

Painter Claudia Samper next to her portrait of Argentine singer Tita Merello, one of the stops on last weekend's Great Falls Studios Tour Sunday, Oct. 20.



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Deborah McDysan stands next to some of her pottery work during the Great Falls Studio Tour Sunday, Oct. 20.

Printmaker Ralph Dashner displays some of his works during the Great Falls Studios Tour.

Artists on Display

Great Falls Studios hosts 10th annual tour.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Hundreds of local art aficionados found out firsthand that Great Falls is an arts destination last weekend during the 10th annual Great Falls Studios Tour. More than 60 artists opened up their home or personal studios over the weekend to give a glimpse of the artist in their home element.

"I always try to visit artists that I haven't met before. This is my third year doing the tour, so that list is getting smaller," said Georgia Marcus of Reston. "We usually make it to about five a day, and always as many different kinds of artists as possible."

Painters, sculptors, jewelers, fiber artists and photographers are just a few examples of the media this year's artists work in. Some, like Deborah McDysan, don't limit themselves.

"I've been an artist since I was a kid, I attended art school, and while I was in college studying graphic design, a friend told me about her pottery class," said McDysan, who is listed by Great Falls Studios as a potter, but also paints and makes jewelry. "I especially love the Asian aesthetic, which is apparent in a lot of my work."

McDysan's home studio features a selection of her pottery, many of which are in a striking shade of red glaze that she says is difficult to achieve in the kiln. She also

showed off a selection of jewelry and paintings.

"Right now I'm very much into watercolors, which I plan to continue with in the near future," she said. "I like to change what I'm working on pretty regularly, I get bored pretty easily, so it's fun to go back and forth."

CLAUDIA SAMPER sticks mostly to painting, a medium that she uses to explore some of her favorite things. She displayed parts of two exhibits on the tour.

"In 'Searching for Elmo,' I used an Elmo doll and placed it with different people in different places, and it serves as a metaphor for growing up," she said. "Each painting tells a different story, but they all deal with that universal struggle that comes with growing older, struggles that come in any age."

Samper said she used photographs as the base for most of her works, but only as a base.

"I don't like to get attached to the image of a photo, so I put them aside fairly early in the process," she said. "One thing I tried to do is put a little happiness in each painting, and show that the Elmo doll is there providing a little bit of support in each scene."

A native of Buenos Aires, Argentina, Samper's other exhibit, "Tribute to Tango," features portraits of major figures in tango. Seminal performers of the bandoneon, an accordion-like instrument that is a major part of tango, such as Astor Piazzola and Anibal Troilo,

are featured alongside famous performers such as Carlos Gardel and Tita Merello.

Ralph Dashner was one of only two printmakers on the tour. He said he waits for a photograph to strike him, and then his work begins.

"I start from a photograph, and I work to figure out what it is exactly that I like, and then I work to play that up visually in my print," he said. "Sometimes it's just a color, or a part of the composition that sticks out to me, like a photograph of New York City. I was struck by the receding depth. Or a photo of a statue at the Corcoran Gallery where the way two lines swirl really appealed to me."

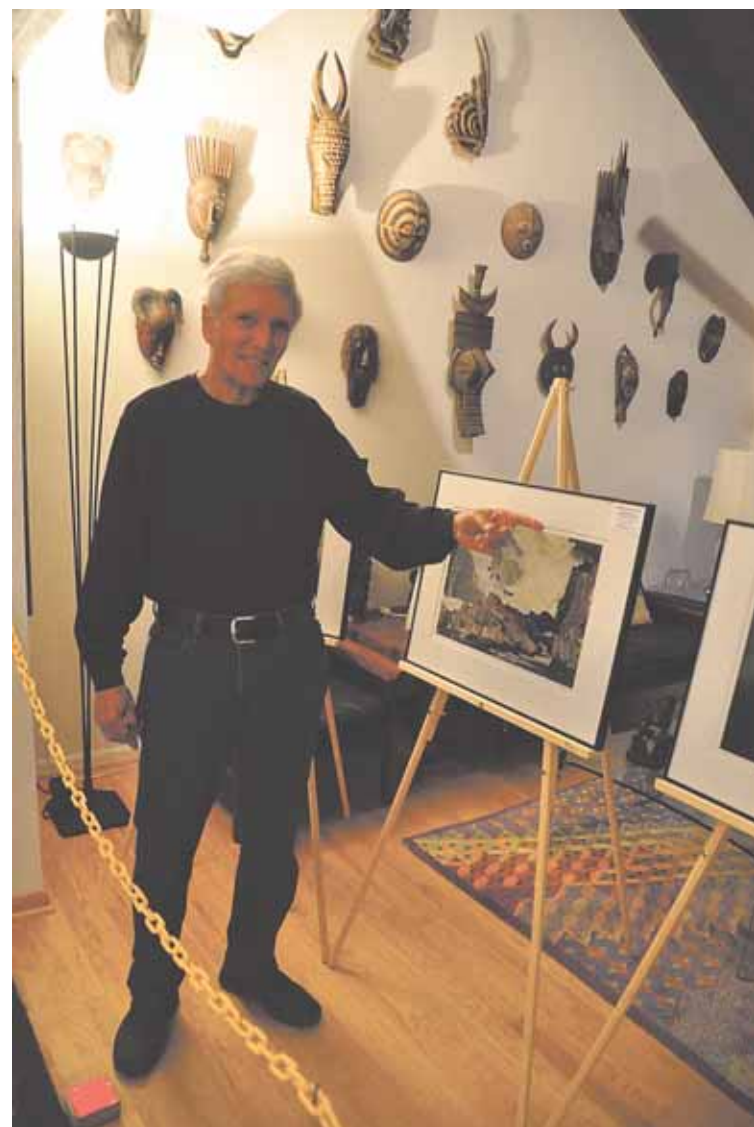
Dashner says he does most of his designs at home, and also has a studio at the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, D.C.

"What appeals to me is the combination of art, but it also has a technical side to it," he said. "I like to be able to tinker with it until I get something I like."

PHOTOGRAPHER RICHARD SUIB made his return to the tour this year. He was traveling in Italy and Slovenia last year during the tour, but had plenty of new photographs from that trip.

World travels aside, Suib says he gets many photographs right in his backyard, where he captures close-ups of hummingbirds near his begonias, as well as shots of birds at Great Falls Park.

"My favorite thing to shoot is herons, they're just spectacular



Photographer Richard Suib at his home, a stop on the Great Falls Studios Tour last weekend.

birds," he said. "They were almost wiped out a few years ago. One of my favorite photographs is of a heron on a rock near one of the falls in the park. I took the photo printed it out, and was getting ready to frame it when I noticed, for the first time, that there was a chick in the corner of the photo. It makes for a neat addition to the shot, like a hidden prize. I call it a Crackerjack Prize in that photo."

Though herons are his favorite

bird to shoot, and he loves to shoot the birds and trees in his backyard, he's never had the chance to shoot a blue heron in his backyard.

"I've lived in Great Falls for 40 years, and I've only seen a blue heron in my backyard once, it was probably hanging out near a small pond at the end of my driveway," he said. "And wouldn't you know it, I didn't have my camera equipment with me, and by the time I could get it, the bird was long gone."

Denim Do-gooders Help Put Zip on Homelessness

Deltek hosts “challenge breakfast” to turn \$5 into \$25,000.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Casual Friday got a twist on Friday, Oct. 18, as thousands of employees throughout Fairfax County became denim do-gooders by throwing on a pair of jeans to help prevent and end homelessness.

Deltek, Inc., the Herndon-based global software and information solutions company, kicked off the third annual Jeans Day in Fairfax County by hosting a fundraising breakfast. The company, founded in 1983 by Don deLaski and his son Kenneth, hosted one of the first Jeans Day events in Fairfax County.

“Jeans Day is a fun, easy way to spread awareness of homelessness in Fairfax County and engage your team while giving back.”

— **Kathy Albarado,**
CEO of Helios HR in Reston

“We were excited to see Deltek host this challenge breakfast that welcomed businesses, nonprofits and other community leaders interested in helping to make jeans day a huge success this year,” said Dean Klein, director of Fairfax County’s Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH). “Even though we continue to have great support from longtime supporters, we also saw so much energy and enthusiasm from new partners.”

Launched in 2011 by OPEH, Jeans Day is a popular fundraiser for homelessness and other causes nationwide. Companies invite employees to wear their jeans to work in exchange for a \$5 contribution to fight homelessness. Since 2011, Jeans Day has involved more than 200 organizations representing more than 10,000 employees.

Jeans Day 2013 was hosted by The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness, The Connection Newspapers and Apple Federal Credit Union.

This year, Jeans Day participants had a special challenge, and an opportunity to turn \$5 contributions into \$25,000.



Deltek staff with Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova and other Jeans Day sponsors supporters.

PHOTO BY DEB COBB/THE CONNECTION

“We were selected to receive a \$25,000 Challenge grant from the Phillip Graham Fund to support the 3rd Annual Jeans Day event,” Klein said. “This exciting grant helped us challenge businesses, schools, faith groups and individuals to help us to meet a larger goal of \$25,000.”

When the county meets its \$25,000 goal, the Phillip Graham Fund will provide a matching \$25,000, according to Ted Lutz, a member of the governing board of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness and the Phillip Graham Fund.

Nearly 3,000 children, women and men face homelessness and the threat of severe temperatures and hunger today in the Fairfax County-Falls Church community. The majority of people without homes in the community are children and working families. Homelessness affects everyone, with social and economic costs to the community, including increased public costs for medical care and education.

“The need is so great in our community,” said Kathy Albarado, CEO of Helios HR in



Members and staff of Our Daily Bread, a Fairfax County volunteer-based organization focused on easing the plight of low-income residents, show off their Jeans Days spirit.

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Reston. “Jeans Day is a fun, easy way to spread awareness of homelessness in Fairfax County and engage your team while giving back. Think about the impact we could make if everyone collectively wore their

favorite pair of jeans on Jeans Day.”

“We applaud Helios HR for stepping up to support the great work to end homelessness that has already been so successful in our community,” said Fairfax Chamber President & CEO Jim Corcoran. “Northern Virginia organizations like Helios step up every day to support our community in many ways, but we’re especially excited about this opportunity because it’s a chance for their employees to get involved directly.”

“I am so pleased to see how many individuals and businesses have signed on to help us in our fight to end homelessness,” said Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova. “I continue to urge those who have not already committed to take this simple and fun opportunity to help us assist those in need. As we continue to work together, I feel confident that we will be able to prevent and end homelessness as we know it in the Fairfax-Falls Church community.” For more information about homelessness in Fairfax County, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/>

Turn \$5 into \$25,000

Interested organizations can continue to donate to the Jeans Day initiative through Dec. 15. And individuals who wish to take part in this initiative may donate online via Apple Federal Credit Union or drop off a donation at any Apple Federal Credit Union branch.

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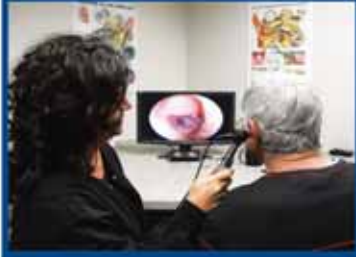
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Homecoming at Langley

Langley students enjoyed a homecoming dinner at Westwood Country Club in Vienna Saturday, Oct. 12.



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Crowned in the Rain

The Langley High School Homecoming King and Queen being crowned at halftime last Friday night in the rain. The new turf field meant the game was on, rain or shine. The King is Will Miner, of Great Falls, and the Queen, Caroline Mannon, of McLean. They are both seniors at Langley.

Meet Great Falls Photographers Oct. 28

Great Falls Studios (GFS) invites the community to an evening with GFS Photographers, Monday, Oct. 28, 7 p.m. at the Great Falls Library, Large Meeting Room, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls.

Moderated by Ed Behrens with Robin Kent (<http://www.photographybykent.com/>), Silvia Gonzalez Roman (<http://silviaromanfineart.com/>) and Dean Souleles (<http://www.dsoulphoto.com/>), guests will be drawn into a discussion of what makes for an outstanding photographic image.

Each panelist will have several of their favorite images to share and explain their individual approach to photography and the keys to their artistic success. Each has exhibited locally; their work hangs in public, corporate and personal collections, enjoyed by national and international audiences.

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Of course if you, or the young adults you know, plan to be out for Halloween celebrations that will almost certainly include alcohol, make a plan now to do that partying within walking distance, near public transportation or to have a reliable designated driver.

But if someone finds themselves without a safe and sober way home, the 2013 Halloween

SoberRide program will be offered from 10 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 31 until 4 a.m., Friday, Nov. 1.

To receive a free cab ride home (up to a \$30 fare), call 800-200-8294 (TAXI). AT&T customers may dial #WRAP from their wireless phones. To use the SoberRide service, you must be 21 or older.

Parents of teens who will be headed to parties on Halloween and the weekend after should know that it is likely those parties will include alcohol. Parents must be brave and talk to their teens about how they will get home safely since SoberRide is not available for anyone under-age.

Remember that there are other hazards to drinking too much besides the risks of drinking and driving.

— MARY KIMM,

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EDITORIAL

classrooms.

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Julia Jones and Helen Kelly,
Co-Presidents

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area

Stark Contrast in 34th District

To the Editor:

I do not often write letters to the editor, but felt compelled to now. I have been active in this community for over 35 years as the Dranesville School Board member, Dranesville supervisor, chairman of the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, and many other business, school and philanthropic activities. I have known many people who worked hard to make this community better. I have personally known almost all of the people who have run for local and state office from our community over the last 30 years, no matter the party. The contrast in this year's election for delegate in the 34th District could not be more stark.

Delegate Barbara Comstock has been active in many organizations and has worked to make our community better for over 25 years. That is why she has gained strong endorsements from every major job-creating business group as well as the Humane Dominion (protecting animals) and the Virginia Police Benevolent Association.

I first got to know Barbara when she was working tirelessly for our district as a senior aide to Rep. Frank Wolf. She served on my Education Advisory Committee and has been a great advocate for our schools, where her husband Chip has served for 30 years. Since Barbara was elected delegate, I have not been to many meetings or

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events, small or large, where she is not present and offering her assistance. Barbara has been there whenever a constituent or community group has asked for her help. She has been a tireless worker for all of us, whether it be working with citizens groups to change the state-proposed Georgetown Pike-Rt. 7 intersection or passing legislation to protect us all from the Lyme disease threat, or getting Dominion Power working for us after the derecho last year.

Barbara worked hard to pass legislation that she wrote and sponsored—with bipartisan support—that will save the taxpayers and commuters over \$400 million on Phase 2 of the Dulles Rail Project. I have personally seen her successfully go to bat for individuals and community organizations who felt the state had not dealt with them properly.

By contrast, her opponent has offered no reason why we should elect her, other than endless attacks on Barbara, most of which are not accurate. I have never seen Kathleen Murphy active in any activity in this community. (Note: the candidate Kathleen Murphy is from McLean and is not the Kathleen Murphy of Great Falls who is active in our historical community.) In fact, I never heard of her until she announced she was running this year. We have a choice between Barbara, who has tirelessly dedicated her life to making this community a better place

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FRIDAY/OCT. 25

Disability Awareness Day. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring. The FCPS Parent Resource Center holds four workshops and provides resources, lunch and a day to help inform. Register. <http://www.fcps.edu/cco/prc/resources/events/index.shtml>.

SATURDAY/OCT. 26

AAUW Northern District Meeting. 1-2:30 p.m., at Oakton Public Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. The program topic is "Community Colleges: Affordable, Available, So What's The Barrier?" Dr. Catherine Hill, director of research at AAUW will discuss the AAUW report "Women in Community College: Access to Success." This report identifies challenges facing students and how community colleges can provide more women with a reliable path to opportunity and economic security. 703-569-1588.

THURSDAY/NOV. 7

The Vienna American Legion Auxiliary. 10 a.m., at Vienna American Legion, 330 Center St. N., Vienna. Place flags on the graves of veterans at Flint Hill Cemetery (on Route 123 between Courthouse Road and Hibbard Street); meet beside the tool shed inside the cemetery. 703-938-1379.

Northern Virginia Leadership Awards. 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Westwood Country Club, 800 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. The annual NVLA awards celebrate the actions and attitudes of community leaders. 703-938-2593.

FRIDAY/NOV. 8

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to live and work in, and has strongly delivered for our district; and Murphy, who has no experience improving this community and according to public records didn't even vote in the last two delegate elections.

I hope all voters will join me in voting for Barbara Comstock to continue serving as our delegate. I have known many delegates over the years and none has been more dedicated to serving their constituents, listening to their concern and achieving positive results for all of their constituents.

Stu Mendelsohn
Great Falls

On County Libraries: We Should Know Better

To the Editor:

I am the assistant branch manager at Patrick Henry Library in Vienna. I also worked at Reston Regional Library for four years. I got my MLS 25 years ago

while working part-time in engineering firm libraries in Boston. My first job after getting the degree was in an Army Corps of Engineers Library and I spent several years working for an association information center downtown before it became clear that the commute didn't work with having a child in elementary school, and I joined FCPL.

Not surprisingly, I read a lot and widely. I read book reviews, professional journals and blogs. I keep up on technology, management trends, and instructional techniques. I can help you find another good book based on what you like. I can walk you through the eBook process or help you use our public computers if you have questions. If you are a student, I'll point you to fun books or homework resources at the right grade level, including facts for your science fair poster on saliva. I do programs in the branch and in the community on consumer, small business & investment databases. I develop instructional handouts for use throughout the county. I coach and train my colleagues to do the same. I am a librarian, and my CV is not unusual in Fairfax County—for the time being.

Professional training and exper-

tise matter. When I use a county service, I rely on the person helping me to have the necessary credentials: I want county health services to use degreed nurses. I want county legal services to feature attorneys with appropriate specializations. I want financial services managed by CPAs. I want the teachers in our schools to have more than minimal qualifications to teach my children, and I want the agency directors, trustees, and supervisors in this county to have my back when it comes to defending those expectations.

Staff dissent on the library's reorganization is widespread, but it is not at root self-serving or change-phobic, however others try to characterize it. (Since the job class downgrades would only affect new hires, they don't impact current staff directly.) Rather, it is principled, informed and passionate advocacy for a profession and community that we love and serve with pride.

The continued library de-funding and proposed staff reorganization are wrong on many levels, but one of the biggest ironies is that it makes an argument against the value of knowledge and lit-

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eracy in a county where so many residents earn a living based on higher education & professional credentials. We owe it to our patrons and ourselves to do better than this.

Deborah Smith-Cohen
Oak Hill

Both Sides Of Humility

To the Editor:

Frank Wolf has been a decent congressman, but his column in last week's Connection shows how easy it is for politicians to (unintentionally?) speak with a forked tongue [It's Going to Take Humility, Connection, Oct. 16-22, 2013]. At first he tells us, almost lectures us, about the value of humility. I agree, he's on target here. The swelled heads of congressmen leads to hardened opinions and an unmerited sense of self-importance on both sides of the aisle.

That's good counsel, but then Wolf proceeds to show us all that he has yet to heed his own advice, for in the back half of his column he chastises his opponents and tells us all, in no uncertain terms, what's wrong with the country and his personal vision for fixing it. That doesn't sound like humility to me!

I want to offer to Wolf that if we are going to get government back on track, then we all must embrace humility—including

him. Frank, let humility lead you to be a genuine peacemaker (Matt 5:9) and consensus builder in Congress. My vote for you in the next election depends on it.

Chris Johnson
Oakton

Something's Missing

To the Editor:

Here we were in election season again, but something seemed to be missing. Then it occurred to me: Where were all the campaign signs that usually pollute the median strips of our busy streets, distracting drivers and inconveniencing the crews charged with mowing and maintaining these areas? In past years, candidates often became engaged in arms races that resulted in hundreds of signs being plastered on every open space available.

I inquired with the Fairfax County Department of Transportation and learned that the county has new authority to enforce the laws against temporary signage on state highway rights-of-way, complete with the ability to levy fines against violators. Hallelujah!

Let's hope that the candidates in this year's campaign will continue to observe the law and keep their yard signs where they belong – in yards!

J. Jay Volkert
Tysons Corner

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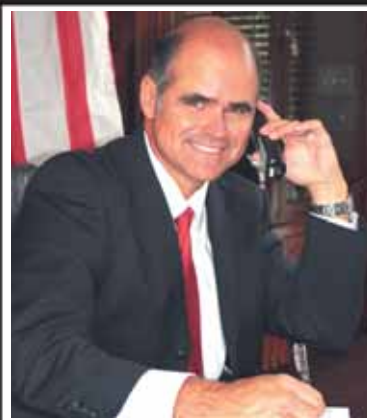


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PEOPLE

Outstanding Teen

Langley junior plans to speak at local schools about teen depression and anxiety.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Hanna Rose Hunt had never been in a pageant before this year's Virginia State Fair. So far, she is undefeated, as she was named Miss State Fair of Virginia's Outstanding Teen.

"I heard about the pageant in June, and I saw that it had three parts to it, a talent portion, an interview and an essay where you talk about a platform that you're passionate about," said Hunt, who is a junior at Langley High School. "I've always been passionate about bringing awareness to teen depression and anxiety, and I thought this would be a great way to spread that awareness."

Hunt says she's suffering from depression and anxiety herself, and has also had friends who have attempted suicide, so she felt the

need to speak out.

"It's an issue that isn't talked about much, because the people it affects are often scared and feel alone with what they're dealing with," she said. "I learned a lot doing research for my essay, and I want to be a role model when it comes to raising this issue." She said she has always had her Christian faith and her love of music to keep her going, and Hunt used her example to show others how to get through their struggles.

"There are always things that you can hold on to that will get you through the rough times," she said. "For me, it was my love of music and my faith, and holding onto those things, and realizing that I'm not alone. I learned that my depression is genetic, there have been members of my family in the past that have dealt with it, and I wish someone had told me what I've learned because that

would have helped. I feel like I'm someone who people can come to, and I'll always listen."

CREATING HER PLATFORM and writing her essay were only one part of the challenges she faced at the pageant. For the interview section, she had to face a half dozen judges who peppered her with questions, none of which she knew beforehand.

"Going in I was a little nervous, just because I wasn't sure what I was going to say. I knew I didn't want to do the cliché thing and talk about world peace, and I didn't want to sugar coat anything," she said. "I'm used to performing and doing things on the spot, which I feel helped me a lot. I'm used to not second-guessing myself, because I know all that does is mess with your head."

For the talent competition, Hunt performed an Adele song, or at least part of one.

"We had 90 seconds to perform for the talent part, which worked well for some kinds of performances, but songs are longer than that," she said. "So I had to work out what the best parts would be,



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

From right, Miss Virginia Desiree Williams and Hanna Rose Hunt, a Langley High School junior, who was recently named Miss State Fair of Virginia's Outstanding Teen.

then cut the song down on my computer.

Her performance, as well as her interview, must have gone over well, because Hunt won the interview, talent and overall categories.

"I really wasn't expecting anything, this being my first time, so when they announced me as the talent winner, I was shocked, but so happy," she said. "That sort of took the pressure off, because I knew I could be happy with a win, but then they announced my name for the other two, and I was just dumbfounded. After that it was a whirlwind, we took a lot of pictures, and got to be in the parade at the fair, which was a lot of fun."

HUNT IS CURRENTLY LOOK-

ING AT COLLEGES, locally at schools like Georgetown, as well as schools across the country such as UCLA, Wheaton in Chicago and the Berklee College of Music in Boston.

"This experience has made me more confident as I prepare for things like college interviews. There's a lot of appearances that come with winning, performances, benefit concerts," she said. "I've always been very much an extrovert, I love to talk in front of people, it doesn't scare me, so it's been fun."

Hunt will be taking her speaking skills to Longfellow and Cooper Middle Schools later this fall, to address teen anxiety, depression and other issues.

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Cooper Journalists Meet Sports Columnist

On Friday, Oct. 18, Cooper journalists met with award-winning USA Today sports columnist Christine Brennan. She talked to the journalists about the path that led her to becoming a ground-breaking female sports writer. She shared her thoughts on various sports scandals, her opinion on Washington's football team name, and her anticipations for the upcoming Winter Olympics, which she will be covering. Here is what some of the Cooper students said about the presentation.

Rana Azad: "What Ms. Brennan said really inspired me to one day succeed in my dream of becoming a famous basketball player."

Lauren Markwart: "Ms. Brennan taught me that even though some people think girls can't do certain things in society, they can."

Melanie Shaffer: "Ms. Brennan taught me even if people are turning you down, you should still follow your dreams."

Katherine Snare: "I thought it was a really cool experience to



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Sports columnist Christine Brennan addresses Cooper Middle School students (top) and poses for picture with them (bottom).



meet Ms. Brennan because of how successful she is and how passionate she is about her job."

Molly Maher: "I thought it was really fun to meet Ms. Brennan,

because not only is she a journalist, which is what I want to be when I grow up, but she has done so many cool things, like covering different Olympics."

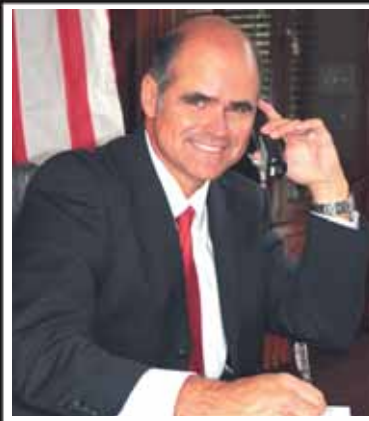
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NEWS

St. Francis Welcomes Music Directors Jeanne and Larry Vote

St. Francis Episcopal Church in Great Falls has welcomed Jeanne and Larry Vote as new directors of music for the church. Both Jeanne and Larry have extensive backgrounds in music, as performers, conductors, musical directors and educators.

Jeanne Vote most recently served as minister of music and organist at Middleham/St. Peter's Parish in Lusby, Md. She has also served as director of academic advising and ADA advocate at St. Mary's College of Maryland and as a classroom and music teacher for several public and private schools. An accomplished organist, pianist and harpsichordist, Jeanne's performance experience includes 10 years with the Maryland Bach Aria Group and several years as harpsichordist and chamber organist for the Alba Music Festival in Italy. She holds a B.A. in music education from Central Washington University, with certifications in K-12 music and K-6 classroom education.

Larry Vote is a professor of music and special assistant to the president of St. Mary's College of Maryland, where he has served as an educator and senior administrator since 1981. He previously served as director of liturgy and music at St. Mary's University Chapel at the University of Michi-



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St. Francis Episcopal Church hired Jeanne and Larry Vote as the new directors of music.

gan, as a voice instructor at Pacific Lutheran University, and as a choral music instructor for the Tacoma Public Schools in Washington. Larry has been honored with the Norton Dodge Award for Creative and Scholarly Achievement and has twice been nominated for Outstanding Musical Director in the Helen Hays Awards. He holds a B.A. in music and music education from Central Washington University, where he has since received the Distinguished Alumni Award. Larry also holds an M.M. degree in vocal performance from the University of Michigan, and he has studied at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, N.J. and the Academy of Old Music in Amsterdam.

St. Francis Episcopal Church has three choirs: the St. Francis Choir, consisting of adults and high school students; the Joyful Noyz, for students aged 8-14; and the Grace Notes, for students aged 3-7. In addition to providing music

at the Sunday services, the church frequently offers special performances. Recent highlights have included productions of "Children of Eden," "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," "Godspell Junior" and "Noye's Fludde." Special choir performances have included Bach's "Magnificat," Faure's "Requiem," and Jenkins "The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace" as well as several Evensongs throughout the year. St. Francis also hosts the annual performance of "Lift Every Voice," an ecumenical choir festival; frequent family music nights for performers of all ages; and special Sunday services featuring bluegrass music.

For more information on St. Francis Episcopal Church and its music programs, visit the church online at www.stfranciscgreatfalls.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stfrancisgf, or call the church at 703-759-2082.

FAITH NOTES

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

GriefShare, a weekly support group for adults grieving the death of a loved one, meets Sundays 6-7:30 p.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Part St., Vienna with

a video/discussion format through Dec. 8. \$20 for workbook. GriefShare@viennapres.org.

The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA) offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. www.jssa.org/

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St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, 1830 Kirby Road in McLean, holds a third Sunday service every month at 10:15 a.m. which allows children to play active roles in the music and as greeters and ushers. Traditional services are every Sunday at 8:15 and 10:15 a.m.

Vienna Christian Healing Rooms are open, every Saturday, 1-5 p.m., at 8200 Bell Lane. A team of Christians is available to anyone requesting prayer. Free and open to the public. 703-698-9779 or www.viennachristianhealingrooms.com.

Chesterbrook United Methodist Church is at 1711 Kirby Road, McLean.

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Centering Prayer Group meets Fridays, 9:30 a.m. at Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, 1301 Trap Road, Vienna. The hour includes a brief reading related to Centering Prayer, followed by a 20-minute prayer period. E-mail Martha Thomas at mmthomas211@hotmail.com or call the church at 703-759-3509.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and the Jewish Outreach Institute offer the Mothers/Parents Circle, an umbrella of free educational events and resources.

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Pumpkin Carving Ideas

Local experts offer their best tips for creating your jack-o-lantern.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Whether your goal is to carve and decorate the best pumpkin on the block or simply use this fall gourd for Halloween inspiration, local culinary experts offer pumpkin ideas that will keep the season festive.

Before embarking on a pumpkin carving project, take a look at the condition of your knives. “Generally speaking, a dull knife is a dangerous knife,” said Christine Wisnewski, a culinary instructor at Culinary Cooking School in Vienna. “And a pumpkin, because of its size and shape, can be a challenge, even if you have good knife skills. If you use a knife, make sure it is sharp and work slowly.”

Wisnewski generally advises eschewing chef’s knives for a pumpkin carving kit, usually found in supermarkets and craft stores. “The cutting tools may look less

impressive than your best kitchen knife, but they do work well,” she said. “The small blades are deeply serrated and make quick work getting through dense pumpkin flesh.”

Pumpkin carving kits are also a solution to the safety issue. “If the kids do want to carve, no one’s fingers are at risk with these little carving tools,” she said. “Our family has managed to get many years of use out of the tools that came with our first kits.”

Executive Chef Eddie Ishaq of Wildfire in Tysons Galleria said, “Keep it safe and always carve with adult supervision,” when children are carving. For the third consecutive year, Ishaq will visit the two kindergarten classes at Louise Archer Elementary School in Vienna on Oct. 31 to offer pumpkin carving demonstrations, discuss Halloween and serve slices of pumpkin pie.

Another expert tip is to use templates. While pumpkins with tra-

ditional triangle-shaped eyes and grins with missing teeth have their charm, if you want something more original, patterns can help create an ornate jack-o-lantern.

“Tape the pattern to the pumpkin and then transfer the design by poking along the lines of the pattern and into the pumpkin with the sharp tool meant just for this task,” said Wisnewski. “A nail or skewer would work too. Anyone can be an expert pumpkin carver with the patterns and kits available.”

If you prefer more originality than a pattern or template can provide, Wisnewski suggests letting your design be inspired by the shape of your pumpkin, and any of its individual characteristics. “Maybe that stem is a nose, maybe that tangle of seeds spilling out of its mouth is proof that your pumpkin wasn’t feeling very well — a favorite idea of boys, young and older,” she said. “If you are up for something more mod, drill it full of holes for a polka dotted look. If sparkle is more your thing, don’t carve at all, go with glitter.”

If you’re interested in eating the pumpkin in addition to carving it,



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Carving pumpkins using templates and patterns can make your Halloween creations look spooky and professional.

Anna Reeves, culinary instructor and owner of Tiny Chefs with locations in Arlington, Alexandria, McLean and Fairfax, Va., and Potomac, Md., said, “This is also a great time of year to tell kids that pumpkin is for more than carving and pie. This high-value ingredient fits into every meal of the day.”

She suggests getting a boost of vitamin A by roasting chunks of sugar pumpkin. “[They] are delicious roasted until tender along with quartered shallots and sage

leaves,” she said. “Mix the sweet roasted vegetables with hot pasta and cream cheese or goat cheese for a nice, fall-inspired dinner.”

For more ideas, Wisnewski suggests taking a class at Culinary Cooking School: Pumpkins — Sweet and Savory is being offered Oct. 26 at 2 p.m. and Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. Students will explore the culinary side of pumpkin with dishes like creamy pumpkin chowder with smoked bacon and pumpkin brulee.

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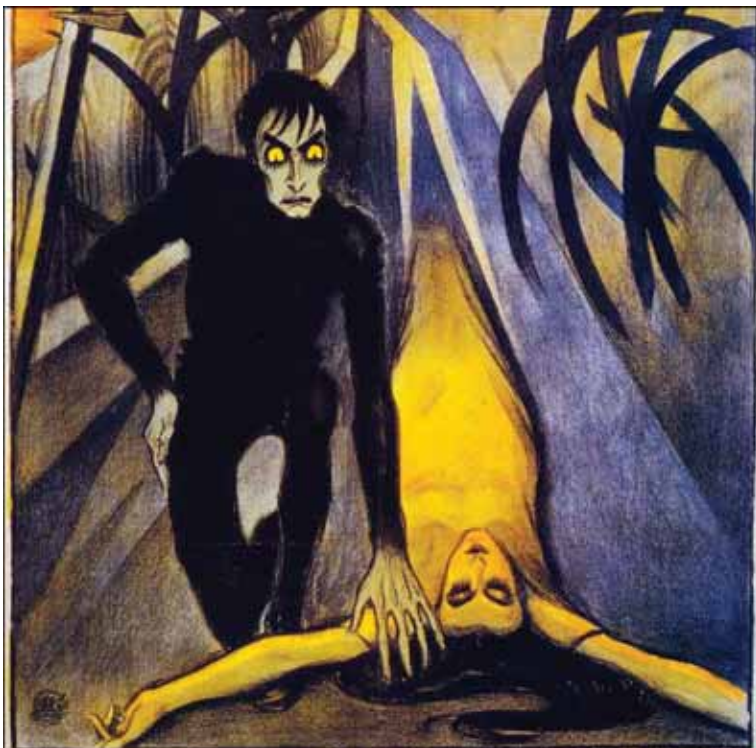




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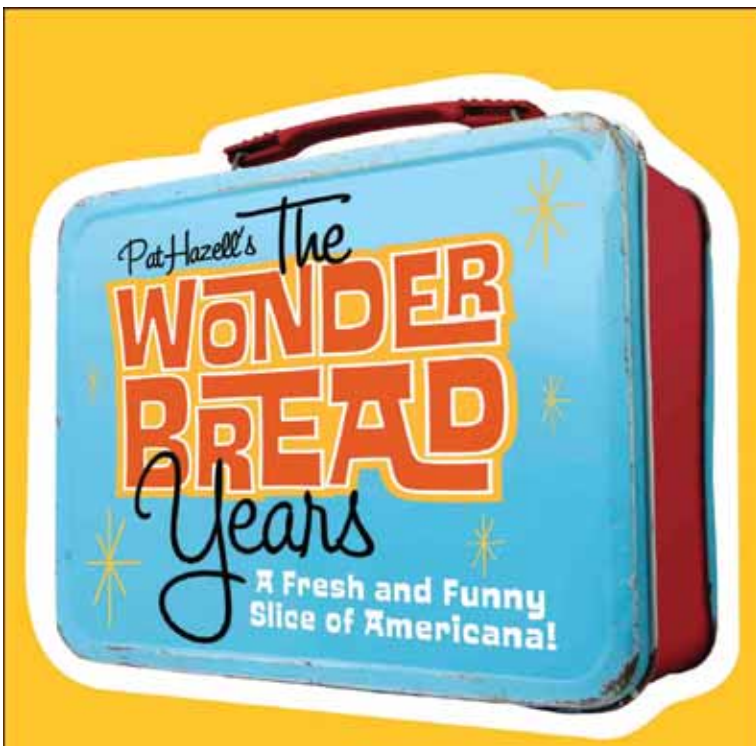
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WEDNESDAY/OCT. 23

Vienna Halloween Parade 7 p.m., starting on Maple Avenue and continuing along Church Street in Historic Vienna. The annual Vienna Halloween Parade draws thousands of families. Many parents remember watching the parade as children themselves. Viewers frequently mark their curbside spots early in the day by leaving personal items there.

WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY/ OCT. 23-NOV. 16

Jolanta Noska's Abstracts at the Vienna Arts Society Gallery in the Village Green, 513 Maple Ave. W., Vienna. See the work of Jolanta Noska, who took a master's program in elementary education in her native Poland before moving to Virginia. Her abstract works are created in acrylics, pastels and leather. 703-319-3220 or www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

THURSDAY/OCT. 24

Great Falls Writer's Group 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m., at the Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Washington Post columnist John Kelly speaks on his column and the challenges of writing.

FRIDAY/OCT. 25

Chica Brunsvold 10 a.m.-noon, at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The signature member of both the National and American Watercolor Societies will be the featured speaker at the McLean Art Society meeting, where Brunsvold will do a watercolor demonstration on Yupo paper.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/25-26

Silk Purse Project 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.) at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Road S.W., Vienna. A local business tycoon has decided to challenge the incumbent mayor. This poses a problem for his party, as he is both the largest contributor and a buffoon who could ruin the entire party's slate. \$10; half of the proceeds to benefit the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna.

FRIDAYS-SUNDAYS/ OCT. 25-NOV. 3

"Picasso at the Lapin Agile." 8 p.m., 2 p.m. matinees on Oct. 27 and Nov. 3, at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. Albert Einstein and Pablo Picasso meet at a bar called the Lapin Agile in Montmartre, Paris as both men are on the verge of an amazing idea. \$13 general admission. vtcshows@yahoo.com or www.viennatheatrecompany.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 26

Ayr Hill Garden Club Bulb Sale 8 a.m.-noon at the Vienna Farmers Market, 301 Center St., Vienna. Browse 28 varieties of bulbs for fall and spring planting in addition to hypertufas and tussy mussions for sale; proceeds go to support the public gardens planted and maintained by AHGC in Vienna.

The Vienna Saturday Farmers Market 8 a.m.-noon, at 301 Center South, Vienna. Features TJ Michaels, a balloon artist and bulb planting sponsored by the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna.

Vienna Choral Society



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'Picasso at the Lapin Agile'

Bill Byrnes, in character as Picasso's agent Sagot, banters with bartender Freddy as Lapin Agile customer Gaston (played by Josephy LeBlanc) takes it all in. Remaining performances Oct. 25, and 26, and Nov. 1 and 2, at 8 p.m. Matinee performances at 2 p.m. on Oct. 27 and Nov. 3. Buy tickets for "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., at the door or in advance.

Coffeehouse Concert at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 8601 Wolftrap Road, Vienna. The chorus shares their rich melodies and intricate harmonies with the community. www.viennachoralsociety.org.

Fall Bazaar 10 a.m.-5 p.m., at The Great Falls United Methodist Church, 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Pulled pork dinner with two sides, dessert and beverage for \$10. Baked items, handmade arts and crafts, jewelry and scarves, used books and toys and previously owned hand tools/hardware for sale. Natural pine Christmas wreaths are available to order. 703-759-3705.

All the Tea in China 1-3 p.m., at historic Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. An educational tea tasting seminar where you can taste Chinese black, green, oolong, white, and dark, as well as the exquisite flowering teas, and compare these various styles with some tea infused treats. \$25. 703-759-2771.

Spooktacular Pumpkin Carving Class 3-4 p.m., at Wildfire, Tysons Galleria, third floor, 2001 International Drive, McLean. Carve the spookiest pumpkins ever with help from WUSA9 reporter Jessica Doyle and Wildfire executive chef Eddie Ishaq. \$15/child. 703-442-9110 or wildfirerestaurant.com.

Vintage Hollywood Benefit Gala 6-midnight, at Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean. The 17th annual gala benefits the Arlington Free Clinic, and features a cocktail reception, silent auction, dinner and dancing. \$300. www.gala.arlingtonfreeclinic.org.

SUNDAY/OCT. 27

Sunday Soiree 3-5 p.m., in the community hall at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The series of casual, afternoon dances returns for the fall session with an Oktoberfest-themed open dance night. Patrons are invited to dress in traditional German clothing, such as lederhosen and dirndls. \$5 at the door. <http://www.mcleancenter.org/> or 703-790-0123.

Amadeus Orchestra and Choruses 4-6 p.m., at Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Manfredini's "Concerto for two trumpets," Haydn's "Lord Nelson Mass," and song from the Reston Chorale, Saint Luke Catholic Church Choir and Saint Francis Church Choir. \$30; students under 17, free. 703-759-5334 or www.amadeusconcerts.com.

MONDAY/OCT. 28

Ayr Hill Garden Club Meeting 1 p.m., at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Longtime AHGC member and a past president Leigh Kitcher will give a presentation about her visit last May to London's famous Chelsea Flower Show. Leigh is now the director of District III of the National Capital Area Garden Clubs. latripp24@gmail.com or 1-203-400-3668.

FRIDAY/NOV. 1

An Evening of Laughter 7:30 p.m., Flint Hill's Olson Theater, 10410 Academic Drive, Oakton. Flint Hill School announces "An Evening of Laughter," a production of four one-act plays. flinthill.org.

Van Cliburn Orchestra 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna; Filene Center, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna; The Barns, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Hear the DC-area debut of the 14th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition Silver Medalist. \$35.

SATURDAY/NOV. 2

Flicker of Hope Foundation 5K Walk 10 a.m.-noon, at Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, Engine 402, at 400 Center St. S., Vienna. The Flicker of Hope Foundation announces its third annual 5K walk to benefit survivors of traumatic burn injuries. The walk will be followed by refreshments and a raffle with items supplied by area merchants. www.flickerofhope.org.

Ballroom Dance 8-9 p.m. Swing lesson, 9-11:30 p.m. dance, at the Colvin Run Dance Hall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Waltz, rumba, tango, foxtrot, cha-cha, samba and extra swing to live music by Mike Surratt & the ECB playing tunes from the 1930s on; dance includes sodas and light fare, attire is ballroom casual. \$15 for dance; \$5 for lesson. 703-759-2685 or www.colvinrun.org.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 2-3

Book Sale 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Fill a bag with books for only \$5 and browse a sale featuring thousands of top quality used books, hardback fiction, ton of non-fiction and quilting books and cookbooks. Sponsored by the volunteers of the Friends of Patrick Henry Library. 703-938-0405 or FPHL101@gmail.com.



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Halloween Schooling Show At Turner Farm

The Turner Farm in Great Falls hosted a Halloween Schooling Show last Sunday, Oct. 20, sponsored by Turner Farm Events. It is a nonprofit that raises money to give back to the Fairfax County Park Authority in appreciation and support for the wonderful equestrian facilities at the park. These include a huge arena, cross-country jumping course, and warm up pen, or lunging pen, or round pen as it is variously called.

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Practicing for "horseless hunter" class at Turner Farm schooling show.



Kim Karanik, of Great Falls, is leading Samuel Eszenyl of Blacks Hill Stable on his pony during the show at Turner Farm.



Sarah Semko riding the pony, Tip-Toe.



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SPORTS

McLean Little League Majors Softball All-Stars Recognized

On Oct. 8, the McLean Little League Majors Softball All-Stars and their coaches, team manager and parents were recognized by Dranesville Supervisor John Foust and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for winning the State Championship, the Southeast Regional tournament and for advancing to the finals of the World Series held in Portland, Ore. last month. The World Series semi-finals and finals were broadcast by ESPN. The McLean Majors program has a significant winning history having won 10 State Championships and, in 2005, capturing the World Series trophy.

In this year's State Championship, five McLean players had a



Dranesville Supervisor John Foust and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors honored the McLean Little League Majors Softball All-Stars.

batting average of .600 or higher and 10 hit .400 or higher. This year's team is made up of 13 middle school girls, six of whom will be eligible to play little league again next year. The team manager is Gerry Megaw. Rob Haas and

Colin Sandercock are the team coaches. Lisa Haas is the team mom and "chief operating officer" for the team.

At the ceremony, the team presented an autographed softball to Supervisor Foust.

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From left: Bob Zadeh, VYS TOPSoccer director; Megan Kenny; Becca Benson; Margaret Kerfoot, VYS president.

Soccer Volunteers Named Champions of Character

Vienna Youth Soccer (VYS) has announced Fairfax County Athletic Council's and Neighborhood and Community services recognition of the outstanding efforts of two TOPSoccer volunteers, Becca Benson and Megan Kenny.

The Champions of Character Awards recognize youth, coaches and parents for their extraordinary service in going above and beyond in demonstrating good sportsmanship and positive character in youth sports in Fairfax County.

Becca Benson and Megan Kenny were nominated by VYS as they meet FCAC's criteria for outstanding youth who "have demonstrated extraordinary service in the sports community while modeling the basic traits of good character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship." Since 2009, Becca and Megan have volunteered as

Buddies for VYS' TOPSoccer program, a community-based training program designed to bring the opportunity of playing and learning soccer to any boy or girl who has a mental or physical disability.

According to Bob Zadeh, TOPSoccer director for VYS, "Every Saturday afternoon during the season, Becca and Megan show up with lots of love and energy to help disabled players enjoy the game of soccer. Off the field, these outstanding volunteers demonstrated their commitment to the TOPSoccer program by devoting their time to develop a Buddies Training Manual, posted on the VYS website, to teach others who may want to be a Buddy."

Becca and Megan found ways to make the game fun and educational for players with even the most severe disabilities and their efforts have made a difference in the lives of many children in the community.

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Langley running back Tyler West carries the ball against Chantilly on Sept. 27.

Langley Football Beats South Lakes, Improves to 5-2

The Langley football team won its fourth consecutive game, beating South Lakes 56-33 on Oct. 18.

The Saxons (5-2) amassed 537 yards of offense, including 343 on the ground, and led 35-3 at halftime.

Langley running back Tyler West carried 19 times for 223 yards and three touchdowns. Andre Vasiliadas went for 70 yards and a score on the ground. Quarterback Nick Casso completed nine of 13 passes for 194 yards and three touchdowns, and ran for 50 yards and a score. Garrett Collier had six receptions for 149 yards and two touchdowns.

After suffering back-to-back losses to Stone Bridge and T.C. Williams, Langley has beaten Chantilly, Marshall, Fairfax and South Lakes while averaging 45.5 points per game.

The Saxons will host Thomas Jefferson at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 25.

McLean Field Hockey Beats Langley

The McLean field hockey team secured a berth in the 6A North region tournament with a 2-1 victory over Langley in the opening round of the Conference 6 tournament on Monday at McLean High School.

Christin Geisler and Maeve Harris each scored a goal for McLean.

The Highlanders advance to the conference semifinals on Wednesday, Oct. 23.

McLean Football Falls to Fairfax

The McLean football team lost to Fairfax 45-20 on Oct. 18, dropping the Highlanders' record to 3-4.

McLean's Gabriel Sutherland carried 22 times for 188 yards and two touchdowns, according to the Washington Post's allmetsports.com. He also had three receptions for 85 yards and a score.

McLean will host Madison at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 25.

Madison Football Falls to TJ

The Madison football team lost to Thomas Jefferson 24-21 on Oct. 18, dropping its record to 0-7.

Madison's Willis Gardner carried 16 times for 54 yards, according to the Washington Post's allmetsports.com. Jason Gastrock completed 18 of 23 passes for 190 yards with three touchdowns and two interceptions. Nate Williams had 14 catches for 129 yards and a score.

Madison will travel to face McLean at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 25.

Oakton Football Loses to Centreville

The Oakton football team dropped to 0-2 in conference play with a 42-21 loss to Centreville on Oct. 18.

Oakton quarterback Michael Ficarra carried 14 times for 82 yards and a touchdown, according to the Washington Post's allmetsports.com. He completed nine of 33 passes for 145 yards with one touchdown and an interception.

Oakton will travel to face Robinson at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 25.



NEWS

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Shenandoah Suite, pictured performing at Washington and Lee University, was one of the 2013 Strauss Artist Awards recipients.

2014 Strauss Artist Awards Opportunity

The application deadline is Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2014.

The Arts Council of Fairfax County plans to award its seventh annual set of Strauss Artist Awards next year, with three \$5,000 grants to recognize professional working artists' achievements and their demonstrated history of accomplishments, while promoting the continued pursuit of creative work.

The application deadline for the 2014 Strauss Artist Awards is Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2014. The guidelines and application materials can be found on the Arts Council of Fairfax County website.

Diane Coburn Bruning, artistic director for the Chamber Dance Project and 2013 Strauss Award recipient said she was grateful for the honor, and that it enabled her to begin work on a new male duet, which was previewed in a Saturday, Oct. 19 event with Ballet Nova.

The Arts Council of Fairfax County will host a free grant writing workshop from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 16 at the Reston Community Center,

The Gallery at Lake Anne, 1609 Washington Plaza N., Reston, Virginia. A second grant preparation webinar will be offered at noon on Tuesday, Nov. 19.

The Strauss Artist Awards, named for Bill Strauss (1947-2007), gifted writer, cofounder of the Capitol Steps and the Cappies, are an investment in the sustained growth and development of the arts in Fairfax County, as well as a way to honor artists' commitment to an artistic discipline and their contributions to the quality of life in Fairfax County.

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RONALD K. PIRNIE, Plaintiff,
Vs. Case No. CV 2013-901174

CRAIG RAYMOND ARNOLD and) DAVID MENGEL ADAM, JR.,) Defendants.)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

To: DAVID MENGEL ADAM, JR., Defendant Named Above:

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking a judgment against the Defendants, CRAIG RAYMOND ARNOLD and DAVID MENGEL ADAM, JR. was filed against you in said court on August 22, 2013 and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on October 4, 2013, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon Brantley T. Richerson, Attorney for Plaintiff Ronald K. Pirnie, whose address is Post Office Box 1138, Fairhope, AL 36533 an answer to the complaint within 30 days of the last date of publication, to wit: by the 6th day of December, 2013.

Clerk of the District Court of Baldwin County, Alabama
10/16/13

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
DIVISION OF ST THOMAS AND ST JOHN

RC HOTELS (Virginin Islands), INC (Plaintiff)
vs
ALKESH TAYAL (Defendant)

CIVIL NO. 191/2010
ACTION FOR DEBTAND FORCLOSURE OF REAL PROPERTY MORTGAGE

TO: Alkesh Tayal
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Within the time limited by law(see not below) you are hereby required to appear before this Court and answer claim filed against you in this action. In the case of your failure to appear or answer, judgement by default will be taken against you as demanded in the Complaint for ACTION FOR DEBT AND FORECLOSURE OF REAL PROPERTY MORTGAGE. Witness my hand and the Seal of the Court this 7th day of April, 2010.

VENETIA HARVEY VELASQUEZ, Clerk of the Court

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Compartmen- talization



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

It's not exactly everything in its place any more than it is, for me, a place for everything. It's more like mandatory evacuation – as in self-preservation; of thoughts, concerns, worries, anxieties, facts/feelings, all of which may be harmful to my health and/or my overall demeanor/well being (which anecdotally-speaking is all interrelated). Having stage IV non-small cell lung cancer will do that to you – among other things. If I don't take control of the internal and external complications caused by this insidious disease, then it wins. And the last thing any of us similarly diagnosed patients want is a victory by the other side.

My attempts at sustaining my status as quo are as much mental as they are physical. Physically, the tumors will react to chemotherapy – or not, and my body/internal organs will be "side-effected" how they will despite my wishfully-thought-of intentions. However, mentally (emotionally, psychologically, spiritually) is semi in my control. And control is key – or certainly perceived to be (rhyme not for any effect). As such, whether or not it matters to the cancer how I do what I do (live), it matters to me. And if it matters to me – and I take these matters into my own hands, and don't succumb to cancer's figurative punch, then I can feel as if maybe this battle is not so lopsided (what's more lopsided than a terminal diagnosis from an oncologist?). One where you're encouraged to take that vacation you've always dreamed of because, well, you know. But if I can feel – for even a minute, that my specific man vs. cancer existence is being waged on a level playing field, then I just might think this fight is fair. Realistically, that's all I can ask for. (Regardless of whether I'm ending this sentence with a preposition.)

But since there are no guarantees here, there's a bit of a leap of faith to be made (you'll note I didn't say expected). What I do know is, that if my focus on life is exclusively about yours truly being diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer; if my 24/7 consciousness is totally cancer-centric, and if any and all cancer thoughts are woe is me, then the battle is already lost. It's not about me not caring or giving up – hardly, it's about me not giving in. And the only way I know how to not give in to the pressure/terminal circumstances under which I continue to endure, is to not feel as if everything has to be dealt with all the time. There are just too many variables, and moving and unpredictable parts (euphemistically speaking) which have to be managed – for lack of a better word. Ergo: Coping and hoping. Every minute of every day. (Every second would be a bit of an exaggeration.)

And if and when I should receive any unpleasant news, I'll try to embrace those very appropriate words spoken by Scarlett O'Hara at the end of the Oscar-winning classic, "Gone With The Wind," when Rhett Butler walked away after having said he didn't "give a damn" about what Scarlett "will do" about bringing "him back:" "...I can't think about this now! I'll go crazy if I do! I'll think about it tomorrow..."

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