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Sam Rohrer and Troop 987 at the AA Gorge stairway in Great Falls National Park.

Troop 987 Eagle Service Project

Sam Rohrer of Troop 987 in Vienna completed his Eagle Service Project at Great Falls National Park. Sam led a group of 40 scouts in rebuilding and stabilizing a severely eroded stairway leading down to the AA Gorge at the Park. The project required replacement and resetting of timbers, leveling the ground at each step, and placement of trailmix and gravel on each step bed to strengthen the step and prevent rain water from pooling. The completed stairway provides a sustainable and safe path for hikers and kayakers to access the Potomac River Rapids in Great Falls National Park.

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Silver Line Gets 'Green Light'

Loudoun County Board by a 5-4 vote 'opts in' on extension of rail into their county.

BY NICHOLAS M. HORROCK
THE CONNECTION

Considering it is a hard fought presidential election year and a time of enormous financial anxiety, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors took a vote of amazing courage or astounding foolhardiness and backed the extension of the Silver Line Rail into their county.

By a 5 to 4 vote, the nine member county Board of Supervisors agreed to fund a 4.8 percent share of the \$5.6 billion Metrorail lines capital cost or some \$270 million dollars, build two rail stations in the county and pay \$18 million a year toward the potential cost of Metrorail extending its service.

Loudoun's "opting in" increased the likelihood the 23 mile rail line from West Falls Church to Washington Dulles International Airport will become reality 50-years after the airport opened to flights in 1962. The airport has served 500 million passengers since it opened and has become a major economic growth center for Northern Virginia.

It also had practical importance for Fairfax County, according to Loudoun Board President Scot York (R-at large.) If there were no Loudoun stations, he foresaw a flow of commuters to the subway stations in Fairfax County sufficient to cause them to be redesigned since Dulles Airport officials said they could not accommodate commuter parking.

Ralph M. Buona, (R.-Ashburn) told his colleagues last Tuesday (July 3) that a vote for the Silver Line was a "vote for the future ...you can vote for your kids, your grand kids and your great grand kids."

THE BACKERS OF SILVER LINE said its construction would position the county for enormous economic growth over the next thirty years estimating the county's gross product as \$80.7 billion by 2020 and \$132.8 billion by 2040. Utilizing a study by George Mason University's Stephen Fuller, the backers claim it will result in creating thousands of jobs within the county and not solely relying on Loudoun residents finding work elsewhere.

The opponents on the Board, like Vice Chairman Marcia Clark (R-Blue Ridge), argued that the expenditure estimates are way below what will unfold for the county and that the gains in economic growth over what would have been produced by an efficient bus system are illusory.

Eugene A. Delgaudio, (R-Sterling) called the project a "boondoggle;" a system that was never needed and would not relieve the critical traffic problems of the county. Throughout the debate, Delgaudio included in his remarks severe criticism of President Obama and pressed a conservative view of the project.

Though all members of the Board are Republicans elected to reign in county spending, the Silver Line issue became caught up in a broader national debate on the use of public funds. The Americans for Prosperity paid for thousands of robo-calls against the project. The group has been supported by the Koch brothers, wealthy Kansas oil men committed to defeating President Obama. The Washington Post



The Wiehle Avenue Station in the median of the Dulles International Airport Highway just west of Wiehle Avenue is the most advanced.

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reported that Audrey Jackson, president of the group warned the supporters of the Silver Line how the group will watch how it is paid for.

Two elements contributed to the rail project's victory. On June 29, the board created a tax district to pay for the \$270 million which has only a handful of residential tax payers in it. The burden of the cost will be born by the businesses located in this tax district and the later residents attracted there. In effect those who will profit from the rail line will pay the tax burden. This tax method is the same device used in Alexandria to fund costs of a proposed Metro stop in the Potomac Yard area. It must be confirmed by a public hearing in Loudoun later in the year.

The second element was the shift by Ken Reid (R-Leesburg) from a position of active opposition to the Silver Line to its support. His move is as mysterious as Supreme Court Justice John Roberts's decision to back elements of the Obama health care plan.

Clark (R-Blue Ridge) wrote a letter to her constituents on June 7, setting out her concerns. She said although the line's extension was considered for years, the "prior boards merely endorsed the concept of rail to Loudoun, they did nothing to establish a means for paying for it."

She said the original concept was that the rail line would be paid for by federal dollars and state funds, but now there are no federal dollars and Virginia's one time contribution of \$150 million will only be enough to "buy down the Dulles Toll Road/267 tolls for two years," she said.

Some 54 percent of the funding must come from Dulles Toll Road revenue. The tolls, which will grow astronomically as the costs of the rail grow, are considered a tax on the people of Loudoun. There is a lawsuit in federal court that may threaten the tolls as a funding source for the Metro. The class action suit challenged MWAA's authority to level taxes under Virginia law and may be decided later this year.

Clark writes the Silver Line Metro won't be running until 2017 so the county will have to build the stations before the revenue from station parking begins.

Fuller, the director of the George Mason University's Center for Regional Analysis, prepared a report in March which warned, if Loudoun does not go along with the Silver Line, "the county's economy will grow more slowly, driven by gains in lower value added employment and imported income earned by residents commuting to jobs located out

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food, immediate shelter, affordable housing, quality



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Greg Ballinger oversees the weekend staff at the Embry Rucker Community Shelter in Reston, which provides emergency aid, hot meals and, during the weekend, a place to stay cool.

Pushed to the Limit

Food pantries seek help for county's most vulnerable residents.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

At 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 7, it's already 103 degrees in Reston - the 10th straight day temperatures hover near or above 100 degrees after a derecho storm swept through the region on July 29, causing extensive power outages.

Walking slowly in the smothering heat, a young woman, pale and gaunt, enters the Embry Rucker Community Shelter on Bowman Town Center Drive. Staff member Wilber Shaw quickly fills a Styrofoam cup of cold water, and hands it to her, something he has been doing all day, along with answering the phones from those needing help.

"It's a 'code red' day," Shaw said, referring to the National Weather Service's heat index, "so we're open to anyone, not just our regular clients. In here, they can get out of the sun and

stay cool and hydrated."

Although the emergency center also lost power during the storm, they are operating on a "no-turn-away" policy during the heat wave and weather emergency, said Kerrie Wilson, CEO of Reston Interfaith, which operates the Embry Rucker shelter.

"I can't tell you how proud I am of our incredible staff for how they responded and have reached out to ensure things are as best as they can be," Wilson said. "Staff were at the shelter during the storm and since, and other program staff were out checking on townhome and transitional housing clients the day after the storm."

THE UNRELENTING HEAT WAVE, coupled with power outages and spotty air-conditioning, took a toll on everyone, regardless of income.

But it was Fairfax County's

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Loudoun Board Approves Silver Line Extension

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side the county." He saw a loss of \$11.2 billion in foregone economic activity in 2030 and \$25.6 billion lower gross county product in 2040 "than had Metrorail been extended to the county as planned."

Throughout there has been major criticism by Republicans of the MWAA's unwillingness to answer to any level of government. MWAA was forced to abandon an extensive underground welcoming facility at Dulles and late last week agreed to cancel a labor rule that favored organized labor under pressure from the governor and Rep. Frank Wolf, (R-10). Wolf has urged a federal inspector general be appointed to oversee MWAA's finances.

After MWAA agreed to abandon the labor agreement, Gov. Bob McDonnell strongly backed Loudoun

"opting in" on the Silver Line. Wolf said earlier this month that he firmly supported the Silver Line serving Loudoun County. He called it the most important project since the original Metro system.

FAIRFAX B.O.S CHAIRMAN Sharon Bulova has called upon Fairfax's federal representatives to work harder to reopen the question of federal funds for Phase 2. Some \$900 million in federal money has been contributed to Phase 1 of Dulles Rail, which runs through Wiehle Avenue in Reston and will be completed in 2013.

She quoted Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood saying that Metro is "America's system providing millions of riders to the nation's Capital" and the federal government needs to find money in its 2013 and 2014 budgets to complete the project.

Helping Most Vulnerable

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most vulnerable residents – homeless, the elderly and those already living on the edge – who had an especially difficult time regaining their footing after the crisis.

In the days after the storm hit, many nonprofits and food banks throughout the county reported they were slammed with a spike in demand for food and services.

"Restocking the refrigerator was likely a nuisance for most, and probably not cheap," said Lisa Whetzel, executive director of Our Daily Bread (ODB) in Fairfax. "But for low income families, such as our clients, it's a hardship."

She said one client, a mother with toddler, had just stocked up that Friday with yogurt and other fresh food, and lost it all. And clients who rely on a weekly paycheck for groceries were especially hard hit when their offices, restaurants or stores shut down because of the power outages.

She said another client, a father of four who works as a chef, tripped and broke his leg when the power went out. Because his job requires mobility, he won't be able to work for several weeks. "Our clients are so vulnerable. We will keep in contact with him to ensure that he and his family stay in their home," Whetzel said.

Several pantries and shelters, such as Embry Rucker, ODB and Safe Haven, also lost power and hundreds of pounds of food during the storm.

The Lorton Community Action Center, which serves the south county region, lost power for several days, which spoiled 1,200 pounds of meat and juice that was

kept in their freezers.

"Ironically – since summer is always when our demand is the highest and donations are the lowest – while we lost food, it could have been worse," said Andrea Cochrane Tracey, LCAC's development director.

The Community Responds

Volunteers, regardless of income, stepped up to help those less fortunate, according to nonprofits.

On Tuesday, July 3, Our Daily Bread made an email plea to the community for grocery store gift cards and other donations. By Friday, the organization had collected more than \$3,500, which will provide \$50 grocery gift cards for 68 families in Fairfax County.

"What amazing generosity," Whetzel said. "We were genuinely surprised by the level of the community's support for their less fortunate neighbors. Everyone was affected by this storm and could personally relate to the hardship experienced by our clients. Our clients are extremely grateful and relieved. There is still time to donate and there is still a need."

Rob Paxton, coordinator of Safe Haven's food pantry and shelter programs, which operate inside First Christian Church of Falls Church, said volunteers and donors turned out for a "mega yard sale" on Saturday, which helped the nonprofit raise more than \$1,100.

"What was amazing was that many of the people who came were also clients of Safe Haven. It was heart-warming to see the people

we help, putting money back into the program by purchasing items from the sale," Paxton said.

He said money they raised at the yard sale will provide more than 500 meals to clients.

Paxton said many of the volunteers were county employees, who took time out of their schedules to help with the sale. Eva Papaefthimiou, who works in senior housing, took a vacation day to help set up the sale on Friday and brought two co-workers to help on Saturday.

"We also had a 92-year old woman, Evelyn Castle, her friend Priscilla Holbert and another woman, Dewita Soeharjono, who worked tirelessly to make the yard sale a success. The spirit of volunteerism is heartwarming," Paxton said.

"Thankfully, the community has stepped up, as best they can, given that many of them were without power too," Cochrane Tracey said. "However, the biggest impact has been the generous donation of 5,000 pounds of food, including meat, from the Capital Area Food Bank and Fairfax County."

Greg Ballinger, who has worked at the Embry Rucker shelter for more than 25 years, said he learned an important lesson about "paying it forward" years ago.

"I remember I was complaining about something, and this old-timer said to me 'the reason you're going through this now is to pass on what you've learned to the next person.' It took a while, but it eventually clicked. We all have to get together to make it through this life ... The shelter has always made it because of the caring of the community. On the flip side, we've been here for the community too."



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NEWS

A \$1,000 'Thank-you'

Bazin's waiter gets big tip for service.

Michael Manetti wasn't doing anything he does not normally do when serving the party of 12 at Bazin's on Church Friday night. He says he was there when they needed him, not when they didn't. Manetti knows when to be unobtrusive. When the party's host signed off on the bill, Manetti got the shock of his professional career. He was given a \$1,000 tip.

"I was flabbergasted that anyone would leave such a big tip," said Manetti. "I was in shock."

"At first, I thought it was a mistake."

The dinner party was still at the table when Manetti realized the dollar amount of the tip. It would have been "uncouth," Manetti said, to go back to the table to talk about money with the restaurant's patrons.

"Besides, who wants to double-check that? I don't want to be the kid asking the teacher if we have homework."

Service really matters to a lot of



PHOTO BY DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION

Michael Manetti, a longtime waiter at Bazin's on Church, was tipped \$1,000 for his service on July 6. "I was in shock," Manetti said.

people, said Manetti, who graduated from George C. Marshall High School and lives in Vienna. "I feel I gave seamless service. He [the host] was very aware of the service."

There was no allusion to a special occasion, Manetti said, just a group of people having a good time.

Manetti, with Bazin's since it opened in 2007, looks at his big tip as a blessing not to be squandered. He has just bought a car

and has a vacation coming up but he's not going to spend it frivolously. "I'll be frugal with it."

A co-worker called Manetti charming and very funny. General manager Sean Davidson of Bazin's said that Manetti is "always the comic around here."

"He's got a lot of charisma," Davidson said of Manetti. "Once the jealousy subsided, I was very proud of him," Davidson said.

— DONNA MANZ



Scholarship Winners

The Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter (FCAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. awarded six scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 during its 2012 May Week program. Pictured — from left: Rhea Ingram (Co-Chair FCAC Scholarship Committee); Danielle Lowe (awardee — Hayfield Secondary); Regina Milteer-Rock (President, FCAC); Domanique Collins (awardee — Herndon High); Ashleigh Wilson (awardee — Oakton High); Benita Toler (Co-Chair FCAC Scholarship Committee); and Gabrielle Tate (awardee — Oakton High). Not pictured are: Hanan Awel (awardee — Robert E Lee High) and Sydney MaHan (awardee — Chantilly High).

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OPINION

Every Vote in Virginia Will Count

Top presidential donor zip codes in this area show Virginia is purple; Romney or Obama to be decided on Election Day.

If you wonder if presidential politics really matters in this area, consider that Northern Virginia and suburban Maryland hold some of the top zip codes for contributions to the two major party candidates.

Donors who live in McLean 22101 gave \$422,770 to Romney this presidential cycle, and \$232,876 to Obama. In McLean 22102, donors gave Romney \$255,444, and Obama \$193,321. In Arlington, 22207, donors gave \$193,543 to Obama and \$178,196 to Romney. In Alexandria 22314, donors gave \$172,425 to Romney and \$142,467 to Obama.

While Maryland consistently votes for Democrats in presidential races, donors who live in Potomac, Md. 20854 gave Romney \$340,885, and Obama \$291,402.

In order to vote in the presidential election on Tuesday, Nov. 6, residents must be registered to vote at their current address by Monday, Oct. 15.

Virtually everyone in Northern Virginia is eligible to vote absentee, and absentee voting

in person begins Sept. 21. Here is the qualification that applies: Any person who, in the regular and orderly course of his business, profession, or occupation, will be at his place of work and commuting to and from his

home to his place of work for 11 or more hours of the 13 hours that the polls are open.

Any commute in Northern Virginia could potentially take four hours or more in a crisis situation. This is definitely a case where voting early is an excellent idea. Don't take the risk that the next derecho storm or earthquake will keep you from the polls on Nov. 6.

This area has very high rates of voter registration. Consider that Fairfax County, with a population of just more than 1.1 million people, has 711,817 registered voters. And 24 percent of Fairfax County's population is un-

Some Top Local Zips, Presidential Donors

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Great Falls 22066

❖ Romney \$166,457

❖ Obama \$91,290

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❖ Obama \$79,568

❖ Romney \$39,740

Alexandria 22301

❖ Obama \$52,347

❖ Romney \$42,095

Source: OpenSecrets.com and VPAP.org

der 18, so not eligible to vote.

Arlington has a population of 216,000 and 157,236 registered voters. Sixteen percent are under 18.

The City of Alexandria has a population of 144,000 with 101,887 registered voters; 17 percent are under 18.

We're lucky in Virginia to have the Virginia Public Access Project, vpap.org. On the VPAP website, maps of Virginia's zip codes showing shades of red and blue give a quick visual sense of how purple the Commonwealth really is. Take a look.

Compromise on E-ZPass Transponders

While the Virginia Department of Transportation initially proposed that all E-ZPass customers would pay \$1 a month for each transponder they have, on July 9 VDOT announced that if one had a transponder before July 9, 2012, no fee will need to be paid until one has to replace the transponder.

New E-ZPass customers will pay a 50-cent

monthly fee for a standard transponder and \$1 monthly fee for a "Flex" transponder. The Flex transponder allows drivers to switch to a high-occupancy position if they have three or more people in the vehicle so that they can drive in the new Beltway toll lanes for free. Drivers with fewer than three passengers will pay a toll to drive in the express lanes that will vary depending on how much traffic there is.

This is certainly better than charging all E-ZPass users \$1 per month per transponder. We still wonder why the cost of transponders is not recovered in the tolls paid rather than as a separate fee whether or not drivers are regularly driving on toll roads.

— MARY KIMM,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Obtaining Solar Panels

To the Editor:

In light of the recent storm and power outages, I began to think more about solar power. If our home had solar panels and battery storage, we may not have been able to operate the air conditioning, but we could have run fans, had lights on, charged phones, and maybe cycled the refrigerator on a few times. I also wondered why Dominion does not incentivize businesses and residences to obtain solar power systems. It would help with energy demand and would take the pressure off of Dominion to restore power after outages. In all of the literature Dominion sends to us, never have I seen offers, incentives, or even ideas about obtaining solar power systems. Food for thought.

John Dukovich
McLean

Questioning a 'War on Women?'

To the Editor:

Recent criticisms of Barbara Comstock's position on so-called "women's issues," and the concomitant accusations of a Republican "war on women" have left me frustrated. Our Constitution does not, and should not, guarantee access to free abortion and contraception. While some may believe that these represent important women's health issues, others put a much higher priority on treating actual illnesses that afflict many women, such as cancer and heart disease. A great deal of research suggests that both abortion and contraception may increase a woman's likelihood of suffering from these prevalent life-threatening health problems. Whatever your position, it is extraordinarily unfair and deceptive to characterize those who prioritize health

care issues differently as conducting a "war on women" or even as being insensitive to women's health issues. As a woman myself, I rather prefer to see any government funds or any mandated funds from employers go to help those who need to fight life-threatening illness. Moreover, I cherish the freedoms granted to me by our Constitution and Bill of Rights, which will diminish if the HHS mandate stands.

Believe it or not, there are many

women who feel that no employer should be forced to provide abortion, abortifacient drugs, or artificial contraception. Many women note that there is no evidence that any of these things have improved women's health. On the other hand, much proof exists that they have led to far more problems than they were supposed to solve.

Laura Burke
Great Falls

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Home Life Style



David Vogt of Case Design Remodeling, Inc. created an open kitchen and dining area in this Falls Church home. Local contractors say developing a list of everything that one might want in a dream home is a good starting point when remodeling.

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Home Remodeling 101

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Experts offer suggestions for a timely and efficient renovation.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Whether expanding a home or just remodeling an existing interior space, building projects can be daunting, especially if the goal is to be finished by a certain date.

"If you wanted to get going on a project and your goal was to be done by Thanksgiving, the planning process and permit process is

probably as long as the building process, but you don't want to rush through those aspects of it and then wish you'd done something differently," said David Vogt of Case Design/Remodeling, Inc.

LOCAL CONTRACTORS say there are a few things that homeowners can do before the first nail is hammered to ensure a smooth and an efficient construction process. Creating a list of everything that one might want in a dream home is a good starting point.

"A client can benefit from doing their homework and being engaged in the selection process early on," said Vogt. "Maybe start by collecting photographs and magazine articles of things you like. That will help paint an overall picture of the feel that you want for the space."

Bob Gallagher, president of Sun Design Inc., in Burke, says a good source for ideas is the Houzz Interior Design website www.houzz.com as well as the iPad and iPhone applications. "It is phenomenal. There are many amazing photos on there."

The next important step in the process say experts is determining a budget. The National Association of the Remodeling Industry advises homeowners to decide how much they are going to spend before calling an architect or contractor. "The truth is not many people enjoy establishing a remodeling budget," said Dean

Herriges, National Association of the Remodeling Industry National President in a statement. "Many homeowners prefer to call a contractor and expect him or her to create the budget for them, which is not the best way to begin."

"I'd love for a client to have some numbers of how much they want to spend," said Jeff Pregman of Two Poor Teachers in Annandale. "I'd rather have a client that has a little bit of knowledge, a budget and a timeline so I can come in and give them everything they need."

The National Association of the Remodeling Industry recommends that homeowners decide how long they plan to live in their home before deciding how much to spend on remodeling costs. "If you are going to stay in the home for more

"A client can benefit from doing their homework and being engaged in the selection process early on."

— David Vogt
of Case Design Remodeling, Inc.

than 10 years, you should spend as much as you are able to create the home of your dreams," said Herriges. "However, if you are planning on moving in the near future, you should take care not to over-build for your neighborhood."

AFTER A BUDGET is established, experts say homeowners must tackle the task of interviewing and



Bob Gallagher, president of Sun Design in Northern Virginia remodeled the kitchen and dining area of this Fairfax Station home. Local contractors say coming up with a budget can help ensure a smooth and efficient construction process.

selecting a contractor. Contractors can be found through the National Association of Home Builders and the National Association of the Remodeling Industry. Homeowners should ask prospective contractors for references and proof of insurance. The National Association of the Remodeling Industry also suggests checking with the government Consumer Affairs Office and the Better Business Bureau for complaints on record for the contractor.

Once a decision is made about who will do the construction, it is time to seal the deal. "The contract is a critical step in any remodeling project. This is the one item that holds the job together and ensures

that all parties involved agree to the same vision and scope for the project," said Herriges.

The contract should detail what the contractor will and will not do, and should include a list of materials for the project, including size, color, model, brand name and product, said Herriges. Homeowners are advised to make sure financial terms, including final price and payment schedule, are spelled out in the contract.

"The homeowner could and should ask questions about the process for the project's development. They should make sure they understand the sequence of things that are being done so that decisions needed are made when they are

needed," said Potomac resident Susan Matus of Case Design/Remodeling, Inc. "Don't design while you are under construction. Spend the time in the beginning so that you are not making changes constantly during construction. A good remodeler will have helped you make the right decisions before the project starts."

Maintaining a good relationship with a contractor is paramount to bringing a project to fruition. "The key to a good homeowner-contractor relationship is open communication," said Herriges. "Start a dialogue over issues you have, no matter how small you think they are. Chances are the problem can be overcome."

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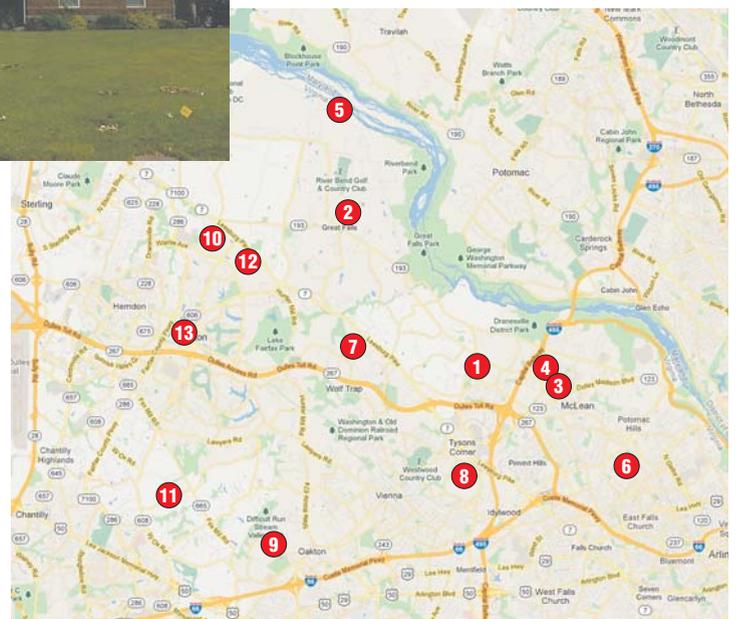
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Vienna River Dogs pitcher Joseph Vanderplas, a Fairfax High graduate, will play in the 2012 Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League all-star game on Wednesday, July 11 in Bethesda.

Six River Dogs Named to Ripken League All-Star Game

Six members of the Vienna River Dogs, including Oakton High School graduate Bret Williams and Vienna native Casey Turner, will suit up for the American Team in the 2012 Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League all-star game, which will be played at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11 at Shirley Povich Field in Bethesda, Md.

Williams, Turner, Joseph Vanderplas, Connor Bach, Trent Higginbotham and Bobby Rice will represent the River Dogs at the all-star game. Williams (Richmond) is leading the league in batting aver-

age with a .457 clip. Turner (Lehigh), a former member of the Madison High baseball team, is batting .330 with 15 RBIs. Vanderplas (Tennessee), a Fairfax High graduate, is 5-0 on the mound with a 2.70 ERA. Bach (VMI), a Centreville graduate, is 1-1 with a 6.33 ERA. Higginbotham (Tallahassee CC) is batting .350 with four home runs. His 32 RBIs rank second in the league. Rice (Tallahassee CC) is batting .235 with three homers and 12 RBIs.

Vienna is tied for third with Bethesda in the league standings with a 16-11 record, three games behind the first-place Baltimore Redbirds.

VAC Gators Sting Little Rocky Run Rays

Due to storm damage and pools without power, Vienna Aquatic Center and LRR had to reschedule their Division 2 June 30 swim meet to Monday evening, July 2 at Little Rocky Run in Clifton. The VAC Gators won 222- 198.

Double winners from VAC were Julia Downing, Kristin Haufler, Ella Galbraith, and Tyler Johnson. Single winners from VAC were Leaya Ma, Ella Hamilton, Julia Capobianco, Anna Keating, Katherine Mottola, Ricky Menendez, Matthew Capobianco and Alli Haufler.



Jack Galbraith of VAC Boys 11-12 Backstroke.



Christopher Card of VAC Boys 9-10 Butterfly.



Daniel Nugent, first place finisher for Senior Boys at the July 3 meet.



Elana Colbert, 2nd place finisher for Intermediate Girls at the July 3 meet.

PHOTOS BY KAREN OSOFSKY

Otters Dominate At Swim Meet

The Oakton Otters dive team dominated the boards at their second home meet of the season on Tuesday, July 3 evening and had a convincing win over Tuckahoe (41.5 to 26.5). The Otters winning record is now 1-1. The Otters placed in nearly every category and swept the top three places in both Junior Girls (Mackenzie Brennan 1st, Kenna Campfield 2d, Kyla Straker tied 3d) and Intermediate

Osofsky 2d, Grant Newberry 3d). The Otters also took first place in three other categories: Brad Burgeson (Junior Boys), AJ Colbert (Senior Girls), and Daniel Nugent (Senior Boys). Other Otter divers that placed were: Haley Liddell (3d Freshman Girls), Elana Colbert (2d Intermediate Girls), Julia Powell (3d Intermediate Girls), and Everi Osofsky (3d Senior Girls).

The Otters next meet will be on Tuesday, July 10 away at Wakefield.

Oakton vs. Tuckahoe (July 3) Top 3 places for each age

Freshman Girls:

1. Katherine Quatrini (T) 61.30
2. Sarah Raimon (T) 55.30
3. Haley Liddell (O) 50.20

Freshman Boys:

1. Alex Glassman (T) 81.25
2. Kier Strom (T) 70.95
3. Joey Bymon (T) 65.45

Junior Girls:

1. MacKenzie Brennan (O) 98.85
2. Kenna Campfield (O) 96.90
3. Kyla Straker (O) 87.90 (tied)
4. Sam Peters (T) 87.90 (tied)

Junior Boys:

1. Brad Burgeson (O) 109.65
2. Liam Klopfenstein (O) 92.90

3. Chris Dorr (T) 81.35

Intermediate Girls:

1. Delaney Gallagher (T) 171.25
2. Elana Colbert (O) 139.15
3. Julia Powell (O) 125.40

Intermediate Boys:

1. James Crowley (O) 108.65
2. Gil Osofsky (O) 100.05
3. Grant Newberry (O) 97.10

Senior Girls:

1. AJ Colbert (O) 217.20
2. Claire Lewis (T) 190.80
3. Everi Osofsky (O) 157.60

Senior Boys:

1. Daniel Nugent (O) 159.85

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WEDNESDAY/JULY 11

Barenaked Ladies, Big Head Todd & The Monsters. 7 p.m. Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. With Ben Harper, Los Lobos, JJ Grey & Mofro, The Lumineers, North Mississippi Allstars, The Wood Brothers, James McCurry, David Lindley, Nathaniel Rateliff, Matthew Curry and more. \$30-\$75. 703-255-1900 or www.wolftrap.org.

Wine Tasting. 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wine Bar & Lounge at Entyse, Ritz Carlton 1700 Tyson's Boulevard, McLean. Come sample Sommelier Vincent Feraud's hand selected wines or create your own seafood tasting. 703-506-4300.

THURSDAY/JULY 12

Aaron Nigel Smith. 10:30 a.m. Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. High-energy, interactive shows designed to get kids moving. \$8-\$10 at 1-877-WOLFTRAP or www.wolftrap.org/TITW.

Buddy Guy with Special Guest: John Mayall. 8 p.m. Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. \$25-\$42. www.wolftrap.org.

Sushi. 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wine Bar & Lounge at Entyse, Ritz Carlton 1700 Tyson's Boulevard, McLean. Watch as expert chef creates sushi and enjoy drinks. 703-506-4300.

FRIDAY/JULY 13

Argentine Tango. 7 p.m. Colvin Run Community Hall, 10201 Colvin Run

Road, Great Falls. Every Friday. 703-759-2685 or www.colvinrun.org.

Spaghetti Dinner. 5:30 to 8 p.m. Vienna American Legion-330 Center St, N, Vienna. \$8. 703-938-9535.

Hamlisch Goes Gershwin; Marvin Hamlisch, conductor; Melissa Errico, vocalist; Kevin Cole, piano. 8:15 p.m. Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. \$20-\$52. www.wolftrap.org.

"Legally Blonde - the Musical" 8 p.m. McLean Community Center's Alden Theatre-1234 Ingleside Ave, McLean, VA 2210. \$18-\$20. www.mcleanplayers.org.

The Jimmies. Wolf Trap Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$8 - \$10 and children under two are free. 703-319-2300.

The Christopher Linman Jazz Ensemble. 8:30 p.m.-12 a.m. Wine Bar & Lounge at Entyse, Ritz Carlton 1700 Tyson's Boulevard, McLean. Enjoy food and wine as jazz trio plays for your musical entertainment. 703-506-4300.

SATURDAY/JULY 14

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Doug Wilder and Rex Daugherty in the original production of "The Prince and the Troubadour," playing at the 1st Stage [see listings for Saturday and Sunday].

West Coast Swing Dances. 7 p.m. Colvin Run Community Hall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Second and third Saturday every month. 703-759-2685 or www.colvinrun.org.

"The Prince and the Troubadour." 2 p.m. 1st Stage Theater, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean. All tickets are for general admission seating. \$10. 703-854-1856 or email boxoffice@1ststagejts.org.

The Wizard of Oz. 8:30 p.m. Filene

Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. \$20-\$52. www.wolftrap.org.

Emy Tseng - Brazilian Jazz. 5-7 p.m. The Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean. Free. 703-288-9505.

"Legally Blonde - the Musical" 8 p.m. McLean Community Center's Alden Theatre-1234 Ingleside Ave, McLean, VA 2210. \$18-\$20. www.mcleanplayers.org.

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SUNDAY/JULY 15

Wolf Trap Opera Company: From Bel Canto to Can Belto.

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Breakfast Buffet. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Vienna American Legion, 330 Center St, N, Vienna. Adults \$8, children \$3. 703-938-1379.

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MONDAY/JULY 16

HBC Community Charity Champions Fundraising Dinner. 5-8 p.m. Pulcinella Italian Host 6852 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. Approximately 60 percent of the proceeds from food and drink will go to McLean Project for the Arts. 703-734-0192 or www.HBCRealtyGroup.com.

Who Goes There? True Tales of Two Civil War Spies. 2:30 p.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Avenue, McLean. Learn about Virginia spy personalities John Singleton Mosby and Elizabeth Van Lew and examine rare Civil War artifacts. Teens.

TUESDAY/JULY 17

Washington Redskin Brian Orakpo Youth Football Camp.

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Vienna's own Robbie Schaefer, musician and children's music director at Sirius radio, performs at Wolf Trap's Theatre-in-the-Woods with colleague Ryan Buckle.



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Kids' Music Program Brightens Summer

Wolf Trap's Theatre-in-the-Woods presents song, dance and puppetry.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts isn't just for adults. Its education outreach programs feature performances for young children, from kiddie-rock music to classical ballet and global performing arts.

In a significant change in programming, Theatre-in-the-Woods [TITW] now features one performance daily, a schedule that mirrors the diversity and professional caliber of the Filene Center and the Barns of Wolf Trap.

"When we had two shows in the morning, there was too much competing with other activities," said Assistant Director, Education Outreach, Erin Perry. "We've enhanced the caliber of the artists. Most have great reputations and are well-known on the national level."

Nestled in woodland behind Filene Center, TITW features local, national and international artists representing all genres of the performing arts. Thirteen new performers launch their TITW shows in 2013. Favorites, such as Vienna's own Robbie Schaefer and the Culkin School of Traditional Irish Dance, as well as Dino Rock, return.

BUILT IN 1975, TITW has evolved over the years. This season, performances run for one show only daily, a new performance each day. Showtime begins at 10:30 a.m. to give families and daycampers opportunity to explore the meadow and engage in other Wolf Trap-sponsored children's activities. Perry said the programming frequently aligns itself with park service or White House initiatives, such as "Let's Move."

Kiddie rock – or "kindie" rock as it is referred to in the industry – is an emerging genre, Perry said. "The music is definitely a lot stronger now, something that appeals to all ages."

While focusing on family audiences, TITW typically hosts large groups of daycampers, as well. Seat-

ing holds more than 800 guests.

"We have a strong educational mission," said Acting Director of Public Relations Graham Binder. "Catherine Shouse wanted to incorporate the arts into children's lives. The Theatre-in-the-Woods is a large example of the underlying core mission of Wolf Trap.

"We want to get children thinking about the arts at a young age. Fun is a large part, too. The kids come and dance, clap, and jump up and down."

The Theatre-in-the-Woods works with Filene Center and the Barns staff to identify artists for the children's programming. Perry said they primarily reach out to artists and agents who fit their mission. "We do a lot of research," she said.

Schaefer, singer/guitarist/songwriter and children's programming director for Sirius radio, headlines TITW on July 19. His songs speak of typical children's delights and woes, encouraging self-confidence and joy in living.

An exception to the one-performer-daily programming is Matthias Kuchta, master puppeteer from Germany. He presents "The Wolf and the Seven Little Goats" for one week, Tuesday, July 24 through Saturday, July 28, using life-sized puppets. You've got to see the wolf. The German puppet program cost \$10 per person aged 2 and over.

Most shows cost \$8 per person. Under 2-years-old, no charge.

"A lot of families come because it's such a value," said Perry. "It's a bargain way to spend the morning."

Shows run 45 to 60 minutes, the approximate amount of time suitable for children, Perry said. The TITW season opened on June 26 and spans seven weeks.

"We want kids to come away from the performance taking something away that will help them round out their personalities as they grow up," said Binder.

TICKETS may be purchased online, by phone or at the meadow kiosk before the performance. Some shows do sell out. Performances begin at 10:30 a.m. From parking to show venue is a steep hill that older people or parents pushing strollers need to consider. A park cart driven by rangers is available.

For the schedule of the 2012 Theatre-in-the-Woods season, see www.wolftrap.org/Education/~media/2D964B8F90E04AFBBCE77BB2BC986350.ashx.

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A Victim of My Own Circumstances



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Outliving one's prognosis leads to all sorts of twists and turns and treatment conundrums: the longer one lives, the fewer the treatment options. Over the course of time and in consideration of the miscellaneous drugs which are infused (or ingested if you're lucky enough for oral chemotherapy), success in fending off the cancer (tumors remaining stable at a minimum; shrinkage would be better, but one can live with "stable," duh!) breeds a familiarity (biochemically) which is contemptible: eventually, the drugs which have been effective stop being effective. Either the cancer cells become resistant to them, or your body becomes weakened and/or damaged by its prolonged infusion (too much of a good thing becomes a bad/harmful thing) by them. Not only is it important – as I've learned, to treat the underlying problem (in my case, stage IV lung cancer: "NSCLC"), preventing collateral damage to the patient is of equal consideration and significance (the patient needs to live, and have the operation be successful; to turn an old saying around). Ergo, treatment is an ongoing, ever-changing process of elimination based on the diagnostic results from lab work and scans; a delicate balance of stopping and starting drugs before they harm the patient more than they harm the cancer. And when you've survived for as long as I have, whatever protocols may have been relevant at the beginning of treatment are much less so now, 40 months later.

In essence, if one is lucky enough (like me), to tolerate all the various treatment options, and live beyond your original prognosis (because of it, in spite of it?), it is possible that one might run out of treatment options. It's sort of like out-kicking your punt coverage (to use a football analogy): the punter kicks the ball beyond the distance that his punt coverage team is timed/expected to cover and as a result, the receiving team gets time and opportunity for a successful return. The whole process is based on averages. When you're not average, the system can break down. As my treatment has continued, it has become apparent that I'm not average. The longer I live, the fewer documented cases and/or clinical studies exist to support a protocol for my treatment. Common sense begins to play as much a role as efficacy. Oddly enough, for those who live beyond expectations, the choices are not nearly as clear as for the newly diagnosed.

Since I've been there and done that: received drugs when they were hoped/thought to be most effective, I've sort of become a successful victim – of my own longevity. The longer the drugs/chemotherapy/targeted treatment work, the shorter the time that they will continue to work and/or your body will tolerate having them work. Given the toxicity of the drugs, generally speaking, it's just a matter of time. You're sort of damned if you do, and probably really damned if you don't (although there are many nontraditional pursuits which don't involve chemotherapy). However, as a long-surviving cancer patient, I am happy for any conundrum which presents itself.

The way I figure it, the longer I am alive to deal with any of it, the greater the chance at overcoming it. My goal is to try and stay in the game for as long as possible; as my oncologist says: "Have another swing at it." The only problem is, this isn't a game; this is life – and death, and it doesn't get any more real – and serious than that. Forty months post-diagnosis and still being treated. I don't see any reason to stop now. Unless of course, I run out of choices.

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It didn't matter much that lemonade, at \$3 a cup, was a bit overpriced. People walking around and under shade trees appeared to be drinking water.

"Gimme Shelter" singing sages said. At almost 100 degrees, festival-goers sought shade.

Vienna Celebrates with Festival, Fireworks

Music, food, kids' activities highlight festival at Community Center.

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Vienna celebrated the 4th of July in style ... old-style, that is. The Town, through its Department of Parks and Recreation, sponsored the annual Independence Day Festival on Caffi Field, in the community center, in front of the community center, around the community center and along Cherry Street.

Eight-piece classic rock band Ron Moody and the Centaurs kept the mood upbeat even during the day's 98-degree heat, opening their performance at 12:15 p.m., shortly after the Vienna Police Department Honor Guard presented the colors. The Vienna Community Band played from 11 a.m. to noon.

The celebration climaxed with a spectacular fireworks display at Southside Park where thousands congregated. Live music performed by Vienna's popular classic rock band, Fat Chance, preceded the fireworks.

Independence Day brings out the red, white and blue. Children, particularly, strutted the nation's colors. Along Maple Avenue, American Legion Post 180 of Vienna had placed American flags throughout the Town. Weichert Realtors building was festooned with red, white and blue bunting.

While Memorial Day and Veterans' Day have solemn implications, Independence Day is all celebration.

And Vienna looked much the same way small towns across America probably looked.

For the young children, the highlight of the festival was the amusement "rides," from rockclimbing and tunnel to bounce house and giant slide. The Centaurs' "Mustang Sally" had little ones moving to the music and adults swaying. Louis the Magician performed at 1 p.m. and 2:15 p.m.

Donations from the annual chili cook-off benefited the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. As is tradition, Vienna American Legion Post 180 hosted a beer



Grace Taylor, 3, and her sister Anna, 2, of Vienna show off their best July 4th smiles.

tent and sold pizza and hot dogs. An assortment of miscellaneous food vendors offered a variety of treats from ice cream to crabcakes.

Vendors featured jewelry, clothing, gift items and services. There was a smaller number of classic autos this year, disappointing some of the festival-goers.

Families – and pets – found respite in the shade, nibbling on snack food and drinking plenty of water. The heat didn't deter many from strolling and listening to the music, though.

"We come every year," said Leonard Beckford of McLean, pulling his two festively-dressed children in a wagon. "It's a community event."

— DONNA MANZ

VIEWPOINTS

What Does the 4th of July Mean to You?

— DONNA MANZ

Barbara McHale, Vienna

"I look back on my childhood when we had a huge parade [Orange, Va.]. Or maybe, it just seemed 'huge' at the time. It was amazing to me as a kid.

"In the evening, we would go to the Firemen's Fair. It had rides, foods, and fireworks, of course. I looked forward to it. It was like Christmas to me, so exciting."

John Siddon, Vienna

"An opportunity to celebrate freedom and spend time with family and friends."



Karen Cobb, Herndon

"Family, fun and outdoor activities."



Leonard Beckford, McLean

"Independence and freedom, beer and apple pie."



Ron Moody and the Centaurs played rock'n' roll classics, from "Mustang Sally" to "Proud Mary." And they had the instruments to back up the sounds.