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A group examines a Paw Paw tree on the Riverbend Park Tree Walk, which highlights the various trees at the 400-acre park.

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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.”

Reynolds’ 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 ultrasounds 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



Photo by Victoria Ross/The Connection

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



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



Julie Paradis and husband, Tom, of Alexandria

“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

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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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. In a few hours, the group handed out nearly 50 Romney

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."

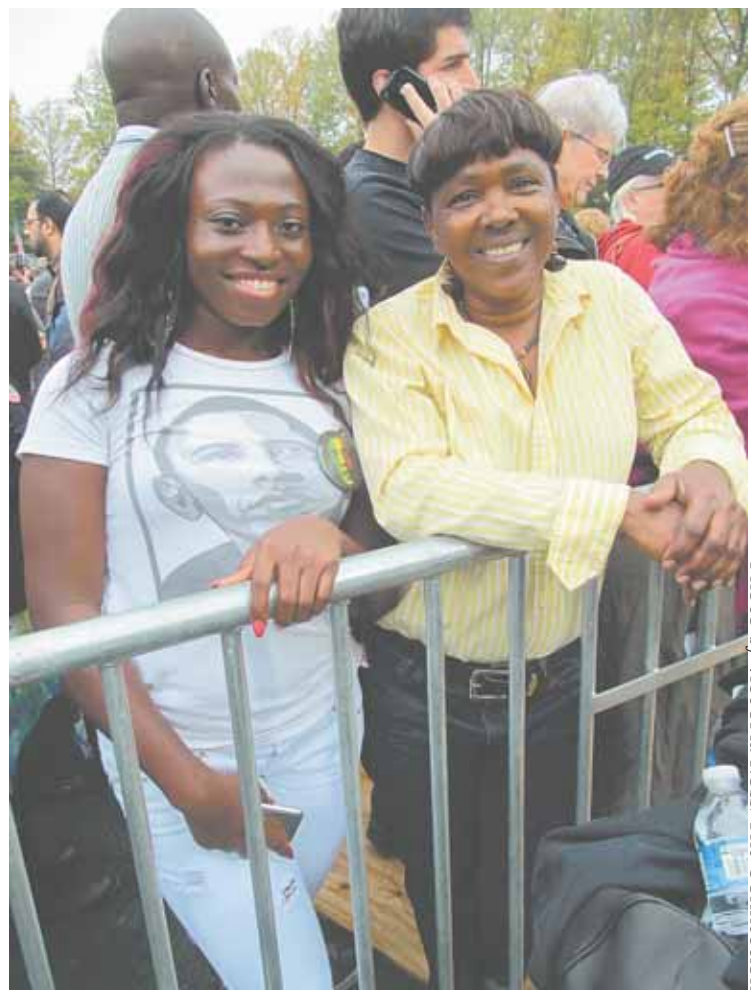


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Coworkers Rosemary Osai and Lillie Reynolds of Herndon wait in line to see President Obama Friday, Oct. 19, at his second campaign rally at the school in two weeks.

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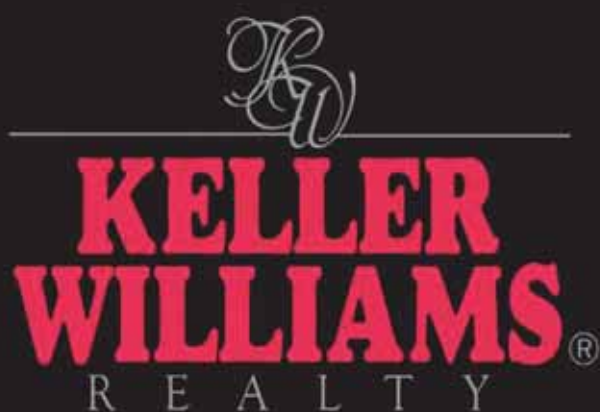


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Langley Celebrates Homecoming

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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Great Falls Traffic, Road Initiatives Considered

Dear Neighbors:

We have learned that VDOT will hold a public meeting on Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. at Great Falls Elementary School to discuss the project plan for the bridge on Beach Mill Road over Nichols Run. As you may recall, the original plan called for a 17-week project to begin in August 2013 and reopen in December 2013. Based on community input, VDOT now plans to begin construction in June 2013. Carol McGarry, Karen Collazo and Rachel Rothstein met with VDOT in August, and were informed that while the bridge is structurally sound, it is approximately 20 percent undersized for the two-year flood projections currently required by the VA Dept of Conservation and Recreation and therefore VDOT believes that the bridge must be replaced.

In addition, the Transportation Committee of Great Falls Citizens Association will meet at GFES directly after the meeting to discuss other traffic and road initiatives in

Great Falls. We attended the last meeting and here is a sample of what was discussed:

❖ Trees on the corner of Walker Road and Georgetown Pike—the GFCA is trying to save the trees if they can be deemed safe. If the trees cannot be saved, the discussion centered on what could be placed at the corner to ensure that a right turn lane from Georgetown Pike (westbound) onto Walker Road is not considered.

❖ Walker Road bridge replacement—the single lane bridge on Walker Road is to be replaced with a two lane bridge with walking paths (no exact timing for the project has been released).

❖ Lane reduction measures on Walker Road (Walker Road Diet)—The project is fully funded (\$1.9m) and rights-of-way are being obtained. The project would reduce the current number of lanes from four lanes to two (with a shared right/left middle turn lane) on Walker Road between Columbine St. and Georgetown Pike.

❖ Future vision of Transportation Plan for Great Falls—Most of the discussion centered around how to slow/calm the traffic on Georgetown Pike, possibly through the use of traffic circles along Georgetown Pike.

❖ The Route 7 widening project—how to convince VDOT to develop alternatives such as bus service throughout the corridor.

The GFCA tries to represent all of the citizens of Great Falls. If you are interested in hearing more about the GFCA's transportation initiatives, plan to stay for the meeting.

We urge you to attend the VDOT meeting. It is important that VDOT understand how this issue impacts our community and we can only do that with a lot of people attending this meeting. If you have an HOA, please forward this message to all in your neighborhood.

Carol McGarry, Karen Collazo, Rachel Rothstein
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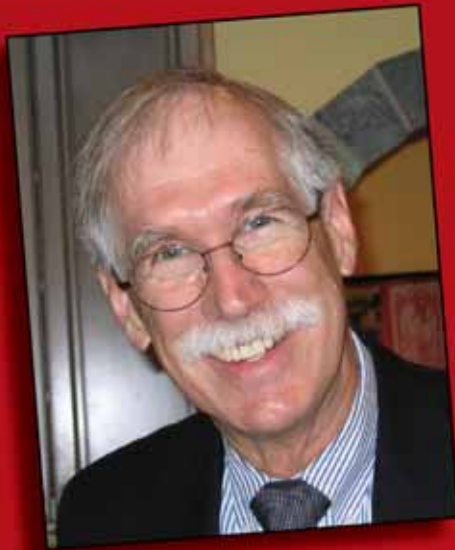
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Opinion

Be Part of the Children's Connection

Call for student artwork and writing; deadline Dec. 3.

During the last week of each year, The Connection devotes its entire issue to the creativity of local students and children. The results are always remarkable. It is a keepsake edition for many families.

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-

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- ❖ Poetry or other creative writing.

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- ❖ News stories from school newspapers.

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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

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.

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— Mary Kimm,

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- ❖ 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.

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We urge voters to approve all four Bond Referenda.

Julia Jones and Helen Kelly
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The following students were named semifinalists in the 2013 National Achievement® Scholarship Program: **Taylor N. Brown** and **Zakiy S. Gharad** from McLean High School; **Margaret C. Secor** from James Madison High School; **Misa C. Mori** from Oakton High School.

The following students were named semifinalists in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program: **Patrick F. Sanguinetti** from Flint Hill School; **Katherine Fowler**, **Benjamin Haines**, **Thomas F. Lomont**, **Atussa Mohtasham**, **Jeremy K. Park**, **Amanda N. Rones**, **Abigail C. Skwara**, **Anna E. Stone** and **Faith C. Tetlow** from James Madison High School; **Bridget J. Bauman**, **Melissa C. Chang**, **Ambareesh Gorle**, **Tamera R. Lanham**, **Irene S. Lee**, **Andrew R. Seastram** and **Stewart C. Silver** from Oakton High School; **Paul Bernstein**, **Ryan W. Cheng**, **Aimee A. Cho**, **Christie S. Goddard**, **Eunyoung C. Kim**, **Gene Kim**, **Margaret R. Mahoney**, **Yasmeen K. Mushtaq**, **Praveena Mylvaganam**, **Nadejda S. Nikolova**, **Kelvin Nui**, **Caitlin A. Rose** and **Mujtaba M. Wani** from Langley High School; **Taylor N. Brown**, **Shannon Chen**, **Maia D. Foster**, **Joshua D. Higbee**, **Annemieke L. Janssen**, **Vivek V. Kunnath**, **Lewis C. Milholland**, **Madelyn S. Paquette**, **Polina V. Tamarina**, **Nivetha Vijayakumar** and **Cedric Whitney** from McLean High School; **Stacey Y. Chiu**, **Charlotte A. Ferenbach**, **Julia L. Keller**, **Nicholas M. Kensinger** and **Caroline J. Resor** from Potomac School.

Harrison Voslow, of Great Falls, has been named a semifinalist in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program. He is among four students from Landon School and among 16,000 semifinalists nationwide. The National Merit will announce finalists in February.

Sabrina Caldwell of McLean has been awarded a J. William Fulbright grant, and will travel to Germany for an English Teaching Assistantship. An International Studies and German major with a minor in BC's Faith, Peace and Justice Program, Caldwell graduated cum laude from Boston College.

Air Force Airman **Pague A. Richards** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Tx. She completed intensive, eight-week training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Richards is the daughter of Patty and James Richards of Noble Drive, McLean, and a 2011 graduate of McLean High School.

Jessica L. Burnam of McLean was named to the spring 2012 honor roll at Rhodes College of Memphis, Tenn.

Rafael Enriquez-Hesles of McLean has been named to the spring 2012 dean's list at Bucknell University of Lewisburg, Pa. He is the son of Rafael Enriquez and Elisa Hesles.

John A. G. Gimbert of McLean has graduated from Woodberry Forest School, and will attend Elon University. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gimbert of McLean.

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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 Moskowitz, 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.maullortho.com or www.facebook.com/maullortho.

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%20Conc%20Rehe%20Oct25>

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.

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Alastair Moock'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 Lunch 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" incorporate 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.

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@elcvienna.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

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.

SUNDAY/OCT. 28

What I Did Last Summer. 2 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.

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@elcvienna.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.

TUESDAY/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.

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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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News

The Old Brogue Visits the Great Falls Farmers Market

Farmers Market Guest Chef Harvest event underway.

By Kathleen Murphy
Market Manager

The Great Falls Farmers Market's Guest Chef program began last Saturday with a visit by The Old Brogue's Master Chef John Conway. Mike Kearney, owner of The Old Brogue, came to the farmers market early Saturday morning to check out the fresh produce. After planning the recipes to be prepared with Conway, Kearney returned to purchase the market items they would prepare for their visit at 11 a.m. Conway prepared an Irish Beef Stew with beef, potatoes and vegetables, seasoned to perfection; Sweet Potato Pie, a sweet-potato puree with five secret seasonings and a topping of tomato, garlic, goat cheese and other fine herbs; and a delicate and elegant apple turnover. Guests expressed their sheer delight as they enjoyed these exquisite "tastes."

On Saturday, Oct. 27, the chef and owner of Dante Ristorante will be offering his gourmet interpretations of farmers market food from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (The market opens at 9 a.m.).

Mediterranean Restaurant will visit on Nov. 3 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and the Tavern at Great Falls (9 to 10 a.m.) and Brix American Bistro (from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.) will be visiting on Nov. 10. (The Serbian Crown and L'Auberge Chez Françoise will be visiting in the spring.)

The Great Falls Farmers Market was formed in responses to the Great Falls community's 2020 Vision Project's focus groups and survey in which residents expressed their desire to have a local farmers market as a way to eat fresh and local while enjoying a vibrant semi-rural village center. Great Falls is fortunate to have a number of locally-owned, one-of-a-kind restaurants completely



Mike Kearney, owner of The Old Brogue, with the farmers market produce his chef will use to prepare their harvest recipes.



John Conway, chef of The Old Brogue, with Mike Kearney, owner, serving "tastes" of the food they prepared using market ingredients.

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News

Examining Trees at Riverbend Park

New Riverbend Tree Walk shows diversity of species at park.

By Alex McVeigh
The Connection

Visitors to Riverbend Park have a new way to explore the 400-plus acres of land along the Potomac River. Local resident Tabitha Eagle, with the help of Bob Vickers of the Fairfax County Tree Commission and staff at Riverbend, helped mark a mile-long trail that identifies 20 different tree varieties within the park.

"We have a lot of families and scout groups coming to us and looking for some sort of self-guided tour, so this is absolutely perfect," said Marty Smith, park manager. "It features a huge variety of trees right next to many of our trails."

The circular trail starts at the visitors center, then goes north along the Potomac Heritage Trail, then moves west along the Follow the Hollows trail almost to the Nature Center before looping back to the center. It features species of box elder, silver maple, spice bush, basswood, pignut hickory and more, often some of the largest in the state, are within 10 feet of each trail and clearly marked.

"It's a relatively short walk, and though part of it

goes uphill before coming back to the visitor's center, I think it's a walk a lot of people can make," Vickers said. "What's also nice is the first third of the walk is right along the river and features the majority of the trees, so that makes for a shorter, easier walk that still offers plenty."

The first 11 trees are all located along the Potomac portion of the trail. Many of the trees have a history of use by the Native Americans and later settlers that inhabited the land.

"It's a great way to go even deeper to the park's beauty," said Eliza Johnson of Great Falls, who says she comes to Riverbend weekly to hike and bird watch. "I love looking at the trees, especially the ones along the Follow the Hollows Trail, but I know absolutely nothing about what they were. Now every time

I hike here I look for trees and try to identify the ones that are the most striking to me."

While on the surface the walk might seem to feature a few tree signs and a map, Eagle, Vickers and others spent months finding the trees to include, measuring and marking them and are still on the search for trees to add.

"This was not a simple thing, not just putting up signs," Smith said. "This was a big project, and Tabitha worked very hard to put this together, with some crucial help from Bob Vickers and others, who have all performed a great service for the park."

Maps of the Tree Walk can be found at the Riverbend Park Visitors Center.

"It's a great way to go even deeper to the park's beauty."

—Eliza Johnson
of Great Falls



Jim McGlone of the Virginia Department of Forestry shows how large the thorns on a Honey Locust tree can get during the Riverbend Park Tree Walk Sunday, Oct. 21.

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A group on the Riverbend Tree Walk examines a redbud tree on the Follow the Hollow trail at the park.

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(Left to right) GuruSangat Khalsa, Lilly, with art she made at the studio and mom Carole Witte, who are neighbors to Khalsa, Mata Mandir Khalsa and Nancy Palmer.



Photo by Alex McVeigh/The Connection

David Cowdrill, a potter, at his studio, part of the Great Falls Studios Art Tour last weekend.

What was your most memorable interaction during the Great Falls Studios Art Tour?

— Chelsea Bryan

GuruSangat Khalsa, mixed media artist

"Having four children come in to paint and they all knew exactly what they wanted to do. Yiyan, a fellow artist came to visit and Nancy Palmer who taught at the Corcoran for 30 years and is now a librarian came. Also, meeting neighbors I've never met before."

David Cowdrill, potter

"Talking to people, sharing view points on the ceramic pieces, explaining how these are made. I think there's something very appealing in this day of change and technology to pick up something that has a simple human use."

Vad Moskowitz, fiber artist

"A man came by who'd been a kid... who'd lived here 30, almost 40 years ago and he came by with his children. So many people you haven't seen for 30 years come through."



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Vad Moskowitz weaved on her loom for visitors during the Great Falls Studios Art Tour.

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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 Bradenton. So the adjustment,



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.

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 connects to the youth of the team."



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.

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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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.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE

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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
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County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer
for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial
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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
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TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$20,000.00 or ten percent
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off against the purchase price.

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Additional terms and conditions of sale may be announced at
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