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## An 'Outpouring of Love'

Following racist graffiti, community rallies around black church.

BY MIKE DICICCO  
THE CONNECTION

Following the discovery of racist graffiti on the First Baptist Church of Chesterbrook two weekends ago, the church has received letters, phone calls, flowers and visits from the surrounding community, said its pastor, the Rev. Todd Brown.

"We really appreciate the outpouring of love the community has shown us," he said, adding that the church planned to invite neighbors to a cookout and prayer vigil in the fall. "One thing we're trying to do is be proactive in keeping the community unified." Meanwhile, he said, the congregation was letting police conduct a full investigation and hoping the perpetrator would be caught.

ON SUNDAY, AUG. 17, congregants of the predominantly black church arrived at the building to find the "N-word" spray-painted in large letters next to the front door. Police later discovered graffiti on a sign and trash bin around the playground of nearby Chesterbrook Elementary School, but police spokeswoman Lucy Caldwell said the graffiti at the school was of a sexual nature.

Nonetheless, police believe the two incidents are related. Caldwell did not comment on how that determination was made. She said police had put out information on the crimes and canvassed the neighborhood but still had made no arrest. As opposed to vandalism, which is a misdemeanor, anything considered a "bias crime" is a class 6 felony, Caldwell said.

Brown said it was unclear whether the perpetrator was a teenager trying to be funny or going through a gang initiation, or someone with more malicious intent.

Church Clerk Barbara Wilks was the first person to arrive at the church that morning. "You know when you see something and you think, 'I didn't see that,'" she said. "Then I looked back and I thought, 'Oh, my goodness.'" She waited for the police to arrive before entering the church. "I certainly wasn't going to come in," she said, adding that she had been afraid to open the mailbox as well.

"When I drove up last Sunday and got out of my car and saw that word, I about dropped to the ground," said Wilks' mother, Helen Carter, as the family lingered at the church after last Sunday's service. "My mouth dropped open. I know it did. I just couldn't believe it." She said she had never seen or heard of such a thing in McLean.



PHOTO BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION  
From left, Helen Carter, whose husband was a grandson of First Baptist Church of Chesterbrook's founder, stands outside the church with her son, Mark Carter, and her daughter, Barbara Wilkes. Two Sundays ago, a racial slur was found spray-painted next to the door behind them.

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— James King,  
chair,  
deacon ministry

Having grown up in the area, Wilks said the division in McLean had always been along class lines, rather than race, in part because during the 1940s and '50s, there had been few establishments in town to segregate. Also, many black women worked as domestics, taking care of white families' children, so white parents looked out for the black community, she said.

However, Brown said congregants had once found crosses burning in the church's yard during the '70s. "This church has been here 145 years. This is not the first time we've seen something of this magnitude," he said.

"I just feel like racism and ignorance are alive and well," said Carter's son, Mark, although he said he thought the incident would end up making the church stronger. "It really bothered me because that's a word I never use, not even joking," he said.

"Since they felt they had to use that word, why didn't they just write it in the dirt instead of defacing a house of the Lord?" asked Helen Carter. "I feel sorry for the person who did that because they need to be pitied and prayed for." These subjects were themes of the service the morning the graffiti was discovered.

"We were shocked by the word, but we were more shocked by the defacing of God's

house," said James King, chairman of the church's deacon ministry. "We prayed for that individual that day more than anyone." He said Brown had told the congregation the word "should never determine our walk."

"People are not defined by what they're called, but by what they answer to," said King. "If we got all bent out of shape, then it would define us."

SINCE THAT DAY, he said, the church received something like 20 phone calls and letters from neighbors. Last Sunday's service was attended by members of the nearby Chesterbrook United Methodist and St. Dunstan's Episcopal churches. Whoever spray-painted the church, said King, "We know it wasn't an individual immediately in our community because those people have been wonderful to us."

Wilks said local residents had also been shocked that such a thing would happen in their community and had been eager to let the congregation know the attitude reflected by the graffiti was not that of the neighborhood.

Residents and members of churches in the surrounding area, as well as students of nearby Marymount University, will be invited to a cookout and prayer vigil at the church Oct. 4. The time is yet to be determined. King said the event was being held because there seemed to be a need in the community to support the church and because the congregation wanted to show it was carrying on, undaunted by the incident. He said the prayer vigil would be to pray for the whole community because "as it goes for the community, so it goes for all of us."

Brown said that since the graffiti appeared, the area has gained a regular police watch. "There are a lot of positives that have come from this negative incident," he said.

## Sadness, Shock, Disbelief

Community leaders react to racist graffiti at McLean church.



John Foust,  
Dranesville District  
Supervisor

"I have not spoken to anyone who didn't feel horrible when they heard about this awful incident. I cannot imagine how painful it must have been for the pastor and parishioners to arrive at church and be confronted with an ugly racial slur.

It is especially disappointing that an awful incident like this occurred in our community. Long-time McLean residents appreciate our diversity because we know that diversity strengthens us and makes us a better community. But when someone in our community does something stupid and cruel like painting racial slurs on the side of an historic black church we are reminded that we must never take our appreciation of diversity for granted.

What should be done to respond to this incident? Obviously, the person or persons who did this must be found and punished as severely as the law permits. But we can also try to make something positive and good result from this ugly incident. We can use it as a reminder to recommit to preaching and practicing tolerance of differences in others, whether those differences are racial, religious, sexual preference or whatever. And we can continue to focus on building one community where diversity is celebrated and everyone knows they are welcome."



Rob Jackson,  
President,  
McLean Citizens  
Association

"The recent defacing of a local church and elementary school with racially inflammatory graffiti is quite unsettling. The specific racial slur used shows a level of ignorance and baseness that speaks for itself. Some words just don't need to be used by anyone.

The presence of graffiti in a community creates a feeling of disarray and even lawlessness — something we don't want in

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# Gently Down the Mississippi

Former McLean High School student navigates from Minnesota to Louisiana on homemade boat.

BY MIKE DICICCO  
THE CONNECTION

**B**y now, former McLean High School student Justus McLarty should have completed his tour of the Mississippi River, having drifted, paddled and motored from Minneapolis, Minn. to Venice, La. on a pontoon boat built from scratch.

McLarty said he got the idea not from "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" but from a canoe trip he took down the Rio Grande about six years ago. It wasn't long enough. "It came from a love of being on rivers and being on water with friends and family," he said.

He launched on June 1, his 30<sup>th</sup> birthday, and expected to finish the trip of about 1,800 miles around the beginning of this week.

**HIS MOTHER**, Alice, who still lives in McLean, said her son had been an avid boater since the age of 18 and had worked as a river guide and kayak instructor in Arizona, Montana, Alaska, Costa Rica and Ecuador and had also done a lot of kayaking in Chile. Now living in Manhattan, he works as the production manager for the commercial parodies on "Saturday Night Live," a job that leaves his summers free.

Alice McLarty said she had gone along for an early stretch of the journey. "I went and spent five days on it in June and it was a blast," she said. During that time the boat, called the Big Getter, drifted from Prairie du Chien, Wis. to Dubuque, Iowa on a current

that had swelled to 3 mph due to the flooding around that time. "Three mph is evidently a lot compared to what's normally there," she said. The flooding had also driven away most boat traffic. "So, basically, we had the whole river to ourselves."

Having grown up in the South, she was familiar with the free-flowing lower portion of the river, and she said she had found the northern stretch, which is governed by locks, to be more scenic. "It was just beautiful. I think that was the most striking thing to me," she said.

Justus McLarty said he started building the boat in January and was still putting on the finishing touches the day before he set out to haul it from Lubbock, Texas to Minneapolis. He built the boat in Lubbock, where he is from and where he has a friend who did the welding. Once a month, he flew to Lubbock and worked on the boat for a few days.

McLarty put out an invitation, via word-of-mouth and the blog he created to docu-



Kathy Meinkoth and Justus McLarty on the Mississippi.

ment his trip, for people to join him, and as his journey neared its end, he figured he had had about 25 people on board altogether, primarily friends, family and friends of the family.

He had also met interesting people who didn't come on board. Near Prairie du Chien, he had seen an older man in what turned out to be a collapsible "john boat" with a tent set up in the middle. "He was downriver, and I couldn't figure out what the boat was," McLarty said. He caught up and asked a few questions. The man said he was headed home. McLarty asked how long he had been fishing, and the response was, "Three weeks." Puzzled, McLarty asked where home was. "East Texas," the man responded.

"He said he wanted to do the trip before he turned 76," McLarty said.

**MORE RECENTLY**, near Vicksburg, Miss., he and a friend had been having coffee on the roof at about 7 a.m. when a biplane buzzed close overhead. They waved, and the plane banked, turned around and made a water landing nearby. "The guy said, 'I got a phone call about you last night,'" McLarty recalled. It turned out that a relative who McLarty had not met but who was expecting him in Vicksburg had told the pilot about the Big Getter. "We had a good conversation and he took me up in the plane and flew me around for a half-hour or so," McLarty said.

He also was not the only person traveling the length of the river on a homemade boat. Someone McLarty went to college with had heard about his trip, and when a friend of this former schoolmate's in San Francisco said he was building a pontoon houseboat to take it down the Mississippi with a friend, the mutual friend initially mistook this for the same project and then

## Online

Read Justus McLarty's blog about his trip down the Mississippi River at [www.biggetter.com](http://www.biggetter.com).

put the two boaters in touch. For some time, they saw a lot of each other, but they were separated when the other boat, called the Evangeline, had engine problems in St. Louis.

Aside from occasional adventures, McLarty said most of the day was usually spent "sitting on the roof, reading a book and watching the world go by. There's not a whole lot of work involved out here." He said his biggest surprise was the scenery. "Everybody was saying, 'Why do you want to go down the Mississippi? It's nothing but industry and power plants.'" However, he had found this was not so. Most of the way, he said, was "almost wilderness," some of that in 100- to 200-mile sections in the southern stretch.

His longest-running boating partner, Kathy Meinkoth, whom he knew from Lubbock, said this was her first river trip. She, too, had thought the Mississippi would be industrial and polluted. "But I was pleasantly surprised. It's beautiful," she said. "It's a peaceful, slow way to travel down the country."

Meinkoth had heard about the trip from her sister, who was still in touch with McLarty. Having been on the boat for three weeks, she said she planned to stay on for the final week, especially after helping McLarty through a powerful storm that had recently hit. "I know his mom feels safer with someone else on the boat," she said. "So I'm using that as my excuse to stay longer, as long as no one else is here."

McLarty said he plans to take more river trips on the Big Getter, particularly a two-month journey up the Yukon. "It would be beautiful," he said. "I canoed about a 10-day section of it last summer."

## WEEK IN MCLEAN

### Open Session On MCC Budget

The Governing Board of the McLean Community Center (MCC) is inviting residents of Dranesville Small Tax District 1A to a Finance Committee Meeting of the Whole, an open work session on the Center's FY 2010 budget. The work session will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 3, at the Center, which is located at 1234 Ingleside Avenue.

Residents who wish to speak at the work session are asked to call 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, to have their names placed on the speakers' list. Details of the proposed budget have been available for inspection at the Center and on the Center's Web site, [www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org), beginning on Monday, Aug. 25.

A Public Hearing on the FY 2010 Budget and the regular monthly meeting of the Governing Board will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 24. Residents who wish to speak at the public hearing are asked to call 703-790-0123/TTY: 711, to have their names placed on the speakers' list. Information on Center programs can be found on the Center's Web site: [www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org).

### Historical Society Launches New Project

McLean Historical Society will discuss McLean History Project on Thursday, Sept. 11, 7:30 – 9 p.m. The purpose of the project is to define what would constitute a core McLean History collection and to work on implementing that vision. The public is invited to come to a round-table discussion as the McLean Historical Society initiates this discussion.

The meeting will be at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, telephone: 703-790-0123

### Breast Cancer Charity Event

Tigerlily Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit breast cancer foundation, is having a Sizzling Hot Summer Bachelor/Bachelorette Auction Charity Event at Ecitie Café, 8300 Block Tyco Road in Tyson's Corner on Aug. 28, 7-9 p.m. Price: \$15.

The event will benefit young women affected by breast cancer. Bid to "win" a bachelor/bachelorette, enjoy some music and connect with other young people who are passionate about creating change and supporting a cause that affects everyone.

For more information, call 888-580-6253 or visit [www.tigerlilyfoundation.org](http://www.tigerlilyfoundation.org).

COMMUNITY

# Students Take STAND

McLean High School students come out against genocide.

By DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

When Vanessa Bretas' 10<sup>th</sup> grade class read "Night," her teacher at McLean High School went further than just requiring essays. Teacher Hollis King brought in to her classes guest speakers to speak to the students about genocide; she showed videos, and she created dialogue on the Holocaust and the genocide in the Sudan. She, and the other English teachers, took time to explain genocide to their charges. And in some students, the McLean High School English teachers ignited a passion to do something that moved beyond the classroom. "The way our teacher made the curriculum, made us connect to it," said Bretas.

Last spring, a small group of McLean High School sophomores started a chapter of STAND, the student-led division of the Genocide Intervention Network.

ON AUG. 24, the McLean unit held its first public event to inform the local citizenry and to raise funds for peacekeeping personnel in Darfur.

"STAND's main goal is to raise money to relieve the suffering," said Bretas, one of the group of approximately 15 McLean High School students involved in the "Save Darfur" campaign. "But something that is extremely important, too, is educating the public. Because nothing can be done if



Ryan Union of McLean, with wife Susan, a naval commander, and children Kyle and Emmie, says third party intervention is necessary to solve the issue in the Sudan. The family believes grassroots advocacy is a "good start." McLean High School students Chelsea Strelser, Kelly McCluer, Katey Peck, and Kate Marlette help man the table.

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Leila Goldstein, Billy Dvorkin, Chelsea Strelser, and Amy Taylor hand out "Save Darfur" informational fliers at the Giant Food on Aug. 24. The McLean High School chapter of STAND raised \$710, which goes toward humanitarian aid in Darfur.

people don't know and understand the problem." thought I was an informed citizen, but the more I learned, the more I

When Bretas and her classmates realized I knew very little," said began to organize, they saw that most people were uninformed. "I

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## PEOPLE



Current photo of couple



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Dick and Caroline Van Wagoner enjoy a recent beach vacation with their family.

# The Sweetheart Next Door

Lifelong McLean, Great Falls residents celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

BY SHARON NORTH  
THE CONNECTION

In 1958 Caroline Evans married Dick Van Wagoner, the boy next door. In the late 1940s Van Wagoner's parents had bought their home next to the Evans farm from Caroline's father, Bayard Evans, owner of the Evans Farm Inn. Now, as their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary date of Sept. 6 approaches, Caroline and Dick Van Wagoner reminisced about those earlier days in McLean and Great Falls. Amid daily news stories about traffic, Dulles rail, Tysons tunnel vs. no tunnel debates and the like, it is easy to forget that this used to be farm country. Caroline and Dick Van Wagoner haven't forgotten.

**CAROLINE'S PARENTS**, Ruth and Bayard Evans, owned and operated the Evans Coffee Shop in Arlington. They moved to McLean in 1942 when they bought the property next to Lewinsville Presbyterian Church and started the farm where they grew produce for their coffee shop. In 1958 they built the Evans Farm Inn. According to Jane Torok, Caroline and Dick's youngest child, the Van Wagoner family lived in what was known as the "1830 House," which had been built around 1830 as the "manse" for the Lewinsville Presbyterian Church. Bayard Evans bought the 1830 House in the late 1940s and moved it to his property nearby to save it from demolition when the church planned for a more modern manse. Evans improved the house and sold it to the Van Wagoners. He also bought the church's old Sunday school building for \$1 and had it moved to Evans Farm Inn where it became the Country Store, selling gifts and antiques. As further evidence of Evans' dedication to preserving historic buildings Dick Van Wagoner mentioned a family story that "Caroline's father saved the Colvin Run Mill from being destroyed by the construction of Route 7 by lying down in front of a bulldozer."

Caroline remembered taking the long ride



Dick and Caroline Van Wagoner pose on their wedding day, Sept. 6, 1958.

to Fairfax High School — now Paul VI High School on Lee Highway — to attend classes with her brother Ralph and future husband Dick as 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade boys driving the school buses. She told of the students driving downtown in groups in their own cars to do required senior research projects at the Library of Congress. "Life has changed a lot since then," she said. She also remembered when Dolley Madison Boulevard was built right through the middle of her family's farm in the mid-1950s.

**AFTER MARRYING**, the Van Wagoners lived out west for three years while Dick was in the Air Force. They were sent to Condon, Ore. for part of this time, and also served at a remote radar station in British Columbia. Caroline recalled that "we lived

in a house trailer in a small town. We had two babies then, and there were only a few other Air Force families. Our groceries were trucked in when the roads were open. It got very cold — the lowest temperature was 49 degrees below zero. August was the only summer we had, but we were only there for a year."

When they returned to McLean in 1961 Caroline and Dick lived in a farmhouse across the street from the Evans Farm Inn. Jane, their third child, was born in 1967 while Dick worked on a master's degree in electrical engineering at night and full-time at Radiation Systems Inc. during the day. Caroline took care of their three children, Jim, Ruthie and Janie. The couple bought property in

dream house. As general contractor Dick did much of the carpentry and other work and hired out for services like plumbing. Caroline was also busy managing the Evans Farm Inn Country Store as the children grew older. They have added on to the house, made many improvements and still live there today.

Dick mentioned that Great Falls was originally called Forestville. It was renamed in the late 1950s. Caroline remembered her father buying his restaurant supplies in Forestville when she was growing up. Dick missed "Buck's store," their familiar name for Economy Service, a general store owned and run by Buck Warner where one could buy gas, animal feed and groceries. "You could tell him what you needed on the way out, or send your children to get something and he billed you at the end of the month."

**AS THEY APPROACH** their anniversary Dick and Caroline continue to be very active in the community. They still attend Lewinsville Presbyterian Church. Dick works full time as an electrical engineer and Caroline maintains the grounds and gardens of their home. She is also active in the local antique club and garden club. They say they are fortunate to have opportunities to travel and spend holidays with their children, daughters- and sons-in-law and eight grandchildren, who range in age from four to 20 years old. They find that Great Falls is somewhat less rural than it once was. "So many more houses!" said Dick, while Caroline also says she recognizes that the growth of the area and the increasing number of younger people keep the community vibrant. Caroline also contributed a section to Carole Herrick's "Yesterday: 100 Recollections of McLean and Great Falls, Virginia" which was published recently and contains many reminiscences of long-time residents. Daughter Janie Torok said, "Caroline and Dick have been very active in McLean and Great Falls throughout their 50 years of marriage, so many [community members] will know them with much fondness."

**"Caroline's father saved the Colvin Run Mill from being destroyed by the construction of Route 7 by lying down in front of a bulldozer."**

— Dick Van Wagoner

Great Falls to build a more rural home. "It was a nice place to raise our family. We always had horses so we could go trail riding and the kids could compete in horse shows," remembers Caroline. Their home still boasts two horses, a donkey and a cat, and they both still horseback ride.

Moving to a more rural setting meant that the Van Wagoners could also build their

# Marshall Gets Turf Stadium

Last year seen as 'incredibly successful.'

**J**ay Pearson, principal of Marshall High School, says he looks forward to "continued success both inside and outside the classroom during the 2008-2009 school year."

**Q: What do you consider the single most important news for your school community in anticipation of the new school year?**

**A:** Marshall had an incredibly successful 2007-2008 school year. Seventy students from the Class of 2008 earned the rigorous and prestigious International Baccalaureate diploma, a record number for Marshall and more than any IB program in FCPS. I look forward to continued success both inside and outside the classroom during the 2008-2009 school year.



**Jay Pearson, principal of Marshall High**

Marshall will have two synthetic turf fields to serve the school and broader school community.

**Q: Any new academic programs, initiatives?**

**A:** We are implementing a ninth-grade transition program to support rising ninth-grade students' success during their four years at Marshall. Students are organized in squads with leadership from a faculty member and an upper-classman. Squads will meet at least once a month to engage in structured activities in support of the Statesmen Code of Honor — Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Community, and Spirit.

**Q: Number of students?**

**A:** Our enrollment is slightly higher than projected with approximately 1,380 students.

**Q: Important days in the fall school calendar?**

**A:** Back to School night is scheduled for Sept. 25. Homecoming is Oct. 3 against McLean.

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Your vote has never counted as much as it could this fall. While Virginia has voted reliably for the Republican candidate for president for more than a generation, with hundreds of thousands of new voters, many in Northern Virginia, and Democrats winning recent statewide elections, both political parties are actively working in Virginia right now.

You'll also need to plan to spend some time at your polling place, because there is likely to be record turnout for this hotly contested election. When you go to vote, allow enough time to wait in line. Come prepared with identification, and know your rights.

Virginia voters are asked to show some form of identification when they go to the polls to vote—voter registration card; Virginia driver's license; social security card; any identification card issued by a federal, state or local government agency; or any employer identification card with a photograph.

But if you arrive at the polls without identification, you can still vote by signing a statement affirming your identity. Exception: If this is the first time you vote since registering to vote by mail, and if you did not include a copy of your ID with your application, and do not bring ID with you to vote, you cannot sign the affirmation statement; you can still vote, ask for and fill out a provisional ballot.

#### EXCERPTS from the State Board of Elections:

As a Virginia Voter, you have the following rights:

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#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### SCC Supports Classroom Communities

To the Editor:

I was thrilled to see the recent article "Classroom Communities: McLean resident, principal bring Responsive Classroom to Fairfax County" [McLean Connection, Aug. 13-19]. Your article highlighted the wonderful benefits of the Responsive Classroom program that is a success in so many classrooms in our area and the nation. The Safe Community Coalition (SCC) has supported this program over the past

three years by offering significant financial support to Kent Gardens and other local schools. This support enabled principals to pay for the intensive training required to put a program like this into place as well as pay for the text materials needed for the teacher training.

The SCC has supported this project because it fits perfectly with the mission of our organization. For well over a decade, the SCC, along with parents, teachers, faith and business leaders has provided a crucial support system for the young people of our community. We partner with our local schools, public and private, so that our children will make good choices, stay healthy and

by the election officials

- ❖ To vote if you have registered at your current address at least 29 days before Election Day.

- ❖ To seek help from the election officials if you are unsure about anything relating to the voting process.

- ❖ To be given a demonstration of how the voting equipment works.

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- ❖ To enter the full name of a write-in candidate if the candidate of your choice is not on the ballot (except in party primaries).

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- ❖ To vote even if you have no identification with you at the polling place. You must sign the "Affirmation of Identity" statement before voting if you have no ID.

- ❖ To vote a Provisional Ballot if your status as a qualified voter is in question, and to be present when the Electoral Board meets to determine if your ballot will be counted. See "Provisional Ballots" below.

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**IF YOU FEEL** your voting rights have been violated or that you may have witnessed an election law being broken, it is important to report the incident before the polls have closed, preferably while you are still there. Contact the State Board of Elections at 1-800-552-9745, or via email at [info@sbe.virginia.gov](mailto:info@sbe.virginia.gov).

The Voter Registrar will investigate your case

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The deadline to register to vote or update your address for the Nov. 4 election is Monday, Oct. 6. To register to vote, download a form from:

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Fill it out and mail it to your local elections office. You can also register in person during business hours, or pick up a form in a library or other public places.

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To find your polling place, go to [www.sbe.virginia.gov](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov) and click on "voter information."

Polling places will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on election day.

and may be able to resolve the problem immediately.

If you still believe your voting rights may have been violated or may be violated, you have 10 days to file a formal complaint with the State Board of Elections.

Don't forget that you also have responsibilities as a voter, including:

- ❖ To treat the election officials with courtesy and respect.

- ❖ To keep your voter registration information up-to-date with your current address.

- ❖ To ask for help if you do not know how to use the voting equipment or have other questions about the voting process.

- ❖ To check your ballot for correctness before casting it. Once your ballot is cast, you cannot be given another ballot even if you think you voted incorrectly.

- ❖ To ask the election official to call the General Registrar's office before you leave the polling place if you have problems regarding your eligibility to vote or the casting of your ballot.

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# CRIME

## BANK ROBBERY

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Employees of the Cardinal Bank, at 1313 Dolly Madison Boulevard were robbed on Friday, Aug. 15 shortly after 10:30 a.m. A man displayed a handgun, demanded money from one or more of the tellers and left the bank with an undisclosed amount of cash. There were no injuries. The suspect was described as black, in his mid 30s, approximately 5 feet 8 inches tall. He was wearing a dark blue jogging suit with white stripes, white sneakers, a white hat and a mask covering his face.

## UNLAWFUL ENTRY/ DESTRUCTION

### OF PROPERTY/ ARREST

**7400 block of Leesburg Pike.** Two men were arrested after they allegedly broke into a vacant home in the 7400 block of Leesburg Pike. A neighbor called police on Sunday, Aug. 17, at 3:09 a.m. Officers learned that two men broke out a rear window and entered the home, which is currently unoccupied and under renovation. Police and a police K-9 made entry inside and located the two suspects hiding upstairs. A man, 35, of no fixed address, was arrested and transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital for treatment of a dog bite. Another man, 22, of the 2200 block of Cedar Lane in Vienna, was also arrested. Both suspects were transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and both were charged with unlawful entry and destruction of property. An outstanding capias warrant for malicious wounding was also served.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** 2008 to 5:00 p.m. on 2008

**PERMIT NAME:** Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit – Wastewater issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

**APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER:**

The Maderia School  
 8328 Georgetown Pike  
 McLean, VA 22102  
 VA0024121

**NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY:**

The Maderia School STP  
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Maderia School has applied for reissuance of a permit for the private Maderia School STP. The applicant proposes to release treated sewage from a private school at a rate of 0.0495 million gallons per day into a water body. Sludge from the treatment process will be transported to another sewage treatment plant for stabilization and disposal. The facility proposes to release the treated sewage into an unnamed tributary of Difficult Run in Fairfax County in the Potomac River/Difficult Run/Nichols Run Watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: Flow, pH, BOD5, Total Suspended Solids, Total Phosphorus, E. Coli Bacteria, Dissolved Oxygen, Total Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen, Ammonia as Nitrogen, Nitrite and Nitrate as Nitrogen, Total Residual Chlorine, Total Recoverable Copper, and Oil and Grease.

This facility is subject to the requirements of 9 VAC 25-820 and has registered for coverage under the General VPDES Watershed Permit Regulation for Total Nitrogen and Total Phosphorus Discharges and Nutrient Trading in the Chesapeake Watershed in Virginia. As a condition of this permit, the permittee will be required to offset in advance, any loads of total nitrogen or total phosphorus that are expected to be discharged in a given calendar year, in excess of those levels previously allowed by the facility's VPDES permit. The permittee may opt to install nutrient removal treatment that will maintain the existing load of nutrients discharged.

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BACK TO SCHOOL Q&A

# Inspiring Excellence



Carole Kihm, Longfellow Middle School Principal

## Longfellow Middle School Principal reflects on new school year.

Carole Kihm, Longfellow Middle School Principal, says the school's priority is "to continue to inspire excellence."

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# SPORTS

## A Coaching Establishment

Long-tenured coaches are rare — but highly successful.

BY ERIC J. GILMORE  
THE CONNECTION

**T**wenty-eight seasons ago, Vaughn Lewis, Mike Skinner, Dale Eaton and Gerry Pannoni were all neophyte Groveton assistants serving under Chip Armstrong, a then-recent high school graduate. It was so long ago that Lewis, the last coach at Groveton before it merged with Fort Hunt to form West Potomac in 1985, had to dig out the championship plaque just to jog his memory of who his boss was.

**FOOTBALL** Being a full-time high school football coach is a job that is an annual commitment. So it's hard to blame Lewis, who has been coaching for more than a quarter-century, for blending seasons together.

"We were all coaching together," Lewis said of his colleagues who all became successful head coaches. "That was special because we were all fairly young."

A mere generation later, Lewis and many of the "old guard" are still around, having transitioned from eager assistants and coordinators into seasoned head coaches. But more than seniority and even more than X's and O's, the few remaining Northern Vir-

**"It has gone from rock 'em sock 'em with who is bigger, stronger football to spreading it out, throwing the football more and trying to create running space."**

—Vaughn Lewis, Edison head coach

ginia treasures have continued to hover the sidelines on Friday nights.

There is no instruction manual for high school football coaches, though they appear to all be a similar breed — tough-nosed, no-nonsense, fear-striking massive men. But aside from their ear-piercing whistles, the tutoring of teenagers and demand for discipline, all have done what quality coaches do. Gain respect. And win.

Bruce Hanson, the Yorktown head coach since 1981, epitomized his coaching passion when his Patriots squeaked through another win over



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**New Highlanders' coach Jim Patrick is taking over a McLean squad that won two games in 2007.**

archival Washington-Lee at the conclusion of the 2007 regular season. Hanson's loyal assistants had already carpooled over to his house, ready to decompress and dissect film, and yet the Northern Region's longest-tenured coach was still conversing candidly with two local sportswriters among sweaty socks.

"We're hoping to get back up," Hanson said Monday, reiterating the same message he made before bowing out to Lewis' senior-led Edison team in the 2007 playoffs. A few weeks earlier, Lewis' Eagles had overpowered Washington-Lee, a district foe during a cold, sputtering November rainstorm. Lewis, and his ever-supporting wife — an absolute essential — were the last two to be pried from the field, ignoring the miserable weather to chat more Northern Region football.

**THE GAME HAS EVOLVED.** But it's clearly still dominated by experience. Any of the long-tenured head coaches, West Springfield's Bill Renner, Annandale's Dick Adams, Robinson's Mark Bendorf and Westfield's Tom Verbanic, along with Hanson and Lewis, will admit the schemes vary drastically from the mid-to-late 1980s when wishbone and traditional triple-option offenses were the norm, as teams tried to overpower opponents with muscle and brute force. "The main change (since I started coaching in the area) is the game

itself has changed a lot," Lewis said. "It has gone from rock 'em sock 'em with who is bigger, stronger football to spreading it out, throwing the football more and trying to create running space."

The spread schemes, which accentuates athletes' speed in space, is the rage as West Springfield, Westfield and T.C. Williams now employ varying degrees of pass-happy offenses.

"It all depends on how your kids fit," Lewis said. "We still ran the I-formation five years ago because we had a 225-pound tailback and some big boys in the trenches... The last four years we've had more athletes on the squad. It's only been the past five years we've gone spread or no huddle."

**COACHES CARRY CREDIBILITY,** especially the ones that have lingered. In the two Northern Region final games last season, there were nearly 80 years worth of head coaching experience, with Renner (Mount Vernon, Langley and West Springfield) facing Verbanic (Fairfax, Westfield) and Mickey Thompson (Park View/Sterling, Stone Bridge) clashing with Lewis (Groveton, Edison and Jefferson) for the third straight season.

Lewis' former Groveton assistant, Mike Skinner, took Centreville to four straight Northern Region title games, winning a Group AAA Division 6 state championship in 2000. He was the defensive coordinator for his former Frostburg State teammate Pannoni last season, before jumping to Stone Bridge to Thompson in the off-sea-

son. "We all went our separate ways," Lewis said of his former Groveton staff. "Gerry (Pannoni) and I are the only ones left coaching now."

Thompson, winner of two of the past three Northern Region Division 5 titles and the defending state champion, has been coaching in the area since 1990, and has another loaded roster expected to repeat as state champs.

Annandale's Dick Adams won back-to-back Division 6 state titles in 1993 and 1994, while Robinson's Mark Bendorf (1997 and 2000) and Westfield's Tom Verbanic (2004 and 2007) also have two state titles. Bendorf and Verbanic's schools were recently named among the top-20 programs of the past decade.

**ASK ANY COACH,** including McLean's Jim Patrick, who is in his first year, and he'll admit that hiring a quality staff is essential. Some coordinators may be coaches waiting in the wings, but if history is any indication, the fraternity isn't ready to initiate many new members.

But Lewis and Hanson, and the entire crop will eventually have to step aside, clearing a path for assistants that could represent the next generation of soon-to-be established coaches.

"I enjoy what I do and I'm very proud of what we accomplished at Edison and you can't accomplish unless you've got great assistants under you," Lewis said. "Having been an assistant at Groveton, I know that."

That part, at least, he does remember.

# FOOTBALL 2008

## Patriot District

### West Springfield

In 2007, the West Springfield Spartans made the Northern Region final for the first time in 14 seasons, eventually losing to Westfield. Coach Bill Renner's son, quarterback Bryn Renner — a UNC recruit — will command the offense (2,749 passing yards, 32 touchdowns) along with senior tailback Brandon Bailey (1,438 rushing yards, seven rushing touchdowns). The Spartans have to improve defensively (relinquished an average of 32.7 points per game over the past two seasons), but return the majority of their offensive line and are poised for a possible state championship run. But tilts against Stone Bridge and Edison in the first two weeks of the season will be brutal tests.

### West Potomac

In 2007, the West Potomac Wolverines went 8-4 — their best season since 2000, the same year they last made the playoffs. The Wolverines reversed a 41-0 regular season loss to Lake Braddock into a narrow playoff win. West Potomac graduated 13 starters, including two Division I signees. But quarterback Cole Walter (2,195 passing yards, 26 touchdowns), running back Daniel Baker (542 rushing yards, five touchdowns) and speedy wide receiver Kristian Rodriguez (395 receiving yards, four touchdowns) return for an offense that averaged 39.5 points during a four-game stretch last year. The key will be avoiding injuries and maintaining momentum once the district season starts.

### South County

The South County Stallions took another step in 2007, making the playoffs for the first time in school history. After starting the season 1-3, the Stallions won five of their last six regular season games to sneak into the eighth and final Division 6 spot. Coach Pete Bendorf will run a spread offense, going with either junior Aaron Andrews or sophomore Evan Beal at quarterback. All-district playmaker Titus Pennington graduated, so senior Eric Dorsey will step in at running back. The Stallions do return three offensive linemen and eight starters on defense. The experience — and youth at quarterback — will be tested when South County faces Westfield and Edison within the first three weeks.

### Lake Braddock

It's hard to believe, but the Lake Braddock Bruins were winless four seasons ago. The 2007 season yielded an 8-3 record — their most wins this decade — and a Patriot District co-championship. More importantly, the Bruins made the Division 6 playoffs for the first time in eight years, losing at home to West Potomac. But things will be drastically different as Lake Braddock graduated two-way all-district standouts Shane Halley and Keon Robinson. Actually, of the 12 all-district selections, only junior linebacker Chris Lavery returns. The Bruins will again rely on defense, where they've yielded an impressive a 14.5-point per game average over the past three seasons.

### T.C. Williams

The T.C. Williams Titans grabbed momentum heading into the off-season with a come-from-behind 15-14 victory over West Potomac in the season finale. The win vindicated Dennis Randolph's first season, despite the school finishing 4-6 for the fourth straight season. The Titans have to replace Jamal Ford at quarterback and all-district selections Quintas McCorkle and Carlton Dotson on defense. Offensively, seniors Dominique Copeland, Marcus Via and 6-foot-4 Zach Goehler return, giving Randolph weapons to toy with. Over the past eight years, T.C. Williams is only averaging 13.6 points per game, which led Randolph to install the spread in the off-season. A possible playoff berth hinges on whether the Titans can conquer their non-district slate.

### Annandale

The Annandale Atoms took a small step backwards last season, after winning the Patriot District in consecutive years, going 4-6 — their fewest wins in six seasons. So longtime coach Dick Adams will turn to senior quarterback Cason Kynes, an all-district strong safety last season. Kynes accounted for more than 1,600 yards of total offense in 2007, powering the offense to four games over the 33-point mark. Defensive tackle Shane Doty, the only other 2007 all-district selection will anchor the de-

fense. With depth being a potential problem, Annandale can't afford any injuries to its two-way players. It will also have to navigate Oakton and Chantilly in the first three weeks.

### Robert E. Lee

The Robert E. Lee Lancers won two games in 2007, but still inched into the Division 5 playoffs on merit of its brutal schedule. The 2008 slate is just as tough, as the Lancers open with perennial powers Edison, Westfield and Centreville. It's hardly an ideal setting for third-year coach Rob Everett to unveil a new quarterback and backfield. Junior Greg Lopez takes over for Kelly Fitzgerald at quarterback, Jazmier Williams and Dante Taylor will step in at running back and potential Division I recruit Anthony Nsekela and Jabrill Mara will be their lead blockers. The Lancers return eight starters defensively, including all-district linebacker Kyle Addy. With the schedule, any win will be cherished.

### Hayfield

The Hayfield Hawks may be looking forward to next season, when quarterback Anton McCallum will be a third-year starter and when the school transitions to the easier National District. Over the past two seasons, 10th-year coach Billy Pugh has gone 1-19 while getting outscored by a combined 522 points. In the season finale, Hayfield succumbed 63-14 to Lake Braddock, just a week after getting blasted by West Springfield, and much of it has to do with enrollment. Comparatively, the Division 5 school has 1,500 kids compared to five district schools with at least 2,000 kids. With Wakefield — its only win last season — much improved, wins will be scarce.

## National District

### Edison

The Edison Eagles are the back-to-back National District champs and veteran coach Vaughn Lewis looks to have another solid squad. Gone are 28 seniors, including free safety Drew Baldwin (Yale), quarterback Ben Barber (Virginia Tech) and defensive back Kevin Carter (Fordham), who helped to score a school-record 498 points last season, but junior Levi Barber and senior Corey Washington should shoulder the offensive load. Massive offensive lineman Frank Figueroa (verballed to Penn State) will lead the offensive line, while seniors Josh Blair and Stephon Robertson will lead the defense. Edison — the Division 5 region champs in 2006 — will be tested early with three Patriot District teams to open the season.

### Mount Vernon

The Mount Vernon Majors should give Edison a scare for the first time in four years with head coach Tom Glynn in his fourth season. The Majors, who run a lethal triple option, tasted the postseason last year, and should be one of the top teams in Division 5. Starting quarterback Brian Greene returns as do four massive offensive linemen, including 6-foot-6, 325-pound Zach Quigley. The Majors will have to replace its four all-district players, but with linebacker Kyle Ricks returning and one of the top junior varsity teams last year, Mount Vernon should prove that its 29-point blasting of Yorktown last year was no fluke.

### Yorktown

The Yorktown Patriots had a rough 2007, especially on defense where they gave up 236 points — the highest this decade. The Patriots replace quarterback Tim Reynolds, but should be fine with shifty senior Kyle Toulouse manning the Wing-T. Senior running back Jared Smith provides speed in the backfield, but with only two all-district players last year — both of who graduated — Yorktown will need to the younger players to mature quickly. The Patriots finished the regular season at 5-5 for the third time this decade. The previous two times — Yorktown rebounded with solid 7-3 (2001) and 10-2 (2003) records.

### Washington-Lee

The Washington-Lee Generals took strides under coach Josh Shapiro, winning four games for first time in four years. Now, the Generals are eyeing the Division 5 playoffs for the first time since \*\*. Even sweeter would be a win against rival Yorktown, which hasn't happened since \*\*. Washington-Lee replaces Alex Wicks (1,253 passing yards, seven touchdowns) with junior Karl Lendenmann. Senior



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**Langley head coach John Howerton and his Saxons will open up the new season on Thursday night at Chantilly.**

running back Keith Johnson (five touchdowns) is the team's leading returning rusher, while rock-solid junior Rock Battle and senior Rob Hemstreet return defensively. With a weak non-district slate, the Generals could easily be 3-1 heading into a Sept. 26 showdown with Mount Vernon.

### Wakefield

The Wakefield Warriors could be the most improved team throughout the region, though the final record may not indicate that. Last season, first-year Keith Powell struggled to change the losing culture — the team has gone 15-62 over the last eight seasons — while fighting injuries. The team improved, going 3-7 for the second straight year and scored 195 points — the highest this decade. Now, the Warriors will depend on rangy quarterbacks Andre Allen and Jonathan Ford, both of who stand over 6-foot-4. With senior Romeo Goffney in the backfield, Wakefield should have enough firepower to contend with fellow Arlington schools Yorktown and Washington-Lee.

### Falls Church

The Falls Church Jaguars struggled again in 2007, going 3-7 for the third time in four seasons. The offense scored the fewest points since 2003 and the offensive gave up 352 — the most this decade. And losing likely Division I recruit Travis Garrett is a devastating loss. But seventh-year coach Anthony Parker is excited about returning 15 starters, eight on offense and seven on defense. An all-district receiver last season, Sam Gerima moves under center in the pass-happy offense. The Jaguars need to tally wins against non-district teams like Jefferson and Fairfax and also steal a couple in the district to finished with a solid record.

### J.E.B. Stuart

The J.E.B. Stuart Raiders dipped into the past in re-hiring Ray Ferri, the same coach who was fired in 2000 for winning only seven games over four years. But the Raiders haven't fared much better currently riding the Northern Region's longest losing streak — 24 games — dating back to 2005. In fact, things have been so bad that Stuart is 12-107 since 1996. But insert Ferri and his single-wing offense, along with junior quarterback Jason Friday and senior tailbacks Anthony Champ and Terrill Hawkins, and the streak should stop. The Raiders will be gunning for Group A George Mason in the season opener.

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# Northern Region at a Glance

game against Chantilly in week six.

### James Robinson

The James Robinson Rams made five straight regional title game appearances, winning the state championship in 2001 and losing in 2004. But ever since joining the Concorde District four years ago, the Rams have lost 12 times compared to just five losses in the previous five years. Robinson still made the playoffs last season, their ninth time in the past 11 seasons, but squandered a late lead to West Springfield. Robinson is still hopeful with quarterback Timmy Meier and running back Alex Murray both returning after starting last season. The schedule is again brutal with Lake Braddock, West Springfield and Stone Bridge littering the non-district schedule.

### Centreville

The Centreville Wildcats ended a two-year playoff drought, but squandered a 12-point lead over West Springfield with less in the region quarterfinal. It was only the second time the Wildcats relinquished 15-plus points all season. But 2008 will be different as defensive coordinator Mike Skinner went to Stone Bridge and assistant Roy Ferri was hired at Stuart. Second-year coach Gerry Pannoni has replace first-team all-region standouts Darryl Hamilton (Richmond) and Donnell Carpenter defensively, but senior defensive end Mike Upham is a nice start. Senior David Toth and junior Cam Walter are vying for the starting quarterback slot, while third-year starter Luke Bowanko, who has committed to the U-Va., will again anchor the offensive line. The biggest questions are at the skill positions, where Pannoni is considering playing freshmen.

### Herndon

The Herndon Hornets were one of the hottest teams at the end of the 2007 season, winning four of five (the lone loss was against Westfield) after starting the season 1-4. The Hornets, who had their first non-winning season for the first time in five years, have not adjusted to second-year coach Joe Sheaffer's schemes and should again vie for a playoff slot. Junior Zach Ozycz will again command the offense, a job he won late last season. On the ground, junior tailback Devin Thompson replaces Desmond Seifu and Chris Winston, while junior fullbacks Austin Moore and Sam Grother will also be counted on.

### Fairfax

To say the Fairfax Rebels have struggled of late would be an understatement. The Rebels haven't had a winning season in nine years, and since joining the Concorde District three years ago, Fairfax hasn't sniffed a victory. In fact, it's given up 30 points per game since 2005, and was outscored 218-28 within the district in 2007. A sliver of hope for second-year coach Chris Haddock is that he returns 13 starters, including senior quarterback Abdul Amin, running back Alex Price and 6-foot-4, 285-pound Josh Patterson. And the Rebels face Washington-Lee and Falls Church — the two teams they collected wins against last season — again this year.

## Liberty District

### Stone Bridge

The Stone Bridge Bulldogs might be better in 2008, one year after a 14-1 Division 5 state championship season in 2007. Jeron Gouveia (Virginia Tech) is gone, but the Bulldogs are reeling out Division prospects. Zach Thompson recently committed to Wake Forest, the same destination of linebacker Mike Olson. Defensive end Brian Slay (N.C State) and tackle David Wang (Virginia Tech) have also committed. Quarterback Patrick Thompson, Zach's twin and son of head coach Mickey Thompson, will command the offense and will likely look to Daniel Allen to fill the void created by Goveia and Kareem Alexander at running back. Back-to-back home games against West Springfield and Robinson to open the season will be a quick

litmus test on whether the Bulldogs can repeat.

### James Madison

The James Madison Warhawks put together a solid 9-3 season in 2007 and qualified for the Northern Region Div. 5 playoffs where they defeated South Lakes in a quarterfinals round postseason affair before losing to Edison in a semifinals contest. Over the course of the regular season in the Liberty District, only state champion Stone Bridge proved to be better than the Warhawks, who have been a perennial playoff team under head coach Gordon Leib.

### Langley

The Langley Saxons had a winning season for the second time in the past six years, and sixth-year coach John Howerton is giddy about the prospects for 2008. Langley, who moves up to Division 6, returns seven starters offensively, including senior quarterback Danny Pritchett and running backs Derek Eklund and David Helmer. The line is anchored by mammoth offensive linemen Scott Jones and Garrett Moore, both who are being recruited by Division I schools. The defense returns four starters, but will be without four first-team all-district standouts from 2007. Non-district games against Chantilly and Oakton will provide whether the Saxons will be a playoff bound team for the first time since 2004.

### George Marshall

The George Marshall Statesmen won eight games last season, making the playoffs for the first time since 1993. The Statesmen advanced to the Division 5 semifinal, before bowing out to eventual state champion Stone Bridge. It culminated a five-year pattern of Marshall improving after going winless in coach J.T. Biddison's first season. But the Statesmen are likely to take a step back, only returning five starters. Third-year quarterback Harold Sweet will be relied upon heavily, especially with its top two rushers from last season. Marshall will have to mature quickly if it wants to edge out Fairfax in week two.

### W.T. Woodson

The W.T. Woodson Cavaliers finished last season on a sour note after losing a Week 10 game to powerhouse Stone Bridge, 45-7. Overall, the Cavaliers, under coach Trey Taylor, finished a respectable 5-5.

### South Lakes

The South Lakes Seahawks had a superstar last season in A.J. Price (Penn State), a solid receiver in Thomas Mayo (Concorde University) and a dependable quarterback in Scott Reed. But all have graduated from the 3-7 Division 5 playoff team from 2007. So fifth-year coach John Ellenberger has to revamp his pass-happy offense with fresh faces, including junior quarterback Ray Howard, senior running backs Brandon Price and Justin Zeller and senior tight end Quintin Fortes. The Seahawks need to shore up their offense, which gave up 300-plus points for the fourth straight season.

### McLean

The McLean Highlanders finished with two wins in 2007 for the second straight year, but have a reason to be hopeful in first-year coach Jim Patrick, son of former Mount Vernon coach Bruce Patrick. McLean will transform to a triple-option offense, likely to be keyed by either Riley Beiro or Will Hecht at quarterback and seniors Kyle McColgan and Michael Shipley in the backfield. The defense, which gave up 20 points in each of the eight losses last season, should be improved with five starters returning. As a Division 5 team, inching out early season non-district victories over J.E.B. Stuart and Washington-Lee are pivotal.

### Thomas Jefferson

The Thomas Jefferson Colonials had another tough season in 2007, winning only game. They were getting outscored by 260 points and lost seven games by at least three touchdowns, including an embarrassing 56-6 loss to W.T. Woodson. The pros-



**Last year, Madison football went all the way to the Div. 5 region semifinals under coach Gordon Leib (pictured).**

pects don't look good for third-year coach Tim Puvogel, who is 3-17 in two seasons and failed to get a first-team all-district representative last season. But Jefferson returns 11 starters, including seniors Evan Burch and Mike Howard, leaving enough experience to provide at least a couple of wins. A season-opening win at home against Falls Church is pivotal.

### Private

The **Paul VI Panthers** took a large step back in 2007, winning only one game after back-to-back 5-5 seasons under coach Pat McGroarty. But Paul VI only had six seniors on the roster, leaving a wealth of experience returning this season. The Panthers return starting junior running back Idreis Augustus, as well as Dan McGroarty, the coach's son, back after earning all-league honors at tight end last season. Basketball standout Dominic Sanders, at 6-foot-4, will give either senior Matt Richards or junior Trevon Bennett an athletic target at receiver. Both Richards and Bennett split time last season, and neither has locked up the starting slot.

The **Bishop O'Connell Knights** had a disappointing season in the uber-competitive Washington Catholic Athletic Conference, finishing 3-7 overall and 2-5 in the conference in 2007. O'Connell will have to replace West Point signee Matt Dillon on the offensive line, but only graduated three starters. The Knights had a bevy of underclassmen gain valuable experience, including first-team All-WCAC safety Justin Trimble, the coach's son, who has a brother already at West Point. Trimble, who will also be the feature back, and senior quarterback Sean Cabrera, a third-year starter, should anchor a strong senior class. The season opener at Ireton will provide a quick litmus test.

The **St. Stephen's & St. Agnes Saints** made it to the Virginia Independent School Athletic Asso-

ciation (VISAA) state semifinals last season, mostly behind 5-foot-6 first-team all-state running back Isaiah Carpenter, but leaders like offensive lineman James Williams, linebacker Briggs Davis and Carpenter graduated. The Saints rebuilt around seniors Cameron Williams, Robert Asmar and Chazzo Hablston, all of who will be asked to play multiple positions. The offense is the catalyst — in the six 2007 wins, SSSAA averaged 28.5 points versus eight during the four losses. With their quarterback and enough experience returning, the Saints need another hot start with a midseason rivalry game at Bishop Ireton looming.

The **Bishop Ireton Cardinals** had a magical season in 2007, making it all the way to the VISAA state championship for the first time in school history. The Cardinals, ranked for three consecutive weeks atop the VISAA rankings, graduated 21 seniors, including West Point signee Anthony Rodriguez. Now coach Tony Verducci drops the interim tag and unveils a spread offense, where he will utilize junior speedster Doug Vines in space. Junior Mike Larrabee takes over at quarterback. Ireton will also have to win close games like it did in last season, when the Cardinals went 7-2 in games decided by a single digit.

The **Episcopal Maroon** had a 9-1 season in 2006, but struggled early in 2007, opening the season with six losses in the first seven games. But back-to-back wins over Bullis and hated rival Woodberry Forest gives the Maroon momentum heading into 2008. Episcopal has to replace three captains, but returns quarterback Alex Helm who will have speedsters in junior first-team all-state receiver Hunter de Butts and track star Allante' Keels. Senior Evan King steps in for Brett Johnson at running back. All should help the Maroon improve on their 12-point per game average from 2007.

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## SPORTS

# A Look at the Football Scene Down Route 7

**Loudoun teams gearing for Dulles District season.**

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

It is hard to imagine that this upcoming football season in the Loudoun County area could possibly match the 2007 campaign as far as drama and overall success.

One team, Stone Bridge High of Ashburn, captured its first-ever Virginia State AAA championship. The Bulldogs, members of the Northern Region's Liberty District, finished with an overall record of 13-1 on way to district, region and state crowns.

Two other teams, Park View and Broad Run High Schools, put together outstanding seasons within the Region II's Dulles District. Broad Run of Ashburn went a perfect 10-0 during the regular season before falling to area rival Park View (Sterling) in a first round Region II playoff affair.

Park View, meanwhile, went 9-1 over the regular season with its lone setback coming in a week 10 showdown game against Broad Run for the district crown. But the Patriots avenged that loss with their playoff victory over the Spartans the following week before ultimately losing at Sherando High in the Region II title game.

Another local team, Briar Woods, did not reach the same heights as Stone Bridge, Park View or Broad Run, but still put together a historical season by just qualifying for the Region II playoffs.

The Falcons, in just their third season as a program at the young Brambleton area school, competed in the tough Dulles District and finished with a more than respectable 7-3 overall record in the regular season. The Falcons experienced their first-ever winning season. They lost to both Broad Run and Park View, but gave both foes tough games in the regular season setbacks.

### A season to Remember in the Dulles

Indeed, 2007 was a season to remember for the local gridiron teams Broad Run and Park View.

Both squads won their first nine games of the regular season to set up a final week showdown game for the Dulles District title at Broad Run. There, the Spartans, behind junior running back Breon Earl,

defeated the rival Patriots, 21-14, in front of a packed-out Friday night crowd. Earl finished the evening rushing with 113 yards and a touchdown run. He also tossed an option play touchdown pass to Kevin Sandersen.

Amazingly, the two teams met the following week as well in the Region II, Div. 4 playoff semifinals.

This time, Park View, playing on Broad Run's field for the second straight week, came away with a 16-12 win in front of another huge, enthusiastic crowd.

The game's biggest play came when running back Eric Johnston connected with quarterback CJ Leizear on a 44-yard, trick play option touchdown pass in the final minute of the game. The score gave Park View a 16-12 lead and the Patriots held on for the win.

Park View's season ended the following week with the loss to Sherando.

### Stone Bridge Claims state Football Title

One year after suffering a disheartening loss to Edison High in the 2006 Northern Region Div. 5 title game, the Stone Bridge High football team came back in 2007 to avenge that setback and go on to garner its first-ever Virginia State playoff title.

The Bulldogs had it all, great coaching, outstanding skill position players, a team-first mentality and the motivation to erase the previous year's sour ending to the season.

Stone Bridge had lost to Edison in the 2006 region finals. But the Bulldogs got the better of the Eagles in last fall's '07 championship encounter as they defeated the Eagles, 27-14.

"I'm a little relieved," said Stone Bridge coach Mickey Thompson, following the win over Edison. "I really wanted to get a region title."

Then, at states, Stone Bridge scored the final 24 points in a come-from-behind 38-24 win over visiting Phoebus from Hampton. Running back Jeron Gouveia, who had made some tough turnovers earlier in the game, propelled his team's dominating second half with three scoring runs.

That win put Stone Bridge into the state title game in Charlottesville against Potomac High. The Bulldogs, two years earlier, had lost in the state finals to Hampton. But this time around Stone Bridge dominated its opponent, winning handily 38-0. Quarterback Patrick Thompson threw four touchdowns in the game, three to receiver Ryan Moody.

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**A:** 1. We received the Governor's Award for Academic Excellence this year and we want to continue to inspire excellence at Longfellow Middle School.

**Q: Any new academic programs, initiatives?**

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**Q: Changes in personnel?**

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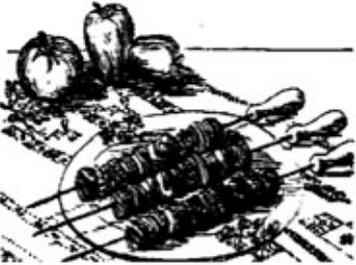
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**Enjoy a family movie outdoors** at Vienna's Glyndon Park at sundown, about 8:45 p.m. Free. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. For information on which G-rated film will be shown, call 703-255-7842 after noon on August 27 and for weather information on the day of the show.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

**So You Wanna Be in the Movies?** Find out what it takes to be in a movie, from Connie Lamothe, a producer, director and actor. Cosponsored by the Friends of the Patrick Henry Library. Age 12-18. 1 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna, Tel: 703-938-0405.

**Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek-Catholic Church's 15th annual Middle Eastern Food Festival.** 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Featuring authentic Middle Eastern food, pastries, beer and wine; live music and dancing, vendors, church tours, and activities for both children and adults. Choose from Middle Eastern favorites or cakes, cookies, brownies and fudge. Learn the Debke dance, watch folk dancing or play backgammon or chess. Admission and parking are free. Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek-Catholic Church, 8501 Lewinsville Road, McLean. Call 703-734-9566 or visit [www.holytransfiguration.org](http://www.holytransfiguration.org).

**Dreaming of Eden, DieManic, The Common Threat, Madrone.** Rock. 8:30 p.m. \$10. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

### SUNDAY/AUG. 31

**Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek-Catholic Church's 15th annual Middle Eastern Food**



PHOTO BY PEGGY PRUDMORE

### Area Teens Perform in "Les Miserables"

Wolf Trap ends the summer with 13 performances of the award-winning musical "Les Misérables," on the Filene Center Stage Friday, Aug. 29 - Sunday, Sept. 7 at 8 p.m. No performance on Monday, Sept. 2. Weekend matinees at 2 p.m. \$55 - \$80 in house; \$25 lawn.

Pictured is a group of area teenagers who successfully auditioned to participate in "Les Misérables." They will be in the chorus and ensemble performing six songs. They performed at the Eisenhower Theatre in New York at West Point, Aug. 23 and 24, and will take part in the Wolf Trap performances, Aug. 29-Sept. 7.

From left, first row are Justine Moral, Boyds, Md.; Stephen Kime, Alexandria; Miles Butler, Falls Church; Orla Conway, Vienna, and Alex Kruszewski, Oak Hill. Second row are: Sally Horton, Reston; Brandon Spann, Leesburg; Maddie Arthur, Sterling; Adam Uslan, Rockville, Md., and Adin Walker, Chevy Chase, Md. Third row are: Adam Carey, Silver Spring, Md.; Alex Burns, Reston; Keiffer Luke Moorman, Mount Airy, Md., and Jake Beckhard, Vienna. Fourth row are: Lara Merina Sagatov, Vienna; Alexander Ross Neal, Harrisonburg, Va.; Will Hawkins, Alexandria, and Shire Stein, Centreville.

**Festival.** 12-6 p.m. Roast lamb dinner served from 2-6 p.m. Admission and parking are free. Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek-Catholic Church, 8501 Lewinsville Road, McLean. Call 703-734-9566 or visit [www.holytransfiguration.org](http://www.holytransfiguration.org).

p.m. \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

### THURSDAY /SEPT. 4

**Author Gary Ecelbarger will sign his new book** The Great Comeback: How Abraham Lincoln Beat the Odds to Win the 1860 Republican Nomination, at 7 p.m. at Barnes & Noble's Tyson's Corner Center store, 1961 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. email Diane.Lewis@cox.net

### MONDAY/SEPT. 1

**Open Mic Night.** 7 p.m. Free. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

### TUEASDAY/SEPT. 2

**Lukas Rossi and Beretta Jane.** Acoustic rock. 8 p.m. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

### WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 3

**Dave Barnes.** Pop/soul/rock. 7:30

### FRIDAY/SEPT. 5

**An Evening with Bill Kirchen and Too Much Fun.** Rock/country/rockabilly. 8 p.m. \$20. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).



Folk Dancing at last year's Eastern Food Festival.

### Middle Eastern Food Festival

The Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek-Catholic Church in McLean is holding their 15th annual Middle Eastern Food Festival Saturday, Aug. 30-Sunday, Aug. 31, featuring authentic Middle Eastern food, pastries, beer and wine; live music and dancing, vendors, church tours, and activities for both children and adults. Enjoy kibbee, shish kebab,

falafel, tabbouleh, hummus, and stuffed grape leaves, including a roast lamb dinner on Saturday. Choose from Middle Eastern favorites, such as baklava, maamoul, namoura, or ghraybeh; or American-style cakes, cookies, brownies and fudge. Learn the Debke dance, watch folk dancing or play backgammon or chess.

# Champion Helps Rising Stars

## Figure Skating Olympian Michael Weiss stages show in support of talented skaters.

BY TALIA ROTH  
THE CONNECTION

The Weiss house will be especially crowded the weekend of Sept. 6 when Olympic Figure Skater Michael Weiss and the Michael Weiss Foundation host the U.S. and World Figure Skating Champions Live in Arlington. To save expenses, Weiss will have 16 figure skaters stay with him in bunk beds at his house.

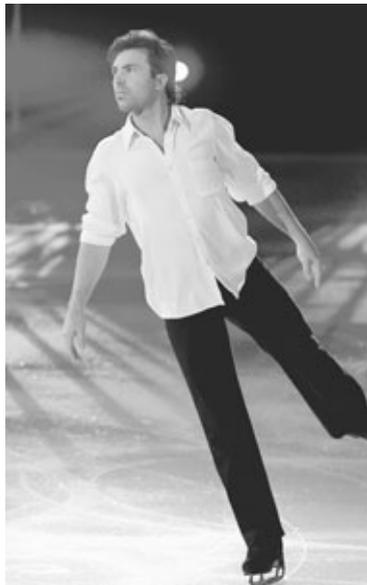
The show will include performances by Brian Boitano, Sasha Cohen, Mirai Nagasu, Yuka Sato, Jennifer Robinson, John Zimmerman, Jeffrey Buttle, Todd Eldredge, Emily Hughes, Steven Cousins, Michael Weiss, Rena Inoue and John Baldwin, Parker Pennington, Armin Mabahnouzadeh and Kristine Musademba. The performances are followed by a silent auction.

The event raises money for the Michael Weiss Foundation that gives scholarships to young skaters. Weiss said the skaters chosen are at a level where they are not yet given funding from Olympic committees, but they have the same expenses as those that are.

"There are so many costs now," he said. "Choreographers, music editors, costume designers, spin coaches, jump coaches, travel expenses to competitions, the expenses really start to become too much for a lot of people."

The Weiss's are not new to raising money for a cause. When Michael was a teenager, they held a silent auction and did a show to benefit him. They did this for three years.

"We used to spend about \$60,000 a year," Michael Weiss' mother Margie said of the training of her three children. "We had to go out and find help."



**Michael Weiss brings together skating champions to raise money for rising stars.**



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

**Sasha Cohen is one of the figure skating stars performing in the Sept. 6 show.**

**WEISS STARTED** the foundation because his family had trouble with money when he was a young figure skater.

"The training turned out to be very stressful on my parents," he said. "I always said that if I was

ever in a position where I could help give back to a young athlete in that situation, I would."

The foundation has now held four shows, but began five years ago, the first year only accepting donations. So far, they have awarded \$115,000 in scholarships and this year hope to raise at least another \$70,000.

The Michael Weiss Foundation first raises the money and then determines from an applicant pool who gets it and how much they receive.

Everything for the event has been donated, the ice time, volunteers, even airline miles to help fly the athletes in.

"Our foundation is kind of unique in that we give all of the money to skaters," said Margie Weiss, who works for the foundation.

The support differs based on need, but can range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 and sometimes even more. The foundation supports around 10 athletes each year.

Michael Weiss said Mirai Nagasu, one of the athletes the foundation had been supporting for a couple years, surprised the whole skating world by winning the junior national title and then the senior national title.

"It's been fun to watch her go off," he said. "Now she's at a point where she doesn't need the support of the foundation financially, since she's now making money on

SEE SKATING, PAGE 20

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# Community Leaders React

FROM PAGE 3

McLean or Fairfax County. Fortunately, neither the county police nor the Board of Supervisors views graffiti as a harmless prank, but as a crime that must be punished and prevented. We can't send the message that we don't care about vandalism or that a little bit of crime is tolerable. We do; and it isn't.

It is especially encouraging the Board of Supervisors recently adopted a new anti-graffiti ordinance that requires the removal or repair of property marred with graffiti. And hopefully, the county police will apprehend the person or persons who crudely vandalized the church and elementary school. We need strong law enforcement so that this type of crime is very rarely seen."



**Jane Strauss, School Board Member, Dranesville**

"I was saddened and angry to learn that both the church and the school were defaced. Whether one is a member of this fine church or the excellent elementary school, this action harms all of us. Our nation and

our county are strengthened by our diversity and our respect for all who live here. The community of Chesterbrook has a long and interesting history with regard to race relations. After the Civil War, a group

of African Americans built a settlement called Lincolntown, present day Chesterbrook. Lincolntown was home to both black and white farmers who worked together to provide for their families. Silas Carter founded the Baptist church and I suspect some of today's members have roots back to that successful settlement named for Abraham Lincoln. Racial slurs are a hateful thing. And to have this happen in 'Lincolntown' is especially painful. The perpetrator should be punished under the hate crime laws."



**Del. Margi Vanderhuyse (D-34)**

"My outrage about the desecration of The First Baptist Church of Chesterbrook is exceeded only by my sadness that this could happen in our community, a view that, I am sure, is widely shared. Beyond punishing the perpetrators, the best way to overcome

this incident — whether it was a calculated attack or a thoughtless prank — is to use it as a teachable moment in our homes, our schools, and our places of worship. The principles of respect, tolerance, and civility cannot be taught enough. We must reinforce them daily in our own words and behavior and demand them from children and adults alike. We are justifiably proud of the diverse and international community we have here. We should model what it means to be a part of it."

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FAITH

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

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**THURSDAY/SEPT. 4**

**School Board Regular Meeting.** 8 p.m. Work Session/Forum Immediately following. Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. 703-204-8100.

**MONDAY/SEPT. 8**

**School Board Work Sessions.** 11 a.m. Gatehouse Admin. Ctr. I, 8115 Gatehouse Road, Falls Church. 571-423-1000.

**WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 10**

**Great Falls Friends Sept. meeting,** at 8 a.m. at the Great Falls Library. Light breakfast and speaker Doug Cobb. Call Candace Bouvee at 703-759-0375.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

**Back Pack Safety Program** for children, parents and teachers, presented by spine and wellness expert, Dr. Brandon Lemuel, owner of PalmerCare Chiropractic-Vienna. Did you know that over 7,000 children are taken to the emergency room every year for back pack-related spinal injuries? Most these injuries can be prevented. Plan an evening for your family to stop by Patrick Henry Library located at 101 Maple Avenue East in Vienna, from 7-8 p.m. Bring your back pack with you that evening and the books you carry in it. Free. Call 703) 319-1212 or contact drbrandon@palmercare.com for more information.

**English classes for adults** sponsored by ESL and Immigrant Ministries will be offered in 17 locations in Northern Virginia. Childcare is available at some locations. Registration begins September 2. A \$20 processing fee is requested. Scholarships are available. Check www.eslim.org for class locations and schedules or call 703-841-0292 and leave a message. Calls will be returned in English, Spanish, Korean, or Vietnamese.

**Rummage Sale and Car Wash** will be held Saturday, Sept. 6 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at **Epiphany United Methodist Church**, 1014 Country Club Drive N.E., Vienna. Call 703-930-0963.

**Guest Speaker Bob Sorge at Christian Assembly**, 8200 Bell Lane, Vienna, on Sunday, Sept. 7 at 10 a.m. Sorge served for thirteen years as senior pastor of Zion Fellowship in Canadagua, N.Y., and now bases his writing and traveling ministry in Kansas City MO. Among his works are: Secrets of the Secret Place, Exploring Worship, The Fire of Delayed Answers and Pain, Perplexity, and Promotion.

**Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation** invites new and prospective members to its **Annual Open House Ice Cream Social** on Sunday, Sept. 7, from 2-4 p.m. in the Social Hall. Enjoy an ice cream sundae, meet and speak with Rabbi Robert A. Nosanchuk, Cantor Irena Altshul, Religious School Director Moshe Ben-Lev, Preschool Director Fran Gibbs, Temple Administrator Fay Weiss, and other temple leaders. Take a tour of the temple and learn about the programs offered. 1441 Wiehle Avenue, Reston. Call 703-437-7733 or visit www.nvhcreston.org.

**St. John's Episcopal Church Homecoming Celebration**, on Sunday, Sept. 7 after the 10 a.m. service. Join the fun on the front lawn for food, friends, and the 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. Call 703-356-4902 or visit www.stjohnsmclean.org.

**Vale United Methodist Church Family Festival Hoedown**, Sunday, Sept. 7. Food, games and prizes from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and a square dance from 1 p.m.-2 p.m. Moon bounce, spin art, duck pond, pie throwing and more. Vale United Methodist Church, 11528, Vale Road, Oakton.

**Homecoming & Anniversary Celebration.** Shiloh Baptist Church celebrates 135 years of ministry. Sunday, Sept. 14: 11 a.m. - Homecoming Worship Service; 3:30 p.m. - Anniversary Worship Service, Guest Preacher Rev. Todd A. Brown, Pastor, First Baptist Church of Chesterbrook. Dr. Robert F. Cheeks, Jr., Pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church, 8310 Turning Leaf Lane, McLean. 703-893-8982. www.sbcmclean.org.

**McLean Presbyterian Church will offer ESOL classes** for adults on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. beginning Sept. 18, and Thursdays at 7 p.m. beginning Sept. 18. Registration will be Sept. 10 from 9:30-11 a.m., and Sept. 11 from 7-8:30 p.m. Registration fee, \$15; books \$15-25, depending on class level. Free childcare during Wednesday morning classes. McLean Presbyterian Church, 1020 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Call 703-394-0593 or email esl@mcleanpres.org.

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# HEALTH

Health notes are for support groups, exercise classes, blood drives and similar events open to the public at no or minimal cost. Send information to [mclean@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:mclean@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday.

**"Dream Free" picnic for parents of children with epilepsy.** Saturday, Aug. 23, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Lake Fairfax Park, Canopy G, 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. Cost per family \$45, per person \$15. Please bring a side dish. To register contact Dana at 703-698-0229 [ordanadouglass@cox.net](mailto:ordanadouglass@cox.net)

**Northern Virginia Epilepsy**

**Group**, a support group for teens and adults meets **every Wednesday** 7-8 p.m. at Falls Church High School, Entrance 1, Room 100, 7521 Jaguar Trail, Falls Church. Free. Sponsored by the Epilepsy Foundation of Virginia, for additional information, call Dana at 703-425-6660.

**The Parkinson's Foundation** offers weekly support groups (previously located at the Providence Recreation Center) for patients and caregivers. They meet **every Tuesday** at 10 and 11 a.m., at the Lewinsville Senior Center, 1609 Great Falls St., McLean. Call 703-891-0821 if interested in joining or

for more information.

**Body and Soul fitness classes** recently began. Contact instructor for more information on individual classes; visit [www.bodyandsoul.org](http://www.bodyandsoul.org) for more classes. New students receive 15 percent discount. At McLean Bible Church, 8925 Leesburg Pike, McLean, on **Mondays and Fridays**, 9:45-11:15 a.m., free childcare, call Mary Ward at 703-754-3722.

At McLean Presbyterian Church, 1020 Balls Hill Road, McLean on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, 12:30-1:15 p.m., strength training only, call Dana Elsnick at 703-847-9814.

## Supporting Darfur

FROM PAGE 5

Bretas. "We want people to open their eyes and take action."

King no longer teaches at McLean, but the STAND chapter approached teacher Christy Meyers Toledano, who is helping them organize. "Genocide didn't just happen in World War II," said Taledano. "It's still happening in part of the world today."

This summer, the concerned students got together to plan events and make posters. Parcel Plus, in the Langley Shopping Center, donated free copies of the fliers promoting the Aug. 24 fundraiser.

The funds that the McLean STAND chapter collects will be sent to the Genocide Intervention Network through STAND. "The money we raise helps send humanitarian aid," said Bretas. "We want to see the number of U.N. peacekeepers in Africa increased."

**THE MCLEAN HIGH SCHOOL** students stood outside Giant Food, handing out flyers, talking to people, offering petitions to sign, and accepting donations. Baked goods sat on a table, free for the taking, but people stopping by did add money to the donation can. Most people are grateful to get the flyers, said Trina Ross, and some have commented that they have family in the Sudan. "Families here are impacted, too," said Ross.

"I think it's really important that everyone becomes more informed about the situation in Darfur," said student Leila Goldstein. "If they know and understand what's going on, they will support the relief efforts."

Bretas says that if everybody works together, genocide can be stopped. "Grassroots advocacy can make a difference." She believes it is important to help those who cannot help themselves, and to show support for the people of



**McLean High School students Vanessa Bretas and Faysal Matin are promoting awareness of the genocide in Darfur.**

Africa, letting them know they're a part of the world, too.

"Firstly, I want people to know what's going on in Darfur, and as citizens of the world, to do whatever they can to change the horrible situation going on there right now," Bretas said.

Ryan Union of McLean stopped by the "Save Darfur" table with his wife Susan, a naval commander, and two children. "Grassroots support is a good start," said Union. "But without U.N. support, without third party intervention, you're not going to solve the issues. They need boots on the ground there."

Faysal Matin played guitar gently as students approached shoppers. The teens offered free treats from a table documenting statistics on Darfur's genocide. By the end of their day, they had collected \$710 and got 120 signatures on their petitions.

"I've always been moved and motivated by the Holocaust," said classmate Elaina Kaiser. "It's hard to believe that something as bad as the Holocaust is happening again but nobody is doing anything about it."

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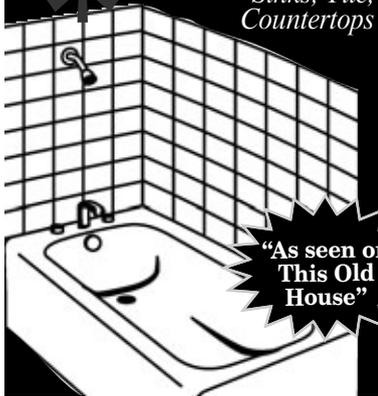
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## NEWS

# Skating to Help Others

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her own. Now she's able to come back and skate the show as one of our headliners and raise money and help support the generation right behind."

Fifteen-year-old Kristine Musademba has also received support from the foundation. She now has financial backing from else-

where, but will be performing in the show.

Musademba competes both nationally and internationally and said the costs of things needed at this level of competition are really high. "They're expensive and I don't think I would be able to do all those things without help from foundation," she said.

Musademba believes what the

foundation and Michael Weiss are doing is really important. "He's had a great career and knows what you have to put into it, so it's great that he's doing this."

Michael Weiss said other professional skaters have been extremely supportive of what he is doing. "They are really the reason the foundation can be successful," he said.

**MARGIE WEISS** said to have this many people in a television show would be impossible because it would cost too much. "These people that charge a fortune to do shows, they're coming for free," she said. "They're staying in bunk beds in our house. These are Olympic champions. It's amazing."

Michael Weiss believes they do this because they are familiar with the position these young skaters are in. "All of us were at that stage where our parents and our families were struggling to keep us in the sport because it's so expensive," he said.

According to Weiss, the United States Figure Skating Association offers support, but on different levels and it isn't usually enough.

"My goal was to help bridge that gap where the athletes are not getting full support from the association, but they're are still incurring the same expenses that an Olympic athlete would," he said. "If we can help them through those rough couple of years, then we can see them blossom."

Margie Weiss thinks the United States Figure Skating Association and Olympic funding comes too late. "When they need the money isn't when they are already on top," she said. "When they need the money is when their families can't make it and so they can't give them the opportunities they need to advance."

She said creating the foundation was a natural thing for Michael to do, mentioning that Annie Mae Weiss, Michael's nine-year-old daughter, grew her hair for Locks of Love. "We like doing that kind of stuff."

Margie Weiss said people always say your son is an Olympian, aren't you proud? "What I'm really proudest of is who he is," she said. "It's who you are, not what you do, those are the things that last so much longer than the skating ability. He is willing to put in the time and the effort to help other people, that's part of his character."

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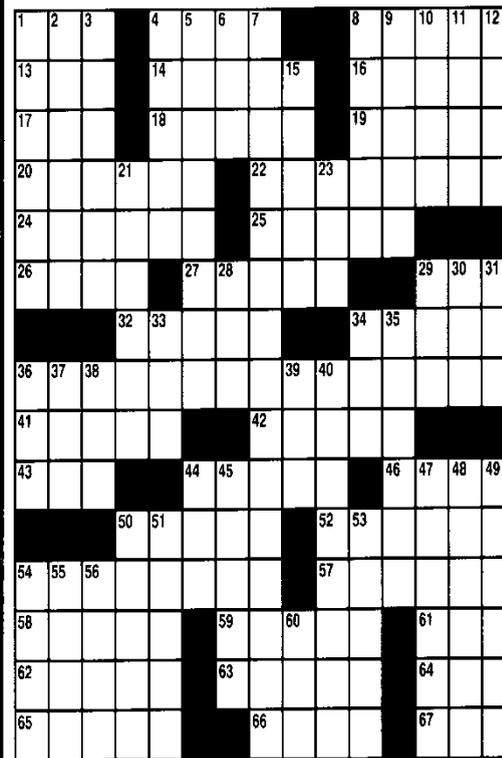
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