

Express Lanes Move Closer to Opening

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Jennifer Aument of Transurban-Fluor shows one of the barriers that will separate the 495 Express Lanes from the regular Beltway Lanes at a briefing at the new 495 Express Lanes Operations Center Wednesday, Oct. 17.

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Lawmakers Urge 'No' Vote on Eminent Domain Amendment

Local leaders say amendment won't increase property owner's protections, but it may shut down popular parades.

By Victoria Ross
The Connection Newspapers

In 2007, a populist backlash against a Supreme Court decision allowing the government to use the power of eminent domain to aid private development led Virginia legislators to pass a law restricting that power.

Now a measure on the Nov. 6 ballot seeks to enshrine those restrictions in the Virginia Constitution, and provide additional areas of compensation to landowners.

Many local lawmakers question the wisdom of incorporating these provisions into the constitution, where they say it will be difficult to change, and may lead to "unintended consequences."

"This is not something that belongs in the Constitution," said Del. Scott Surovell, (D-44), who wrote about the issue in his Sept. 29 online newsletter, "The Dixie Pig."

"The language in this amendment is completely unnecessary—it bans actions currently illegal in Virginia."

OPPONENTS OF THE AMENDMENT, which include The Virginia Association of Counties and the Virginia Municipal league, say that taxpayers should be concerned.

They argue the amendment goes too far, requiring taxpayers to compensate landowners not only for the value of condemned property, but for lost access to their property and lost benefits.

Fairfax County officials say the proposed amendment invalidates the current public use definition in the code and creates uncertainty as to what constitutes public use, which could invite litigation.

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) said business owners could construe this amendment as "taking away or diminishing" their profits when streets are closed and their shops are shut down during popular parades and festivals, such as Viva Vienna or the City of Fairfax Fall Festival, events that attract up to 40,000 people during one weekend.

"These are community-building events, and we're concerned the language in the amendment can be read by individuals as way to seek compensation for lost profits," Bulova said.

"A shop owner could complain they lose revenue, that festival vendors are taking their business away," Bulova added. "What if someone decided to make that an issue and seek compensation for lost profits under (the amendment)? The Town of Vienna can't afford to reimburse every shop owner..."

State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) said there was "some concern by local governments that some businesses could sue if their street access was lost for a street festival," but he said litigation fears are overblown.

"The eminent domain amendment basically puts the current state law into the Constitution, so it's not a major change at all," Petersen said.

Surovell—who is also Petersen's law partner in the Fairfax firm of Surovell, Isaacs, Petersen & Levy PLC



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—said requiring the government to pay for not only the value of land, but for lost profits and lost access could run up the costs of infrastructure projects all over Virginia.

"Imagine what that means for widening U.S. 1 or what they would have meant in terms of the disruption caused on Route 7 for the construction of the Silver Line. This bill will make roads and transit even harder to construct," he said.

BUT SUPPORTERS contend the amendment is needed because—without the counterweight of a constitutional amendment—Virginia's statute is subject to change by future legislators and special interest groups.

Del. Rob Bell (R-Albemarle), who co-authored the statute to stop "eminent domain abuse," maintains that eminent domain is used so "developers with connections to City Hall can force a reluctant property owner to sell."

"I just don't see a large enough problem where we need a statewide constitutional solution," Surovell said.

Bulova agreed: "Eminent domain is a very heavy power and absolutely needed only for the greater good. We haven't used it to force people off their property. That just doesn't happen in Fairfax County and it never has."



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(From left) Principal Louis Silvano, Charles Owen, Father David L. Martin.

St. Luke School Celebrates 50 Years

St. Luke Elementary School (SLS) in McLean is celebrating 50 Years of Catholic education. The school was founded in 1962, and last Thursday, Oct. 18, it held a 50th Anniversary Celebration on the feast day of St. Luke. The entire school celebrated with a special mass at 9 a.m. That same evening, the new principal, Louis Silvano, invited parents, faculty, parishioners and friends in the community to attend a reception in the gymnasium from 7-9 p.m. The pastor of St. Luke Parish, Father David L. Martin, unveiled a painting by Brother Mickey McGrath specially commissioned for the 50th Anniversary. The recent Apostolic Blessing from Pope Benedict XVI was on display. Approximately 150 people attended the celebration. In conjunction with the yearlong Golden Anniversary Celebration, Principal Silvano announced three major advances to take place at SLS this year.

A new junior kindergarten classroom for 4-year-old children will be added to the elementary school. SLS plans to open the new JK classroom in August 2013. This will be a full-day junior kindergarten providing a comprehensive program that focuses on the cognitive, social-emotional and physical development of children in preparation for kindergarten.

An outdoor classroom where students can experience nature first hand has been designed for use in 2013. It will include a butterfly garden, a planting area, a mini-amphitheater, a labyrinth and a garden sanctuary for reflection. It will accommodate seating for three full



Principal Louis Silvano with 50th Anniversary Painting

grades at a time to enjoy and to explore nature. The architecture of the outdoor classroom has been designed by Great Falls resident and internationally recognized landscape architect Charles Owen of Fine Landscapes LTD.

Principal Silvano believes the outdoor classroom is an essential addition to the SLS curriculum as many children in today's society are suffering from "Nature Deficit Disorder." SLS is one of a handful of schools across the country recently named to pilot LEGO Recruiter from LEGO Education. This hands-on program seeks to work with teachers to elicit the universally loved and ever-present LEGO building blocks to inspire learning, excitement and creativity in the classroom. The program, run by school Technology Coordinator Timothy Burns, is being incorporated into the 2012-13 school year.

SLS is hosting an Open House on Monday, Nov. 12, from 9 to 11 a.m. The public is invited to come in to meet faculty, students and parents.

St. Luke School, grades K-8, is located at 7005 Georgetown Pike in McLean.

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President Barack Obama was relaxed and playful delivering his “Romnesia” quips before a crowd of 10,000 supporters during the rally at GMU on Friday, Oct. 19. Much of his short stump speech focused on issues affecting women and healthcare.

Obama Fires Up Fairfax Crowd With ‘Romnesia’ Quips

President delivers second GMU gender-pitch aimed at women voters.

By Victoria Ross
The Connection

Lillie Reynolds, a single mother from Herndon with four daughters, stood in line for nearly five hours to hear President Barack Obama speak for 25 minutes at a campaign rally at George Mason University on Friday, Oct. 19.

“He was funny, but we needed that,” said Reynolds after the president’s quip-filled speech, during which he debuted the catchphrase “Romnesia.”

According to Obama, his GOP rival Mitt Romney has come down with a bad case of “Romnesia” because Romney has “conveniently forgotten” his own positions on issues important to women and their families, like saying he’d be “delighted” to sign a law outlawing a woman’s right to choose in all cases.

“There’s a lot of truth in that humor,” Reynolds said. “No one here has forgotten one word of what Governor Romney said when it comes to our rights.”

Reynolds said she has a very personal reason for supporting Obama. “Two of my daughters are disabled, and I take care of them,” she said. “Obamacare is critical



U.S. Rep. Gerry Connelly (D-11) brought his binder to the Oct. 19 Obama rally at George Mason University, referencing the “binders full of women” comment that Republican presidential hopeful Mitt Romney made during his second debate with President Obama.

to me.”

“I don’t believe for a second that Governor Romney cares about folks like me. We’re the little people to him,” Reynolds continued. “He says what you want to hear to make you feel good. He has an entitled, arrogant attitude.”

Reynold’s coworker, Rosemary Osei, who recently became an American citizen, said this is the first time she will be voting.

“This is exciting for me,” Osei said. “I’ve been paying attention to both candidates. President

Obama is the only candidate who seems to care about immigration issues or who appreciates diversity.”

Osei, who originally hails from Ghana, said she believes more Americans should take voting seriously. “It’s one of the best things about being an American.”

FRIDAY’S EVENT was the president’s second visit to Fairfax in as many weeks, and part of both major party candidates’ round-the-clock campaign blitz through key

Viewpoints

Why are you an Obama supporter?

“I’m a radiologist, so I know how important things like mammograms and ultra-sounds are. You want people to have access to healthcare that’s affordable. You want women, not their employers, to be empowered to make their own healthcare decisions.”

—Bernice Griffith, Fairfax



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Bernice Griffith of Fairfax

“I’m still in school. I’m exactly the kind of person he appeals to...I’m still in college and education and how we’re going to be paying for it is important to me.”

—Erika Santoyo, 22, a GMU student

“I’m a recent college graduate, and I’m looking for a job. I think President Obama will help the economy. Thanks to President Obama, I can still be on my parent’s insurance plan, and that is so amazing and important to me and a lot of other people my age.

—Kel auni Cook, a Howard University graduate, of Springfield



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(From left) Erika Santoyo and Emily Travis, GMU students, and Kelauni Cook, a recent Howard University graduate

“As a former government employee, I think most people understand the value of government’s role and that government employees work extremely hard performing an important public service. “

—Julie Paradis of Alexandria

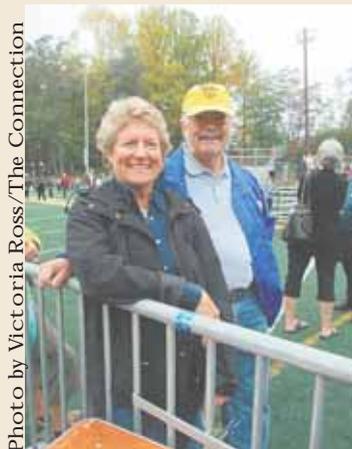


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Julie Paradis and husband, Tom, of Alexandria

battleground states, including Virginia, Ohio and Florida.

Although he is still facing a cliffhanger re-election attempt, the president joked with the crowd of 10,000 supporters. Hands in his pockets, he riffed several jokes when the crowd started chanting back the punch line.

“If you say you’ll protect a woman’s right to choose, but you stand up at a primary debate and said that you’d be delighted to sign a law outlawing that right to choose in all cases - man, you’ve definitely got Romnesia.”

“If you say that you’re a cham-

pion of the coal industry when, while you were governor, you stood in front of a coal plant and said, this plant will kill you - you might have...”

“Romnesia,” the crowd chanted back.

The stump speech was squarely aimed at women voters who, political analysts say, form a formidable voting bloc in northern Virginia.

“Virginia is a battleground state, and the president knows he needs to get the support of women here,”

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News

Creating Prescription Drug Awareness

Safe Community Coalition hosts panel discussion about prescription drug abuse.

By Alex McVeigh
The Connection

The Safe Community and the Fairfax County Police McLean District Station hosted a forum on prescription drug use and abuse Wednesday, Oct. 17 at the McLean Community Center. The 2010-11 Fairfax County Youth Survey showed that students in the Langley and McLean High School pyramids had comparable rates to the rest of the County with students who reported abusing prescription drugs in the last 30 days.

Countywide, 10 percent of seniors reported abuse within the last 30 days, which matches the 10 percent from the McLean pyramid, but the Langley pyramid reported 12 percent.

"We're not calling it a huge problem, but we try to focus on the Youth Survey numbers, and between the numbers we've seen, and we've heard it mentioned from [McLean District Station commander] Capt. [Daniel] Janickey as well," said Debbie Witchey, president of the coalition. "Once we started researching, we found some scary numbers. Seventy percent of accidental deaths in Virginia are due to prescription medicine abuse."

Witchey said that in the course of their research, they found that teens were using prescriptions drugs for two primary reasons: to improve academic performance through drugs such as those for Attention Deficit Disorder, and for better athletic performance, to heal from injuries more quickly.

"A lot of people don't realize is that [prescription medications] are the most abused kinds of drugs, more so than all illegal drugs except marijuana," said Van Huynh, the head pharmacist at the McLean CVS. "They're so readily available, kids have access to it. It's something a lot of people turn a blind eye to. I see it in this community a lot at the pharmacy... our biggest drug problem isn't on our streets, it's in our medicine cabinet."

Huynh says she regularly sees fake prescriptions for everything, mostly pain relievers and ADD medication, such as Adderall and Oxycontin.

Janickey said a major hurdle the police are trying to overcome is the underreporting of these types of problems.

"We really only see a lot of these cases when people hit rock bottom, they're getting arrested for thefts and robberies, and a good amount of those people, when we have them in custody, talk about being addicted to some kind of prescription medication."

THE COALITION'S RESEARCH has shown that the majority of teens believe prescription drugs are both easier to get and safer to use and abuse than "street" drugs.

"People think that there's a guy in a trench coat selling them out of his pockets, but most kids get it from people they know," he said.



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Dr. Tilman Jolly, an emergency physician at INOVA Fairfax, Sgt. James Cox, supervisor of the Special Investigations Narcotics Squad and Money Laundering units for the Fairfax County Police Department and Van Huynh, head of the pharmacy department at the McLean CVS, speak at the McLean Community Center about the dangers of prescription drug abuse Wednesday, Oct. 17.

Sgt. James Cox, supervisor of the Special Investigations Narcotics Squad and Money Laundering units for the Fairfax County Police Department, said when he started as a police officer in 1988, crack cocaine took over the area by storm, and police have been playing catch up ever since.

"I've been in narcotics for half of my career, and one of the biggest things we've seen coming up is legal drugs, prescription drugs," he said. "I'm not knocking any profession, but there are dirty doctors, dirty pharmacists, people that go rob pharmacies. There's a trickle down effect. Your kids might not be robbing pharmacies, but somebody is, and these drugs are getting to your kids."

Cox called for a culture change in people's houses, saying they shouldn't store medicine in their "medicine cabinet" above bathroom sinks.

Dr. Tilman Jolly, an emergency physician at INOVA Fairfax, urged parents to get involved with their children before they ended up in front of him at the hospital.

"When they reach the hospital, on a stretcher, sometimes on a ventilator, because somebody took too much of something, that's not an easy conversation to have," he said. "They might have had an inkling, but now they're at the point where their kid might die."

Huynh said it is important for people to dispose of their unused medication, not to save their extra painkillers for a future problem.

"Once you're done with medicine, throw it away. Remove your personal information from the bottle," she said. "If it's a non-controlled drug, dispose of it in the trash, if it's controlled mix it with coffee grounds or something that makes it non-consumable, so people won't get into it."

ED DANOFF, owner and head pharmacist of the Medicine Cabinet in McLean, hosted a prescription drug drop-off before the event, where community members could drop off their unused medications in a secure drop box. They collected approximately 50 pounds of medicine during the event.

Schools

Langley Celebrates Homecoming

Langley homecoming pre-party at the Mostafa home in McLean, Saturday, Oct. 20, 2012. From left—Christian Gaibler, Ariel Thompson, Andrew Haymans, Maddy Leto, Rachael Mostafa, Tyler West, Piper Hantho, Nick Ehat, Nia Casso, Gage Beckwith.



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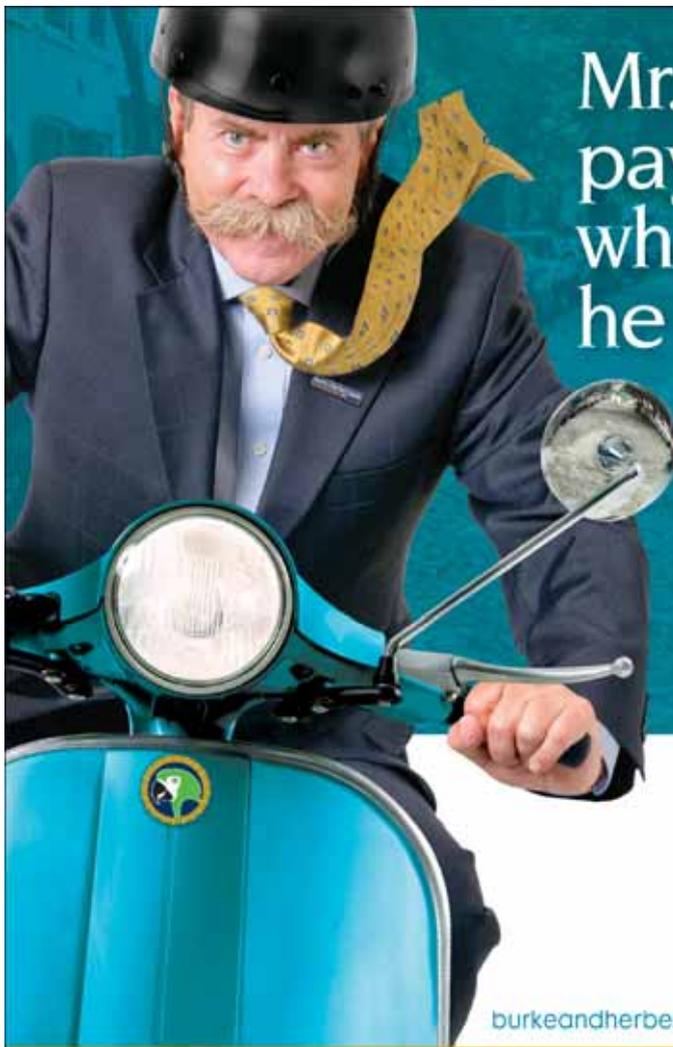
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The main screen at the 495 Express Lanes Operations Center in Alexandria, which provides complete coverage of the lanes in order to set the toll pricing.

Express Lanes Move Closer to Opening

Express Lanes open new operations center, prepare for opening.

By Alex McVeigh
The Connection

As the construction equipment and debris is cleared from the new two left lanes going both ways on the Virginia side of the Beltway, the 495 Express Lanes are coming closer to opening. The variable-priced toll lanes will run over most of the Virginia section of the Beltway, and the \$2 billion project has included the new lanes, as well as the rebuilding of bridges and overpasses along the way.

"The project is moving forward very quickly, we expect a late fall 2012 opening, and we'll do our best to give about a three-week notice on the exact date," said Jennifer Aument, vice president of Transurban-Fluor, the company in charge of the project. "About a week before opening, drivers are going to start to see some changes out there. When it can be done safely, the signs will start to be uncovered, and signals will be uncovered on key arterial routes like Route 7.

When it comes to the lanes opening for traffic, Aument said it would be "in the middle of the night, during the weekend period, approximately midnight to 2 a.m."

Once the lanes are open, the prices will be updated as conditions dictate, in order to keep the traffic moving as close to 55 miles per hour as possible. Their contract mandates traffic move at a rate of at least 45 miles per hour, per a federal mandate on managed lanes.

"The rates based on the travel demand. The way we will measure travel demand is three times per mile we have detector stations that will give our control center infor-

mation as to what the volume and speed of traffic is," said Rob Kerns, operations manager with Transurban. "Our dynamic pricing is scheduled to update every 15 minutes, which means there is the opportunity but not an obligation to change every 15 minutes, if a change is appropriate."

The Express Lanes are broken into segments by exits, and each segment has its own price, and drivers will be charged as they drive through segments to their final destination.

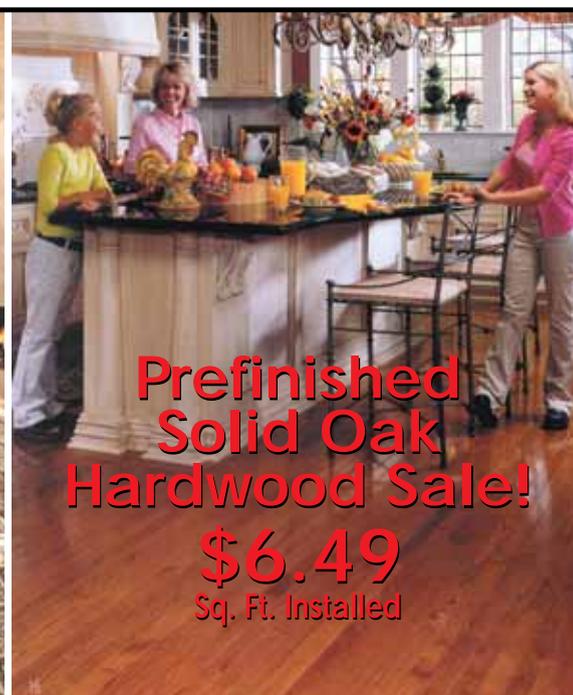
"For example, if you're going from the Springfield Interchange to Route 66, you would pass through four pricing segments, Braddock Road, Gallows Road, Lee Highway and Route 66," Kerns said. "Based on the prevailing traffic conditions in each of those sections, the pricing will be determined through the sum of those segments."

Kerns said that their current models have shown prices around \$3 to \$6 during rush hours and \$1 to \$2 during non-rush hours, per full trip.

Drivers in cars, hybrids and trucks will be tolled, unless there are more than three people in the vehicle. Vehicles with three or more people can ride toll-free, but the vehicle must have the new EZ Pass Flex.

The EZ Pass Flex has a toggle switch that allows users to switch between toll and non-toll mode. State Police officers will be monitoring the lanes for compliance. All vehicles except motorcycles will need to have the EZ Pass Flex to ride toll-free, motorcycles can use the lane toll-free without an EZ Pass.

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Schools

Langley Orchestra to Present an Asian Theme Concert

The Langley High School Orchestra is presenting "Spirited Away: an Asian Theme Concert" on Thursday, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. in the Langley Auditorium.

The concert will highlight music from the 2001 movie "Spirited Away" by Hayao Miyazaki, widely acclaimed to be one of the greatest animated films of all time. The orchestra will play "One Summers Day" and "Sixth Station" from Joe Hisaishi's sound track, featuring senior pianists Chigaya Sakai and Paul Li. Also featured in solo roles will be sophomore harpist Alyssa Katahara, senior cellist Constance Chiu, and senior violinists Cindy Lee and Alan Chiang.

Langley's four string orchestras will prepare selections from Japan, China, Korea, India and Singapore for the event, including music from soundtracks to "Memoirs of a Geisha" and "I'll Make a Man Out of You" from Disney's Mulan. Andrew Scronce (World Languages Japanese teacher "Scronce Sensei") will read winning poems from a Haiku writing competition, and help prepare student emcees to introduce each selection in the native language of the composition. Students will also be encouraged to celebrate their heritage by dressing in traditional Asian clothing.

The orchestra will be joined by senior Pallavi Rudraraju, who will perform a classical Indian dance. Two guest dancers will perform a Korean Jang-goh Drum Dance. Nen Daiko (professional Japanese Taiko drummers) will give a special guest performance as the culmination of the event. The event will also celebrate the debut of Eastward Bound, a new rock band of Langley students. Also check out the Saxon Scroll for the artwork prepared for the event by senior Remy Bustani.



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Langley HS Senior Pallavi Rudraraju will dance "Tillana," a classical Indian dance.

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Opinion

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The annual Children's Connection is a tradition of well over a decade, and we begin getting inquiries from teachers and parents about submitting artwork and writing almost as soon as summer is over.

We publish artwork, poetry, essays, creative writing, opinion pieces, short stories, photography, photos of sculpture or gardens or other creative efforts.

Editorials We ask that all submissions be digital so they can be sent through email or delivered on CD or flash drive. Writing should be submitted in rich text format (.rtf). Artwork should be photographed or scanned and provided in jpeg format.

Identify each piece of writing or art, including the student's full name, age, grade and town of residence, plus the name of the school, name of teacher and town of school location. Please provide the submissions by Monday, Dec. 3.

Some suggestions:

❖ Drawings or paintings or photographs of your family, friends, pets or some favorite activity. These should be photographed or scanned and submitted in jpeg format.

❖ Short answers (50 to 100 words) to some of the following questions: If you could give your parents any gift that didn't cost money what would that gift be? What are you most looking forward to in the upcoming year? What is one thing that you would change about school? What do you want to be when you grow up? What is your favorite animal? What is your favorite toy? What makes a good parent? What makes a good friend? What is the best or worst thing that ever happened to you? What is the best gift you've ever given? Ever received?

Letters to the Editor Supporting Bond Referenda

To the Editor:

On the Nov. 6 ballot, County residents will see four Bond Referenda. The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area urges voters to approve all four bonds. Here's why:

Issuing these bonds now is sound fiscal policy. All of these capital improvements are part of the County's five-year plan. Repayment will cost less because interest rates are low. And the County has common-sense borrowing policies that strictly limit the amount of outstanding debt to a small percentage of property values. These practices have allowed the Fairfax County to finance necessary capi-

❖ Your opinion (50 to 100 words) about traffic, sports, restaurants, video games, toys, trends, etc.

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❖ Opinion pieces about family, friends, movies, traffic, sports, food, video games, toys, trends, etc.

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Email submissions for Springfield, Burke, Fairfax, Fairfax Station/Clifton/Lorton Connections to South@Connectionnewspapers.com.

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To send CDs or flash drives containing artwork and typed, electronic submissions, mark them clearly by school and hometown and mail the CD to Children's Connection, 1606 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Please send all submissions by Dec. 3. The Children's Connection will publish the week of Dec. 27, 2012.

Halloween Parties, SoberRide

Halloween is now as much of an adult party as a children's festival. Along with the Fourth of July, the holiday period including New Year's Eve and a few other dates, Halloween stands

tal improvements while maintaining its AAA bond rating—even in the recession.

These capital improvements are necessary to the health, welfare and safety of County residents.

❖ Parks and Parks Facilities Bonds: This bond issue supports the preservation of the County's historic areas, many of which bring tourists to Fairfax County. It also supports development of neighborhood parks, preservation of open space and stream valleys. County parks provide a place for family gatherings and increase outdoor recreational opportunities for everyone in our communities.

❖ Public Safety Bonds: This bond issue supports maintenance and upgrades to police, fire department and court facilities. Some of these funds will help com-

plete the renovation of the Jennings Courthouse and make the entire complex safe, efficient and appropriate for everyone from judges to defendants and for the public.

❖ Public Library Bonds: These bonds support tech smart library maintenance and upgrades. As more jobs and school assignments require access to a computer, these bonds are necessary for the participation of everyone in our community life.

❖ Storm Drainage Improvements Bonds: These bonds support soil and water conservation and flood-prevention efforts. As we experience more frequent violent storms and unpredictable weather, these bonds protect the health, safety and property of County residents. They will also

out as a holiday connected to an increase in drinking and driving.

If you will be out celebrating with alcohol, you can plan ahead. Assign a designated driver. Celebrate at home. Take public transportation. But if these plans fall through, the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP) Halloween SoberRide program provides a safety net.

For six hours from 10 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 31 until 4 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1, SoberRide serves as a way to keep impaired drivers off the road. During this six-hour period, area residents ages 21 and older celebrating with alcohol may call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI and be afforded a no-cost (up to a \$30 fare), safe way home.

Sponsors of this year's Halloween SoberRide offering include: Anheuser-Busch, AT&T, Diageo, Giant, MillerCoors, Red Top Cab of Arlington, Restaurant Association Metropolitan Washington, Volkswagen Group of America and the Washington Area New Automobile Dealers Association.

Since 1993, WRAP's SoberRide program has provided 55,694 free cab rides home to would-be drunk drivers in the Greater Washington area. For more information visit www.wrap.org.

Last Call

Letters to the editor from local residents about the upcoming election should be received by Friday, Oct. 26 to be considered for publication. Letters on candidates, bond questions, election procedure or any other local, election related topics are welcome and encouraged. Ideal letters will be about 200 words and convey opinion with civility. Send letters to north@connectionnewspapers.com

— Mary Kimm,

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prevent the economic loss flooding inflicts on our communities.

Voters interested in more details should visit fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/bond.

These bonds will also improve the economic future of Fairfax County. All facilities need regular maintenance and upgrades. By following sound borrowing policies and maintaining facilities as needed, Fairfax County not only improves the quality of life for current residents, but also becomes more attractive to businesses looking for a place to relocate.

We urge voters to approve all four Bond Referenda.

Julia Jones and Helen Kelly
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Bulletin Board

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WEDNESDAY/OCT. 24

Depression & Anxiety Panel. 7 p.m., at McLean High School Cafeteria, 1633 Davidson Road, McLean. The first in a series addressing problems among teenagers; a wellness/health specialist, adolescent/child psychiatrist, counselor and a school psychologist cover different facets of the issue.
davidedelman@verizon.net.

MCC Monthly Meeting. 7:30 p.m., at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Tax district residents who wish to speak during the citizen comment portion of the meeting should call ahead. 703-790-0123 ext. 711.
www.mcleancenter.org/about/governing-meetings.

SATURDAY/OCT. 27

Foster Parent Training Class. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., at 10455 White Granite Drive, Oakton. This class answers questions and provides training for those with the time, energy and desire to provide support to a teen or child in need. 571-748-2557 or Nvfs.org/fosterparenting.

Avoiding Divorce Court II—Provisions of Settlement Agreements. 10a.m.-1p.m., at The Women's Center, 127 Park St NE, Vienna. Information on standard provisions and creative provisions available to parties negotiating or mediating an agreement. \$40, \$30 for Members, or \$70 per couple, \$50 for Member couples. Register at www.thewomenscenter.org or 703-281-2657, ext. 276.



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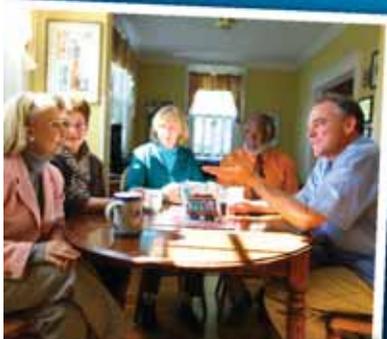
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Local Artists Show Off Studios

Annual studios tour shows artists' workspaces.

By Alex McVeigh
The Connection

Fourteen years ago, David Cowdrill was visiting a pottery in Maine, when a door opened for him, literally and figuratively. The potters opened up their workshop to him, showing him how to create ceramics, and Cowdrill, an engineer by trade, found a new opportunity. "When I got home, I enrolled in Northern Virginia Community College, and a few other community colleges, then the Corcoran Gallery in the city," he said.

Cowdrill was one of more than 30 artists who displayed their works, studios and more during the annual Great Falls Studios Tour Saturday and Sunday. Painters, sculptors, photographers, fiber artists and more showed the hundreds of attendees how they create their work. Cowdrill creates his art in the second bay of a two-car garage he added to his house several years ago. He had the side insulated and heated, and now he has his pottery wheel and other equipment ready and available, including a stack of interior design magazines that he draws ideas from.

"I'm inspired by form and decoration. Things like fabric and lamps can give me ideas about what to incorporate," he said. "I usually work around three, four days a week, though since this summer I've been working five days a week and some weekends to get ready for the tour."

For many visitors, the tour offered a chance for art aficionados to see more than a finished result, also the raw materials, designs and equipment that goes into each piece.

"It's so fascinating to see the space where these beautiful works are made, what the artists sit in, what they see while they create. I think the tour is a really unique way to get a glimpse of that process," said Amy-Lee Banks of Herndon.

Sculptor Jonathan Fisher says he is interested in colors, mostly primary colors. Starting from age 7, when he got a jig saw from his parents, he has been



An audience watches artist William Tuthill create a Japanese wood block print during the Great Falls Studios Tour Sunday, Oct. 21.

Photos by Alex McVeigh/The Connection



Vad Moskowicz, a fiber artist, demonstrates how to use a loom at her home studio, a stop on the annual Great Falls Studios Tour.

putting together geometric abstract sculpture.

"Geometric abstractions were very popular in the 1950s, and I like to say I'm sort of re-inventing that style," he said. "I like looking at built environments, such as fences, grates, other repeating patterns that appear."

In addition to displaying a number of different works, Fisher designs and builds a child's game ev-



Jonathan Fisher, who creates abstract sculptures, at his studio, part of the annual Great Falls Studios Tour.

ery year for the tour, this year's featured peg-shaped pieces that could be advanced along by the board by a large blue and red die.

Florian Scott of Vienna said her favorite stop on the tour featured two forms of art she had previously known absolutely nothing about.

"I was spellbound by William Tuthill and his lithographs and the Japanese woodblock prints. He had an old printing press in his downstairs kitchen, and I found the pro-

cess of making the drawing, transferring it to the stone and then the paper to be very interesting," she said. "And the process that went into one of his wood blocks was so delicate, it's only fitting that those beautiful works come out like they do."

Great Falls Studios is a consortium of more than 90 artists that live and work in Great Falls. More information is available at www.greatfallsstudios.com.

Entertainment

Send announcements to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit www.connectionnewspapers.com

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 24

An Orthodontic Halloween. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Wednesdays; 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, at Dr. Deirdre J. Maull's Orthodontic Office, 6845 Elm Street, Suite 505, McLean. Dr. Deirdre Maull has been spooking patients and visitors with her over-the-top Halloween setup since 1999; visit the crawling hand and the Crypt Keeper Mondays through Thursdays through the end of October. 703-556-9400, www.maulortho.com or www.facebook.com/maulortho.

Vienna Halloween Parade. 7 p.m., at Maple Avenue and Branch Road, Vienna. Big name entertainment, a crowd of tens of thousands and parading costumed children; gather with children at 6:30 p.m. at the Virginia Commerce Bank to walk. www.viennahalloweenparade.org.

THURSDAY/OCT. 25

Spirited Away: An Asian Themed Concert. 7 p.m., Langley Auditorium, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Four student string orchestras will play, featuring senior pianists and violinists, a harpist and cellist; Pallavi Rudraraju performs a classical Indian dance; two dancers dance the Korean Jang-goh Drum Dance; the Langley student rock band Eastward Bound debuts; Remy Bustani displays Saxon Scroll artwork; and Nen Daiko, professional Japanese Taiko drummers, perform. <http://langleyorchestra.org/Orchestra%20Forms/Performances/IHS%20Art%20Concert%20Oct%2025>

FRIDAY/OCT. 26

McLean Art Society Meeting. 10 a.m.-noon, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Jacqueline Saunders is the featured artist. 703-790-0123.

What I Did Last Summer. 8 p.m., at the Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The WWII coming-of-age story set in Lake Erie about a rebellious 14-year-old who works as a handyman for a bohemian teacher and develops radical ideas leading to a clash between Charlie's conservative mother and the former member of the upper crust; ages 15-plus. MCP offers a \$200 prize and publication for the winning essay on the subject of the play. \$16; \$14 for seniors, students and MCC members. www.mcleanplayers.org.

Lucy Kaplansky. 8 p.m., at The Barn at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Chicago-born singer/songwriter sings smooth vocals and insightful lyrics from her newest album *Reunion*. \$22. www.wolftrap.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 27

Halloween Costume Fun Run. 9-11 a.m., at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1545 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Runners of all ages run laps around campus in costume; for every lap, runners receive a treat; fun run water bottle included. \$10 suggested donation. 703-356-3346.

Fairfax Genealogical Society Fall Fair. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire Station, 2148 Gallows Road, Vienna. "Records Within Reach"-themed fair; registration goes up to \$45 after Oct. 18. \$30, members; \$35, non-members. www.fxgs.org.

Fall Bazaar. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Great Falls United Methodist Church, 10100



The Ritz-Carlton Tysons Corner culinary team is enjoying pumpkin carving with the children at their annual Pumpkin Carving Class. This year's classes are on Saturday, Oct. 27 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Pumpkin Carving with the Ritz-Carlton

Carve pumpkins with Pastry Chef Frederic Barasse and Chef Phil Sherman from the Ritz-Carlton Tysons Corner. On Saturday, Oct. 27 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., children and parents can carve together with the guidance of experts. Call 703-917-5498 for reservations.

Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Handmade arts and crafts, children's activities and pulled pork barbecue platters. 703-759-3705 or c.wright@longandfoster.com.

Pumpkin Carving Class. 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., at The Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Executive Chef Matthew and his culinary team guide little witches and vampires in honing their artistic skills via pumpkin lantern design; for children ages 6 and older (materials included). \$50. Reservations. 703-917-5498.

Halloween Pumpkin Carving. from 3-4 p.m., at Wildfire, 1714 International Drive, McLean. Parents and children carve pumpkins with guidance from Executive Chef Eddie Ishaq and NBC4Weekend Anchor Angie Goff; take home your carved pumpkin and a goody bag and benefit Food for Others. \$15 per child. 703-442-9110.

Fall Bazaar. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Great Falls United Methodist Church, 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Handmade arts and crafts, children's activities and pulled pork barbecue platters. 703-759-3705 or c.wright@longandfoster.com.

Alastair Mook's Slightly Scary Spooktacular. 10:30 a.m., at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna. Boston roots musician/family entertainer plays slightly scary tunes. \$10; children under 1 year, free. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Outstanding Educator Awards Luncheon and Silent Auction. 11 a.m., at McLean Tyson's Hilton Hotel, 7920 Jones Branch Drive, McLean. Honoring three exceptional educators, the luncheon and auction benefits the Martin Luther King, Jr. Cultural Foundation, Inc. Sponsorships available. \$65. www.mlkulturalfoundation.org/events.htm.

Artist Talk with Alice Whealin. 11 a.m., at the Ramp Gallery in the McLean Project for the Arts, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The visual artist talks about her works currently on view in the Ramp Gallery at the MPA; she discusses how "a sculptor's drawings" incorporates ideas of 3-D form via painting materials and talks on visual references to pop culture and science in her work. 703-790-1953 or www.mpaart.org.

Fun, Festive, Fright-less Halloween Tea. 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., at The Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Come in Halloween costumes for tea, a magician act, a creepy-crawly photo booth and eats

like Hair Raising Ham, Cheese Fingers, Dracula's Dark Chocolate Mousse Tarts, Plump Pumpkin Cupcakes, Creepy Cookie Fingers, hot chocolate and apple cider; children receive a special treat and complimentary photo as a memento. \$65. Reservations. 703-917-5498.

Olympian-Led Field Hockey Clinic and Coaches Talk. 1:30-4 p.m., and 4-5 p.m., at The Potomac School, 1301 Potomac School Road, McLean. A clinic with demonstrations of high-level skills by Olympians at 1:30 p.m. and a Talk from the Top for coaches at 4 p.m. for girls of all ages who love field hockey. \$50 per player; coaches with four-plus players registered attend the talk for free. www.BeyondSticks.com.

Golden Rod Puppets: Migration. 2 p.m., at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Hobey Ford's puppet show takes children ages 5-plus back the world of animals as a young Mexican girl, Beatriz, meets wild animals on a journey with her family. \$15; \$10, MCC residents. www.loydartists.com.

Halloween Carnival. 6-8:30 p.m., at the City of Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Street, Falls Church. Creepy Creature Show from Reptiles Alive!, carnival games, a moon bounce, face painting, crafts, movies and candy; infants through fifth grade. 703-248-5077 or www.fallschurchva.gov.

Coffee House Evening of Music. 7-9 p.m., at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna. Dennis Trainor and Dennis Eigell play sounds from the 60s and 70s; goulash soup and fresh bread served. Donations go to water initiative programs. info@elvienna.org.

ROCKtoberFête. 7-11 p.m., at the Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Wolf Trap's young professionals society holds its second-annual fundraiser by strolling back in time to the Wildest Party in the West; music by Honor by August, DJ, dancing, hors d'oeuvres, open bar, silent auction included. \$66, Club 66 members; \$75, non-members. 703-255-4030.

What I Did Last Summer. 8 p.m., at the Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The WWII coming-of-age story set in Lake Erie about a rebellious 14-year-old who works as a handyman for a bohemian teacher and develops radical ideas leading to a clash between Charlie's conservative mother and the former member of the

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SUNDAY/OCT. 28

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Sunday Soirees: Happy Halloween. 3-5 p.m., at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Come in costume or not and dance in a low-key environment or sit and listen to The Wayne Tympanick Trio play; refreshments provided. \$5. 703-790-0123 ext. 711 or www.mcleancenter.org/special-events/upcoming.

Trunk or Treat. 4-6 p.m., at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna. Decorate the trunk of your car and fill it with treats to join a parking lot-full of other festive, treat-filled trunks; dinner provided by the church. RSVP at info@elvienna.org.

Dancing 4 Cures. 6 p.m., at Ernst Community Cultural Theater, NVCC, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. C4 Performing Arts, LLC, in partnership with Greater Little Zion Baptist Church Cancer Support Ministry in Fairfax and the BREM Foundation to Defeat Breast Cancer, host a concert; reception and silent auction precede show. 703-855-7687 or www.c4performingarts.com.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 30

Sixth Annual Non-Profit Forum. 8:15 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Gannett Conference Center, 7959 Jones Branch Drive, McLean. The Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce hosts a forum for non-profit professionals to empower attendees to strengthen their organizations; CIO Robert Machen of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital delivers the keynote speech. \$40; \$25, chamber members. 703-356-5424 or www.mcleanchamber.org.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 31

The Annual Spooktacular. 5-7 p.m., at Great Falls Village Centre Green, 776 Walker Road, Great Falls. Trick-or-treat with area businesses in the heart of town. Children ages 12-and-under (6th grade) grab popcorn and drinks before going in the Great Falls Haunted House. www.celebrategreatfalls.org/Spook.html.

Halloween Pet Parade. 4-4:45 p.m., at the parking lot by Grandmothers Back Room, 756 Walker Road, Great Falls. Come with a costumed, leashed pet in tow and parade. Judging is at 4:30 p.m., with prizes for special categories; pets must be cleared from area by 4:40 p.m. www.celebrategreatfalls.org/Spook.html.

THURSDAY/NOV. 1

Noah Gundersen + David Ramirez. 8 p.m., at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E. Vienna. Two two musicians tour together. \$10. www.jamminjava.com.

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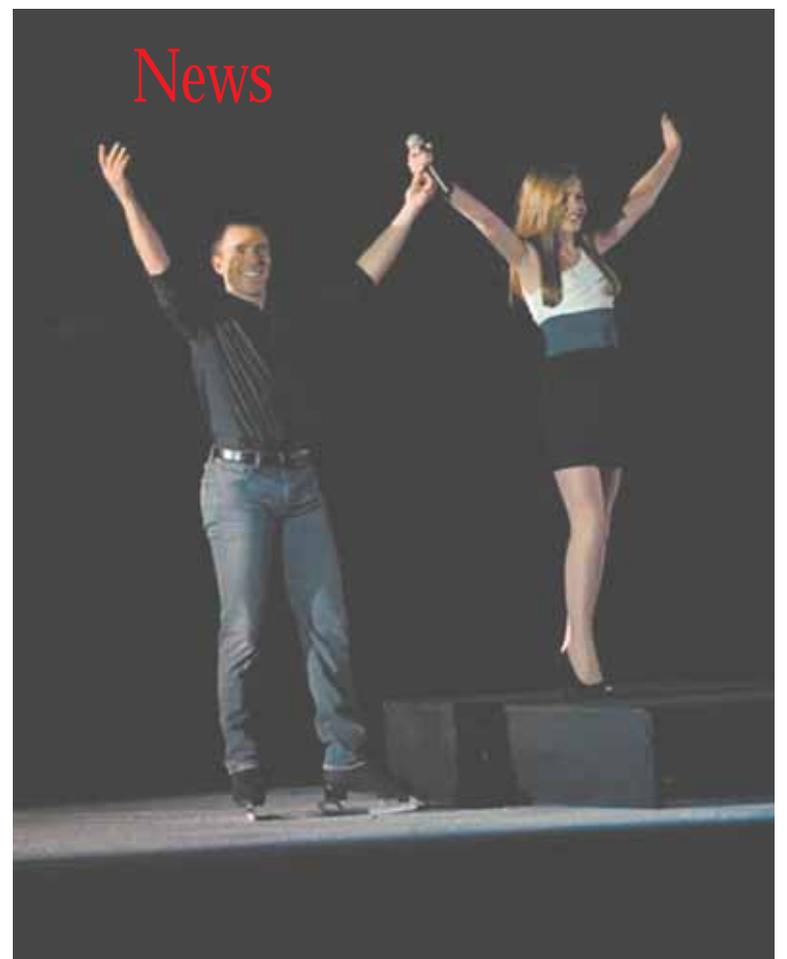


Photo by Andrea Chempinski
Annie Mae Weiss and Olympic dad, Michael, at his annual Ice Champions LIVE! Show in September.

McLean Teen Annie Mae Weiss to Sing in Atlantic City

McLean resident and Langley freshman Anne Mae Weiss will be among the performers in Atlantic City, N.J. on Saturday, Nov. 3. The LIVE made-for-TV show "Musselman's Family Skating Tribute" will be televised Nov. 18 on NBC from 4-6 p.m. EST.

Her dad, two-time Olympic figure skater Michael Weiss will host the show with Olympic champion

Kristi Yamaguchi. He will perform alongside his daughter as she sings "Don't You Remember," by Adele. She will be in good company; musical star Jewel will be the featured artist. International figure skaters Ilia Kulik, Nancy Kerrigan, Todd Eldredge and others will also skate in the family-themed live show at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City.

Faith Notes

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

St. John's Choir will perform Requiem by André Campra at the **All Saints' Sunday Service** on Sunday, Nov. 4 at 5:30 p.m., at **St. John's Episcopal Church**, 6715 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Accompanying the requiem will be a vocal solo quartet, violins, viola and organ. www.stjohnsmclean.org.

Dr. Randall Terrill speaks at **The Antioch Christian Church**, 1860 Beulah Road, Vienna at 9:30 and 11 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 28. Childcare is available at all services. 703-938-6754 or www.antiochdoc.org.

The Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Road NE, Vienna, holds a 5 p.m. contemplative worship service in the style of the Taizé on Sunday, Oct. 28; the service combines chant, scripture with time spent in silence and a setting of greenery, candles and icons. 703-938-6521 or www.holycomforter.com.

St. John's Episcopal Church in McLean welcomes everyone to an All Saints' Sunday service of Holy Eucharist featuring the Requiem by André Campra

on Nov. 4 at 5:30 p.m. St. John's Choir and a vocal solo quartet sing while violins, viola, and organ accompany. St. John's Episcopal Church is located one mile east of Beltway Exit 44, at 6715 Georgetown Pike in McLean. 703-356-4902 or visit www.stjohnsmclean.org.

A Walk through Ancient Bethlehem, Dec. 8-9, 2012. Walk through a replica of ancient Bethlehem during the time of Jesus Christ' birth. On Dec. 8 and 9, Parkwood Baptist Church of Annandale will present its 12th annual re-creation of Bethlehem. Tours conducted from 4 to 8 p.m. will feature costumed re-enactors including Roman soldiers and tax collectors, musical performances, and a nativity scene with live performers and animals. Activities and crafts for children and refreshments for all. 8726 Braddock Road, Annandale. Details available at www.bwalk.org or 703-978-8160.

Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1545 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, at the intersection with Westmoreland Street has Sunday worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m., traditional style worship; 9:45 a.m., contemporary style worship; and 11 a.m., traditional style worship. Sunday School and Adult Forum is at 9:45 a.m.

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News

The first section of the pedestrian bridge across Route 123 into the McLean Station, aka Tysons East Metrorail Station, is put into place. At left, workers inside the station itself watch as crews connect the bridge section to the station.

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Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project



First Pedestrian Bridge in Place at McLean Station

Sections walked along Colshire, Rt. 123 at night.

The first pedestrian bridge at a Silver Line Metrorail station is now in place.

During two dramatic overnight operations that forced the closing of busy Route 123 in the heart of Tysons Corner, the sections of the pedestrian bridge were literally walked from a staging area on Colshire Drive to Route 123 where they were installed on piers connecting the McLean Station (aka Tysons East) and a pedestrian access building at the corner of the southwest side of Route 123 at Colshire. The work took place overnights Oct. 12 and 15.

On Friday night, crews installed a huge bridge section between the McLean Station and a specially-constructed pier which was built in the median of Route 123. The second section was put into place between the pier in the median of Route 123 and the pier located off the road near the corner of Route 123 and Colshire Drive Monday night, Oct. 15.

A third and final section of the bridge will be installed off the road and require only a single lane closure.

Installation of the large segments was no small order. To expedite the process and reduce the time the roads would need to be closed, the bridge was assembled at a staging area located at the corner of Route 123 north and Colshire Drive.

It was then secured onto jacks that are mounted on a Self Propelled Modular Trailer (SPMT) system and transported from the staging area to the station.

The full height of the first transport was 43 feet, which required that the traffic lights at both Colshire Drive and Route 123 be dropped to allow the transport to pass through the intersection, and then reinstalled after the transport had finished its work. The transport was 144 feet long, 24-34 feet wide, and weighed 182,000 pounds.

The 400,000-pound, computer-driven transport moved slowly into place, escorted by the computer operator who walked by its side. The process was repeated for the second bridge section.

When this work was completed, the transport devices moved from the Route 123 site to staging areas just west of the Wiehle-Reston East Station in the median of the Dulles International Airport Access Highway where sections of the pedestrian bridges for that station have been assembled. Those bridges are to be put into place later this month.

Faith Notes

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

St. John's Choir will perform Requiem by André Campra at the **All Saints' Sunday Service** on Sunday, Nov. 4 at 5:30 p.m., at **St. John's Episcopal Church**, 6715 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Accompanying the requiem will be a vocal solo quartet, violins, viola and organ. www.stjohnsmclean.org.

Dr. Randall Terrill speaks at **The Antioch Christian Church**, 1860 Beulah Road, Vienna at 9:30 and 11 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 28. Childcare is available at all services. 703-938-6754 or www.antiochdoc.org.

The Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Road NE, Vienna, holds a 5 p.m. contemplative worship service in the style of the Taizé on Sunday, Oct. 28; the service combines chant, scripture with time spent in silence and a setting of greenery, candles and icons. 703-938-6521 or www.holycomforter.com.

St. John's Episcopal Church in McLean welcomes everyone to an All Saints' Sunday service of Holy Eucharist featuring the Requiem by André Campra

on Nov. 4 at 5:30 p.m. Requiem will be sung by the St. John's Choir and a vocal solo quartet. Violins, viola, and organ will provide the accompaniment. St. John's Episcopal Church is located one mile east of Beltway Exit 44, at 6715 Georgetown Pike in McLean. For more information, call the Church Office at 703-356-4902 or visit www.stjohnsmclean.org.

A Walk through Ancient Bethlehem, Dec. 8-9, 2012. Walk through a replica of ancient Bethlehem during the time of Jesus Christ' birth. On Dec. 8 and 9, Parkwood Baptist Church of Annandale will present its 12th annual re-creation of Bethlehem. Tours conducted from 4 to 8 p.m. will feature costumed re-enactors including Roman soldiers and tax collectors, musical performances, and a nativity scene with live performers and animals. Activities and crafts for children and refreshments for all. No admission charge. 8726 Braddock Road, Annandale. Details available at www.bwalk.org or 703-978-8160.

Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1545 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, at the intersection with Westmoreland Street has Sunday worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m., traditional style worship; 9:45 a.m., contemporary style worship; and 11 a.m., traditional style

worship. Sunday School and Adult Forum is at 9:45 a.m.

Doc Scantlin and his Imperial Palms Orchestra. Will perform on Sunday, Oct. 28, 3 p.m., at the Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. NE, Vienna. The Shepherd's Center of Vienna-Oakton presents the benefit performance. www.GoodShepherdVA.com.

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton, offers a rich and unique Religious Exploration (RE) program for all children, from pre-K toddlers through high school seniors, emphasizing exploration of all religious traditions while developing a personal spiritual path. Registration for the RE program, which offers classes on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings, is now open by calling 703-281-4230.

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

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President Speaks at George Mason, Appeals to Women Voters

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said Toni-Michelle Travis, a GMU associate professor of government and politics and editor of "The Almanac of Virginia Politics."

To that end, the pre-speech line-up included Cecile Richards, President of Planned Parenthood Action Fund and Nan Johnson, a retired teacher from Herndon, who both lauded Obama's support for issues affecting women.

"When Romney said he didn't know where to find qualified women during the second debate, that bothered me so much I almost stopped listening," Johnson said. "But then he said 'If you're going to have women in the workforce, you're going to have to be more flexible...' This is 2012, not 1912. Women having jobs is not a hypothetical."

U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) also got the crowd fired up by referencing Romney's comments on women in the workplace during the second debate.

"You might remember I'm originally from the commonwealth of Massachusetts," Connolly said, holding up some blue binders. "And I found those 'binders full of women.'"

ONE DAY LATER, in a Springfield shopping center off Old Keene Mill Road, Romney supporters were handing out dozens of Romney signs to voters at. In a few hours, the group handed out nearly 50 Rom-

ney signs.

Darren Williams, who owns Hawkeye Productions, said he believes Romney is the candidate who will stabilize the economy and give Americans a sense of financial security.

"I'm a small-business owner, and my main issue is that nobody seems to be minding the checkbook," Williams said. "You can blame your predecessor all you want, but I blame [Obama] for his actions in office from day one until now. He's had four years to reverse the economic trend. His track record with me is poor."

Justice Johnson, an 18-year-old Lake Braddock senior, has been making calls for Romney. "I'm worried about the economy and get a job after college."

Johnson, who said he became more interested in politics this year after taking a government class and listening to the candidates, said he was impressed with Romney's personal business success. "I feel like Governor Romney's economic policies are the best for business."

Brandon Schall, 24, a recent graduate of Christopher Newport University who also campaigns for Romney, said he doesn't get caught up in the "partisan hype" of the elections.

"I feel we all have our part to do as Americans. In the end, it's not jokes and taking shots at each other. It's not about being a Republican or a Democrat. It's about doing your civic duty as Americans by voting."

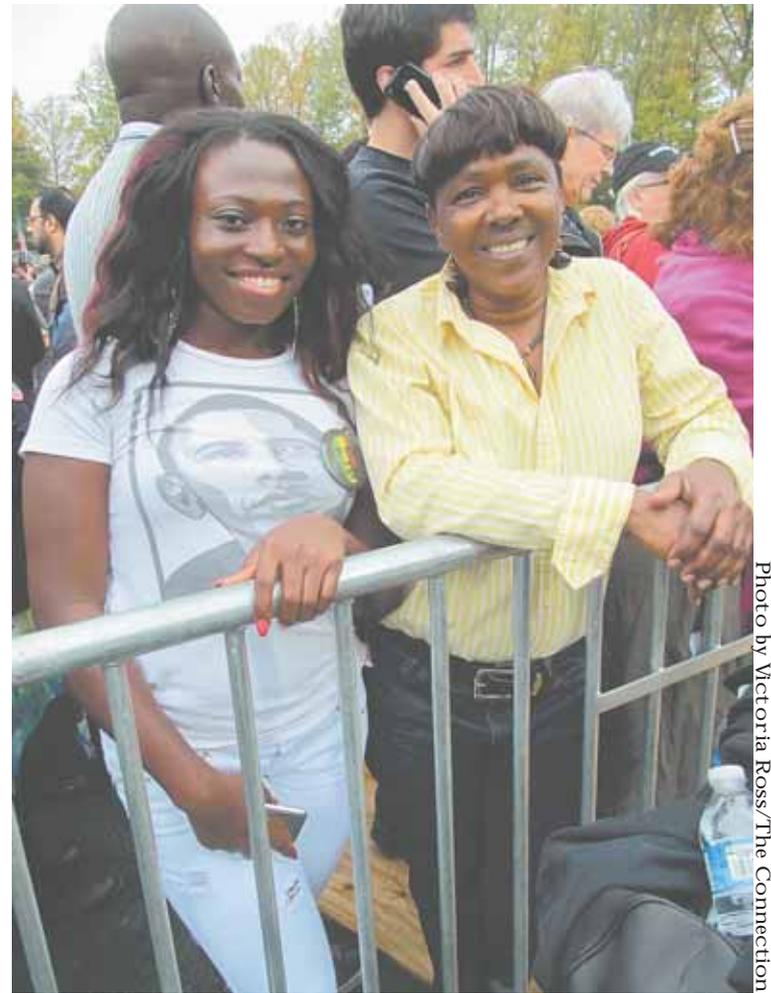


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Coworkers Rosemary Osai and Lillie Reynolds of Herndon wait in line to see President Obama Friday, Oct. 19, at his second campaign rally at the school in two weeks.

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Schools



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Churchill Road sixth graders Rachel Keiser and April Holmes make sandwiches with the assistance of Caroline Soutter and first grader Tenley Overdeck.

Sandwiches for Martha's Table

Churchill Road Elementary School's community service activities got out to a great start: On Wednesday, Oct. 17, more than 100 Churchill Road first and sixth graders, their teachers and family members made sandwiches for Martha's Table, a non-profit organization in Washington, D.C. that serves sand-

wiches to those in need. Organized by Churchill Road PTA's Community Service Committee co-chairs Marta Bascom, Robin Hoeymans and Sarah Walter, with donations of bread, meat and cheese from CRS students and their families, the volunteers were able to make a total of 1,726 sandwiches.



Churchill Road first graders Luke Iverson, Jacob Sedaca and Evan Poulos, along with parents Tammy Iverson and Nicole Bibbins Sedaca, enjoy making sandwiches for Martha's Table in Washington, D.C.

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Sports

Sports Roundups

Langley Football Snaps Three-Game Skid

Led by senior running back Philip Mun and junior quarterback Nick Casso, the Langley football team snapped a three-game losing streak with a 35-14 victory against South Lakes on Oct. 19.

According to stats from the Washington Post's Web site, Mun carried 30 times for 303 yards and a touchdown. Quarterback Nick Casso carried 18 times for 91 yards and three touchdowns.

The victory comes after Langley lost to Madison, Stone Bridge and Yorktown following a 3-1 start. The Saxons are now 3-2 in the Liberty District.

Langley will travel to face Fairfax at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26 and close the regular season at home against McLean on Nov. 2.

Former Great Falls Soccer Player Will Take It to Germany

Former Virginia ODP and Great Falls player Junior Flores recently signed with the German Bundesliga champion Borussia Dortmund. Flores, 16, agreed to a four-year deal that will go into effect in March 2014, when he turns 18. The central attacking midfielder is currently in his second year of full-time residency with the US under-17 team in Bradenton, Fla. The squad recently finished second in the prestigious AGS Cup in Spain.

"When he played here, you could see his work ethic and talent. Junior is such a humble young man who comes from a very supportive family. It couldn't happen to a nicer guy," said Flores' former Great Falls Ranger youth coach Mark Ryan.

After he caught the eye of the National team coach, through an ODP event, Flores was invited to the prestigious National Team U-17 team program. At an international tournament last winter, Flores began attracting interest from MLS and foreign clubs, including Liverpool, Paris St. Germain and Manchester United.

MLS offered him a Generation Adidas contract with a low salary and bonuses but it was nowhere near what Borussia Dortmund was offering.

"He's already been away from home for two years now in



Photo by Joe Gaitley
Quarterback Nick Casso (15) and the Langley football team, seen against Yorktown earlier this season, snapped a three-game losing streak with a win against South Lakes on Oct. 19.

Bradenton. So the adjustment, when moving to Europe, should be an easier transition. It's good that he is going to an established European power, where they are used to grooming up and coming young talent. Perhaps he can learn his craft of what it's like to be a professional soccer player without being in the spotlight too soon," said VYSA Technical Director and former ODP coach of Flores, Gordon Miller.

Until he turns 18, the Manassas resident will continue practicing and attending school in Florida. He will report to Dortmund for informal workouts during breaks in his schedule.

"We're so happy" about the Dortmund deal, Oscar Flores (Junior's dad) said. "We still don't believe it's really happening."

Herndon Advances to Field Hockey Regionals

The Herndon field hockey team advanced to the 16-team Northern Region tournament with a school-record 12 wins this season.

The Hornets traveled to face Yorktown in the opening round of regionals on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline. The winner will advance to Thursday's quarterfinal round to face the winner of Fairfax and Lake Braddock. The Hornets opened the season with a 3-0 road win against Yorktown on Aug. 23.

Herndon defeated Robinson, 5-0, in the opening round of the Concorde District tournament on Oct. 15, securing a spot in regionals. The Hornets earned the district's No. 3 seed, losing to Oakton, 1-0, in the semifinals on Oct. 17.

Herndon received senior leadership from captains Sarah Betti and Gillian Linden this year. Sophomores Taylor Stone and Sofia Palacios sparked the offense and each made the all-district tournament team. Palacios suffered a head injury against Oakton in the district semifinals.

"This year's team has been a great mix of all of the classes," first-year Herndon head coach Mary Miller said. "It is made up of one third sophomores, one third juniors, and one third seniors. The seniors provide leadership and guidance to the team. The juniors are a core group that



Photo contributed
The Herndon field hockey team advanced to the Northern Region tournament.



Photo by Craig Sterbutzel/The Connection
Lisi Mueller (1) and the South Lakes field hockey team, seen earlier this season, ended the 2012 season with a 1-0 loss to Marshall in the opening round of the Liberty District tournament on Oct. 16.

connects to the youth of the team."

Herndon's best weapon could be its last line of defense. Junior goalie Sarah Suter has 27 saves despite only playing in six games after being cleared from an early season head injury.

Herndon Football Loses to Robinson

The Herndon football team dropped to 1-7 with a 52-0 loss to Robinson Oct. 19. The Hornets, who fell to 1-3 in the Concorde District, will travel to face Chantilly at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26 and will close the regular season at home against Westfield on Nov. 2.

South Lakes Football Falls to Langley

The South Lakes football team lost to Langley, 35-14, Oct. 19. The Seahawks fell to 2-6, including 0-5 in the Liberty District. South Lakes will host Marshall at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26 and

will close the regular season at home against Thomas Jefferson Nov. 2.

South Lakes Field Hockey Ends Season

The South Lakes field hockey team ended its season with 1-0 loss to Marshall in the opening round of the Liberty District tournament on Oct. 16. The Seahawks finished the year with a 9-8 record.

South Lakes Volleyball Maintains Winning Record

The South Lakes volleyball team defeated Wakefield, 3-0, on Oct. 18, improving its record to 13-9. The Seahawks started 2-3 in the Liberty District, including a win over perennial power Langley.

South Lakes faced Madison on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline. The Seahawks will conclude the regular season at home against McLean at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 25.

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7934 SHREVE RD	3	2	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$615,000	Detached	1.05	22043	GRAHAM HOPKINS AND ALLEY
2083 HOPEWOOD DR	4	2	2	FALLS CHURCH	\$612,000	Townhouse	0.07	22043	WESTMORELAND SQUARE
7373 HALLCREST DR	3	3	1	MCLEAN	\$600,000	Townhouse	0.04	22102	HALLCREST HEIGHTS
6808 DEAN DR	4	2	0	MCLEAN	\$600,000	Detached	0.24	22101	HILLSIDE MANOR
2164 KINGS GARDEN WAY	3	2	2	FALLS CHURCH	\$582,500	Townhouse	0.04	22043	DOMINION
6630 KIRKLEY AVE	5	2	0	MCLEAN	\$580,000	Detached	0.60	22101	KENT GARDENS
7736 LISLE AVE	3	4	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$580,000	Detached	0.20	22043	PIMMIT HILLS
8220 CRESTWOOD HEIGHTS DR #308	2	2	0	MCLEAN	\$575,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	22102	ONE PARK CREST
6688 MIDHILL PL	4	2	2	FALLS CHURCH	\$569,000	Townhouse	0.07	22043	WESTMORELAND SQUARE
7920 ROSWELL DR	3	2	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$545,000	Detached	0.38	22043	SHREVEWOOD
7380 ELDORADO ST	3	3	1	MCLEAN	\$510,000	Townhouse	0.06	22102	HALLCREST HEIGHTS
6809 MONTIVIDEO SQUARE CT	3	3	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$499,900	Townhouse	0.03	22043	MONTIVIDEO SQUARE
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7304 ROCKFORD DR	3	3	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$444,000	Townhouse	0.03	22043	CHURCHILL SQUARE
7338 HOWARD CT	5	2	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$425,000	Detached	0.23	22043	PIMMIT HILLS
2776 HYSOON LN	4	2	2	FALLS CHURCH	\$420,000	Townhouse	0.03	22043	PINEWOOD GREENS
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2230 GEORGE C MARSHALL DR #1123	2	2	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$365,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	22043	RENAISSANCE 2230
8220 CRESTWOOD HEIGHTS DR #206	1	1	0	MCLEAN	\$363,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	22102	ONE PARK CREST
2230 GEORGE C MARSHALL DR #713	2	2	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$355,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	22043	RENAISSANCE 2230
1941 HILEMAN RD	3	1	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$340,000	Detached	0.23	22043	PIMMIT HILLS
1504 LINCOLN WAY #318	2	2	0	MCLEAN	\$335,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	22102	FOUNTAINS AT MCLEAN
2230 GEORGE C MARSHALL DR #326	2	1	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$319,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	22043	RENAISSANCE 2230
7630 PROVINCIAL DR #109	2	2	0	MCLEAN	\$282,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	22102	THE COLONIES
8340 GREENSBORO DR #804	1	1	0	MCLEAN	\$272,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	22102	ROTONDA
6800 FLEETWOOD RD #419	1	1	1	MCLEAN	\$261,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	22101	MCLEAN HOUSE NORTH
2311 PIMMIT DR #508	2	2	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$258,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	22043	IDYLWOOD TOWERS
1954 KENNEDY DR #T2	2	1	0	MCLEAN	\$234,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	22102	MCLEAN CHASE
1524 LINCOLN WAY #209	1	1	0	MCLEAN	\$217,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	22102	FOUNTAINS AT MCLEAN
1591 SPRING GATE DR #3102	1	1	0	MCLEAN	\$212,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	22102	GATES OF MCLEAN
7612 SAVANNAH ST #303	3	1	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$159,500	Garden 1-4 Floors	22043	FALLS CHURCH GARDENS
2311 PIMMIT DR #410	1	1	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$143,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	22043	IDYLWOOD TOWERS

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Fundraiser Supporting Friends of Clemyjontri

A fundraiser for Friends of Clemyjontri has been announced by HBC Realty Group's Community Charity Champions. Come to dinner on Monday, Nov. 5, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Pulcinella Italian Host in McLean to support Friends of Clemyjontri. Enjoy dinner and know that approximately 60 percent of the proceeds from food and drink will go to the charity, as long as the diner brings the flyer for the event. Contact HBC Realty Group at 703-734-0192 or visit www.HBCRealtyGroup.com to receive a flyer.

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Sponsors of the event are: Karen Briscoe and Lizzy Conroy with the HBC Realty Group, Richard Moroscak with agleBank, Marcus Simon with EKKO Title, Frank Vorndran with MorganStanley SmithBarney, and Moe Jebali with Pulcinella Italian Host.

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Oh "K," Finally



By **KENNETH B. LOURIE**

Off the cancer couch and onto the street to participate in my first fundraiser event for lung cancer research. With the assistance and support of LUNgevity Foundation, on November 4th, I will be joining hundreds of fellow lung cancer survivors, supporters and volunteers in "Breathe Deep DC," (a local "grassroots" event) for a 5K walk around the monuments in Washington, D.C. This is D.C.'s "only walk to support lung cancer research." "Breathe Deep DC" was founded by Bethesda resident, Jerry Sorkin, himself a three-time cancer survivor, having been most recently diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer in August 2007. In its three years of existence, "Breathe Deep DC" has raised some \$800,000 for lung cancer research. And so, through the initiative of Team Captain, Jennifer Meacham, a long-time friend, Team "Kenny's Column" has been registered and is on track, rain or shine to walk the talk on November 4th. For more information on how to participate, donate, volunteer, learn more or to simply dip your toe in the cancer water, go to www.lungevity.org.

As for yours truly, I am cautiously optimistic that I can complete the distance. 5K is nearly three miles, right? I think I have the energy. I know I have the interest and desire. However, the neuropathy in my feet (a common side effect of chemotherapy) makes walking distances somewhat challenging. I'll wear comfortable sneakers and loose-fitting clothing and certainly won't be in a hurry. Still, the walk will cover a distance that I've rarely ever walked - in my life, and will require being on my feet for a lot longer than I would prefer. Nevertheless, at this juncture, I am committed (or rather should be) and determined. I've been extremely fortunate to have outlived my prognosis by as many months as I have ("13 months to two years," originally; 44 months and counting at present - thank God!), and the timing of this event, relative to my current health and treatment regimen couldn't be better. It's now or it might be never. And it's high time I got in the game, so to speak.

And the timing to which I refer is even a bit better than that. Last month, I meant Carrie Friedman, Nurse Navigator for Inova Fairfax Hospitals' Thoracic Oncology Program, who came upon a few of my cancer columns and after reading them, contacted me about speaking at their third annual "Shine a Light on Lung Cancer" event to be held November 15th at the Dewberry Life with Cancer Family Center located at 8411 Pennell St., Fairfax, VA 22031. Sponsored in part by the Lung Cancer Alliance and Inova Hospital's Life with Cancer Center, the event was created to help raise lung cancer awareness (November being the official Lung Cancer Awareness Month). For further information, go to www.inova.org/events and click on "Shine a Light on Lung Cancer" or call Ms. Friedman at 703-776-3777.

As it has also happened, last month I was contacted by Audrey Weisiger who, likewise after reading a few of my cancer columns, has asked me to appear on a new weekly Internet radio program she's hosting (December 12th is the air date). Ms. Weisiger, a recently retired elite-level figure skating coach (she coached Michael Weiss of Fairfax for 18 years, she told me) is reaching out to the community in this new endeavor in hopes of sharing first-hand accounts of individuals dealing with and/or overcoming their unique challenges.

In my three-plus years of writing about my experiences as a stage IV lung cancer patient, I have received countless cards, letters and e-mails from many fellow patients, their family members and friends, thanking and encouraging me as I have continued to chronicle the demands of being diagnosed with a terminal disease. Only once before have I been involved in a cancer-related event of any kind. Yet, in the next month, I will have immersed myself in three of them. I've always been hesitant to do so, fearful of its effect on me. I guess I've matured and have realized that this cancer thing is much bigger than I am. It's time to stand up and be counted, not merely sat down and read.

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

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In execution of a Deed of Trust from Caroline S. Miner, dated June 10, 2005, and recorded June 15, 2005, in Deed Book 17398 at page 1666 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

Monday, November 5, 2012 at 11:30 a.m.

the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Unit 525, Lakeside Plaza Condominium with the sole use of the limited common element storage area and limited common element parking space assigned thereto and the undivided interest appurtenant thereto as set forth in the master deed and declaration recorded in Deed Book 5821 at page 1459, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Commonly known as 3800 Powell Lane, #525, Falls Church, Virginia 22041.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$20,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 3.75 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

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