was very disheartened to hear the tone and demeanor taken by the so-called "moderators" of this "team-building" effort. In my opinion, many of the discussions and name-calling examples given, demonstrated no collaborative effort but rather took on the form of ridiculous bullying. What a sham of professional, educated communication! I think those who established the agenda and the goals of this "retreat" should be closely examined as to their purpose and abilities to lead a venue in such an unprofessional manner. I also think that any professional moderators who complied with such an unprofessional agenda should return the \$5000-plus that they charged for this lack of quality service to our county. The School Board's involvement and strong supportive vote to add the Honors courses was time and again used as an example of a School Board not doing a good job! Ask the countless students who now have a few more appropriate learning options if that was "a bad decision"! Add up the emails, letters, articles and public statements as to the community opinion on adding those courses!

I agree that—ideally—a School Board would just have to "oversee." A great superintendent earns the general trust of the public and the more developed trust

of a School Board, which creates a situation where the board can be more hands-off, as the Governance Policy alludes to.

Alas, that is not the case in FCPS. There is a "trust deficit" with top-down decisions lacking teacher and public input, lowest teacher morale on record, lack of evaluative transparency for just about every budgetary and statistical data report and a climate of intimidation fostered at the highest levels.

When a superintendent lacks transparency and cannot effectively show, when pushed, that he is operating in the best interest of the students, the School Board is obliged to step in and micromanage on some specific issues.

A superintendent needs to keep the board and the public fully apprised of decision-making and its rationale, no matter how exhausting and irritating. That's the job. If you're making good decisions, it won't be so very onerous to open them up to public view. Those ideas should sell themselves to a smart, educated county like Fairfax. In contrast, Dale & Co are making questionable decisions, in secret, that benefit administrators most of all. Unfortunately, in this case the school board needs to step in and protect the needs of our children. That's the job.

Please don't allow the messages hammered-in at this retreat or at future venues to weaken your resolve to do your elected duty and to ensure that your votes and actions represent credible, honest leadership!

Kate Van Dyck,
parent and teacher
for Restore Honors Courses

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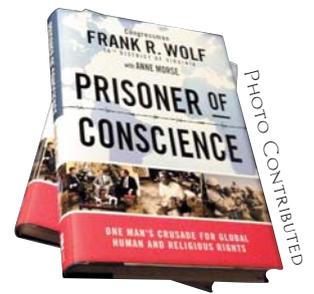
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Wolf Recalls Human Rights Crusades

Book tells his experiences with human rights violations around the world.



BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

As a public servant for more than 30 years, Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) has had his share of experiences. But it was a trip to Ethiopia in 1984 that he calls a “life changing experience,” because it opened his eyes to human rights violations around the globe.

Since that trip, Wolf has traveled to the Sudan, Kabul, Romania, Beijing and more, witnessing some of the worst cruelty human beings are capable of. His travels inspired his recent book, “Prisoner of Conscience: One Man’s Crusade for Global Human and Religious Rights,” which tells the story of his efforts to bring these crimes to light.

“During the ’80s, it seemed like there was always strong bipartisan support for human rights,” Wolf said. “But I noticed at the end of the Bush administration, that really waned and during the beginning of the Obama administration the same thing happened.”

Wolf said he has noticed the change that social media has brought about, especially with the uprisings in the Middle East over the last year, but he said it’s a mixed blessing.

“We’re almost hitting an information overload,” he said. “It’s very hard now for governments to keep things quiet, a lot what we’re finding out about what’s taking place in Syria is because of social media. If we want to be engaged and change these governments, I think it’s easier now than it’s ever been, but the problem is at times there seems to be less interest.”

Wolf’s experiences don’t all stretch back to ten, twenty, thirty years ago. He recalled going to Beijing for the 2008 Olympics to meet with some religious leaders, and found they had been recently attacked. Other situations haven’t changed much either.

“The genocide in Darfur is still going on,” he said. “You go over there right now, there would be women living in the same camps as they were the day I went there five years ago,” he said.

He said he is frustrated at times with current attitudes towards human rights issues.

“There’s less of a concern with these issues in the administration, and less of a concern in congress in both political parties,” he said.

“I’m really not seeing progress for some reason, maybe it’s the economy... but I’m just not seeing it now.”

Wolf says his experiences have shown him that it is possible to enact change when it comes to

exposing human rights violations, but that it will take a shift in attitude from the way things are currently going.

“The Declaration of Independence says all men are created equal, and have a right to life, liberty

and the pursuit of happiness,” he said. “I think when we advocate and speak out, it really can make a tremendous difference to people all over the world, as we would want someone to do if we were in the same situation.”

Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) has written about his experiences dealing with human rights violations in his book “Prisoner of Conscience: One Man’s Crusade for Global Human and Religious Rights.”

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Sexuality and Family Life Educator to Visit Flint Hill School

Debbie Roffman, author of *Sex & Sensibility: The Thinking Parent's Guide to Talking About Sex*, and an expert on Sexuality and Family Life Education, will spend a week in early March working with eighth grade students at Flint Hill School in conjunction with their Wellness class' sexuality unit. Barbara Benoit, the School's Director of Counseling, invited Roffman. Her visit, she

says, "will provide an invaluable opportunity for FHS students to learn from a leader in this field."

Roffman (<http://www.sexandsensibility.net/infodr.htm>) has been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *Education Week* and *Parents Magazine*, among other prominent publications. She has also appeared on *Nightline* with Ted Koppel, *The*

Early Show with Bryant Gumbel, and *The O'Reilly Factor*.

Roffman will also give a presentation to parents on Wednesday evening, March 7, at 7 p.m. in Olson Theater, located on the FHS Lower and Middle School Campus. Entitled "Yes You Can! Raise Sexually Healthy Children in a Sexually Healthy World," the program will emphasize the core needs of adolescents as they grow toward



Debbie Roffman speaking at a Feb. 16 presentation for Flint Hill School eighth grade parents.

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These three dogs are neighborhood best buddies. Left to right: Enzo is a 2-year-old Goldendoodle, Sammy is a 10-year-old Golden Retriever, and Darby is a 2-year-old Goldendoodle.



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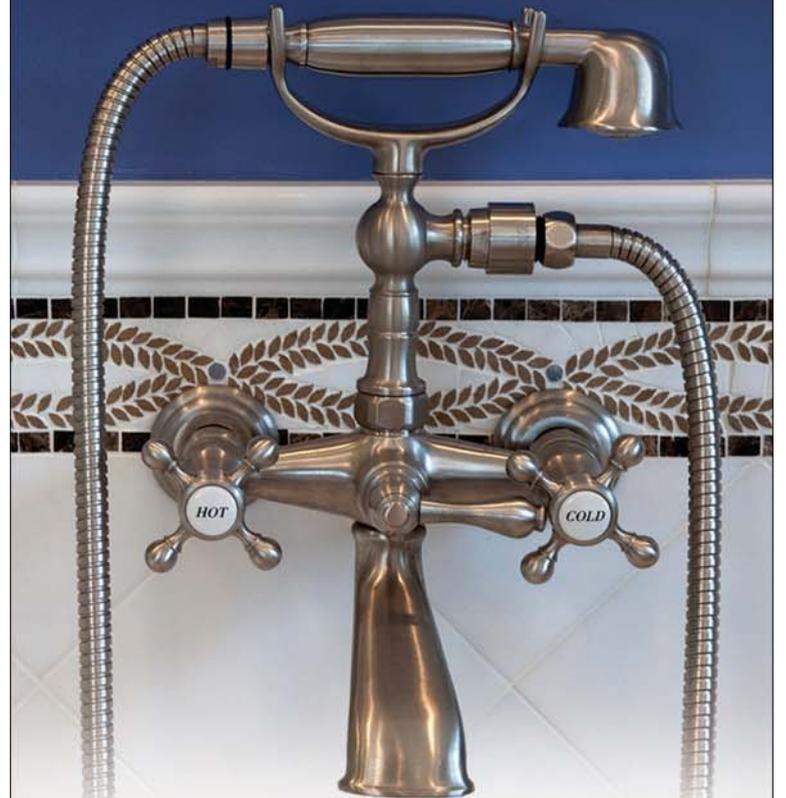
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PET CONNECTION

Pets family, therapists, life savers.

By DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

All pet-parents think their pets are pretty special. Some pets are just cuddly and lovable, some blindly-devoted, some clever. Some dogs risk their lives as part of their jobs, while others give humans with physical disabilities independence. Other pets inspire a will to live in the humans whose lives they are intertwined with. Some save lives with blood donations.

Here are a few stories about ordinary pets who do extraordinary things.

If you live or work in Vienna, you may have seen George Hembree scooting around town in his wheelchair, his much-loved companion, Katy, always jogging alongside him. Hembree, 90 years old, is out and about just about every day, weather-permitting. He and Katy put in as much as five miles in one outing. Hembree's wife Rosa died

in August of 2011 after 44 years of marriage. Katy is his frisky and loyal 9 1/2 year-old Jack Russell terrier who has been with Hembree since she was four months old.

"She's all I've got now," said Hembree of Katy. As an after-thought, he says he also has a cat, but Katy is his companion. For now, Hembree is living with his daughter on Park Street.

Katy, like many other small dogs, does not know she is small. She "protects" Hembree by barking at strange humans and other dogs. Although Hembree's legs were amputated, Katy still jumps on his lap and snuggles against him.

What makes Katy special? "She's my interest," said Hembree. "I take her walking with me, and play with her. She's my companion."

"I hope she lives longer than I do. If I die before she does, my daughter would take her."

Badger Forgrave, Lisa Forgrave's 3-year-old Labrador, has been saving lives since she was eligible and

that was at age one. She saves lives – up to four at one time – by giving blood to the Blue Ridge Blood Bank [BRBB], formerly known as Eastern Veterinary Blood Bank. A BRBB vet draws the blood for analysis when the dog (the dog's companion, that is) applies as a donor. The first Thursday of every "odd" month, the vet comes to the Great Falls Animal Hospital for the blood drive. If the dog's blood qualifies for donation, the dog becomes a donor reaping benefits.

"The dog receives a free initial blood chemistry panel, as well as annual free screenings, including screening for tick-borne diseases and heartworm," said Forgrave of Great Falls. "Once a dog becomes a BRBB donor, if the donor dog ever needs blood from Blue Ridge, that dog can have free transfusions as long as they are needed."

To learn more about the benefits and procedures, go to EVBB.com. Kierianne Knollman lives in a home full of family pets. Knollman has a twin sister, but she says, it is her rescued dog Macy who knows her better than anyone else does. Macy is her confidante, her inspiration. Four years ago, Knollman took a leave of absence from the college in South Carolina she was attending. She was homesick, depressed, didn't know what she

wanted to do with her life. When she returned home, Macy was there to help Knollman sort out her young life.

MACY is a senior dog now, a bit curmudgeonly, Knollman said, but still a complement to Knollman's personality.

"She was there to comfort me, let me hug her, talk to her," said Knollman. "She was the inspiration for my goal in life." All the Knollman family pets were rescued, and Macy gave back so much to Kierianne. "She made me realize, since I came home from school, that I wanted to work with animals and animal rescue."

Now, Knollman, a vet assistant at Great Falls Animal Hospital, is at Northern Virginia Community College training to be a licensed veterinary technician, a skill in

Vienna's Animal Tales

"She's all I've got now."

— George Hembree of his companion and friend, Katy, a frisky Jack Russell terrier.

PHOTOS BY DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION



Katy is George Hembree's "interest" in life. Hembree's wife died in August 2011.

high-demand throughout the country. While working at the animal hospital and going to college, Knollman volunteers at the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria. "Macy was with me when I was having a hard time after college. She inspired me."

"She was there to comfort me, let me hug her, talk to her."

— Kierianne Knollman, talking about her dog Macy.



Kierianne Knollman with friend and confidante, Macy.

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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.

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"Journey into Light" by D. Marshall Elliott will be exhibited through March 3 at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St. N.W., Vienna, with an artist's reception Friday, Feb. 24 from 7-10 p.m. Show hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays. 703-319-3971 or www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

FRIDAY/FEB. 24

"Almost, Maine." 8 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons

Corner. A series of whimsical love stories. Tickets \$25. www.1ststageysons.org or 703-854-1856.

Teitur and Marit Larsen. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave E Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Artist's Reception. 7-10 p.m. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., N.W., Vienna. "Journey into Light" with D. Marshall Elliott. Light refreshments. Free. 703-319-3971 or www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

SATURDAY/FEB. 25

Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra presents Buddy, Woody, and Stan. 8 p.m. George Mason University's Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Celebrating the music of Buddy Rich, Woody Herman and Stan Kenton. \$20-\$40. www.gmu.edu.

Blake Shelton: Well Lit & Amplified. 8 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. With Justin Moore and "The Voice" finalist Dia Frampton. Tickets \$33.75-\$58.75. 800-745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com.

"Almost, Maine." 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. A series of whimsical love stories. Tickets \$25. www.1ststageysons.org or 703-854-1856.

The Smithsonian and Jammin Java present Rocknoceros at 10:30 a.m.; **Leigh Nash** at 7 p.m.; **Kid Architect, The Poly-Opto CD Release and Ditched by Kate** at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave E Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

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musical adventure. Fast-paced fun for age 5 and up. Tickets \$15 at www.1ststageysons.org or 703-854-1856.

3rd Annual Little House Studio Recital with The Big Cheese. 12 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E Vienna. From Beatles and bluegrass and more. www.jamminjava.com.

TheatreworksUSA's production of "Charlotte's Web." 2 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Based on E.B. White's story of the friendship between a pig named Wilbur and a little, gray spider named Charlotte. \$10-\$15. sabrina.anwah@fairfaxcounty.gov.

SUNDAY/FEB. 26

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"Fate's Fortune." 3 p.m. Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St., Vienna. The American Youth Concert Orchestra and the American Youth Symphonic Orchestra perform von Suppé's Light Calvary Overture, Schubert's Symphony No. 8 movement 1, Brahms' Hungarian Dances No. 1 and No. 7, Verdi's La Forza del Destino and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5 in E minor. \$7 adult, \$5 age 65 and up, \$5 student. www.aypo.org or 703-642-8051.

Rhythms Around the World. 2 p.m. Colvin Run Mill Historic Site, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. With string trio Virginia Virtuosi and music from Kenya, Japan, Spain and Argentina. \$2. Registration required at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks.

John Eaton: Jazz, Blues and Broadway. 3 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. With bassist Tommy Cecil. \$18-\$25. sabrina.anwah@fairfaxcounty.gov.

MONDAY/FEB. 27

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

Ayr Hill Garden Club. 10:45 a.m. Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna. With Victoria Monroe on "Deer, Geese and Our Other Urban Wildlife in Fairfax County." Open to the public. plhweiss@yahoo.com.

Vienna Arts Society Classes. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., N.W., Vienna. Creative Thinking Through Watercolors. Seven weeks, meeting Mondays at 10 a.m. \$150. Register at 703-577-0967.

TUESDAY/FEB. 28

"Three Bears." 12 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. A brand-new play with a comedic twist on the classic fairy tale sends the Three Bears and a golden-haired friend on an a cappella musical adventure. Fast-paced fun for age 5 and up. Tickets \$15 at www.1ststageysons.org or 703-854-1856.

Rogue Mind. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave E Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Vienna Arts Society Classes. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., Vienna. Watercolor Monotypes. All experience levels welcome. Five weeks, meeting Tuesdays at 10 a.m. \$150. Register at 703-319-3971.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 29

Buckwheat Zydeco General Admission Dance. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolftrap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Zydeco or Cajun music. \$24. www.wolftrap.org.

THURSDAY/MARCH 1

Company of Thieves. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave E Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

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Making, Marketing, and Collecting Art in the 21st Century. 7 p.m. McLean Project for the Arts, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. With Jay Barrows, curator for the Sydney and Frances Lewis Private Art Collection in Richmond. Free. Reserve at info@mpaart.org or 703-790-1953.



Marcia Ferritto



Jason Day

Marcia Ferritto to Perform at Flint Hill School

Marcia Ferritto, a professional violinist with the Cleveland Pops Orchestra who teaches Orchestra and Chamber music at the Cleveland Institute of Music, will join with Flint Hill Middle and Upper School Orchestra teacher Jason Day in a 50-minute viola/violin concert featuring the works of Mozart, Martinu, and Bartok. The event, which is free and open to the public, will take place on Friday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m., in Olson Theater, located on Flint Hill's Lower and Middle School campus at 10405 Academic Drive in Oakton. No reservations are required.

The artist has appeared as a soloist and in chamber ensembles in the US and Canada, including the International

Viola Congress in Toronto; the Kennedy Center and the Phillips Collection in Washington, D.C.; the New York and Philadelphia Composers Forum; Blossom Music Center Festival Forum; and the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia.

Ferritto will also be spending several days on the Flint Hill campus as an "Artist in Residence," working with Middle and Upper School orchestra students in Day's classes. Flint Hill School often brings in artists to work closely with students in their area of interest and expertise, particularly during the School's "Arts Jam" activities, which focus on and celebrate the arts. This year's "Arts Jam" will take place during the month of April.

Peter Yarrow with Mustard's Retreat. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolftrap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Folk music. \$25. www.wolftrap.org.

FRIDAY/MARCH 2

Family Skate Night. 6:30-8 p.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., Vienna. Admission \$1. Bring your own roller skates or inline skates (no scooters) and safety equipment. Parents required to stay with their children. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.

Anais Mitchell CD Release and Rachel Ries. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave E Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

"Seussical, the Musical." 7:30 p.m. Oakcrest School, 850 Balls Hill Road, McLean. With all your favorite Dr. Seuss characters. \$10 adult, \$5 student. 703-790-5450.

SATURDAY/MARCH 3

Ballet Folklórico De Antioquia, Colombia. 8 p.m. George Mason University's Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Sharing the richness and diversity of Colombian culture through authentic music, ritualistic dance, and physical theater accentuated with brilliantly-colored costumes. \$23-\$46. www.gmu.edu.

Fairfax Chocolate Lovers Festival. Various locations in Old Town Fairfax. The Taste of Chocolate, featuring chocolate vendors selling their wares; the Chocolate Challenge, an arts extravaganza where the medium is chocolate; the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast featuring

chocolate chip pancakes, historic reenactments, children's activities, open houses at historic buildings and more. www.chocolatefestival.net.

"Seussical, the Musical." 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Oakcrest School, 850 Balls Hill Road, McLean. With all your favorite Dr. Seuss characters. \$10 adult, \$5 student. \$30 per family. Cast and crew talk-back after the matinee. 703-790-5450.

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Buskin & Batteau. 7:30 p.m. The Barns at Wolftrap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Folk duo. \$22. www.wolftrap.org.

Celtic Woman. 8 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Celtic music. Tickets \$43-\$73, available at www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. Accessible seating available for patrons with disabilities at 703-993-3035.

VTCC 19th Annual Casino Night and Taste of the Town. 7:30 p.m. Westwood Country Club, 800 Maple Ave., East, Vienna. A Monte Carlo-themed event with a cash bar, silent auction and casino games. \$85-\$95. 703-281-1333 or www.vtcc.org.

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Madison Defeats South Lakes in Liberty Girls Finals

Tourney MVP Koshuta of Madison scores 32 in win; Rendle, Severin earn All-Tourney honors for Seahawks.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The James Madison High girls' basketball team played one of its best games of the season in last Friday night's Liberty District tournament finals versus South Lakes. The defending district champion Warhawks were clicking in all areas of the game and kept a talented Seahawks' squad at bay in a 78-47 victory. The postseason title game took place at South Lakes' spacious Wendell G. Byrd Gymnasium in Reston.

Madison (21-4), the tournament's No. 1 seed, has now won the district tournament championship several years in a row under head coach Kirsten Stone, formerly known as Kirsten Roberts. The Warhawks reached Friday's finals with tournament victories earlier in the week over No. 8-seed Thomas Jefferson High, 75-26, and No. 5 Fairfax, 57-39, in the semifinals. The finals win was Madison's ninth straight victory going back to late January. The Warhawks have gone a phenomenal 17-0 against district opponents this season.

South Lakes (16-8 overall, 9-5 district), the tournament's No. 3 seed, reached Friday's finals with tournament wins over No. 6 Langley, 55-42, and No. 7 Marshall, 61-43. The Seahawks, under veteran head coach Christy Winters Scott, have enjoyed a winning winter season in which the team,



Megan LeDuc of Madison High races up the court with the ball as South Lakes' Caitlin Jensen defends. LeDuc, a junior guard, was named to the All-Tournament Team following the Warhawks' finals victory.

down the season's down-stretch and into the tournament, had won seven of nine games going into the title meeting with Madison.

Madison, in the championship game win over South Lakes, received an absolutely outstanding game from 6-foot-2 inch freshmen center Kelly Koshuta, who finished with 32 points. The Warhawks' star pivot scored many of her points from close-range positioning as a result of her ability to maneuver her way towards the bucket on drives or post-up moves. Her teammates did a fantastic job throughout the evening working the ball around and finding their front court teammate at opportune times. South Lakes tried to slow the ninth grader down but could not. Koshuta, a First Team All-

Liberty District selection, evoked perhaps the loudest cheer of the night from the Madison fandom on hand when, midway through the final quarter, upon receiving a pass out on the left wing area of the court, she, without barely any hesitation, took a long range three-point shot which found its destination. With most of Koshuta's points coming closer to the basket throughout the game, Madison fans, team members and coaches alike got a kick out of the long range trey which built the Madison lead to 30 points.

Koshuta, who led Madison with six rebounds, was named the Tournament MVP during post-game ceremonies. Two other Madison players - junior guards Megan LeDuc and Megan Henshaw - also helped

make up the six-team All-Tournament squad.

Henshaw, a 5-9 sharp-shooter and All-District First Team member this season, connected on five three-pointers in the title game win. In all, Madison nailed nine long distance treys, the others coming from Koshuta, sophomore guard Katie Kerrigan (11 points, 1 trey), and freshman backup guard Jana Tremba (7 points, 2 treys). Madison junior guard Jonee Finney scored all five of her points in the second half.

So between Madison's balanced attack which included points inside the paint and torrid outside shooting, the Warhawks were close to being unstoppable on this night.

BUT SOUTH LAKES played hard the entire night, despite falling behind early in the opening minutes and being down 24-11 after one quarter. The Seahawks came to life in the second quarter with a 7-0 scoring spell to begin the stanza. The final points of the mini-run came on a three-pointer from the top of the key from sophomore guard Caitlin Jensen (8 points) to pull the Seahawks within 24-18 just a few minutes into the second quarter. But over the final five-plus minutes of the first half, Madison went on a 10-0 scoring spree to take a 34-18 lead into the intermission. The Warhawks' game-defining sequence began with consecutive three-pointers from Henshaw, a huge answer to South Lakes' seven points to start the second quarter.

Madison maintained control of the game throughout the second half on way to the championship.

Both Madison and South Lakes were scheduled to host first round games, on Monday, Feb. 20, of this week's 16-team Northern Region Tournament - South Lakes versus Annandale, and Madison versus Lake Braddock.

Good Showing by Northern Region at State Wrestling

Westfield's Donahue earns state title; Dooley of Madison and Forrest of South Lakes earn second place medals.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Three Northern Region teams - Robinson, Annandale, and Westfield High Schools - finished among the top 10 team finishers at last weekend's Virginia State AAA Wrestling Championships, held Feb. 17-18 (Friday and Saturday) at Robinson Secondary.

Colonial Forge (Stafford) of the Northwest Region was the team champion with 152.5 points, well ahead of second place and defending state champion Robinson (87). Matoaca High (67.5) of Chesterfield finished third ahead of fourth place

Annandale (65.5) and fifth place Forest Park (63) of Woodbridge. Westfield High, this year's Northern Region champion, finished in eighth place with 57 points behind sixth place Ocean Lakes (59) of Virginia Beach and seventh place Kellam (58.5), also of Virginia Beach. Rounding out the top 10 behind Westfield were ninth place Hanover (54.5) of Mechanicsville and 10th place Salem High (50).

Thirty-nine teams were represented at states. Other teams from the Northern Region included South County (17th place), Madison (23rd place), South Lakes (28th place), Lake Braddock (29th), Wakefield (31st), Marshall (32nd), Hayfield (33rd),

Centreville (34th), Yorktown (36th), and Stone Bridge (38th).

FIVE NORTHERN REGION wrestlers won individual state titles: Ali Musa (220 weight class) of Annandale; Beau Donahue (152) of Westfield; Brooks Martino (145) of Robinson; Santiago Valdez (138) of Robinson; and Dane Harlow (126) of Annandale.

Second place finishers from the Northern Region were: Jake Pinkston (heavyweight) of Robinson; Ryan Forrest (160) of South Lakes; Henry Majano (132) of Wakefield; and Robert Dooley (120) of Madison.

Third place finishers from the Northern Region were: Matt Crawford (heavyweight) of Marshall; Brett Stein (160) of South County; Jonathan Faul (152) of Stone Bridge; Sahid Kargbo (138) of Hayfield; and Hunter Manley (106) of South County.

A fourth place finisher from the North-

ern Region was Charlie Whelden (heavyweight) of Yorktown.

Fifth place finishers were: Bryan Jefferson (heavyweight) of Annandale; Ryan Sepulveda (170) of Centreville; Jonathan Simmons (160) of Robinson; Rori Renzi (145) of Lake Braddock; Leland Jenkins (126) of Langley; and Brett Campbell (120) of Westfield.

Sixth place finishers were: David Chenevey (195) of Centreville; Dusty Floyd (170) of Mount Vernon; Stephen Aiello (145) of Westfield; and Ibrahim Bunduka (113) of T.C. Williams.

Seventh place finishers were: Tyler Morson (170) of Westfield; Derek Arnold (138) of Westfield; Sean Haskett (132) of Lake Braddock; and Austin Riggs (120) of Robinson.

Eighth place finishers were: Gil Enav (170) of Lake Braddock; Brock Jacobsen (132) of Edison; and James Cusack (113) of Marshall.

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FAITH NOTES

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

Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road in Vienna, will present a special program in recognition of Black History Month on Sunday, Feb. 26 at the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. Evelyn Donkor, a member of Antioch Christian Church, will share her journey of faith as a young black woman at both services. John Holley will share traditional spiritual musical selections at 11 a.m. and we will be sharing how Donna and Stan Hunter's Carousel at the Smithsonian played a role in the journey of African Americans in our area. www.antiochdoc.org.

Great Falls United Methodist Church, 10100 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls, has announced their sermon series for the Feb. 26-April 8 10 a.m. services will be "Journey to Hope." 703-759-3705 or office@greatfallsumc.org.
 ♦ Sunday, Feb. 26. Ash Wednesday

Services: Who is on this journey with you?

♦ Sunday, March 4. Identity and self-esteem can make or break the journey.

♦ Sunday, March 11. How work itself can be realized as a joyful destination.

♦ Sunday, March 18. When we get tired along the way, it is tempting to stop or turn around.

♦ Sunday, March 25. Do you have a healthy relationship with money?

♦ Sunday, April 1. Would we have started this journey, if we had realized the pain along the way?

♦ Thursday, April 5. Maundy Thursday. As we remember this important gathering, we too share the cup and break bread in an experiential Lord's Supper.

♦ Friday, April 6. Good Friday services. Recognize our shortcomings and the message that in the darkest of times, God's light still beckons us to Hope.

♦ Sunday, April 8. Easter services. When all hope feels lost, it has truly just begun.

St. Francis Episcopal Church,

9220 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls, offers three Sunday services and a host of musical, educational, outreach, and fellowship ministries to enrich spiritual growth. 7:45 a.m. Worship Service without music; 9 a.m. Worship Service, Children's Chapel and Children's Choirs; 10 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Forum; and 11 a.m. Worship Service with Adult Choir. 703-759-2082.

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

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.

'Planting' a New Church in Vienna

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A few hundred people come out for the weekly service, held at 10 a.m. on Sunday at Louise Archer ES. A great many of them, Kurcina said, hear about the church from others. Some are from The Falls Church.

"One of the reasons people find a new church exciting is that they feel more needed there," Kurcina said. They are a part of the building process, he explained. "The newness, the smallness and the dynamic nature of a start-up

church creates energy, builds excitement, and that can be very appealing to many people," said Kurcina. "A new church is not for everyone. It has a unique feel to it."

Kurcina graduated from Madison High School in 1993 and from the University of Virginia in 1997 with a degree in religious studies. He did seminary work at Gordon Conwell Seminary, and received his Master's of Divinity from there in 2001. On Feb. 7, he and his wife Sarah celebrated their 14th wedding anniversary.

AFTER GRADUATING from seminary, Kurcina knew he had found his place ministering in local churches, rather than in a worldwide position.

Kurcina's father owns John Edwards salon at the corner of Church and Center streets, the one-time home of Vienna's telephone company manned by living operators. Kurcina lives nearby today.

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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from CDUB LLC, Grantor, to John D. Eubank and Timothy E. Lewis, Trustees, dated September 8, 2011 and recorded on September 15, 2011 in Deed Book 21846 at Page 2131 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia as Instrument No. 2011035032.001, with an original principal balance of \$265,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Trustees will sell at public auction at the front door of the Circuit Court of Fairfax County, 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia 22030, on

FEBRUARY 23, 2012 AT 9:00 AM

ALL THAT fee-simple LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Fairfax County, Virginia, known as 505 Orchard Street, Vienna, Virginia 22180, and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

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Marking Time



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As much as I don't want to be ever-mindful of today's date – relative to when I first learned of my diagnosis, that Thursday three years ago this very week, when my Internal Medicine doctor called me with the results of the biopsy (confirming the malignancy); and of course all that had preceded it and all that has happened since: the miscellaneous tests, scans, doctor's appointments, the first Team Lourie meeting with my oncologist, my first chemotherapy infusion, my one-year anniversary, two-year anniversary, surviving the "13-month to two-year" prognosis I was originally given, and now, reaching my three-year anniversary (and in so doing, outliving my initial prognosis by a significant amount of time), I am powerless not to do so. I won't admit to it depressing me; I mean, I am alive and reasonably well, but it does occupy my mind. And as much as one might want to forget and/or compartmentalize the fact that you have a terminal disease (stage IV lung cancer), your subconscious has other ideas. I don't know which is more difficult: trying to forget or always remembering.

And yet, as life goes on, it is impossible – for me, to not consider that whatever I've done (changes in lifestyle, diet, treatment, etc.) has likely contributed to my survival. That said; if I want/hope to continue to live, don't I sort of have to pay attention to what's presumably extended my life this long? I can't take any of it for granted. I can't stop doing, thinking, planning, worrying – about any of it. That's not to say that my entire existence, conversation, thought-process has to be about cancer – and surviving, but how can I view any other subject in as serious a context? When your life depends on it (maybe?), how do you "back-burner" the topic? You don't. Front and center. Top of mind. First things first. Everything else is secondary. Morning, noon and night.

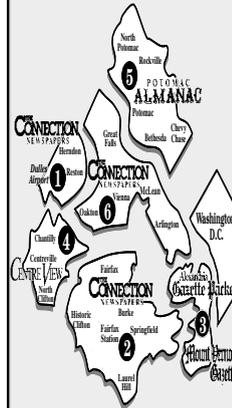
However, immersing myself in this cancer culture can't be my only option, can it? Given the demands – both physically and mentally on a cancer patient, especially one who has been characterized as terminal, how can it not? But somehow, life has to be lived, and not just in the cancer club. Nevertheless, living outside the constraints of a cancer-affected philosophy is much easier said than done. I don't want to use cancer as an excuse, but you have to admit: it's a heck of an excuse. Nor do I want to be beholden to it – good or bad, but sometimes, that dog has to be fed. It's somewhere between supply and demand, and the law of the jungle; thinking it, wanting it, hoping for it – doesn't make it so.

So three years into this battle royal, life goes on. And how fortunate I am. Still it's difficult to consider my status as quo. Is it because of something I'm doing (or not doing anymore) or is it in spite of something I am doing which I've never done before? Am I just lucky or am I good? I'd love to leave well enough alone, but how can I be sure if I am well enough to be left alone. Ergo the problem, the dilemma: is it real or is it my imagination? Granted, I'm alive, but why? (I don't want to look a gift horse in the mouth, but it never seems to be enough.)

Thirty-six months later – almost to the exact day when I received that life-changing call from my doctor, the answers for my continuing survival are still unclear. I'd love some confirmation that what I'm doing is actually working; or alternatively, some sign to direct me down a future path of less resistance that will work better. But I'm afraid I know the answer to that query: there is none. Certainly all that I've done and persevered doing has gotten me this far. But how much further will it get me? I wish I knew. If I wasn't so preoccupied with this cancer business, perhaps I could focus on something else. However, anniversaries such as the one I'm acknowledging this week, often turn that focus – and the "focuser," inside out.

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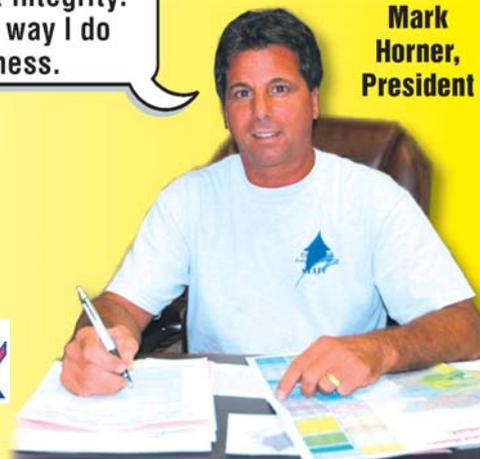
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