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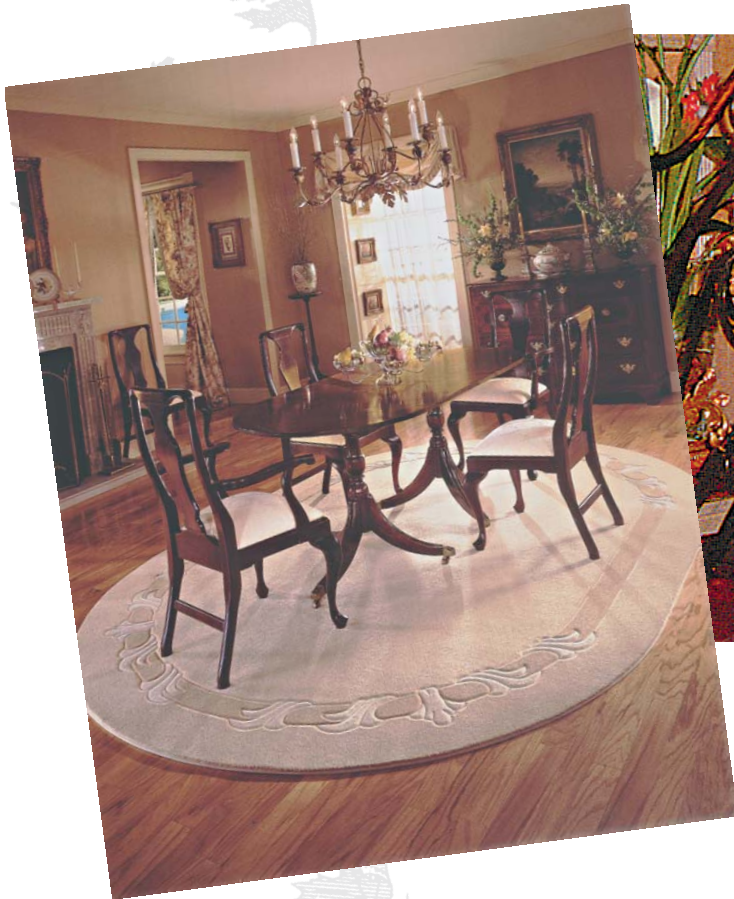
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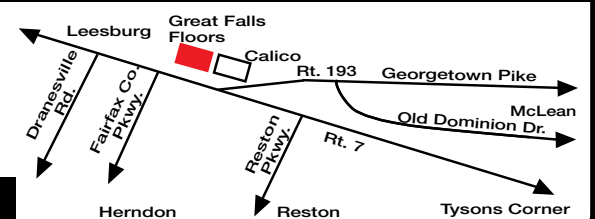
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Battle for 34th District

Vanderhye, Comstock – in response to The Connection’s questions – lay out their priorities.

With the election 2009 just two months away, The Connection has asked the candidates for the House of Delegates District 34, current delegate Margaret Vanderhye (D) and her challenger Barbara Comstock, the same set of questions. Here are their responses:

❖ **(In order of priorities) what are the top three issues facing the 34th district?**

VANDERHYE: The top three issues are transportation, the economy, and education, and they are interrelated.

COMSTOCK: The economy, transportation and education.

❖ **What would you do to address those issues?**

VANDERHYE: An adequate transportation infrastructure is essential to a vibrant economy. We must have legislators in Richmond who will vote for new dedicated, sufficient and sustainable transportation funding at the state and regional levels to deal with our severe transportation funding shortfalls. The tired diversions and gimmicks of the House Republican leadership are hurting Northern Virginia. We should revisit the recommendations of the 2005 Statewide Transportation Task Force and implement the best options, once the economy improves. All drivers should pay for our infrastructure, not just Virginians.

Virginia must retain well-managed, business friendly policies such as our 2009 legislation to provide tax credits and university partnerships for bioscience companies.

A strong economy depends on a commitment to education. We must educate our students to be first class thinkers, not just test takers, and prepare them to compete in a global economy. We need to reform our workforce training programs with more business and school partnerships.

COMSTOCK: I’m a champion for Virginia’s job friendly environment, low taxation, low unionization, low regulation and right to work. I support a 10 percent tax cut for small businesses for a real stimulus. On transportation, I will support U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) and Del. Joe May’s (R-33) bipartisan commission to address our transportation funding crisis and get a better return on our transportation dollars. I also support environmentally safe offshore drilling with the royalties dedicated to transportation needs. Coming from a family of educators, I strongly support having



Vanderhye

Name: Margaret Grant Vanderhye

Age: 61

Residence: McLean

Education: Maine Township High School South, Park Ridge, Ill., B.A. Northwestern University, M.A. Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, Sorensen Institute of Political Leadership, University of Virginia

Family: Robert Vanderhye, adult children Keith and Alexis

Occupation: Virginia General Assembly: Member, House of Delegates

more of our education dollars sent directly to the classroom for teacher salaries, books and computers, and I will promote having more in-state spots in Virginia state universities for our kids.

❖ **Why do you think voters should vote for you and not for your opponent?**

VANDERHYE: I am the delegate for the 34th District. My success in the legislature is built on 25 years of leadership on state, regional and community issues, serving three Virginia governors and a U.S. president. I have worked across party lines to pass bills benefiting all Virginians, especially in energy, health care and green jobs. My opponent cannot match my record or my connections to our community.

COMSTOCK: As a 25-year+ resident of McLean, and as a former senior aide to U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf, I learned to have the courage to take on tough challenges on our priority issues, the vision to seek out innovative solutions, and a record in the public and private sector of producing results. I was immersed in Northern Virginia business, transportation, health care, federal employee and tax relief issues in Wolf’s office. We pushed for results such as the \$500 child tax credit, marriage penalty relief, telework solutions, protecting the Federal Employees Health Benefits Plan, and HOV lanes from three to two passengers.

❖ **If you could say one thing to voters, what would it be?**

VANDERHYE: There is one question in this election: Whom do you trust to speak



Comstock

Name: Barbara Jean Comstock

Age: 50

Residence: McLean

Education: Westchester Senior High School, Houston, Texas; Middlebury College, B.A., Political Science, and Georgetown University Law Center, J.D.

Family: Husband of 27 years, Chip Comstock (an assistant Principal at Oakton High School); Three children: Dan 26, Peter 24, and Caity 21.

Occupation: Partner, Corallo Comstock.

with your voice in Richmond? Because that’s what delegates do; voters “delegate” their trust to us to speak and vote on their behalf. You can trust me to be your advocate because we have worked together for our community for over two decades. I ask for your vote on Nov. 3.

COMSTOCK: It has been a privilege to visit with you as I have knocked on thousands of doors all year. I have heard your concerns and I commit to you that no one will work harder to solve the challenges of our tough economy, our transportation crisis, our education needs and Northern Virginia constantly getting shortchanged by Richmond. Together we can take on and change Richmond.

❖ **Who are your political heroes/influences?**

VANDERHYE: My professional role model is my former boss and mentor Brent Scowcroft, former National Security Advisor. My political role model is our former State Senator, the late Clive DuVal. Each, in his own way, was the kind of dedicated, attentive, self-effacing and principled public servant that I strive to be.

COMSTOCK: U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf, my model for what a representative should be. Jack Kemp and Tony Snow, who, like President Reagan, radiated optimism, and believed that people were the solution, not the problem. My Mom, Sally Burns, a teacher, who first spurred my interest in public service by pushing for educational excellence as the path to opportunity, advocating for the weakest in society, and always encouraging us to be involved.

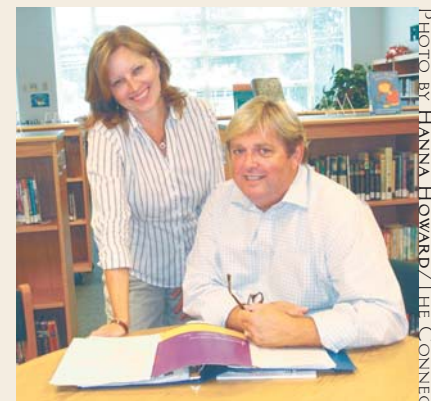


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Colvin Run PTO President Mary Jane Novak and Principal Stephen Hockett.

Sound of Violin At Colvin Run ES

On the first day of school, Colvin Run Elementary School began its seventh year, welcoming approximately 830 students. Among the many opportunities available to students is the chance for third graders to learn to play the violin. “The opportunity to learn a musical instrument builds

both sides of the brain,” said Principal Stephen Hockett.

Students at Colvin Run will also be able to participate in a global classroom project in which they can communicate by Webcam with other students in the county and around the world. The biggest change at Colvin Run, though, has come about due to a joint effort between the school and the PTO. Hockett and PTO President Mary Jane Novak filmed a video for the students introducing the school’s new partnership with Rosetta Stone. Every student will have access to all 25 languages that Rosetta Stone offers as well as in-school instruction in Spanish starting in first grade. “We have incredible resources of talent that are helping to propel our students into the 21st century,” said Hockett.

— HANNA HOWARD

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This house on River Park Drive, listed at \$3,650,000, has been on the market since May 2008.

Listed at \$5,500,000 this house on Leigh Mill Road has been on the market for almost a year.

Luxury Home Sales Lag

While sales pick up regionwide, high-end market stagnates.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

While lower-end home prices appear to have bottomed out and the Northern Virginia housing market as a whole, particularly in Fairfax and Prince William counties, is turning around, the market for luxury homes, concentrated in areas like Great Falls, has nearly ground to a halt.

"There is an enormous inventory of upper-end houses on the market right now, by the market kind of speaking through its silence," said Vivian Lyons, a longtime real estate agent who is based in Great Falls but buys and sells homes from Leesburg to Bethesda to Arlington.

For the last two years or so, the low-end housing market has been in a free fall, fueled by the foreclosure crisis, while luxury-home prices have dipped only slightly. That trend appears to be changing this year.

IN AUGUST 2008, Fairfax County had a real estate absorption rate of about 5, meaning at the rate homes were selling, it would take an average of five months for all the houses on the market to be sold off. The absorption rate last month was down to about 1.9, one of the sharpest turnarounds in the region. The county is now considered a seller's market, although sale prices are still considerably lower than they were a few years ago.

However, for Fairfax and Arlington counties and the cities located therein, it was calculated in August that it would take more than three years to sell off the 154 homes priced at \$2.5 million or more. Only four were under contract. At the rate that houses listed at \$1.5 million to \$2.5 million are selling, it would take 16 months to see all of them move.

Meanwhile, homes priced between \$800,000 and \$1 million, which are also common in Great Falls, now have a healthy absorption rate of about five months in Northern Virginia.

In Great Falls, a less-than three-month supply of homes priced under \$1 million exists, said Dianne Van Volkenburg, a real estate agent who publishes a newsletter on the community's housing market. "Sellers

are at an advantage in the \$1 million-and-under market in Great Falls," she said.

Lyons said it was normal for the high-end market to experience trouble only after cheaper housing had taken a serious hit. Because lower-end homeowners are usually the first to be laid off in a recession and have fewer resources to fall back on, they're often forced to sell their homes for whatever they can, she said. Meanwhile, she said, high-income residents generally have more job security and also can afford to wait to sell their houses.

Now, the problem with the high-end market, Lyons said, is with asking prices. With a small pool of buyers on the highest end of the market and an abundance of inventory, the only way to bring demand in line with the supply is by lowering prices, she said. "But sellers don't want to hear it."

"I know for sure there are sellers in these upper brackets that are getting offers on their homes," said Kathleen Hunt, Great Falls Weichert managing broker. But, she said, sellers were often turning down offers and holding out for a better deal. Also, she said, homeowners sometimes start out with an unreasonably high list price, intending to entertain lower offers. But buyers often see the price and "just simply don't

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— Dianne Van Volkenburg

make an offer."

Lyons said house hunters are now expecting bargain prices. "There are very few buyers at the high end and the buyers that there are, are looking for value," she said, adding that sellers must price accordingly. "What sellers need to understand is that they don't establish the price for a property, their agent doesn't establish the price of a property, the market establishes the price."

As a result of slow sales at the top of the market, the average price point for homes in Great Falls has dropped by 20 percent since last year, Van Volkenburg said.

She cited some numbers showing that, while the \$1 million-and-under market is healthy, the top end is stagnating. Of 175 active homes on the market in mid-August, 56 were priced at \$2 million or more. However, of the 18 that had gone under contract in the previous 30 days, only three sold for more than \$2 million. Meanwhile, 12 sold for less than \$1 million. She recalled listing a house for \$700,000 on a Thursday in early June. "On Friday, by 10 o'clock at night, I had a full-price contract," she said.

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Market Dictates Home Prices in Great Falls

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IN THE SECOND QUARTER of the year, 48 homes sold in Great Falls, about the same number as in last year's second quarter. However, 28 of those sold for less than \$1 million, versus only 16 in the same three months last year. And only three homes sold for \$1.8 million or more in this year's sec-

ond quarter, versus 12 in last year's second quarter.

Van Volkenburg said the large number of Great Falls residents living in houses worth about \$800,000 and looking to move up was keeping the market active in the \$1 million to \$1.4 million range.

On the lowest end of the market, such as nearby Sterling Park, "houses are flying off the market,"

Lyons said, adding that almost no houses were left for sale in the Sterling Park area. She said this was because prices there had been driven so low.

Van Volkenburg said she had had a number of clients turn to renting out the homes they couldn't sell for the prices they wanted. She said many renters were people who hadn't been able to sell their

homes elsewhere and often were, in turn, renting those homes out. They also could be people worried about their job security or waiting for the market to fall further, she said.

However, Lyons said sellers, as a group, could not simply wait out the downturn because the high-end market would not bottom out and begin to improve until homes

started selling.

While difficulties with getting large loans are depressing high-end housing markets in some parts of the country, that is not the case in Northern Virginia, Lyons said. "We've gotten notices from more and more lenders that that money is available."

"The bottom line is, price solves everything," she said.

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OPINION

Labor Day

Thankful for the jobs we have;
states need some bailing out.

After a long Labor Day weekend, most of us with jobs no doubt spent at least a minute in silent thanks for having a job; all the more so for those lucky enough to have jobs with paid holidays and health insurance.

Almost everyone knows someone struggling after having lost a job, someone who personifies and personalizes the so-called "jobless recovery."

In the Washington metropolitan area, the economy does have life, and there is growth in jobs, another reason to be thankful.

But while Northern Virginia has the lowest unemployment rate in the state, 5 percent in July, down from 5.5 percent a month earlier, it also has the highest number of unemployed people in the state.

In Northern Virginia, in July there were more than 75,000 unemployed people, down from

more than 80,000 in June, but up from just over 43,000 a year ago in July 2008.

Northern Virginia also tops the state in the number of people without health insurance, according to a recent Census Bureau report. In Fairfax County, there were 149,642 people without health insurance from all income levels. That's more than 16 percent. These numbers are from 2006, when the economy was quite a bit better than it is now.

EDITORIAL In Arlington, more than 21 percent, 38,018 people, lacked health insurance. In Loudoun County, the number was 11 percent, or 29,205 people without health insurance. In the City of Alexandria, more than 18 percent is without health insurance, 22,399. In the City of Fairfax, 18 percent or 3,685 people were without health insurance.

These are people who will be unlikely to get seasonal flu shots or swine flu vaccinations.

These are people who will have to turn to emergency rooms if they do get sick.

The Virginia budget shortfall is one looming problem that won't help the economic rebound, and it is a problem replicated at least another 47 times around the country. As the federal stimulus spending is kicking in, Virginia is facing a massive shortfall, and must trim well over \$1 billion in spending. In fact the infusion of federal stimulus dollars prevents the cuts from being far more difficult. But this is a terrible time for states to be forced to cut their budgets. Every dollar the state cuts diminishes the stimulus spending by a dollar.

With transportation spending down to an amount that would be laughable if we weren't all stuck in traffic, what's likely to be cut next include programs for the most vulnerable people. For the recovery to continue on track, the feds should consider spending some money to bail out the states.



McLean Boy Scout Jonathan Peters poses in front of the fountain he built on the grounds of Vinson Hall Retirement Community.



Peters worked closely with the Vinson Hall resident Col. Bruce Gibson, of Vinson Hall's Landscape and Garden Committee, to plan and construct the fountain.

Fountain Dedicated at Vinson Hall

Residents, community praise Eagle Scout project.

Jonathan Peters recently dedicated a fountain that he built on the grounds of Vinson Hall Retirement Community to Boy Scout Troop #652, completing a project that will land him the Eagle Scout honor.

In addition to Peters' friends and family, more than 40 Vinson Hall residents and members of the local community attended the dedication ceremony to commend his achievement.

"I have aspired to be an Eagle Scout for a long time and now that this project is complete, there's a

weight off my shoulders," Peters said. "I think that I've grown a lot as a person while working on this project. It feels really great to give back to the community."

Peters, 16, a junior at McLean High School, worked for several months to coordinate all aspects of the fountain's construction. He heard about Vinson Hall and its mission from a neighbor and felt that the retirement community was an excellent setting in which he could complete his project requirements.

Peters contacted Vinson Hall's

volunteer coordinator to discuss his project ideas, and soon began working closely with resident and member of Vinson Hall's Landscape and Garden Committee, Col. Bruce Gibson. Peters proposed that he help beautify the grounds by building a fountain and planting perennial flowers that the residents could enjoy year after year.

For his contribution, Peters was presented with a formal letter of recognition by Vinson Hall's CEO, Rear Adm. Kathy Martin. "On behalf of the entire Vinson Hall Community, I want to commend the

effort, hard work and leadership skills required to develop and execute this project," she said. "You've given our community a gift we'll enjoy for years to come."

Vinson Hall Retirement Community, a Continuing Care Retirement Community located in McLean, was established in 1969 by the Naval Officers Wives Club of Washington and provides apartments for independent seniors who have served in the military or have been sponsored by someone in the military. It also has two assisted-living units, one of which specializes in working with people with dementia, that do not require any military affiliation.

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Sunday School classes welcome children of preschool age through high school seniors.

The St. Francis Adult Forum series offers a scriptural component along with a presentation by a guest speaker, clergy, or lay person. The session on Sept. 13 will welcome newcomers and present a Ministry Fair. Sessions on Sept. 20 and Sept. 27 will address church programs for children's education.

St. Francis will also host several fall musical events. All are free and open to the public. Scheduled performances include:

- ❖ Voice recital at 7 p.m. on Sept. 20. The performance will feature music from the British Isles.

- ❖ Choral Evensong for All Saints at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 1



The church's annual Country Fair will be held on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The following morning, on Oct. 4, St. Francis will offer its annual Blessing of the Animals at the 9 a.m. service. All are welcome to bring their pets for a special blessing.

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THEATER

Playing 'The Game of Love and Chance'

Romantic Farce leads off 1st Stage's second season.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Launching the second season of 1st Stage, the local area's only professional theater, is a classic farce, a case of mistaken identities, a love story — or not — "The Game of Love and Chance." Pierre de Marivaux's 1730 romantic comedy is translated to the social mores of America's 1930s in which the couple involved in an upper-class arranged marriage independently switches places with their servants to secretly assess their betrothed.

"It's just so funny," said Artistic Director Mark Krikstan. "And it's all about a serious thing, when it's OK to love someone and when it's somehow out-of-bounds, but it tells it through comedy. And doing it in the 30s, in the spirit of the old screwball comedies, it's just a really fun way to get at a serious point."

1st Stage, a nonprofit professional theater located at Tysons



PHOTOS BY DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION

Lucas Beck, a George C. Marshall High School graduate now a professional actor, trained in New York and returned home to support 1st Stage.

Corner, was created to provide an artistic venue for Northern Virginia's theater talent. Krikstan, a former George C. Marshall High School drama director, surrounds himself with an experienced artistic staff and actors who have ap-



Jacob Yeh, an engineer now studying to be an actor, plays a lead in his second 1st Stage production.

peared professionally in New York and the metro Washington, D.C. area. In the parking lot, sits a car whose license plate reads simply, 1st stage.

"Our inaugural season exceeded our expectations of acceptance in the community both artistically

and in terms of audience enthusiasm," said Brad Kalbfeld, 1st Stage spokesman. The young professional theater company received strong reviews from Metro-area reviewers and theatergoers. 1st Stage was nominated for awards in three categories by "D.C. Theatre Scene."

The other side of the coin, Kalbfeld said, was the challenge of a financially tenuous year for the U.S. economy. "When you're a start-up, it's always an uphill climb," said Kalbfeld. "Starting up while the country is in a financial crisis makes it even harder. But, we're here. The door's open. There are actors on the stage."

Returning to the Tysons Corner area from the American Academy of Dramatic Arts and New York theater is George C. Marshall High School 2000 graduate Lucas Beck. Beck and Krikstan started at Marshall the same year, and Beck was the lead in the one-act play that won Marshall its first-ever Virginia High School League One-Act Play championship.

"I came back to support 1st Stage, as much to help a friend who helped me," said Beck, in his

1st Stage at a glance

1524 Spring Hill Road, Suite LL, McLean.
Box office and information line: 703-854-1856
Season opens on Sept. 12 with "The Game of Love and Chance," a romantic French farce
Ticket prices: \$12-25.
Performance schedule: Fridays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.
Plays:
"The Game of Love and Chance," Sept. 12-Oct. 4
"Three Days of Rain," Oct. 30-Nov. 22
"The Prisoner of Zenda," Dec. 12-Jan. 3, 2010
"By the Bog of Cats," Feb. 5-28
"Humble Boy," March 26-April 18
<http://1ststagespringhill.org/>

fifth 1st Stage production. He is the servant who pretends to be the master of the house.

As described by 1st Stage, "The Game of Love and Chance" looks at a privileged, upper-class couple "unwilling to take a chance on an arranged marriage, [who] switch places with their servants in order to size each other up from a less-privileged position."

"1st Stage is still a secret in the community," said Beck. "But we see a growth of the audience locally and in the wider theater com-

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TEEN PERSPECTIVE

A Summer Without Dad

BY DEVON MALONEY

If you think about it, teens my age have all but their very earliest memories of our country at war. The 9/11 attack happened when I was just 6. My first distinct memory is seeing my mom crying on the couch, watching the second tower come crashing down in smoke and ashes. About a half an hour after that, a dozen Marines ran down our quiet Hawaiian street with loaded machine guns to the air base nearby. It really left an impression.

Last year, my Dad announced that he had volunteered to go to Iraq and Afghanistan for a six-month deployment. I wrote about what I expected and how I felt about the announcement in a personal essay last December. Now that he's back, I realize that it was completely different than what I



thought.

Before, the continuous war news on the radio was just background noise, a constant list of IED explosions and bombings came daily, just like the baseball scores I didn't really care about. Now, my ears perk up when I hear about the soldiers and to find out two troops were killed in a rocket attack on my dad's Afghan base puts me on edge.

For a while, I grew up in a military community, the expectations, the structure and the tradition. Maybe that helped the acceptance when so many of the other people around me were also on the front lines, some even on their third or fourth deployment. Many of those people weren't even in the armed forces.

"Though my father is only a civilian, he and other government civilians are deeply impacted and involved with the War on Terror," said Cody Gardiner, a Vienna 13-year old. "I think the War on Terror has forced kids of [our] generation to live their life in fear of the terrorist threat." Cody, with his government civilian father, has given just as much as any military kid has.

When I moved to Northern Virginia, almost as many people were involved in the war as they were on the U.S. base overseas I had just come from. Many people had friends or family in Iraq or Afghanistan. What surprised me was how little people were thinking about the war. And we aren't just fighting a war, we're fighting two.

Devon Maloney is a 14-year-old Vienna ninth grader at Marshall High. She has lived and traveled all over the world.

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| FAIRFAX HIGH | 519 | 511 | 531 | 548 | 536 | 557 | 507 | 506 | 525 |
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| NATION | 502 | 502 | 501 | 515 | 515 | 515 | 494 | 494 | 493 |

Area Fifth Graders Preview International Children's Festival

Busloads of Fairfax County Public School fifth graders will get the area's first glimpse of this year's International Children's Festival at Wolf Trap National Park in Vienna before it opens to the general public. From Sept. 15-18, the students will enjoy performances by their global peers and incorporate what they've seen back in the classrooms.

This year's Festival features young performers from Spain, and the Republics of Georgia and Serbia. The Festival will be open

to the general public during the weekend of Sept. 19 and 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, rain or shine. Discounted tickets can be purchased before Sept. 12, \$8 for adults; \$4 for seniors and children; free for ages 2 and younger.

Weekend passes good for both days may be purchased before Sept. 12, \$13 for adults; \$7 for seniors and children; free for ages 2 and younger.

"We are delighted to continue

our longstanding partnership with Fairfax County Public Schools, making it possible for every fifth grade student to see the cultural performances and learn about the customs and traditions of the countries represented at the International Children's Festival," said Ann Rodriguez, president and CEO of the Arts Council of Fairfax County, which produces the festival.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.internationalchildrensfestival.org or call 1-877-965-3872.



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FAITH

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St. Francis Episcopal Church is located at 9220 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls. For more information, call the church at 703-759-2082 or visit www.stfrancisgreatfalls.org.

St. John's Episcopal Church in McLean Homecoming Celebration, Sunday, Sept. 13. Worship at the 10 a.m. service and stay for the celebration. Food, old and new friends, and a moon bounce. Church School registration will also take place. At the picnic on the lawn, Subway sandwiches and beverages will be provided. St. John's Church, 6715 Georgetown Pike, McLean. 703-356-4902 or www.stjohnsmclean.org.

McLean Women's Bible Study begins 26th year as a home based, non-denominational Bible Study for women, Thursday, Sept. 24. This year the group studies "Women in the Bible," Thursday mornings, 9:15 - 11:30 a.m. Coffee and breakfast snacks begin at 9:15. After Bible Study, there is a time of continued fellowship and discussion over lunch at Maggiano's Little Italy at Tysons Corner from 12 noon until 1:30 p.m. Lunch cost is 6.95 each week. Bible Study registration fee is \$70. For information on registration, contact: Martha Wiles - 703-448-2020 - Marthaewiles@gmail.com

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THEATER

Theater Opens New Season

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munity. It's already giving the public a higher quality of theater than they've been used to."

"THE GAME OF LOVE AND CHANCE" was moved from its 1730s setting to the 1930s in the spirit of the witty movies of that time period in which class frequently took center-stage, as in "Our Man Godfrey." Live piano music sets the scenes.

"The subtext is very important to the themes of the play," said master-turned-servant Jacob Yeh, an engineer by occupation transitioning to professional theater. "The Game of Love and Chance" is Yeh's second play at 1st Stage. Yeh, who studied at the Theatre Lab, School for the Dramatic Arts, in Washington, D.C., said he's learning from Beck. And that, Kalbfeld said, is one of the missions of 1st Stage, to offer an opportunity for newer actors to learn from more experienced ones.

"We are providing a home to local artists and providing high quality entertainment to the local audience," said Kalbfeld. "Three to 16 actors made their professional debuts on our stage in its first season. Talk about fulfilling a mission. That's what we're all about."

1st Stage welcomes volunteers and donations. Ticket sales are the predominant source of revenue, and volunteers provide much-needed support and services.

"I'll stay as long as I can be of use," said Beck. "The whole point of 1st Stage is to have a place to come home to."

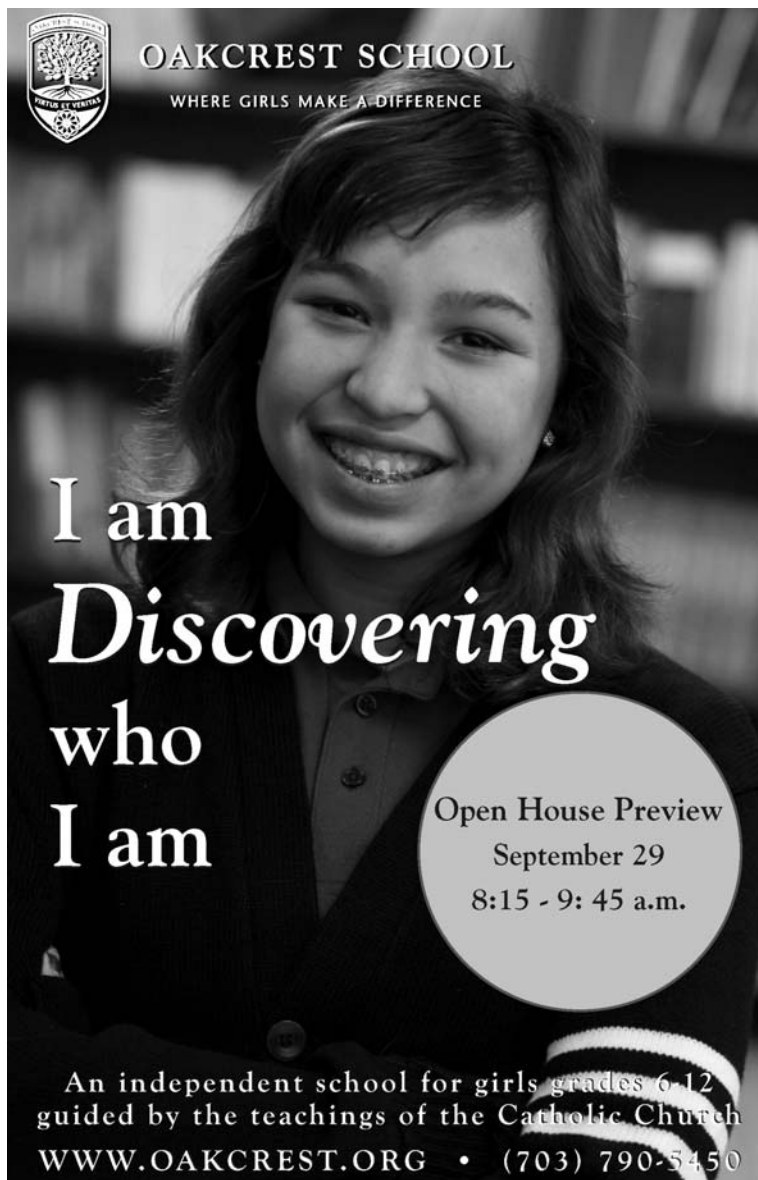
1ST STAGE IS LOCATED at 1524 Spring Hill Road, Suite LL, McLean, near the intersection of Leesburg Pike and Springhill Road. For more information on 1st Stage and its performances, see <http://1ststagespringhill.org/> or call 703-854-1856.

REAL ESTATE

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Beth Putman was the top producer and the top lister at the Great Falls Long & Foster office. Michelina Queri was the agent with the most new listings (seven) and Ali Saghafi was the top seller.

Karen Kaufman was the top producer with a sales volume of \$4.4 million at the Falls Church Long & Foster office. She was also the top Lister and the agent with the most new listings (seven). John Nguyen was the top seller.



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SPORTS

McLean Football Breaks Into Win Column

Behind Riley Beiro, Highlanders open new season with a rousing victory over Washington-Lee.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

A lot of pent-up frustration was released during one sizzling, break-through night of football for the McLean Highlanders Friday, Sept. 4, as the winless program of 2008 got 2009 started off in grand fashion with a long-awaited 44-14 win over visiting Washington-Lee.

The season-opening win was much relief for a McLean team that went 0-10 last year. It was the first victory for the Highlanders since a week eight triumph over Jefferson High in 2007. That year's McLean team finished 2-8 with wins over Stuart and the Colonials.

Friday's win was the first experienced under head coach Jim Patrick, who is beginning his second season at the helm of the team.

"They were excited, obviously," said Patrick, of his team's overflow of joy in the moments following the win over the Generals. "They worked so hard for that. They went through a year [in 2008] with people telling them they weren't any good. They wouldn't believe that."

Riley Beiro, McLean's standout running back who missed the second half of last season with a knee injury, experienced a career night as he rushed for 293 yards and three touchdowns on 26 carries. Beiro took advantage of a strong offensive line in front of him that opened up large holes throughout the game.

Patrick and his staff have elected to play Beiro exclusively on offense this season, as opposed to his two-way role a year ago when he saw time at both safety and linebacker positions on defense along with his offensive duties. That could change over the course of the season, but currently the plan is for Beiro's on-field action to be limited to offense. That, said Patrick, would keep the star Highlander fresh all game long and, hopefully, healthy throughout the season.

McLean quarterback Will Hecht tossed a couple of touchdown passes, along with two interceptions, in the win over Washington-Lee. For the night, he completed seven of his 12 passes for 83 yards. Receiver John Fremmermen caught touchdown passes from 34 and 25 yards.

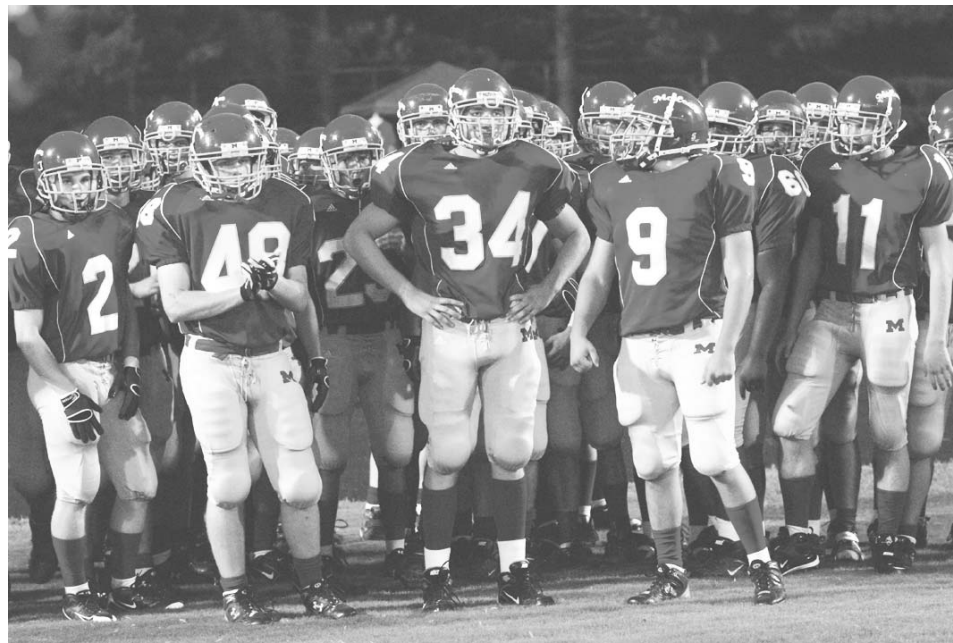


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McLean struggled through a winless 2008 season. But the Highlanders started things right this season with a home win over Washington-Lee last Friday night.

Defensively, McLean forced five turnovers. Senior Bobby Ludwick forced a couple of those turnovers and was named the Highlanders' defensive MVP in the game.

"They worked so hard for that. They went through a year [in 2008] with people telling them they weren't any good. They wouldn't believe that."

Jim Patrick, McLean High coach

Patrick was thrilled with his team's win, but he indicated the victory does not necessarily mean the Highlanders have arrived.

"I think it's wait-and-see, but we've made great strides as a team," said the coach.

MCLEAN will travel to Herndon Friday night, Sept. 11, to take on a Hornets' team that soundly defeated Jefferson last week, 61-6. Herndon, under coach Joe Sheaffer, is coming off a 2008 season in which it qualified for the Division 6 Northern Region playoffs. The team is led by quarterback Zack Ozycz, who is in his third varsity year at signal caller. The 6-foot-4 inch, 205-pound Ozycz has gotten better each season and had a terrific training camp.

"He throws the ball real well and is the leader on the football team," said Sheaffer.

"He's getting better and throwing better every year. He's a capable passer and runner."

Other key returning Herndon players this season include safety/running back Devon Thompson, a Second Team All-Concorde District selection last year at safety; tailback/linebacker Austin Moore; receiver Nick Impellizzeri, a Second Team All-District selection last year; running back/defensive back Randell Anane, a First Team All-District defensive back in 2008; and running back/linebacker Sam Groter.

Last year was a breakthrough season of sorts for Herndon because it qualified for the region playoffs for the first time in five years. The team's biggest win of the year came in a 29-28 homecoming triumph over Westfield late in the season. That victory improved Herndon to 6-2. But the Hornets lost their next three games, including a playoff setback to the same Westfield team it had beaten in the regular season. Sheaffer was disappointed the 2008 Hornets did not play better over the final few weeks of the season. He said the team lost its game preparation focus after the win over the Bulldogs and never recaptured the same magic thereafter.

Following the meeting against Herndon, McLean will return home on Thursday, Sept. 17 for a game against Wakefield.

Coming off a lopsided week one home loss to Lake Braddock last week, Langley will host Chantilly Friday. The Chargers, under coach Mike Lalli, lost a close season opener at South County, 23-21. Following its game with the Chargers, Langley will travel to Madison on Sept. 17 for its Liberty District opener.



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Last Game of Summer

Luke Jameson, a sophomore at Langley High School, spent his summer break playing tennis in Southern California, Maine and Great Falls. Here he plays the last summer home match for the Great Falls Swim & Tennis team closing out the team season undefeated.

A brand new U14 Boys Soccer team, the **Wolfpack**, is seeking two players for the fall/winter season. The Wolfpack compete in the Old Dominion Soccer League (ODSL). The new players will receive excellent coaching and meaningful playing time. Practices take part in the South Riding area, games played in Northern Virginia. For more information, contact Sue LaMantia at sjlamantia@netscape.net.

The Virginia Hospital Center is sponsoring a free Health Fair for seniors on the opening day of the 2009 **Northern Virginia Senior Olympics**, set to take place this Saturday, Sept. 12. The fair will take place 9-11 a.m., at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd St., Arlington. It will include blood pressure checks, a nutrition booth, hand washing demonstrations, a health promotion booth giving an overview of community classes and information about cancer reduction, foot care, and disease prevention. The Traveling Bicycle Museum, featuring antique bicycles dating from 1816 to the present, will be on display from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 703-228-4721.

The Reston Triathlon is looking for volunteers to help with the event scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 13. The race begins at 7 a.m. Volunteers will receive a free Triathlon T-shirt and free food following the race. E-mail restontri@aol.com, or go to restontriathlon.org and follow the links to volunteers.

Forever Ain't What It Used To Be



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Certainly it was an innocent enough question, one that anyone who's been to the post office of late has been asked dozens of times: "Would you like any forever stamps?" But this time, maybe because I had chemotherapy earlier in the day, the question elicited a laugh, so much so that I almost explained myself to the postal clerk. However, rather than get into my particular health situation, I simply backed away from the counter and exited stage right, chuckling to myself how once again my life-expectancy nerve had been plucked.

This exchange reminded me of one of the standard/regular/recurring questions I ask of my oncologist to assess my condition: "Should I buy in bulk?" To date, he's always answered in the affirmative and has always laughed at the question. Although, I have to tell you, getting an oncologist to laugh is no easy task. There is a serious business. But it has become my goal to get him to laugh at least once every three weeks, the frequency of our face-to-face appointments/examinations. My other ongoing attempt at humoring my oncologist has come during these same physical examinations (to date there have been no mental examinations). After he has completed his medical touching and feeling (of me) and asked me about muscle weakness, nausea, headaches, tingling, discomfort, etc., he'll ask if I'm experiencing any other pain. My two stock answers have been, "You mean other than her," pointing to my wife, Dina, who accompanies me on these examination appointments whenever possible and who is sitting in the examination room with us or I'll point to me rear end (which initially required a brief explanation), but since Dina is always present when I make this gesture, its meaning has become self explanatory.

Humor is the best medicine, or so I've been told, and so, to make my parents proud (both of whom are deceased), and to follow in their brave and unselfish footsteps, I try to find humor in even the most difficult of circumstances. And as much as this cancer thing is about me, and as good an excuse as it is to explain behavior, decisions, priorities, etc., I seem to get more pleasure not using it as an excuse and using it more as a prop, if you will (you'll note, I didn't say crutch) to put others at ease, especially considering that, in whatever room you occupy, you are the figurative elephant. Moreover, the sooner I can acknowledge its presence and diffuse whatever tension and discomfort may exist, the sooner people treat me normally. And the sooner people treat you normally, the more normal you'll feel. And given cancer patients' circumstances - and difficulties and challenges, feeling normal (however it happens) is as good as it can unrealistically be. However, maybe this is simply "rational self interest," to quote one of my brother Richard's favorite descriptions of necessary behavior. Or maybe it's my mind playing tricks on my mouth (chemo brain, it's called). I don't know which, nor do I care. But for now, it feels normal and it seems to be working. And in my present semi precarious condition, as with many other conditions/ situations/circumstances, some not nearly as serious, if it ain't broke, don't fix it.

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