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Char-a-oke Anyone?

\$1 million raised for Fairfax County Public Schools Education Foundation.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Listen, baby...
“Ain’t no mountain high. Ain’t no valley low. Ain’t no river wide enough, baby. If you need me, call me. No matter where you are. No matter how far.”

The Motown classic “Ain’t No Mountain High Enough,” by Marvin Gaye and Tammi Terrell, has been a show-stopping favorite for decades.

The same was true Thursday night for the karaoke team from Northrop Grumman, who won bragging rights as the 2012 Best Performers during the Fairfax Chamber’s second annual karaoke event to benefit Fairfax County Public Schools education foundation.

The team joined more than 250 members of the Northern Virginia business community, elected offi-

cials and other notables who sang or cheered on other participants. The list included Delegates Dave Albo, Mark Keam, Barbara Comstock, Kay Kory, Alfonso Lopez, Jim Scott, Ken Plum, Vivian Watts and Tom Rust. Senators included Dave Marsden and Barbara Favola, as well as Fairfax County Supervisor John Foust and Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Superintendent Jack Dale.

“The atmosphere was electric,” said Fairfax Chamber President & CEO Jim Corcoran. “It was an incredible display of community involvement, competition and just plain fun, all in support of a great cause – education.” Corcoran said the Education Foundation has made contributions to FCPS of over \$1 million in the past two years. The event raised about \$19,000 last year and \$30,000 this year.

CHAR-A-OKE AWARD WINNERS

Best Performance: Northrop Grumman
Best Vocals: Dominion Virginia Power
Best Moves: Cordia Partners
Best Lyrics: McGladrey Tax Services
Spirit Award: Helios HR
Best Duet: Cardinal Bank
Most Crowd Participation: John Marshall Bank

The foundation, Corcoran said, is not a scholarship program, but a way to fund and support initiatives in Fairfax County’s world-class public school system.

Corcoran said the event grew from five teams participating in the singing competition the first year to 22 karaoke teams this year.

“What was really great about this event is that you didn’t have just one sector participating. You had a who’s who from companies of all sizes, government contractors, banks, elected officials, FCPS.”

Corcoran said Helios HR in Herndon was the event’s Signature sponsor. “Kathy Albarado, Helios HR’s CEO, was great at creating enthusiasm for this event. You have no idea how excited people were.”

Erin DeWaters, the Fairfax Chamber’s vice president of com-



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Members of the Northrop Grumman PDP Team (l-r) Andrew Tran, Stephanie Paone, Neetu Dhillon, Candice Currier, Vivian Obando and Ashley Stone celebrate winning Best Performance at Char-a-oke.



PHOTO BY JENNY RULEY/FCPS

Attendees were so enthusiastic about the event, all the teams took the stage together at the end of the night to sing “Summer Nights” from Grease.

munications, said some companies recruited interns to participate, while others got their CEOs on stage to perform, and some teams practiced all summer.

“It was also a great team-building effort and a way to boost employee morale,” DeWaters said.

Corcoran said last year he performed original lyrics to Billy Joel’s “Piano Man.” And this year? “They fired me,” he joked. But DeWaters set the record straight: the event was so popular they filled the 22 slots quickly with chamber members.

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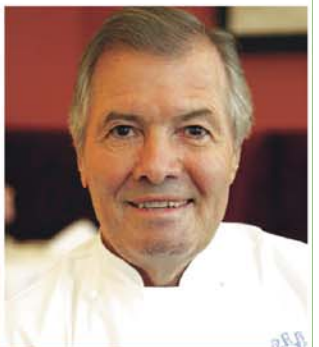
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A Complete Failure

Fairfax County says Verizon 'failed completely' during June 29 derecho.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

The eerie silence is what Steve Souder, Fairfax County's 911 director, remembers about the night of June 29, when the derecho hit Fairfax County.

"The derecho was fierce and sudden, a lot of things most storms aren't," Souder said in an interview on Friday. "We were busy as all get-out."

The fast-moving storms slammed Fairfax County at about 10:20 p.m., resulting in a record number of emergency calls—a 415 percent jump for 911 dispatchers and a 2,000 percent jump for Fire and Rescue. Approximately 30 minutes later, power flickered and then died in the McConnell Public Safety and Transportation Operations Center (MPSTOC), where 46 911 dispatchers were fielding hundreds of calls.

"We can't afford to be crippled, so our generators came on, and we're rocking and rollin' in the blink of an eye," Souder said.

At 1:30 a.m., the first wave of calls started to subside.

"We're taking a deep breath and looking ahead to sunrise, when we fully expected another wave of calls as people wake up and take a look around their homes at the damage," Souder said.

THE NEXT MORNING, as hundreds of thousands of county residents awoke to smashed cars, split fences and downed power lines from uprooted trees, the county's 911 operators braced themselves for another onslaught of calls.

But the next wave never came.

"The phones just stopped ringing. We were dead in the water... Never, ever, ever has this happened to us," said Souder, who has been in emergency operations for 44 years.



PHOTO BY VICTORIA ROSS/THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County's 911 Call Center located in the McConnell Public Safety and Transportation Operations Center, named after former Fairfax County Supervisor Elaine McConnell.

It would be several more hours before Souder and other County officials learned that no calls were getting through due to a problem with Verizon. According to Souder, all calls to Fairfax County's 911 go through the Verizon network, regardless of the commercial carrier service. From 7:36 a.m. until 3 p.m. on June 30, 911 service was completely down and for the next three days service was sporadic.

Souder said signs of trouble with Verizon came around 7 a.m., when Verizon sent a cryptic email to Fairfax County staff saying that the Arlington central office was without power or backup battery/generator. The references to Arlington, according to Souder, suggested that 911 service was affected only in Arlington County, so Fairfax County's 911 staff continued with their normal operations.

"We are completely unaware that incoming 911 call service from Verizon is slowly dying...We don't get officially notified until about 10 hours after [the] whole mess begins, which is completely unacceptable," Souder said, adding:

"It's like the Captain of the Titanic telling passengers the ship hit an iceberg when the bow is on the bottom of the ocean floor."

As a result of this critical outage, Fairfax County submitted official comments to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) detailing what happened, suggestions for Verizon to improve its service and exhibits to show supporting documentation and actions.

"During and after a storm, and in any emergency or disaster, the loss of the public's ability to contact emergency responders is most profoundly felt," according to County officials. "Families in darkened homes crushed by fallen trees, motorists unable to get through roadways blocked by downed electric power lines, elderly residents in care facilities without power in temperatures over 90 degrees, and any other citizens in need of emergency services must be able to call 911 to seek assistance."

"Fairfax County is, and will stay, on top of this," said Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon

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—Steve Souder, Fairfax County 911 Director



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Steve Souder

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PHOTO BY ANDREA WORKER/THE CONNECTION

From left—Office Administrator/Events Planner Sharon Brown and Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce President Lisa Huffman display the chamber's new name and logo.

New Name, New Location, Same Mission

Vienna Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce takes next big step.

It's official. On Aug. 21, the Vienna Tysons Chamber of Commerce became the Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce, and after more than two decades of doing business in a small, two-storey office building on Maple Street in Vienna, the chamber will soon make the move to a new, modern office space at 7925 Jones Branch Drive in the heart of Tysons Corner.

While most have lauded the move and the name change, some Vienna residents aren't so sure, wondering if the town will now take a backseat in the chamber's priorities. "Absolutely not," assures Chamber President Lisa Huffman. "We are still one membership. We are here for everyone."

In the press release announcing the changes, Huffman added, "All of our member businesses can expect the same great service with a focus on creating links to opportunity...this opportunity will take the chamber to its most prominent role to date as a truly regional chamber, able to provide benefits to the small businesses of Vienna and the big

business community of Tysons."

The Chamber will continue to actively support beloved traditional events in Vienna, such as Oktoberfest, and the annual Halloween Parade. "Vienna has a strong sense of community, a real hometown," said Huffman. "The developers at Tysons are looking to bring some of that feeling to Tysons, building more of a community, a real place to live, work and play. We are excited to help in that process."

There are about 450 members currently enrolled in the chamber. Huffman encourages businesses far and wide to review the benefits of membership and to take advantage of the opportunity to network with other business people in the area. As well as community events, the chamber hosts or facilitates Young Professional gatherings, educational sessions, lead-sharing opportunities, and more. They are also a resource for what's happening or what's ahead for the Vienna and Tysons area. Their website at www.vtrcc.org provides a wealth of information for businesses, as well as residents.

—ANDREA WORKER



Holy Transfiguration's Jennifer Bawab (left) and Cathy Baroody are ready to help festival goers decide amongst the many options for sale, including the popular \$12 lamb dinner served Saturday from 6-9 p.m. and all day on Sunday.



The "Dabkeh" is an Arabic folk dance widely performed at weddings and joyous occasions. Festival dancers will entertain attendees, and invite them to join in the fun.

Celebrating Middle Eastern Food, Culture

Holy Transfiguration Church hosts 12th annual food and culture festival on Labor Day weekend.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

If you love freshly-roasted aromatic meats, rich syrupy pastries, exotic dance and music and very congenial people, you'll love the ethnic food festival in McLean that brightens Labor Day weekend.

For the 12th consecutive year, the parishioners of Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek-Catholic Church on Lewinsville Road are throwing its annual Middle Eastern Food Festival on Saturday, Sept. 1, and Sunday, Sept. 2.

The Middle Eastern Food Festival was created to introduce other people to the Melkite Greek-Catholic culture and to share a meal with the community.

"You never know somebody unless you share a meal with them," said Rt. Rev. Joseph "Father Joe" Francavilla, pastor of Holy Transfiguration Church. "We're sharing something on a very fundamental level. Breaking bread, sharing food, brings people together." He also noted that the festival offers the "best food going anywhere."

THE FOOD sold at Holy Transfiguration's food festival is not simply Arabic cooking, it's cooking and baking that has been handed down from mother to daughter for generations. Everyone in the church helps out for this festival, which is as much an introduction to Arabic culture as it is a food-fest.

"The most important thing about this festival is exposure of our church to the people of the D.C. area," said Rt. Rev. "Father Charles" Aboody, festival chairman. The



Rt. Rev. Charles Aboody, festival chairman, Nikki Haddad, parishioner and food coordinator, and Rt. Rev. Joseph Francavilla talk about Middle Eastern food and culture. The cookbook compiled by Haddad is on sale at the Labor Day weekend food festival on the church grounds.

church itself looks like no other in the area with its gilded icons. "We feel we have a unique church in the area, culturally and in its beauty," Father Charles said. "We're also known to have the best food in the whole D.C. area."

Admission to the festival is free. There is a charge for the food and children's activities. Plates, featuring stuffed grape leaves, kabobs, falafel, spinach and meat pies, are priced individually and served throughout

the day, as are the pastries and sweets from the 50-plus-foot long dessert table. Pastries start at \$1 per piece.

The highlighted meal of the food festival is the Saturday evening spit-roasted-lamb dinner, priced at \$12 per person. While fragrant seasoned lamb and chicken fill the air with an aroma that only grilled meats have, most likely it's the dessert table that all age groups gravitate toward. Women of the church have been baking for weeks for this event.

"The lamb dinner is something you don't want to miss," said Nikki Haddad, food coordinator for the festival. "And we serve a great cup of real Arabic coffee."

The lamb dinner "hafli," beginning at 6 p.m., features live music and dancing, as well.

The dessert buffet showcases an assortment of honey-rich baklava made with different nuts, date-filled mamoul cookies, and pastries dipped in rosewater syrup, among a myriad of other popular Arabic sweets.

THE FESTIVAL introduced pony rides for children in 2011 and the rides were such a big hit with children that they will run again this year. The kids' all-day pass is \$10. That includes unlimited activities—face painting, moon bounce, games, and one pony ride. Pony rides can be bought separately for \$5 per ride.

One of the festival's non-eating highlights is the series of food demonstrations throughout the weekend by home "chefs." The focus, said Haddad, is on healthy Middle Eastern eating. At the festival, the church is selling its recipe book, compiled by Haddad, a personal chef and dietary consultant.

The Middle Eastern Food Festival kicks off at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 1, running to 11 p.m. that day, and reopens on Sunday at noon, running until 6 p.m.

To volunteer as an apprentice cook, learning Arabic recipes from the people who prepare Arabic meals at home, call Father Joe at 703-734-9566 and he'll pass your contact details along to the festival's food coordinators.

"This food festival is definitely a gift we have to share with our community," Father Joe said. "The whole person is touched by God's grace through food, music and our icons."

For details on the Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek-Catholic Church Middle Eastern Food Festival, go to www.middleeasternfoodfestival.com. The Church is located at 8501 Lewinsville Road, near the intersection of Spring Hill Road.

BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

Senior Olympics Deadline

Saturday, Sept. 1., register at www.nvso.us for the 2012 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics, to take place throughout Northern Virginia, Sept. 15-26. Participants can compete in over 40 events anywhere from swimming to yo-yo tricks. Events will take place on Sept. 15-26 at 18 venues throughout Northern Virginia. Registration fee of \$12. For more information, call 703-228-4721 or go to www.nvso.us.

The Virginia PTA's Citizenship Essay Contest: Proud to Be an American.

Prizes will be awarded in the middle school and high school categories: first place, \$1,000 savings bond; second place, \$500 savings bond; third place, \$250 savings bond. Applications and complete rules can be found online at www.vapta.org. Applications must be postmarked by 2/1/13.

Fairfax County Needs Volunteers.

Fairfax County needs volunteers to promote its Adult Day Health Care in Fairfax for four hours per week. To volunteer, you must be able to travel throughout the county. Contact 703-324-5406, VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 29

Personalized Computer/Internet Training. 7 p.m., at Tysons-Pimmit Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Get one-on-one help with basic computer skills, using Microsoft Word and Excel and introduction to Internet use. Call the library to sign up for an appointment. 703-790-8088.

THURSDAY/AUG. 30

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

eBook/eReader Instruction. 7:30 p.m., 8:15 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Learn about library eBooks and how to access them with your compatible device. Call for an appointment. 703-242-4020.

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FRIDAY/AUG. 30

English Conversation Group. 10 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. 703-938-0405.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 4

Presentation on Hematology. 1 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. The Woman's Club of McLean hosts Harlene Palkuti, a clinical laboratory scientist and hematology/hemostasis consultant, speaking on the formation and types of blood clots and their treatment. Ms. Palkuti has presented over 300 workshops and seminars in the United States, Canada and France, has published 45 technical papers and has contributed as an author to two medical textbooks. 703-556-0197.

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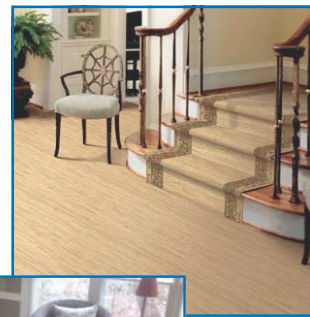
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FAITH NOTES

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

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.

Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1545 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, offers a 9 a.m. traditional service and a 10:30 a.m. contemporary service on Sundays. Also offers two services during the summer – both of which will include children's sermons. 703-356-3346.

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

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NEWS

County Files FCC Complaint

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Bulova (D-at large). The County's response to the FCC, released last Thursday, lays the blame for the outage squarely at the feet of Verizon, and Verizon acknowledged some responsibility in its Aug. 13 report to the MWCOG.

After first denying it had major problems with Arlington County's 911 service, Verizon officials admitted they did not know 911 emergency service was out in Fairfax County until alerted by County officials.

In the Verizon report, officials said two major generator failures—one in Fairfax and one in the central Arlington office, which routes 911 calls to multiple centers—caused "multiple failures cascading from these specific generator problems."

Verizon also reported that it lost visibility over its own network, so that technicians did not know that power was draining from battery-operated generators until it was too late.

"When the batteries in the Arlington central office were being depleted... why was there a delay in deploying additional resources to remedy the situation before the Arlington facility went dark?" asked County officials, in concluding statements in the FCC report. "Verizon's 911 service in Fairfax County failed completely during the June 29, 2012, derecho. Both immediate and longer-term changes are needed to improve 911 service in the metropolitan Washington, D.C., area."

THE CURRENT FCC REPORT is one of several investigations launched into the 911 fiasco. Accord-

How to Improve 911 Service in the Area?

Fairfax County's report to the FCC outlines immediate and long-term changes needed to improve 911 service in the area.

❖ To read Fairfax County official comments to the Federal Communications Commission, go to <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/view?id=7022005003>

❖ To read Verizon's Aug. 13 report, go to <http://www.nena.org/resource/resmgr/GovAffairs/Verizon911OutagesReport.pdf>

ing to officials, Fairfax County is pursuing the issue from many angles, including the report to the FCC and regional work through the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government.

"We are very fortunate that no one died as a result of the 911 outage," said Supervisor Pat Herrity, (R-Springfield). Herrity is a member of the statewide 911 panel tasked with looking into the outage.

"I have every confidence that Fairfax County is up to whatever emergency comes our way—in as much as we have control. I'm more worried about third parties such as Verizon based on our 911 experience. Frankly, that was wholly unacceptable and we are going to do everything necessary to hold their feet to the fire," said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee).

Souder said it's gratifying to know Verizon is taking some responsibility, and attempting to fix its communication problems.

"The public should know that, seven weeks after this storm, we're still a long way from being done from making sure this (911 failure) doesn't happen again," Souder said.

Great Falls Blue Knights U12 Soccer Tryouts

The Great Falls Blue Knights, a rising U12 Boys Travel Soccer team, are looking to strengthen their squad for their 2012-2013 ODSL campaign.

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First Day of School Coming Up

And never too early for parents to get involved.

The first day of school in most of Northern Virginia is Tuesday, Sept. 4. We don't agree with having the General Assembly dictate the first day of school, requiring the start date to be after Labor Day, but starting school after Labor Day does seem more hospitable than the Aug. 27 start in many other areas.

Attending Back to School Night and making contact with teachers is one of the most important things parents can do to set up the school year for success. Back to School Nights begin the first week of September. Find the date for yours:

Fairfax County <http://www.fcps.edu/news/backtoschool/>.

This school year will be the last for superintendent for Fairfax County Public Schools Jack Dale, who has announced his retirement effective June 30, 2013. The School Board will spend much of the coming months in the search

and selection of the new superintendent.

In Fairfax County, students will be encouraged to BYOD. That's "bring your own device." With written parental permission, students will be allowed to connect to school wireless with their smart phones, tablets and laptops. Students and parents should remember that school officials will be able to examine those devices and discipline students for content and activities that are in violation of conduct rules and act accordingly. More at <http://www.fcps.edu/it/byod>.

Reminder: Check Voter Status

While Northern Virginia has remarkable rates of voter registration, many changes to polling places, political district boundaries and rules for voting in Virginia, make it worth double checking your status now. Virginia's front seat role at the Republican National Convention serves as a reminder that every Virginia vote cast will count in November.

To vote on Election Day, you must be regis-

tered at your current address no later than Oct. 15, 2012. You can check your registration status online by going to www.sbe.virginia.gov. There you can also download a voter registration form and mail it to your local elections office address.

Every Virginia voter should expect a new voter identification card in the mail at the beginning of October, very close to the Oct. 15 deadline, so better to check now.

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Correction: Last week's *Newcomers and Community Guide* omitted the name of an independent candidate, Mark T. Gibson, running for U.S. House of Representatives in the 11th District. The same paragraph also mistakenly referred to that district by the wrong district number in a second reference. The correction have been made in our online and PDF editions.

— MARY KIMM,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Deliberate Falsehoods in Health Care Debate

To the Editor:

When I saw the letter I "Questioning the War on Women," [Connection, August 15-21, 2012] I had that Yogi Berra feeling of "deja vu all over again" because I had read the same letter in a July edition of your paper. A second reading did not improve the contents or make them any more accurate.

Though the letter is replete with inaccuracies, one in particular stands out and demands a response. As a leader with the non-partisan Prevent Cancer Foundation, I was appalled to read the allegation linking abortions and contraception to an increased chance of getting cancer. These kinds of scare tactics and deliberate falsehoods are dangerous and as inimical to the public interest

as Congressman Akin's recent assertion that a woman won't get pregnant if she is a victim of "legitimate rape." Medical misinformation on this scale deliberately victimizes vulnerable people with both lies and intimidation.

Ms. Burke may "believe it or not" but most women expect to make their own health care decisions in consultation with their doctors, and they do not wish their government to obstruct access to those decisions. Among the options that they expect to have available is the right to contraception, whether directly provided by an employer or through an insurance mechanism such as an exchange. Regardless of how they feel personally about abortion, they expect to make their own decisions in consultation with their doctor on the need for an ultrasound. They know that conveying full rights to a zygote ignores some basic facts about physiology, let alone the implications for criminalizing the health care prescriptions their physicians might recommend.

Call it what you will, but if government presumes to dictate or otherwise proscribe a person's own personal health care decisions, that is wholesale disenfranchisement and a greater threat to the freedoms Ms. Burke seems to cherish so much. I suspect she is among the many who would be willing to deny women the right to make their own decisions while demanding that we "get government out of our health care."

Let's call an end to these false protestations of trying to protect women while patronizing them with misinformation, disenfranchising them in the name of health and safety, and then wrapping it all in the banner of liberty. The majority of Virginians, especially northern Virginians, aren't buying it.

Margaret Vanderhye
McLean

Vanderhye recently completed two terms as vice chairman of the Prevent Cancer Foundation, a national organization based in Alexandria, Va. and dedicated to cancer research, prevention and early detection. Their motto is "Stop Cancer Before it Starts".

It's Income, Not Values

To the Editor:

I think the suggestions in recent letters to the editor that the imbalance in admissions at TJ is the result of differing cultural priorities are mistaken. The imbalance has much more to do with a family's income than its cultural values. The contest is unfairly rigged to favor those who have the money and the time to enroll and transport their kids to and from the SCAT and STB prep courses for elementary school students, ACT and PSAT practice sessions for middle schoolers, math and science tutors, summer enrichment programs and other such costly means of giving students a leg up in the competition to get admit-

ted to TJ. Even the TJ Admissions Test Prep Seminar offered by the Fairfax County Public School System to rising eighth graders costs \$581 this year and reduced tuition is not offered to students with limited means. The inherent economic bias against promising students from low income households all but guarantees that they will continue to be disproportionately under-represented at TJ.

William Shapiro
McLean

Looking for Shelter

To the Editor:

I want to voice my opinion about the trees at the Great Falls Shopping Center. We have lived here for 59 years and seen a lot of changes but this one about the trees is disturbing to me. I know the trees are beautiful but... I like the one near the Safeway and CVS where the handicapped park for this was where I had to wait many times for someone to go in the store. I am 83 years old and in a wheelchair now and there is no shade for me anymore because no one thinks of older people, only money.

Is there any way to provide shelter for us besides the trees? Thanks for listening to me.

Edna Beall
Great Falls

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NEWS



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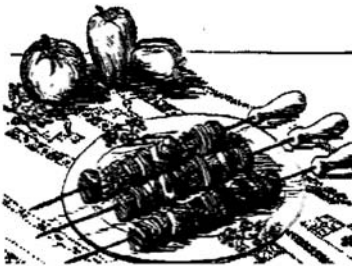
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'Pride of Vienna' Fundraising Campaign

The James Madison High School Band, the "Pride of Vienna," offers one of the finest high school band programs in the U.S. On Sept. 8, the band students (both instrumentalists and color guard) will canvass neighborhoods in the Madison school district to solicit contributions in support of its programs. Fairfax County does not fully fund the music program, so the band must raise money to pay for the instruction and assistance they depend on. Funding will be used for travel and entry fees to national competitions, instruments and equipment, musical instructors, student leadership training, and student awards. Band members will be at your door in their uniforms that day to ask for a tax-deductible support.

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Joshua Cho of Dunn Loring launches his medical school career when he enrolls at Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University in New York. Cho attended Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology and majored in religion with minors in biology and chemistry at Duke University, graduating magna cum laude in 2011. He plans on studying global health and community outreach while at Einstein. Cho will be among the 183 members of Einstein's class of 2016.

Anna Pick, McLean resident and 2011 graduate of Langley High School, was named to the spring 2012 Dean's List at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, PA. She is considering a major in Anthropology with a minor in International Relations/Human Rights.

The following Vienna residents have been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at Virginia Tech: **Adriana N. Angulo** (international studies), **Elizabeth J. Boott** (animal and poultry sciences), **Jasmine N. Bryant** (biochemistry), **Ryan L. Cass** (materials science and engineering), **Ingrid M. Christ** (finance), **Kathryn M. Condes De La Torre** (marketing management), **Haley K. Feazel-Orr** (biochemistry), **Ethan D. Gaebel** (computer science), **Tom A. Inglis** (psychology), **Karthik Kumar** (computer science), **Erin G. Mancini** (environmental policy and planning), **Bryan C. Morris** (marketing management), **Barbara M. Rohrbach** (English), **Lih Tzur** (psychology) and **Basheer J. Zada** (biological sciences).

ENTERTAINMENT

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WEDNESDAY/AUG. 29

Clarke/Duke 4 "Bring It Tour." 8 p.m., at Wolf Trap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Stanley Clarke and George Duke with Boney James, all jazz musicians, combine contemporary jazz, funk, R&B, rock and pop with urban jazz. \$25-42. www.wolftrap.org.

THURSDAY/AUG. 30

Patrick Henry Book Club. 1 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese. 703-938-0405.

FRIDAY/AUG. 31

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

Pokemon League. 3 p.m. Patrick Henry Library 101 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Learn and play. Age 5-12. 703-938-0405.

The King and I. 8 p.m., on the Filene Center stage at Wolf Trap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. The classic musical features several Northern Virginia-based children who earned roles through Wolf Trap auditions. \$20-80. www.wolftrap.org.

The Producers. 8 p.m., at James Lee Community Center, 2855-A Annandale Road, Falls Church. Get a little Broadway with Mel Brooks' classic about the two men who produced the biggest flop in history. \$15 general admission, \$10 for students, seniors, military or groups of 10-plus. Info and reservations at 703-615-6626 or zina.bleck@gmail.com.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 1

Vienna Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon. Vienna Caboose, 131 Church St. N.E., Vienna. Producers only, Saturdays through Oct. 27. viennafarmersmarket.com.

Register to Vote. 8 a.m.-noon, at the Vienna Farmers Market, the corner of Church Street and Dominion and Mill Streets NE in Vienna. Stop by the League of Women Voters to register on your way to grab some crepes, donuts or Mexican breakfast. www.viennafarmersmarket.com.

The King and I. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., on the Filene Center stage at Wolf Trap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. The classic musical features several Northern Virginia-based children who earned roles through Wolf Trap auditions. \$20-80. www.wolftrap.org.

Social Ballroom Dance. 7 p.m. Colvin Run Community Hall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. First Saturday every month. 703-759-2685 or www.colvinrun.org.

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SUNDAY/SEPT. 2

Vienna AAUW Open House. 10 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue E., Vienna. The Vienna Branch of the American Association of University Women will highlight their women's organization and activities. www.aauwofva.org/



"Lancaster Landscape" by Gabriele, Acrylic. "Landscapes from Abstraction to Realism," featuring Gabriele and 15 other artists at the Vienna Arts Society's Gallery in the Village Green, 513 Maple Ave. W, Vienna, will be on open to the public Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. until Sept. 29. Contact 703-319-3220 or visit www.ViennaArtsSociety.org for more information.

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TUESDAY/SEPT. 4

Dance Every Tuesday. 7:15 p.m. Colvin Run Dance Hall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Introductory dance lesson 7:15 p.m., dancing 8-10:30 p.m. Swing, Latin, waltz, country and more. \$10 per person, includes lesson and snacks. No partner necessary. colvinrun.org. or Ed.Cottrell@macp.org.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 5

The Strawbs. 7:30 p.m., at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna. John Wesley Harding performs with the acoustic British band. \$25-30. 703-255-1566 or <http://jamminjava.com>.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 6

Ingram Hill. 8 p.m., at Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. The Memphis-based rock trio put determination and grit into their feel good shows. \$12 in advance. www.jamminjava.com.

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SATURDAY/SEPT. 8

McLean Fall Community Flea Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Intersection of Ingleside Avenue and Beverly Road, 1420 Beverly Road, McLean. Shop for goods and wares. With 60 vendor spaces available on a first-come, first-served basis and a new location, the time to join is now—it's \$45 for a spot. Apply by Thursday, Sept. 6. www.mcleancenter.org.

Used Book Sale. Noon-5 p.m., at St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 1700 Wainwright Drive, Reston. Hundreds of books of many genres available for sale; proceeds benefit mission and outreach programs. www.stannes-reston.org.

Oak Marr Park Ribbon Cutting. 4 p.m., at Oak Marr Park, 3200 Jermantown Road, Oakton. The completed fields open with their new sod, goal posts and \$400,000 lighting system. 703-324-8662.

It's All About Jack/Book Signing Event. 4-5:30 p.m., at Wildfire Tysons, 1714 U International Drive, McLean. Fairfax County-based novelist Marel Brady signs copies of his psychological drama set in the heart of Tysons Corner, It's All About Jack. Refreshments provided. marel_brady@yahoo.com.

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.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority is hosting three public hearings to inform and solicit comments from the community about proposed toll rate increases along the Dulles Toll Road beginning in 2013 to support the construction of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project and Dulles Toll Road improvements.

These public hearings will be conducted in an open house format, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., as follows:

Thursday, September 6, 2012
Stone Bridge High School - Cafeteria
43100 Hay Road
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Wednesday, September 12, 2012
South Lakes High School - Cafeteria
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Thursday, September 13, 2012
Spring Hill Elementary School
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There will be informational exhibits about the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project, the cost and financing of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project, the Dulles Toll Road and potential improvements that may be made to the Toll Road, the revenue anticipated to be raised as a result of the proposed toll rate increases, and how this additional revenue will be spent. Representatives from the Airports Authority will be present to discuss these items.

The public comment period on the proposed toll rate increases will run from August 17 through September 16, 2012. An "On-Line Open House" will be available on the Airports Authority website at www.mwaa.com/tollroad throughout the comment period. It will contain an explanation of the informational exhibits and a comment form. Comments may also be submitted at the public hearings, or mailed during the comment period to: Dulles Toll Road Proposed Toll Rate Increases, 3900 Jermantown Road, Suite 300, Fairfax, VA 22030.

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Iconic Athlete Returns to Marshall

Kathrine Switzer to highlight 50th anniversary of George C. Marshall High School.

This year, Kathrine Switzer's been to celebratory events in Prague, Berlin, Athens, Vienna, New Zealand, New York and the London Olympics. And on Nov. 9, she returns to George Marshall High School in Falls Church, where much of it all began. Today, Marshall High School serves the cosmopolitan community of Tysons Corner.

Switzer has long been one of the most iconic figures in athletics and returns to her high school roots in one of sport's most dynamic years. She will be the honorary speaker for the George C. Marshall High School's 50th Anniversary Gala Celebration at the Fairview Park Marriott in Falls Church on Friday, Nov. 9, 2012.

"This is a big year for sports—and we are so excited to have Kathrine Switzer, the person who made so much of our history happen, here with us to celebrate and tell us about it," said Jay W. Pearson, principal of George C. Marshall HS.

"Mr. Pearson is so right," said Switzer. "This is a whopper of a year—it is the 40th anniversary of women being 'allowed' to run, of the first women's road race, and in the USA, of the passage of the Title IX amendment to the Constitution, which mandated equality of educational opportunities for women—including sports. This totally changed the landscape for women, socially as well as sport-wise. And, of course, this is an Olympic year and more than ever, that history will be reflected in amazing performances. By the time I get to the Marshall anniversary celebration on Nov. 9, we'll have a whole new set of heroes to talk about."

Kathrine Switzer was in the first class of graduates from Marshall in 1964. Three years later, she became the woman who changed sports history when she officially entered and finished the famous Boston Marathon in 1967. It was still a men's only event in those days and Switzer's entry created a worldwide uproar when the race director attacked her mid-stride and tried to remove her from the event. The photo of this incident flashed around the globe and became one of Time-Life's "100 Photos that Changed the World." Radicalized by the incident, Switzer campaigned to make women

official in the Boston Marathon in 1972 and later that year was one of the creators of the first women's road race...and the women's running boom was on. This year is that 40th anniversary. It is one of several important anniversaries this year.

Switzer went on to run 39 marathons, and won the New York City Marathon in 1974. She ran her personal best in 1975, finishing second in Boston (2:51:33). She then put her substantial energies into creating the Avon International Running Circuit of women's only races in 27 countries with over a million women participating from 1978 to the present time. It was this series of events, which showed global participation and performances that largely convinced the IOC to include a women's marathon for the first time in the 1984 Olympic Games.

Switzer is now an Emmy award-winning TV commentator and has covered the Olympic Games, World and National Championships as well as the New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles and every televised edition of the Boston Marathon (34 consecutive years). She is a dynamic public speaker, journalist and author of three books, including her memoir, "Marathon Woman." Other books include "26.2 Marathon Stories," co-authored with her husband, Roger Robinson and "Running and Walking for Women Over 40."

At age 65, Switzer is still running marathons, having completed the Berlin Marathon in 2011 to launch the German edition of



A Historic Photo: In 1967, irate race official Jock Semple tried forcibly to remove Kathrine Switzer from the then all-male Boston Marathon simply because she was a woman. Luckily for Switzer, the official was bounced out of the race instead by her boyfriend and she went on to finish.

PHOTO BY HARRY TRASK FOR AP IMAGES

"Marathon Woman." She also won her age group in the extremely difficult 2011 Motatapu off-road mountain marathon in New Zealand, and in 2010 fulfilled a lifetime dream of running the 2500th anniversary race of the Athens Marathon.

Last year, when she was inducted into the U.S.A. National Women's Hall of Fame, it was not just for breaking barriers but also for creating positive global social change. Because of her, millions of women are now empowered by the simple act of running. Or as Kathrine says, "It's not about running. It's about changing people's lives."

For more information about Kathrine Switzer, visit www.marathonwoman.com

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

Oakton vs. Madison in Football Opener

The Oakton football team will open the 2012 season on the road against Madison at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 31. The Cougars defeated Madison in each of the last three openers, including a 55-17 win last year.

Oakton is coming off an 8-3 season in 2011, where the Cougars started 7-0 and 8-1 before eventually losing to Lake Braddock, 50-21, in the opening round of the regional playoffs.

McLean, Langley Ready for Openers

The McLean football team will open the 2012 season on the road against Washington-Lee at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 30 in Arlington. McLean defeated W-L in each of the last three season openers, including a 7-6 victory in 2011.

The Highlanders are coming off a 6-5 season, including a 20-6 loss to eventual Division 5 Northern Region runner-up Yorktown in the first round of the playoffs.

Langley will open at home against Herndon at 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 30. The Saxons defeated Herndon, 14-7, during last year's opener. Langley finished 5-6 last year, losing to Stone Bridge, 35-0, in the opening round of the Division 5 playoffs.

Worek Named McLean Boys' Lax Coach

Former Thomas Jefferson head coach and 2012 Liberty District Coach of the Year Nick Worek has been named head coach of the McLean boys' lacrosse team. Worek takes over for Jake Bullock.

Worek spent the last two seasons at TJ, leading the Colonials to the Northern Region tournament each season. Before coaching at TJ, he was an assistant at Chantilly for four seasons, where he coached in the 2008 and 2009 state championship games.

Worek played lacrosse for Fairfax High School and Virginia Military Institute.

Kathrine Switzer Career Highlights

- ❖ Inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in October 2011 for creating positive global social change
- ❖ Winner, 1974 NYC Marathon
- ❖ Broke Gender Barrier at 1967 Boston Marathon
- ❖ Emmy Award-winning TV commentator
- ❖ Author, Marathon Woman (DaCapo Press), Running and Walking for Women Over 40, the Road to Sanity and Vanity (St. Martin's Press), co-author 26.2 Marathon Stories (Rodale Press)

- ❖ Founder, Avon Running Global Women's Circuit
- ❖ Winner of Abebe Bikila Award for Global Contribution to Sport of Running from New York Road Runners
- ❖ First class of inductees into the National Distance Running Hall of Fame
- ❖ Named one of the Visionaries of the Century (2000) and a Hero of Running (2012), and Runner of the Decade (1966-76) by Runners World Magazine

Ticket Information

The ticket prices are: \$90.62 per person / \$175.62 per couple (until Sept. 7). Prices will increase on Sept. 8 to \$110.00 per person / \$200 per couple. A silent auction will be featured at the event to raise money for specialty items and for the school which is now undergoing a \$60 million renovation to provide the community with a 21st century facility. Six nominees will be inducted to the Marshall Hall of Fame. Tickets may be purchased online www.gcmptsa.org or at the school (Marlene Felder-room 100).


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In July 2012, 108 homes sold between \$1,610,000 and \$180,000 in the Vienna and Oakton area. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$1,610,000-\$752,000 range. For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com.

Address	BR .	FB .	HB ...	Postal	City	Sold Price ...	Type	Lot AC .	PostalCode	Subdivision
3105 WINDSONG DR	5	...	5 ... 1	OAKTON	.....	\$1,610,000	Detached	1.10	22124	WINDSONG WEST
3521 SAINT AUGUSTINE LN	6	...	6 ... 1	OAKTON	.....	\$1,601,000	Detached	0.84	22124	AVONDALE GLEN
3109 WINDSONG DR	5	...	5 ... 1	OAKTON	.....	\$1,550,000	Detached	0.98	22124	WINDSONG WEST
2629 SLEDDING HILL RD	5	...	4 ... 1	OAKTON	.....	\$1,485,000	Detached	0.94	22124	OAKTON RETREAT
1001 GYNDON ST SE	5	...	4 ... 1	VIENNA	.....	\$1,400,000	Detached	0.39	22180	ONONDIO
10313 DUNFRIES RD	5	...	4 ... 2	VIENNA	.....	\$1,350,000	Detached	1.28	22181	HUNTERS CROSSING
220 CHERRY ST SW	5	...	4 ... 1	VIENNA	.....	\$1,329,000	Detached	0.29	22180	WEST VIENNA WOODS
116 CHERRY CIR SW	5	...	4 ... 1	VIENNA	.....	\$1,325,000	Detached	0.27	22180	WEST VIENNA WOODS
402 SURREY LANE LN #2	5	...	4 ... 1	VIENNA	.....	\$1,285,140	Detached	0.27	22180	SURREY ESTATES
9937 MURNANE ST	6	...	4 ... 1	VIENNA	.....	\$1,250,000	Detached	0.50	22181	LITTLE VIENNA ESTATES
106 DOGWOOD ST	5	...	6 ... 1	VIENNA	.....	\$1,243,750	Detached	0.27	22180	VIENNA WOODS
505 NANTERRY CIR SW	5	...	4 ... 1	VIENNA	.....	\$1,210,000	Detached	0.31	22180	WEST VIENNA WOODS
100 ELMAR DR SW	6	...	6 ... 1	VIENNA	.....	\$1,185,000	Detached	0.24	22180	VIENNA WOODS
9870 PALACE GREEN WAY	4	...	4 ... 1	VIENNA	.....	\$1,185,000	Detached	0.11	22181	WILLIAMSBURG COMMONS
10483 HUNTING HILLS PL	5	...	4 ... 1	OAKTON	.....	\$1,150,000	Detached	1.04	22124	HUNTING HILLS
10504 WILLIAM TERRY DR	5	...	4 ... 1	VIENNA	.....	\$1,150,000	Detached	3.60	22181	HUNTERS VALLEY NORTH
508 CENTER ST S	5	...	4 ... 1	VIENNA	.....	\$1,145,000	Detached	0.23	22180	KINGCREST
2109 POST RD	4	...	4 ... 1	VIENNA	.....	\$1,115,000	Detached	0.92	22181	CARRIAGE HILL
2111 ROBIN WAY CT	4	...	5 ... 1	VIENNA	.....	\$1,085,000	Detached	0.23	22182	ROBIN GLEN
2100 ARROWLEAF DR	5	...	5 ... 1	VIENNA	.....	\$1,075,000	Detached	0.17	22182	FOX CREEK
10498 DUNN MEADOW RD	4	...	4 ... 1	VIENNA	.....	\$1,055,000	Detached	0.96	22182	WOODLAND ESTATES
315 AYR HILL AVE	4	...	3 ... 0	VIENNA	.....	\$1,050,000	Detached	0.39	22180	AYR HILL
10106 COPPER CT	4	...	4 ... 1	OAKTON	.....	\$1,040,000	Detached	0.53	22124	OAKTON ESTATES
2977 TROUSSEAU LN	4	...	4 ... 1	OAKTON	\$985,000	Detached	0.12	22124	HEARTHSTONE VILLAGE
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1309 CHAMBERLAIN WOODS WAY .	5	...	4 ... 1	VIENNA	\$975,000	Detached	0.83	22182	LITTLE RUN FARM
10036 SCENIC VIEW TER	4	...	4 ... 1	VIENNA	.....	\$975,000	Detached	0.54	22182	CARPERS FARM
9917 ROSEWOOD HILL CIR	5	...	4 ... 1	VIENNA	.....	\$965,000	Detached	0.84	22182	HARVEST RIDGE/VIENNA
9814 OAK VALLEY CT	4	...	3 ... 1	VIENNA	.....	\$960,000	Detached	0.76	22181	OAK VALLEY COURT
10900 WATERMILL CT	5	...	3 ... 1	OAKTON	.....	\$950,000	Detached	0.97	22124	TWINMILL
1100 TROWBRIDGE LN SW	5	...	4 ... 1	VIENNA	\$950,000	Detached	0.41	22180	MOIDONE ACRES HER SANDS
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9096 WEXFORD DR	4	...	3 ... 2	VIENNA	\$900,000	Detached	0.35	22182	WEXFORD SOUTH
2098 KEDGE DR	5	...	3 ... 1	VIENNA	\$899,000	Detached	0.36	22181	BALMORAL
11441 NORWEGIAN MILL CT	5	...	3 ... 1	OAKTON	.....	\$880,000	Detached	0.62	22124	WAPLES MILL ESTATES
2079 KEDGE DR	5	...	3 ... 1	VIENNA	.....	\$875,000	Detached	0.34	22181	BALMORAL
1349 CARPERS FARM WAY	4	...	2 ... 1	VIENNA	.....	\$850,000	Detached	0.51	22182	CARPERS FARM
2808 CENTER RIDGE DR	4	...	3 ... 1	OAKTON	.....	\$819,500	Detached	0.96	22124	VALE VALLEY ESTATES
1438 CARRINGTON LN	5	...	4 ... 1	VIENNA	.....	\$815,000	Detached	1.06	22182	BEAU RIDGE
10603 VICKERS DR	6	...	4 ... 0	VIENNA	.....	\$805,000	Detached	1.85	22181	HUNTERS VALLEY
1348 HUNTER MILL RD	5	...	3 ... 1	VIENNA	.....	\$800,000	Detached	2.11	22182	DOUGLAS WOODS
2236 CENTRAL AVE	4	...	3 ... 1	VIENNA	.....	\$785,000	Detached	0.14	22182	CAMPBELLS LANDING
2831 CENTER RIDGE DR	4	...	3 ... 1	OAKTON	.....	\$782,000	Detached	0.58	22124	VALE VALLEY ESTATES
3302 MILL CROSS CT	5	...	3 ... 1	OAKTON	.....	\$780,000	Detached	0.55	22124	MILL RUN CROSSING
3403 LYRAC ST	4	...	2 ... 1	OAKTON	.....	\$765,000	Detached	1.09	22124	FOXVALE
1338 STOKLEY WAY	5	...	3 ... 1	VIENNA	.....	\$764,000	Detached	0.35	22182	TOWLSTON MEADOW
3300 SADDLESTONE CT	4	...	3 ... 1	OAKTON	\$752,000	Detached	0.74	22124	MILL RUN CROSSING

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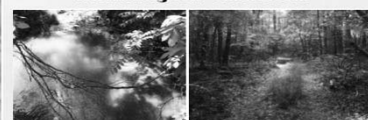
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Diagnosed But Not Sick



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Or so I tell myself – and others, as often as the opportunity presents itself. It's a distinction with which I can live, a distinction with which I'm comfortable, and a distinction which enables me to live my life as normally as possible; which when one considers my diagnosis: NSCLC (non-small cell lung cancer) and the original, terminal prognosis – received back in Feb. 2009: "13 months to two years," and my age when all this stuff hit the figurative fan: 54, it's no wonder I assimilate such delusions and don't give them a second thought. (The first thought: premature death, is bad enough.)

But it does take a little convincing. And it's not to say that having cancer isn't an excuse/explanation for me acting a certain way and/or requiring certain things (not exactly accommodations). Because it is. As much as I don't want having cancer to seep into my thoughts and/or actions, it is impossible to prevent it from doing so (and you regular readers know how much I try). Its reality has a life of its own, whereby it almost creates new instincts in how I think and feel and react, instincts that I am aware of when they happen, but not quite predisposed to prevent their appearance/occurrence. Being diagnosed with a terminal disease at age 54 and a half tends to narrow your vision and unleash – occasionally – the beast which resides within, a beast with which you're likely well acquainted but not particularly proud.

As much as I'm able to minimize the damage, collateral or otherwise, from these cancer-driven behaviors (see how easy it is to place blame), I still maintain that these behaviors are not because I'm sick, but rather because I'm diagnosed. My feeling is, once I start using/invoking sickness as an explanation, it might become a slippery slope. And once I've begun using and in turn becoming increasingly comfortable with the cause of, and description for, my inappropriate and selfish words and deeds, then the cancer has indeed won; and as a direct result, sooner rather than later these columns will cease as I will have permanently desisted.

I imagine these words probably sound like mind games, and too little too late at that. However, it's been my experience that being diagnosed with a terminal disease leads to an awful lot of self doubt, recrimination, insecurity, fear, anxiety, stress and non-stop introspection and deals you don't ever want to make with the devil. Ergo, any little thing I can do – or think, or tell myself – repeatedly, is what I have to do. I suppose it's a bastardized version of the power of positive thinking, or the act of a desperate man. Either way, I'm still alive and rationalizing my behavior.

If my not calling a spade a spade enables me to deal the cards with which I've been dealt a little bit longer, and I'm not cheating anybody but death in the process, then I will continue to do so. Having/being diagnosed with cancer/a terminal disease is neither fun nor funny; however, unless I find some humor or wishful thinking in how I approach this situation, I don't suppose I'll be approaching it much longer. To me, it's always been mind over matter, and even though these matters are rather serious, I still don't mind.

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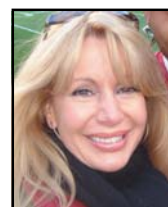
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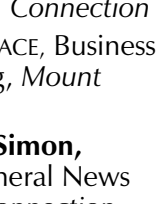
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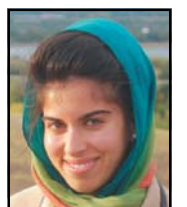
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