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From left, Great Falls Fire Station Commander Capt. Mark Feaster, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chair Sharon Bulova and Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) celebrate the ceremonial uncoupling of the hose, marking the official opening of the new Great Falls Fire Station Saturday, March 10.

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Capt. Kevin Edwards of the Great Falls Fire Department gives a tour of the new Great Falls Fire Station during its grand opening Saturday, March 10.



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Robert and Reagan Nelson, 3, explore one of the rescue boats used by the Great Falls Fire Department during the new fire station's grand opening Saturday, March 10.

Great Falls Fire Station Welcomes Community

Grand opening held at new Great Falls Fire Station.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Ten years ago, five-year-old Harris LaTeef heard about Great Falls' need for a new fire station, so he tried to do what he could to raise money for a new station: he opened a lemonade stand. While LaTeef's stand raised \$307.41 in a little more than four hours, it wasn't enough. But on Saturday, March 10, LaTeef, now a freshman at Langley High School, was able to attend the grand opening of the new fire station he tried so hard to raise money for.

"It really feels like coming full circle, I was here when the old station was demolished and I have a brick for the old station, now I'm here in a brand new station," he said. "And it's even more spectacular than I could have imagined."

LaTeef was one of hundreds of Great Falls residents that turned out for the official opening ceremony of the new Great Falls Fire Station. The station became operational in November, but this was the community's first chance to get a glimpse inside.

"This fire station is here for this community, and it demonstrates what happens when a partnership really comes together," said Frank Smith, Great Falls Volunteer Fire Department chief. "This would only be possible with the persistent effort of the citizens of Great

Falls. We've attempted to build a state-of-the-art fire system in the county, and a state-of-the-art station here in Great Falls. It gives us the ability to rapidly respond to the emerging needs as the community evolves over time."

IN JULY 2001 the Great Falls Volunteer Fire Department voted to replace the old station. The Great Falls Volunteer Fire Department currently assists Fairfax County Fire and Rescue with operation of the station.

"While replacing the beloved old station was questioned, the volunteers who owned the station and property felt that our career staff, the folks who risk their lives for our safety and property, deserved better conditions," said Joan Bliss, president of the Great Falls Volunteer Fire Department.

The early part of the decade was marked by fundraising efforts from the volunteers. After five years of fundraising, they came up with another solution, a partnership with the county.

"Folks joined the Volunteer Fire Department to run ambulance and fire calls, not to spend most of their time fundraising," Bliss said. "In 2007, we turned our property over to the county, along with a substantial cash percentage of the \$12 million needed for a joint new station."

Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) was elected as the

joint station was getting off the ground. He credited his predecessor, Joan DuBois, for her efforts getting the project underway before he took office.

"Almost exactly four years ago, I met with the Great Falls Citizens Association to go over plans for the station. They approved of the project, but there were still some issues that needed to be resolved," he said. "I'm so pleased that we were able to work with the community and the county staff to be able to get the adjacent property, so our new station could have its own septic field so it wouldn't be on pump and haul."

Fairfax County Fire Chief Ronald Mastin said he believed the new station would enhance the ability of the Great Falls Fire Department to perform its specialized functions.

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From right, Great Falls Volunteer Fire Department Chief Frank Smith presents a ceremonial brick to past chief Homer Johns at the grand opening of the new Great Falls Fire Station Saturday, March 10.



Fairfax County Fire Chief Ronald Mastin recognizes Great Falls Fire Station Commander Capt. Mark Feaster during the grand opening of the new Great Falls Fire Station Saturday, March 10. Feaster has spent 15 of his 26 years as a firefighter at the Great Falls station.

What do you like best about the new fire-station?

— MARY GRACE OAKES

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"Football and the firetrucks."
— **Marshall, age 4**



"It's really pretty!"
— **Paige, age 5**



"The kitchen...they've got a Viking stove and a triple fridge."
— **Ashwani Ahluwali, owner of Brix American Bistro, Great Falls**



"It's not the old one!...it's new and clean."
— **James Breisch, firefighter**

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Library to Host Author Larrie D. Ferreiro

The Great Falls Library will host author Larrie D. Ferreiro Tuesday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. Ferreiro will be discussing his book "Measure of the Earth: The Enlightenment Expedition that Shaped the World."

The book is a story of an unlikely team of European scientists and naval officers who set out on the world's first international, cooperative scientific expedition. Their goal was to make measurements at the

equator in order to find the true shape of the earth.

Ferreiro, a Fairfax resident, has authored several books on the history of science and technology. His book "Ships and Science: The Birth of Naval Architecture in the Scientific Revolution, 1600-1800" received the North American Society for Oceanic History's John Lyman Award for best book in science and technology.

The Great Falls Library is located at 9830 Georgetown Pike.

ENGAGEMENTS



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Ann Elizabeth Lewis of Great Falls with Richard Timothy Wand of England.

Ann Elizabeth Lewis and Richard Timothy Wand Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis S. Lewis of Great Falls have announced the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Ann Elizabeth Lewis to Richard Timothy Wand of Ilfracombe, Devon, England. Ann and Richard will be married in Devon this August and celebrate stateside with a pre-wedding reception in June at her parents' home in Great Falls.

Ann is a graduate of Langley High School in McLean, class of 2001 and attended Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif., where she received her BA degree in Education. Ann completed her Masters degree in European Anthropology at the University of Sussex near Brighton, England and is currently working on her PhD in European Anthropology at Oxford University in Oxford, England.

Richard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Wand of Ilfracombe, Devon, England. Richard completed his secondary education at Ilfracombe College in 2000. Richard received his undergraduate degree in Music and Theological Studies at Nexus Academy of Music Ministry in Coventry, England before attending the University of the West of England in Bristol, England where he earned a BSc (Honors) in Music Systems Engineering. Richard currently serves as a systems engineer for Solid State Logic Corporation headquartered in Oxford, England.

Ann and Richard will honeymoon in Crete following their August wedding and reside in Oxford, England.

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Fire Station Opens

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“While the old station allowed us to serve the community for many years, this new station offers many more opportunities for us in the way of training space and the ability to house all of our firefighters in a great and safe working environment,” he said. “In Great Falls, the station has a little bit different mission than our other stations, and that’s Great Falls Park.”

THE GREAT FALLS FIRE STATION is responsible for water and other rescues in the park, and the new station gives the firefighters more room to store the specialized boats and other equipment needed. Other improvements include an additional 2,000 square feet of expanded living quarters, workout facilities, training room, office space and equipment storage.

James Patterson, director of Public Works and Environmental services for the county, said the design represented the latest evolution in fire station design techniques.

“If you look at this facility, having four open bays to bring fire trucks in and out, you end up having a structure that’s similar to a highway bridge,” he said. “The rails that run along the top of the bay help collect the diesel exhaust and get it out of the building. The bi-fold doors are all about speed, about how quickly we can get the trucks out.”

Many of the community members who came to explore the station, met the firefighters and examined some of their equipment, said they were glad to see firefighters in a new building.

“These are the guys and girls that, when push comes to shove, will be out in the community risking their well-being for our safety, and it feels good to know that they will be in such modern facilities,” said Cheryl Parsons of Great Falls.

“When you consider the long shifts they put in, and how much of their lives are spent here, anything short of the very best just isn’t good enough.”

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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The Governing Board of the McLean Community Center is **seeking input from residents** of Dranesville Small District 1A at its Public Hearing on Programs for FY 2014, which runs July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014.

The Board is interested in hearing residents’ ideas for classes, community events, theatre programs, exhibits, tours and youth and teen activities.

If you would like to speak at the hearing, call the Center to have your name placed on the speakers’ list. You also may submit comments in writing to: ellen.barial@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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NEWS

Langley Gears Up For Case Day

20th annual Case Day will debate *Miller v. Alabama*, *Jackson v. Hobbs*.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Langley High School seniors are currently putting the finishing touches on their 20th annual Case Day, which will take place Monday, March 19. This year's cases will be *Miller v. Alabama* and *Jackson v. Hobbs*.

The cases deal with a fourteen-year-old who committed capital murder, and whether or not it is considered cruel and unusual to sentence him to life in prison. They will be heard March 20, by the Supreme Court, and several Langley students will attend.

"We wanted to get a lot of people involved in this process, especially since it's so relevant to us, which is rare in a Supreme Court case," said Alicia Underhill, one of the event's chairs.

Shams Haidari is part of the counsel, and she said it was difficult to separate from such a gruesome crime.

"The first thing I had to do was reconcile my emotional reaction with what the law says, and every time you take a look at the case, more questions and layers come out," she said. "But it's been a lot of fun to prepare with my fellow counsel, and even ones on the other side. While we know one of us will win and one will lose, we're all just hoping that each other can present the best case possible, it's not too competitive."

MEMBERS of the school's Psychology Club, History Honors Society and Science Honor Society will give presentations relating to the cases. While the History Honor Society will give information about the current Supreme Court Justices, the Psychology Club will examine the development of young minds.

"We want to examine the developmental, the social aspects of things like family life and peer influence on young people," said Nick Rifken, chair of the co-curricular committee and president of the Psychology Club. "We took the position that young people shouldn't be given life in prison, because so much about their life, like their family, they didn't have a choice in."

Other groups who have submitted amicus briefs for the case will send representatives to Case Day to give their thoughts on the cases.

"We invited all the groups who submitted briefs, groups like Amnesty International and the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund to come present to us," said Kimiya Haghighi.

"They'll give a panel discussion about what is in their briefs, and they'll try to influence the justices here, just like in the real trial."

Other committees performed more local outreach.



Langley High School seniors rehearse their presentations for the 20th annual Langley Case Day.

PHOTO BY ALEX McVEIGH/THE CONNECTION

Miriam Ahmed of the education committee went to Spring Hill, Forestville, Great Falls and Churchill Elementary Schools to engage students about aspects of the cases.

"We just planned a short lesson about the three branches of government, but the students were so interested, and kept asking such engaged questions, that we ended up talking for most of our hour there," she said. "They were asking about the judicial system, commenting on things they thought were fair or unfair and some even had questions about things like the Miranda rights process. Their questions got hard, but it was really nice to see that interest."

THE EVENT CHAIRS Chaffee Duckers, Sun Park and Underhill have been hard at work on Case Day since December. Since that time, they've had to plan out almost every minute of the day, decided who to include and exclude, as well as coordinate with all the committees.

"What makes this so different is that it's almost entirely student run," Park said. "You get so used to having a checklist of steps, but this is really this big nebulous task involving hundreds of people, so it really takes some time to figure out."

Duckers said it was less stressful than anticipated, thanks in large part to the efforts of the teachers who volunteered to assist them.

"No matter what, teachers have been there to help, and they really helped a lot, they're just the best," she said. "At first we were worried about having enough to fill the day, but soon it became clear we had to start trimming and cutting."

Langley Case Day will take place throughout the entire school day Monday, March 19. More information is available at www.langleycaseday.com.

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NEWS

'March Madness' on Exhibit

New Show by Great Falls artists opens online.

Forty five paintings, ceramics, sculptures, photographs, lithographs and other art pieces addressing the theme "March Madness" will be on display through the end of March in an exhibition featuring works by 27 artists who live or work in Great Falls.

This varied exhibit showcases the talent and also the wit of the participating artists, from realistic images of people and animals in unusual settings to imaginary creations such as a "Six-legged Stink Bug Eater," by sculptor Jonathan Fisher.

The exhibit can be seen only online. To access it, visitors must go to the website of Great Falls Studios, a network of more than 100 artists based in Great Falls. The address is www.GreatFallsStudios.com. To see the show, click on "virtual gallery." You can enlarge each image and bring up information on each work by clicking again on each piece.

"This month Great Falls Studios artists reveal their true colors. Lurking beneath the group's seemingly calm collective countenance lives a creative madness" said Will Tuthill, a printmaker who curates the gallery on behalf of Great Falls Studios. "Among this unique collection of largely unexpected images, there's a full range of expression from simply unusual to complexly bizarre. So open your mind along with your eyes and prepare to expand your horizons in addition to enjoying a touch of humor."

The Great Falls Virtual Gallery opened in 2011. Each month it displays a different themed exhibit of work by artists in Great Falls. Twice a year, the site features work by children at local schools. The April theme is "Growth."

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY FOR APPROVAL TO RECOVER HEXANE COSTS CASE NO. PUE-2012-00014

On February 3, 2012, Washington Gas Light Company ("WGL" or "Company") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") requesting approval to recover \$1,252,580 of costs relating to the non-Btu component of hexane injections for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010, and \$12,908 of costs related to the actual under-collection of non-Btu related hexane costs incurred during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009 ("Application"). In its Application, WGL explains that it has been injecting hexane into its system since February 2006 to replace heavy hydrocarbons in liquefied natural gas that enters the Company's distribution system. WGL's Application advises that pursuant to a Stipulation accepted by the Commission in Case No. PUE-2006-00059, the Company's performance-based rate regulation ("PBR") plan docket, the Company may request approval to recover the non-Btu portion of hexane costs in excess of \$400,000 if the Company's return on equity is less than 10% in any PBR annual period. Under the terms of the Stipulation accepted in Case No. PUE-2006-00059, the cost recovery of the non-Btu component of hexane will be limited to that amount in excess of \$400,000 required for the Company to achieve an earned return on equity of 10.0% for that PBR period under WGL's PBR Plan. The Company's Application advises that for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010, the Company earned less than a 10% return on equity. WGL therefore proposes to collect its actual Virginia-jurisdictional non-Btu hexane costs in excess of \$400,000, or \$1,252,580, as well as an additional \$12,908 of non-Btu hexane costs under-collected for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009.

WGL proposes to collect the non-Btu hexane costs from its customers receiving service under Rate Schedule Nos. 1-Residential Service, 1A-Residential Delivery Service, 2-Commercial and Industrial Service, 2A-Commercial and Industrial Delivery Service, 3-Group Metered Apartment Service, 3A-Group Metered Apartment Delivery Service, 4-Interruptible Service, and 7-Interruptible Delivery Service, 8-Developmental Natural Gas Vehicle Service, and 10-Large Volume Delivery Service. The Company's Application further notes that it proposed new Rate Schedule Nos. 5-Large Commercial and Industrial Service, 5A-Large Commercial and Industrial Delivery Service, 6-Large Group Metered Apartment Service, and 6A-Large Group Metered Apartment Delivery Service in its currently pending general rate case, Case No. PUE-2010-00139. If the Commission approves the Company's proposed rate schedules in its general rate case, the Company will also recover the non-Btu hexane costs from customers receiving service pursuant to these new rate schedules.

WGL proposes to collect its non-Btu hexane costs through an adjustment to the distribution charge for these rate schedules. WGL's Application advises that the hexane charge will be computed on a cents-per-therm basis comprising a current and a reconciling factor. According to the Company's Application, the current factor, if applicable, will be calculated annually by dividing the non-Btu portion of hexane costs approved by the Commission by the total weather normalized throughput for the year. The reconciling factor proposed by WGL will be the difference between the actual amount to be charged and the actual amount collected during the twelve-month period. WGL proposes to implement the current factor as an adjustment to the distribution charge in the first billing cycle month following the Commission's approval of the Company's Application to recover the non-Btu portion of the costs of its hexane injections. The Company's Application also includes testimony and exhibits showing the computation of a proposed charge of \$0.0020 per therm, which will allow the Company to collect the proposed \$1,252,580 of non-Btu hexane costs expensed in fiscal year 2010 and the \$12,908 of non-Btu hexane costs under-recovered in fiscal year 2009.

The details of WGL's proposals are set out in the Company's Application. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Application and other materials filed with the Application for the details of these proposals. Interested persons should also be advised that after considering the record in this case, the Commission may change the tariff revisions proposed by the Company or take other actions with respect to the recovery of the non-Btu component of hexane costs that differ from the proposals set out in the Company's Application.

The Commission has entered an Order for Notice and Comment that, among other things, docketed the Application as Case No. PUE-2012-00014 and established a procedural schedule for the filing of comments, requests for hearing, and the filing of testimony or a Report by the Commission Staff. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment for details on how to participate in this proceeding.

Interested persons may also review a copy of the Application, the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment, as well as other documents now or hereinafter filed in this matter, in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the First Floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. A copy of the Application may also be obtained at no cost to interested persons by making a written request to the Company's counsel at the following address: Meera Ahamed, Esquire, Washington Gas Light Company, 101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20080. If acceptable to the requesting party, the Company may provide the Application, with or without attachments, by electronic means. In addition, the Company's Application, the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment, other orders entered in this docket, the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, and other information concerning the Commission and the statutes it administers, may be viewed on the Commission's website at: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.

Pursuant to the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment, interested persons may file written comments or requests for hearing with the Clerk of the Commission on the proposals set out in the Company's Application on or before April 27, 2012. An original and fifteen (15) copies of all written comments and requests for hearing must be filed with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Any request for hearing must state with specificity why the issues raised in the request for hearing cannot be adequately addressed in written comments. If no sufficient request for hearing is received, the Commission may consider the Application based on the papers filed without convening a hearing at which oral testimony is received.

Persons filing a request for hearing and expecting to participate as a respondent in any hearing that may be scheduled in this case shall also file, on or before April 27, 2012, an original and fifteen (15) copies of a notice of participation as required by 5 VAC 5-20-80 B of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-10 et seq., with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above. Any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a 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 should refer to the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment for more information on how to participate as a respondent.

Interested persons desiring to submit comments electronically may do so on or before April 27, 2012, by following the instructions available at the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case> and referring to Case No. PUE-2012-00014. Interested persons shall refer in their comments, requests for hearing, and notices of participation to Case No. PUE-2012-00014, and shall serve a copy of any such document filed with the Commission upon counsel for the Company at the address set forth above.

WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY

OPINION

So Hard to Imagine?

Poor families face challenges that officials and many of the rest of us have trouble envisioning.

The Commonwealth of Virginia and even Northern Virginia includes many poor families and individuals. But officials seem to have trouble wrapping their brains around some of the difficulties this can cause.

In Fairfax, Arlington and Alexandria, some analysis of the effect of budget cuts and service cuts on families in the bottom 20 percent of income would be appropriate and revealing.

EDITORIALS Cutting library hours and service again? Consider that for many, the public libraries are their only source of computer and internet access. This has a significant impact on school performance, the ability to hunt for a job, the ability to access services and more.

It's hard for many of us to imagine, check-

ing email at stop lights on our smart phones, that there are families who need to go the library to check theirs. If anything, in the current environment, the libraries should be open more hours, not fewer.

When Fairfax County Public Schools eliminated the year-round school calendar, followed by some of the county's poorest schools, and summer school, poor students were most affected, losing access to meals in the summer as well as a needed boost in instruction.

Similarly, some schools systems eliminated the telephone hotline to find out if schools are closed in inclement weather. Everyone checks that online, right? Or gets their daily email update?

Requirements to present a variety of identification to do a variety of things also present

bigger challenges to poorer residents.

Veto Voter ID Bill

Gov. Bob McDonnell should read the handwriting on the wall from the U.S. Justice Department about making it harder to vote.

More than 600,000 registered voters in Texas do not have the identification that the voter identification law would require, according to Tom Perez of the Justice Department, including a disproportionate number of minority voters, and more than 10 percent of Latino registered voters.

The analysis will reveal similar disparities in Virginia. The Governor can save Virginia money, time and trouble by vetoing the bill now.

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Correction: Last week's editorial failed to correctly identify Del. Charniele Herring (D-46). The full editorial has been corrected online.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Clocks Not Turned Back

To the Editor:
"Reenacting A Dark History?" your March 8 editorial, claims that Virginia Republicans want to turn back the hands of time to a more racist and misogynist period in our history. First, the claim that requiring voter identification would suppress minority turnout is simply false. African-American turnout for the 2006 midterm election in Georgia was 42.9 percent. After the photo i.d. law was passed in Georgia, black turnout rose to 50.4 percent in their 2010 midterms. The African-American turnout also rose in Mississippi and Indiana after those states required similar photo i.d.'s for voting. Also, to say that there is no evidence of voter fraud and there is no need to safeguard our elections is simply to ignore the facts. Why just a few days ago, the former West Virginia sheriff plead guilty to stuffing ballot boxes with illegal absentee ballots in an attempt to steal that state's 2010 Democrat primary. This year alone, there have been indictments, prosecutions, and convictions of voter fraud in states ranging from Maryland, North Carolina, California, Texas, Wisconsin and more. Most people don't find it that arduous to produce an i.d. to vote, particularly since they have to produce one to buy alcohol, open a checking account, or pick up concert tickets. In requiring voters to produce an i.d. to cast a valid ballot, Virginia would be safeguarding the integrity of its

elections and joining many other states that have already passed similar legislation. The next charge in the editorial relates to women's rights. First of all, no one is trying to take away a woman's right to vote, as the editorial suggests. And second, regarding the legislation requiring a woman to obtain an ultrasound before getting an abortion, it might interest the readers to know that the Virginia League for Planned Parenthood itself often already requires the hotly debated transvaginal ultrasound before performing abortions. This invasive ultrasound is necessary to establish gestational age, particularly in early pregnancy, and often determines what type of abortion procedure is safe for a woman to have. In some case, a physical exam is necessary which is even more invasive. The dirty little secret is that these ultrasounds and other invasive measures are already being performed by Planned Parenthood and other medical facilities, and are often necessary to ensure that a woman undergoes a safe abortion. So let's not get start blowing things out of proportion. The clocks are indeed not being turned back. Any valid Virginian voter can still vote and safe abortions are still available in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Gina Ryan
Great Falls

Ensuring Integrity Of the Process

To the Editor:
One needs a birth certificate to

play youth soccer and an i.d. presented for many trivial circumstances. Voting for public representation is far too important to treat with less gravitas than youth soccer [Editorial, "Reenacting a Dark History?", The Connection, March 7-13, 2012]. There is a responsibility to ensure the integrity of the process as there is a responsibility to exercise one's voting privilege, among others.

Why is the Connection such a liberal rag?

Brent Emory
Vienna

Upholding Campaign Promises

To the Editor:

Last November's elections are not so distant that we have all forgotten the issues raised by the many candidates for local office. We heard a lot about transportation and education. The candidates competed to portray themselves as the most representative of this area, with voters' concerns closest to their hearts. We sent the elected officials off to carry our concerns to Richmond, the Board of Supervisors, and the School Board, there to be our strong advocates. Have they been doing as they promised? It appears that some are and some definitely are not. Unfortunately, Del. Barbara Comstock falls into the latter category.

To show what's happening at the local level, the most recent Con-

nection carried a report from Sharon Bulova, recently re-elected Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, discussing the Board's priorities. As promised during the election cycle, the Board is focusing its attention on transportation, fiscal management, and education. But contrast this good news to what is coming out of Richmond. Rather than focusing on voters' concerns, our state legislators have produced bills on personhood, defunding abortions, requiring invasive and unnecessary exams for women seeking abortions, loosening restrictions on gun ownership, and advocating for prayer in public schools. Transportation bills have focused on taking away local control or restricting the types of contracts municipalities can use in seeking bids. Del. Comstock voted for all these measures. With her help, Virginia is becoming the tag line of a national joke. Is this what you voted for? Is this the direction we want to go? Is this what we sent Barbara Comstock to Richmond for? I think I am not alone in responding with a resounding "No!" Election time is not the only time to hold our representatives accountable for their actions. Del. Comstock is heading in the wrong direction. Please join me in urging her to respect the promises she made to her constituents during the campaign.

Cheryl Lindstrom
McLean

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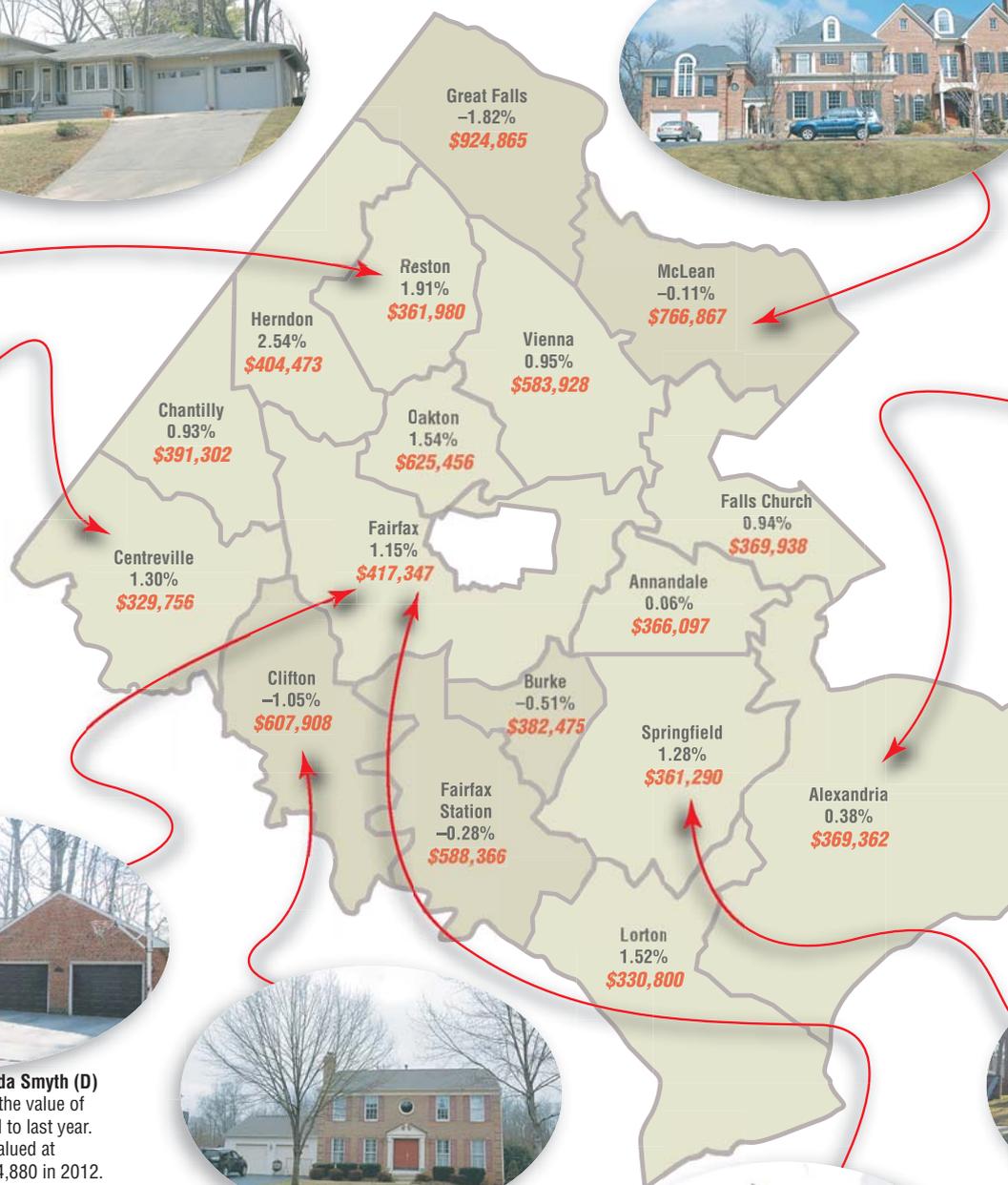
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2012 Assessments by Zip Code Areas

Hunter Mill Supervisor **Cathy Hudgins (D)** saw her assessment went up 4.60% from \$545,440 in 2011 to \$570,520 in 2012.



Dranesville District Supervisor **John Foust (D)** saw a 5.69% gain in his property value when compared to 2011. The county valued Foust's house at \$2,884,060 last year and \$3,048,110 this year.



Sully Supervisor **Michael Frey (R)** saw a 2.88% increase in the value of his home over the last year. Frey's home was assessed at \$208,480 in 2011 and \$214,490 in 2012.



Lee Supervisor **Jeff McKay (D)** saw an increase of 9.06% in his home assessment in 2012. Last year, his home was worth \$645,030 and this year it is valued at \$703,450.

Providence Supervisor **Linda Smyth (D)** saw a 2.66% increase in the value of her house when compared to last year. Smyth's home was valued at \$482,080 in 2011 and \$494,880 in 2012.



Springfield Supervisor **Patrick Herry (R)** was the only member of the Fairfax County board to see his assessment drop this year. Herry lost 1.07% of his home value, taking him from \$525,750 to \$520,120.



Braddock Supervisor **John Cook (R)** has a new home in Springfield assessed at \$556,920 in 2012.

2011 County Average (Percent Change)
 Single Family Detached **\$545,279 (0.70%)**
 Townhouse **\$327,499 (1.20%)**
 Condos **\$212,764 (-0.06%)**



Fairfax County Chairman **Sharon Bulova (D)** saw her home value remain flat this year. Bulova owns a house in Fairfax assessed at \$591,990 in both 2011 and 2012.

ZIP CODE AREA	2011 MEAN	2012 MEAN	PERCENT CHANGE
Alexandria	367,948	369,362	0.38
Annandale	365,880	366,097	0.06
Burke	384,443	382,475	-0.51
Centreville	325,536	329,756	1.30
Chantilly	387,704	391,302	0.93
Clifton	614,353	607,908	-1.05
Fairfax	412,608	417,347	1.15
Fairfax Station	590,022	588,366	-0.28
Falls Church	366,509	369,938	0.94
Great Falls	941,968	924,865	-1.82
Herndon	394,461	404,473	2.54
Lorton	325,838	330,800	1.52
McLean	767,738	766,867	-0.11
Oakton	615,968	625,456	1.54
Reston	355,205	361,980	1.91
Springfield	356,740	361,290	1.28
Vienna	578,417	583,928	0.95

SOURCE: FAIRFAX COUNTY

Home Life Style



Matthew Moore, of John Matthew Moore Fine Art, in McLean was selected to design the foyer and staircase the D.C. Design House.



Great Falls-based designer Susan Nelson, of Susan Interiors (pictured with design student Jacob Oxford), will design a girl's bedroom.



Annette Hannon, of Annette Hannon Interior Design in Burke, was selected to design the parlor.

PHOTOS BY ROBERT RADIFERA

Local Designers

Some of the local designers who were selected to make over the home offer a preview of their plans.

Potomac-based designer Sharon Kleinman of Transitions will decorate the master bedroom. "The room is architecturally challenging with many doors and minimum wall space," she said. "The focal point in the room becomes the sliding glass doors that look out into the garden. I use the garden view as my inspiration. Choosing fabrics in lush greens and warm browns, I brought the colors of the garden indoors. I believe master bedrooms should be serene so I used lots of different textures and very little pattern."



Shanon Munn, of Ambi Design Studio in McLean, was one of 23 designers selected to makeover the 2012 D.C. Design House. She will decorate the master deck.



Elizabeth Krial, of Elizabeth Krial Design in Reston, was one of 23 designers selected to makeover the 2012 D.C. Design House. Krial will design a modern nursery.

Shazalynn Cavin-Winfrey of SCW Interiors in Alexandria is charged with transforming the dining room. "I anticipate wonderful parties and celebrations in the dining room I will be creating this year and my use of color

pinks, brown and cream to create a cozy haven. By using a mix of new and repurposed furniture, the room has the quality of changing along with the girl," she said. "For instance, the coverlet fabric is a sophisticated fabric with a water color quality to the flowers on it, but the club chair is slip covered in a fun confetti print in pinks and purples that she might have had as a child."

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Local Designers Selected to Makeover the 2012 D.C. Design House

Annual event raises money for Children's National Medical Center.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Some of the Washington area's top interior designers are unleashing their creative talent all in the name of charity. Organizers of the 2012 Washington, D.C. Design House announced the designers

who will makeover the 2012 D.C. Design Home.

"The selection [was] open to all area designers who wanted to apply," said Susan Hayes Long, chairperson of D.C. Design House. "They started by coming to a design walk-through to get a feel for the space, and then [submitted] up to three proposals for rooms, with

at least one presentation board. The board [included] their floor plan, color selections, and finishes they would use. Our design team selected the final 23 designers. We had more than 80 proposals this year, and so many fantastic presentation boards. The competition was really tough."

The D.C. Design House serves as a bellwether of local design trends. "Being selected to design for the show house is a bit like being crowned homecoming queen then having to run a marathon in your ball gown while collecting items for a scavenger hunt," said Shazalynn Cavin-Winfrey of SCW Interiors in Alexandria, who was also one of the designers selected. "It is the most

prestigious invitation... For a committee of veteran designers and industry leaders to select a designer is truly one of the highlights of one's career."

With no paying clients to please, the designers unleash their creative talent. "I love participating in show houses for the freedom it allows me," said Annette Hannon of Annette Hannon Interior Design in Burke, who was also one of the designers selected. "For each house

I've had the opportunity to engage in, I've gotten to conjure up an imaginary 'perfect' client and design according to their needs and desires. It's a bit like celebrating one's birthday and getting to create your perfect party."

The Washington, D.C. Design House, a nonprofit entity, began in 2008 as a design event in which some of the region's most sought-after designers decorate a luxury home to raise funds for a local

charity. After completion, the home is opened to the public for tours. Now in its fifth year, the D.C. Design House has attracted more than 30,000 visitors and raised nearly \$600,000 for Children's National Medical Center (CNMC). Proceeds will go to CNMC again this year.

Built in 1956, the 2012 D.C. Design House is located in Washington, D.C.'s Spring Valley neighborhood. It is currently on the market for \$3.9 million.

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Home Life Style

Local Designers

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and pattern is a play on this celebratory mode. I am thrilled to help people who see the space take away some element in the design that might fit their home or their lifestyle," she said.

Victoria Sanchez of Victoria Sanchez Interiors in Alexandria is creating a teenager's retreat. "I have chosen a very lively, colorful design scheme from Missoni and will be using Mid-Century modern furniture," said Sanchez. "This room is designed to be a perfect hangout for teenagers and will reflect the energy teenagers create."

Nancy Twomey of Finnian's Moon Interiors in Alexandria will design a boy's bedroom. "I love good design, but I also know children. Children's rooms are messy places, so it is best if there is an inherent order in the design elements, starting with the palette," said Twomey. "My 2012 D.C. Design House room has a serene quietude in its bones, but it isn't sleepy. It has timeless, classic ingredients such as menswear fabrics, juxtaposed with modern, playful ones."

Elizabeth Krial of Elizabeth Krial Design in Reston will create a modern nursery. "The most afforded luxury in my space is the natural sunlight that washes the room," she said. "As a designer, I have added luxurious layers of softness and comfort through textiles. The modern nursery has a lightness that will remind you of the hope and joy that a new baby brings."

Matthew Moore of John Matthew Moore Fine Art in McLean will decorate the foyer and staircase. "My design philosophy is clean, classic spaces. My favorite period in design is the late fifties and sixties," he said. "I feel that that is the time when American design came into its own. I've chosen this style for the entrance and reception hall [because] the home was built in that period. It's a sophisticated design that would be as much at home in the fifties as it is now in the present."

Shanon Munn of Ambi Design Studio in McLean will decorate the master deck. "My concept for the space is to have an outdoor retreat,"



The Chateau in Oak Hollow is one of four residential properties for sale for more than \$10 million, was designed by architect, Ron Hubbard, who blends green technologies with the use of space and proportion.

The Chateau in Oak Hollow

One of just four properties in Fairfax County listed at HomesDatabase.com for sale for more than \$10 million, this home sits on five acres in Clifton, and is for sale for \$12.5 million. The other three properties are in McLean.

The Chateau was designed by architect, Ron Hubbard, who uses innovative green technologies such as three geothermal fields and 14 radiant zones using more than 10,000 feet of buried line to heat and cool the home.

This home has more than

27,000 square feet of living space inside (13,500 finished), plus more than 3,000 square feet of exterior living space comprised of balconies and patios. Many of the outdoor living areas are constructed with stamped concrete and provide ample space for large parties, and some for more intimate gatherings.

The property also includes a 3-bedroom guest suite in one wing of the home, and an indoor pool and fitness center in the other. The Chateau has an eight-car garage.

The house is listed by Meghan Wasinger of Jobin Realty.



The parlor is located next to the formal dining room. There are five fireplaces throughout the Chateau (with a potential for 13), set on five-acre estate in Clifton.

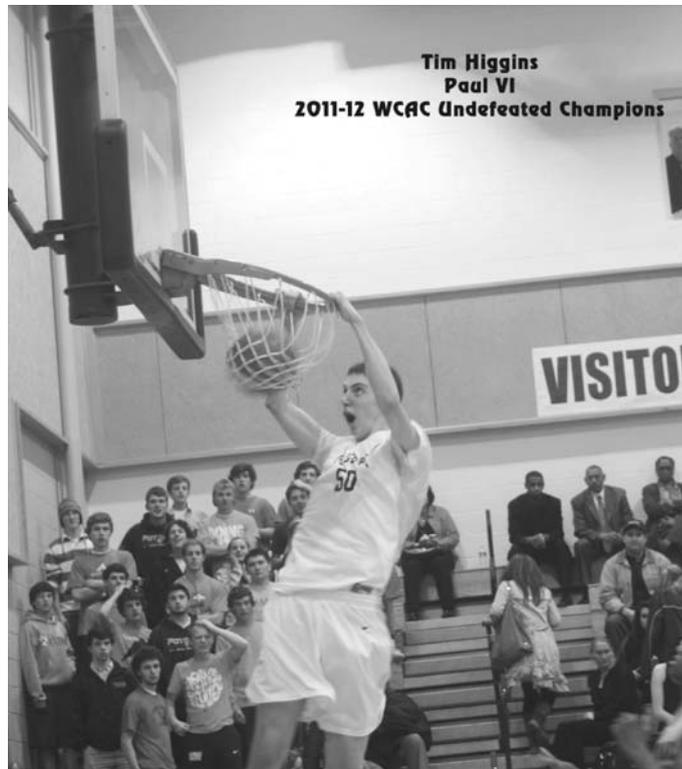
said Munn. "I chose pieces that are scaled similarly to indoor pieces and provide a great lounging spot. We chose patterns that are interesting and bold. We plan to take the existing railing, currently an eyesore, and make it a highlight of the deck with a long row of custom benches and pedestals strategically placed to create focal points and to hide the dated metalwork."

Annette Hannon of Annette Hannon Interior Design in Burke designed the parlor. "The [parlor] is the first living area a visitor will enter," said Hannon. "My goal was to create a comfortable, luxurious space someone would want to linger in long after the party's over. I felt it was essential to add layers of interest in the room."

SCHOOLS

Paul VI, Tim Higgins of Great Falls Enjoy a Perfect Season

Based on recent analysis by ESPN, Paul VI Catholic High School, based in Fairfax, plays in the best high school basketball league in the country, the Washington Catholic Athletic Association (WCAC). The analysis is based on the fact that most of the players in the league wind up playing division 1 college basketball, as well as this year there being three teams that were ranked in the top ten nationally by various polls. Additionally, many of the players are ranked in the top 100 in the country. The league includes such well-known basketball high schools as DeMatha, Gonzaga and O'Connell. Paul VI just accomplished what has never been done in the 50-year history of the WCAC, a perfect 21 game, undefeated season in the WCAC, beating DeMatha on Monday, Feb. 27 at American University for the championship. While there have been a few undefeated teams in the past (all by DeMatha), those



Tim Higgins
Paul VI
2011-12 WCAC Undefeated Champions

Tim Higgins dunking in the Virginia Independent Schools State Tournament against Potomac. Higgins was selected all WCAC Conference Team (honorable mention).

teams played when the league was smaller and they only had to win 15 games against non-ranked opponents to be successful. With the expansion of the league to 10 teams, to have a perfect WCAC now you have to win 21 straight games. This is exactly what Paul

VI has done.

Tim Higgins, a junior at Paul VI and resident of Great Falls, is a member of the undefeated Paul VI team. Tim is 6'10"; plays center for the team and started in half of the games this season, including the championship game. Tim commit-



Great Falls resident, Tim Higgins (left) holds WCAC Basketball Championship trophy with his teammate, Coleman Johnson (Fairfield commit) at American University on Feb. 27, 2012.

ted to play for Cornell University this past August, making him the youngest and earliest basketball commit in Ivy League history. At present, the Paul VI team includes 10 players who have already received offers or committed to play Division 1 college basketball, including conferences such as the Big East, ACC, Patriot league, Ivy League and others.

FAITH NOTES

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

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, 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.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, 2351 Hunter Mill Road in Vienna, will host Christian ethics professor Sondra Ely Wheeler in a special Lenten lecturer Sunday, March 18 as part of the church's Champions of the Faith Series. Her 9:45 a.m. Sunday School class, "Yes, life in a family is hard," will discuss how intimate relationships offer us the deepest joy of human experience, but also the greatest challenges, and the most profound risks. Her 11 a.m. worship sermon, "Afraid of the Light," will focus on the Christian journey. www.GoodShepherdVA.com.

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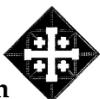


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Langley, McLean Enjoy Successful Ice Hockey Seasons

Local high school rivals face off in postseason quarterfinals.

Kevin Diner scored twice and Evan Sterling had a goal and three assists as Langley High School posted a 6-1 upset win over McLean in the recent quarterfinal round game of the Northern Virginia Scholastic Hockey League (NVSHL) playoffs at SkateQuest Reston.

With the victory, Langley advanced to the semifinals where they lost a close game to Stone Bridge High at the Ashburn Ice House.

The annals of cross-town rivals Langley and McLean ice hockey have produced several unusual scenarios over the years, and the quarterfinals round playoff game added yet another chapter to that legacy.

Down 1-0 on an early goal by Diner, McLean captain Nick Baker had to step into his team's goalie position after the McLean starting goalie left the game on a penalty. Baker was valiant and blocked several Langley scoring bids, including a rocket slap shot with his glove, during the final five minutes of the opening period. Paul Forest eventually took over the goalie duties for McLean to start the second period with Langley ahead, 3-0.

McLean played with heart, determination



Over the years, the McLean and Langley squads have squared off in Northern Virginia Scholastic Hockey League action. Two weeks ago, the two teams met in a postseason game with Langley prevailing.

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and passion but it wasn't enough. Forest, who played goalie in youth hockey 10 years prior, made several spectacular saves. But

Langley players Atte Happonen and Drew Schneider finally broke through in the last three minutes of the period to essentially put the game out of reach. Grady Payne scored a late goal for McLean but Sterling answered 45 seconds later and the Saxons were on their way to the semifinals.

"It was an unusual game, what with the goalie getting that penalty, but once the second period started, both teams settled down and it was a good, two-way game," said Langley coach Rob Faktorow.

Indeed, both teams had ample scoring opportunities with Langley goalie Ryan Framinan looming large on several McLean shots, particularly in the second period when a Highlander comeback was still a possibility.

Stone Bridge Barely Edges Langley, 5-4, in OT.

Two nights following the win over McLean, the Langley hockey squad, in a fast-paced Wednesday thriller in Ashburn, wowed its fans by nearly defeating the defending champion Stone Bridge Bulldogs.

The Saxons were outshooting Stone Bridge throughout the first period of the NVSHL semifinal game and jumped out in front on a goal by Evan Sterling. The second period saw three goals by each team in back and forth fashion, with Langley's Kevin Diner netting two scores. The period ended with Langley in front 4-3 and the teams dead even at 21 shots each.

In the third period, Stone Bridge put furious pressure on Langley keeper David Altman, finally edging ahead of Langley in shots on goal. An amazing performance by Altman and a tight Langley defense held

Stone Bridge off until Stone Bridge pulled its goalie. Using the extra man advantage, the Bulldogs were able to tie the game with just 51 seconds left.

In overtime, with a first-ever trip to the finals on the line, Langley continued to deliver its best game of the season. Nevertheless, with only three minutes left, Stone Bridge was able to overpower the tiring Saxon squad, claiming the 5-4 win and advancing to the NVSHL championship game.

EARLIER IN THE POSTSEASON, Langley had been victorious over Bishop O'Connell High (Arlington) in a first round contest, earning the Saxons a berth in the quarterfinals against McLean.

In a Friday night affair, Langley routed O'Connell, 9-2, behind a team-record five goals from Drew Schneider. Also for Langley, Logan Pontell added two goals while Ture Linden and Colin Framinan added one each.

The win enabled the Saxons to move on to play McLean. During the regular season, Langley had lost to McLean - the first time in 10 years that the Saxons had fallen to their local rivals. So, going into the quarterfinals round playoff meeting, Langley was determined to avenge the regular season loss.

"Our players were determined to start a new winning streak," said Faktorow, the Langley coach.

Langley went on to the decisive playoff win over McLean, placing them into the semifinals round where they saw their successful season end with the loss to the powerful Stone Bridge program.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ST. JOHN CYO TEAM

St. John 5th Grade Boys Win Hoops Title

The St. John fifth grade boys CYO basketball team of McLean had an excellent winter season, winning their division and then going on to win the postseason tournament. They compiled a 9-1 record during the regular season and added three more playoff wins to finish 12-1 overall. In both the regular season division championship game as well as the postseason tournament championship game, St. John rallied from late deficits to win. The team wishes to thank Father Paul Scalia for his support and special prayer at the championship game. Team members pictured are: Jeremiah Sola, Declan Mathis, Paul Kinsella, Joe McGinn, Chance Shuman, Jason Shepard, Oscar Tatis, Colman Rowan, Micah Hoernig, Flanagan Anderson, Coach Tom Tribone, and Father Paul Scalia.



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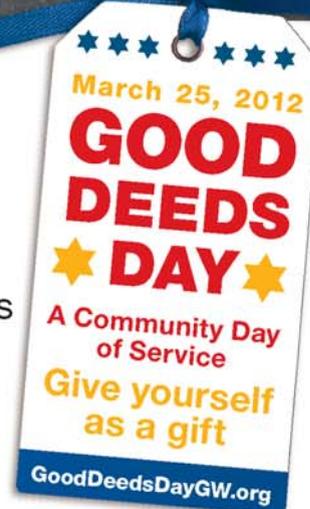


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THURSDAY/MARCH 15

Darrell Scott and Grace Pettis. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave E Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.
50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemoration. 7:30 p.m. Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane, Cedar Lane Shopping Center, Vienna. Richard Williams of the USA Vietnam War Commemoration Commission will discuss the nation's program to honor all who served in the Vietnam War at the meeting of Chapter 227, Vietnam Veterans of America Inc. The general public and all veterans are invited. Free admission. 703-255-0353 or www.vva227.org.

Tom Paxton. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolftrap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. American folk music. \$24. www.wolftrap.org.

The Dirty Pints. 6 p.m. The Auld Shebeen Restaurant and Pub, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. Live Irish music. www.theauldshebeenva.com.

National Trumpet Competition. 1:30 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Featuring The U.S. Army Band & Herald Trumpets with guest soloists. Free and open to the public. www.nationaltrumpetcomp.org.

Art History Lecture Series. 10 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. First in a series of four Introductory Art History Lectures, featuring the art and architecture of Ancient Greece and Rome. 801-361-5464.

Book Discussion Group. 7:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Call for title. Adults. 703-757-8560.

FRIDAY/MARCH 16

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.com.

Rosie Thomas and Bhi Bhiman at 7 p.m.; **Bluefiveone and Blue County and Lowercaseletters** at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

GrooveLily. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolftrap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. "Sleeping Beauty Wakes: In Concert," a contemporary take on a classic fairytale. \$35. www.wolftrap.org.

John Eaton: A Juke Joint Jam Session. 7:30 p.m. The Barns at Wolftrap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. The Great American Song Book. \$25. www.wolftrap.org.

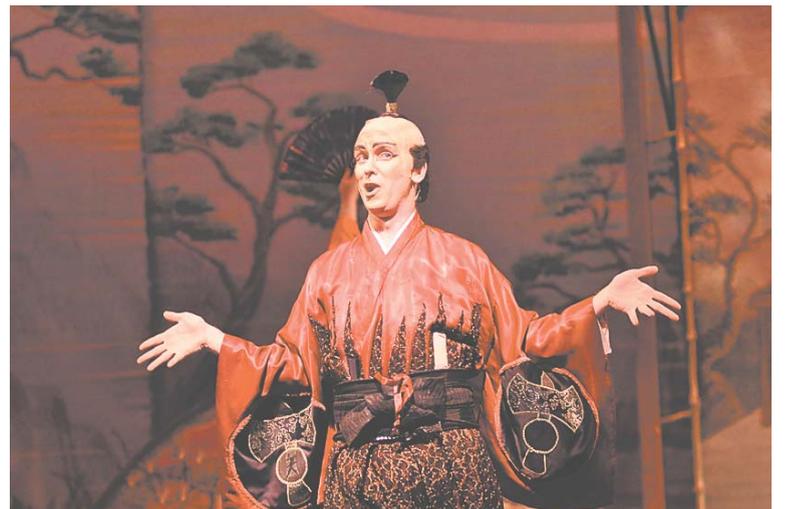
National Trumpet Competition. 2 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Featuring Doc Severinsen and The Army Blues. Free and open to the public. www.nationaltrumpetcomp.org.

Celtic Music Concert. 8 p.m. Cherry Hill Farmhouse, 312 Park Ave., Falls Church. With the band Isle of Treora. \$15. 703-248-5171.

Friday Afternoon Chess Group. 1 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. All ages and skill levels welcome. 703-757-8560.

SATURDAY/MARCH 17

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



Bass Kevin Burdette as Ko-Ko in Virginia Opera's production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado". The Virginia Opera will present "The Mikado" on Friday, March 23 at 8 p.m. and again on Sunday, March 25 at 2 p.m. in George Mason University's Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets are \$44-\$98. 888-945-2468 or www.gmu.edu.

With pianist Rick Rowley. Stravinsky's Firebird Suite (1919 version), Rachmaninoff's Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini, Sibelius' Symphony No. 7, and Sibelius' Finlandia. Free pre-concert discussion for ticketholders at 7 p.m. Tickets \$25-\$55. info@fairfaxsymphony.org.

Model Railroad (HO Scale) Open House and Display. 1-5 p.m. Historic Vienna Depot, 231 Dominion Road NE, Vienna. The layout depicts the Western North Carolina Railroad (now a portion of the Norfolk Southern) during the period of transition from steam to diesel. Free, donations accepted. www.nvmr.org or 703-938-5157.

The Rhodes Tavern Troubadours, Scott Ramminger & the Crawstickers and Carter Louthian & Curtis Barnes at 12 p.m.; **Better Said Than Done - The Luck of the Irish** at 7 p.m.; **Danny Rouhier's CD Recording & St. Patrick's Day Drinking Experience** at 9:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

MOPS Scrapbooking Event. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Door prizes, refreshments, vendors and more. For age 12 and up. Registration \$20-\$40. vpcompscrap@gmail.com.

Supports and Grounds: Workshop for Painters. 2:30 p.m. Great Falls School of Art, 1144 Walker Road, Suite D, Great Falls. Designed to help the serious painter create and prepare their working surface. \$50. Register at www.greatfallsfoundationforarts.org.

National Trumpet Competition. 2 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Free and open to the public. www.nationaltrumpetcomp.org.

Antiques Appraisal. 12-4 p.m. Freeman Store, 131 Church St. N.E., Vienna. Limit two items per person, appointments necessary. \$8.50 per item for members of Historic Vienna, Inc. and \$12 per item non-members. Schedule appointments at 703-938-5187.

Road to Renewal: A One-Day Retreat of Health Renewal for Cancer Survivors. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 8601 Wolftrap Road, Vienna. The Northern Virginia chapter of the Oncology Nursing Society is offering this free one day event for cancer survivors who have completed treatment. Space is limited. Register

at 703-558-6213 or special.projectsnavons@gmail.com.
Music: An Insider's Guide Lecture. 4 p.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Adolphe Sax, Inventor: Instruments as Technology. Presented by A. Scott Wood, conductor of the Amadeus Orchestra. Adults. 703-356-0770.

Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association. Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Rd., Falls Church. St. Patrick's dance. Line dance lesson 7:30 p.m., Beginning East Coast Swing 8 p.m. Open dancing 8:30-11 p.m. Two Step, waltz, line, swing, cha cha and more. Couples and singles welcome. \$5-\$12. Refreshments available. www.nvcwda.org or 703-860-4941.

Farm Spring Clean-Up. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Help the living history museum and working farm prepare for the 2012 season by raking leaves, clearing and mulching paths, hauling brush and firewood, moving rail fences, waterproofing outbuildings, whitewashing the farmhouse, splitting firewood, filling garden pots and more. Families and groups welcome. Picnic hot dog lunch and complimentary passes to one of the Farm's 2012 Market Fairs provided. Bring work gloves. Reserve at volunteers@1771.org or www.1771.org.

"The Revenge of the Space Pandas or Binky Rudich and the Two-Speed Clock." 3 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. For ages 6 and up. A comedy by David Mamet. \$8-\$10. sabrina.anwah@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Loralyn Coles, Marcy Cochran and Scott Malyszka. 8 p.m. The Surge, 1988 Kirby Road, McLean. Multi-instrumental songwriters with music from Celtic, Old Timey, and Blues traditions. Free. www.saw.org.

Tea Tasting Seminar. 1 p.m. Historic Forestville Schoolhouse, 9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Taste teas used in Irish Breakfast Blends and green teas. \$25. Reserve at 703-759-2771.

SUNDAY/MARCH 18

Accidents, Derek Evry, Madrone and Today's Tomorrow at 1 p.m.; **Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer** Rockin' the Uke CD Release Concert

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at 6 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave E Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Photography Contest and Exhibit. 12-3:30 p.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. Photos will be judged by local professional photographers and ribbons awarded eight categories, with a separate contest section for middle and high school students. \$10 entry fee. Maximum four photos per person and two in any one category. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.gov.

Northern Virginia Simcha Expo. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Vendors include DJs, photographers, florists, entertainment, venues, invitations and decorations, caterers, make-up, Judaica and more. www.shalomnova.org/simchaexpo or www.jccnv.org.

Shakespeare's "King Lear." 4 p.m. Madeira School, 8328 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Performed by the Traveling Players Ensemble. \$10, students and teachers with ID free. www.travelingplayers.org or 703-987-1712.

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MONDAY/MARCH 19

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

The McEuen Brothers. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

TUESDAY/MARCH 20

"Better This World" Film Screening & Discussion. 6 p.m. George Mason University Johnson Center Cinema, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Katie Galloway and Kelly Duane de la Vega's documentary follows David McKay and Bradley Crowder as they are transformed from political neophytes to accused domestic terrorists, arrested at the 2008 Republican National Convention. Free. <http://fams.gmu.edu>.

Celtic Crossroads. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolftrap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Bluegrass, gypsy-folk and jazz. \$27. www.wolftrap.org.

Five Hills Garden Club. 9:45 a.m. Lower level of Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Josh Dean, whose landscaped designs have been featured on the cover of Gardener Magazine, HGTV's Curb Appeal and DIY Inside and Out, on contrast, repetition, and focal points when landscaping. Free. Mariansanders@cox.net.

Literacy Council of Northern Virginia. 1 p.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Tutoring. 703-356-0770.



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Members of the McLean High School Madrigals perform in the choral department's annual Boar's Head Feast at the school Saturday, March 10.

McLean Hosts Annual Boar's Head Feast

Choir Department welcomes community to Medieval-themed dinner.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The McLean Choral Department presented its annual Boar's Head Feast Saturday, March 10, featuring a three-course Medieval-style dinner and performances by a variety of choral groups.

The Madrigals spent the evening at center stage, with their 16 members donning Renaissance garb and weaving songs from different centuries into a lively program, all told in rhyming verse.

Along with the Men's and Women's Choir, the Madrigals performed carols from Finland and Spain, songs in Latin and Celtic, along with popular tunes from artists such as Queen, Billy Joel and Solomon Linda.

"Performing 'Bohemian Rhapsody,' in all its parts and harmonies, was one of the toughest songs, but the most rewarding," said senior Chris Chen, who played the king. "But it came out well, and that was the product of a lot of hard work."

Junior Wolfe Glick agreed, saying "it was fun to work it out and get comfortable singing it together."

Between songs, the Madrigals told a story of a royal meal cursed by a witch, which causes the king, his queen, their son and his wife to argue with a visiting duchess and her family, as well as the witch and her family.

The event, which raises funds for the choral department's annual scholarships, almost never came to be. Originally scheduled for Jan. 21, the event was postponed when inclement weather closed schools and cancelled activities for the day.

"Up until a month after the original date, we weren't sure that it would even be rescheduled," said senior Nick Stone. "But we're glad we could put the show on, it's a cool tradition."

This was the 59th annual edition of the Boar's Head Feast, which is one of the McLean Choral Department's signature events. The chorus is ranked ninth nationally.

"Measure of the Earth." 7:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Dr. Larrie Ferreira, author and editor of books on the history of science and technology. 703-757-8560

A Mighty Raucous Evening with John Mark McMillan & Friends, The RoyalRoyal and Jude Moses. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 21

"Orphans of the Storm." 8 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234

Ingleside Ave., McLean. D.W. Griffith's 1921 silent film, starring sisters Lillian and Dorothy Gish in the story of two young women in peril during the French Revolution. \$6-\$8. www.mcleancenter.org.

Digitour with Dave Days, DeStorm, Ricky Ficarelli, Alex Goot, Asher Monroe, Nice Peter, The Key of Awesome and WhatADayDerek. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave E Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Celtic Crossroads. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolftrap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Bluegrass, gypsy-folk and jazz. \$27. www.wolftrap.org.



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VIRGIN GRAND VILLAS - ST. JOHN)CONDOMINIUM OWNERS) ST - 11 - CV - 544 ASSOCIATION,))Plaintiff,) vs.)

CRYSTAL DENUNZIO,) Defendant.)

To:

TO: CRYSTAL A. DENUNZIO
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McLean, Virginia 22101

Within the time limited by law (see note below) you are hereby required to appear before this Court and answer to a complaint filed against you in this action and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment by default will be taken against you as demanded in the Complaint, for DEBT, FORECLOSURE OF LIEN AND BREACH OF CONTRACT. Witness my hand And the Seal of this Court this 16th day of February, 2012. HON. MICHAEL C. DUNSTON, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS. Richard H. Dollison, Esq. Attorney for Plaintiff, Virgin Grand Villas - St. John Condominium Owners Association. Duensing, Casner, Dollison & Fitzsimmons, Electra House, 5060 Forts Straede P.O. Box 6785 St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands 00804. NOTE: This defendant, if served personally, is required to file his answer or other defenses with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after service of this summons, excluding the date of service. The defendant, if served by publication or by personal service outside of the jurisdiction, is required to file his answer or other defense with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the attorney for the plaintiff within thirty (30) days after the completion of the period of publication or personal service outside of the jurisdiction.

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"Early Results Show Stable Disease"



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

There's five words e-mailed from my oncologist that I can live with (Duh!). Certainly better than the previous nine words e-mailed eight weeks ago regarding my then current CT Scan: "Scan results show progression. We'll talk more on Friday." Not that early results (I think 'early results' means after the first two infusions) guarantee any future results, but half good is better than all bad. Continued 'progression' (growth and/or movement; meaning the chemotherapy was having zero effect) would have been disappointing (you think?), so reading 'stable' in my doctor's message was welcome news indeed; any port in a storm, as they say. And make no mistake about it, when you're diagnosed as a terminal patient, who's now outlived your original prognosis - by years - every day is a storm, and any place of refuge, leaky or otherwise, is a welcome sight. Just as pilots say: "Any landing you walk away from is a good one." I'm going to create a corollary for cancer patients: any scan that doesn't cause your oncologist to advise you to get your things in order ("Five Wishes") is a good one. And so Tuesday, February 18th was real good - for "Kenny-with-cancer." Alive and reasonably well.

However, just as life goes on, so too do the diagnostic scans and all the associated anxiety - and hopes and prayers as well. It's a balancing act to be sure, to be always living on the edge (make that precipice), but obviously I'm grateful to be doing so - despite the emotional upheaval. Though I've been there - and still doing it, it doesn't make any of it easier going forward. Being familiar with the chemotherapy (the "second line" I'm now enduring) - and its side effects from three years ago when I was originally diagnosed and treated, doesn't really lessen the anxiety of it, it more reinforces the fear of it. Regardless of the success I've had fending off cancer's ravages, it's difficult to rid yourself of the inevitability of its power.

At least now there are e-mails (and Web sites to access) between doctor and patient to maintain the lines of communication and facilitate the prompt exchange of information, and to shortcut the previously interminable waits patients had waiting for scan/lab results. The results are not immediate, let's be realistic; but they are sort of predictable, time-wise, and in that predictability evolves a certain calm. And however 'calm' can be introduced into the doctor/cancer patient equation, it exponentially improves the patient's quality of life.

Now when you have your follow-up appointments - and certain information has already been communicated, these appointments can be more productive, less emotional and more strategic moving forward rather than spent reacting to medical facts only recently in evidence. After all, the oncologist is trying to keep you alive, and any methodology that enhances that relationship and improves the quality of the time between doctor and patient is better for all concerned. The e-mails blunt some of that unproductive but predictable emotion, which then enables the doctor and patient to more intelligently and dispassionately consider the options/treatments available. At some point, however, reality has to be addressed (I wouldn't say embraced, though). Way back when, my oncologist advised us that none of this was going to be easy, and he was right. But his honesty - and treatment has made it a bit more bearable for me. I wouldn't characterize or dare say that there's a recipe for success in anything he or I have done together or that I've done independently of him; so far, so good though. I am alive three years post-diagnosis after originally receiving a less than encouraging prognosis: "13 months to two years."

Within the next month, I will have had two more chemotherapy infusions followed up by yet another CT Scan, and this fun will begin all over again. I can't really say that I'm looking forward to it, but being terminal is all it's cracked up to be, and looking forward is still better than not being able to look at all.

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

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