

The Rev. Todd Brown of First Baptist Church of Chesterbrook, left, and the Rev. Robert Cheeks of Shiloh Baptist Church took turns in the pulpit at Shiloh Baptist's 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.



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The organizers of Shiloh Baptist's day-long anniversary celebration were, from left, Lanor and Diane Smith and Arnett and Michelle Spady.

## October Highlights 'Green Choice\$'

A month of activities focused on energy preservation.

**M**cLean and Great Falls residents can learn how to save money while saving energy at a program to be held on Oct. 7, just prior to Virginia's sales tax holiday for energy efficient appliances.

Del. Margi Vanderhye (D-34) and Fairfax County Supervisor John Foust have joined with local civic groups to increase awareness of the many ways that consumers can conserve energy without breaking the bank.

"Often, small changes in one's lifestyle can add up to big changes in our efforts to save the environment," said Rob Jackson, president of McLean Citizens Association and one of the forum's sponsors.

The free forum will take place from 7 – 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 7 at the McLean Community Center. Displays will cover three major areas: saving energy in the home; protecting the environment outside the home; and increasing the community's commitment to energy conservation.

Presentations will allow individuals with specific issues to talk with experts and learn more about the latest ways to preserve and protect environment. There will be an expert present, for instance, to respond to concerns about homeowner association (HOA) rules that may affect energy conservation renovations.

Other participants will include those with specialized expertise in renewable energy, recycling, and energy efficient products and conservation services. Non-profit organizations, such as Sierra Club, will lend advice and recommendations on no-cost and low-cost measures consumers can take to "green their lives."

Consumers in the market for new appliances can save from Oct. 10 - 13 by purchasing energy efficient products meeting Energy Star and Water Sense qualifications. Virginia sales tax will be exempt for products costing up to \$2,500 if purchased for home or personal use during the Sales Tax holiday. Visit <http://www.tax.virginia.gov/site.cfm?alias=EnergyStarQualifiedProductsHoliday>.

Also during October, Fairfax County will have recycling opportunities. At the McLean Government Center on Oct. 4, residents can dispose of hazardous household waste, such as paints, gasoline, insecticides, TV sets and fluorescent bulbs.

For more information about Green Choice\$ energy forum, including how to register for a display table or to give an energy conservation presentation, contact: Rob Abbott - [rob@vanderhye.com](mailto:rob@vanderhye.com); Rob Jackson - [rhjackson@cox.net](mailto:rhjackson@cox.net); abd Cheryl Patten - [Cheryl.Patten@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Cheryl.Patten@fairfaxcounty.gov).

## Shiloh Baptist Turns 135

Historic black church celebrates with music, guests, food and reflection.

BY MIKE DICICCO  
THE CONNECTION

**W**ith feasting and two lengthy services of spirited singing, fiery preaching and guest appearances, Shiloh Baptist Church celebrated its 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary last Sunday, Sept. 14.

The church is one of four black churches founded in Northern Virginia by Cyrus Carter in the 1860s and '70s.

After a meal of corn, macaroni, greens, chicken, salmon, cake, lemonade, ice tea and more, the church off Spring Hill Road was packed for the afternoon service. Hand fans were being passed out as the air conditioning raced to keep up with the heat of the crowd.

**IN ITS LONG EXISTENCE**, Shiloh First Baptist had weathered many storms, Chair Trustee and anniversary co-organizer Diane Smith told the congregation. Founders had spent four years getting the original church built, while services were held at the nearby Odrick's Corner public school. The congregation later returned to Odrick's Corner for 10 years after the building burned to the ground in 1926 and, more recently, spent 10 years meeting at Langley High School and in a Vienna church while

Shiloh was rebuilt.

"Our task now is to remain obedient to His will," Smith said, adding that this fidelity would be how Shiloh "can see another 135 years and beyond."

As he presented a resolution from the county Board of Supervisors, board Chairman Gerry Connolly (D-at large) told the congregation he had once studied to join the Catholic priesthood. "Being the chair of such a big place is a little like being a preacher,"

**"One hundred thirty-five years. That's wonderful. But there's still more to do."**

— The Rev. Todd Brown, pastor,  
First Baptist Church of Chesterbrook

Connolly said. "I just have a bigger congregation." He said residents had high expectations of government leaders, adding that those expectations had been disappointed during the response to Hurricane Katrina. "I can't give a political speech today, so I'm not going to talk about what Obama would do," Connolly said, to applause.

The resolution declared the day to be Shiloh Baptist Church Day throughout

Fairfax County.

Viola Baskerville, Gov. Tim Kaine's secretary of administration, extended her congratulations and asked church members to pray for government leaders in this time of budget crisis.

Minister Isaac Howard of Mount Calvary Baptist Church performed, singing and playing the piano, and the choir of McLean's First Baptist Church of Chesterbrook participated in the service. Supervisors John Foust (D-Dranesville) and Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) had attended the morning service.

"We have our own day. Praise God," Shiloh's Rev. Robert Cheeks said. He said he wanted to honor the sacrifices of those who had come before the church's current congregation, adding that the founders never would have known there would come a day when a black man was a major-party nominee for the presidency or, for that matter, when two women would be top contenders for presidential tickets.

Then, introducing First Baptist of Chesterbrook's Rev. Todd Brown, who would deliver the main sermon, Cheek warned congregants, "Make sure you look for your seatbelt in your pews there."

**BROWN**, who never hesitated to show his excitement, said he wanted to give the Shiloh congregation and ministry a reminder: "Don't lose that lovin' feeling." One hundred thirty-five years, he said, was a

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**McLean Hardware Store's managerial staff, from left, Glenn Wiggs, Chris Wiggs, Cyndee Cannon, Mike Cannon, and Danny McMahon celebrated the grand reopening at their new location last Saturday.**

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 ANDREW JOHNSON/  
 THE CONNECTION

# McLean Hardware Store Celebrates Grand Reopening

**T**his past Saturday, Sept. 13, McLean Hardware Store celebrated its grand reopening after relocating to a new location at 1445 Chain Bridge Road.

The move coincides with the store's 60th anniversary and represents its second relocation. With talks over the revitalization of the downtown McLean, McLean Hardware Store owners say they saw it important that local, family-owned businesses stay alive. At its new location, the store offers residents a more comfortable space and a more convenient parking with a more spacious lot available.

Although its new site may be significantly larger than the previous one, the managers say they will maintain that personal feel and high quality customer service. "We want to give every customer the feeling that they can come here for one-stop shopping," said manager Mike Cannon. "Whether it's mak-

ing sure we have an employee helping you with or having the items that you need."

McLean Hardware Store will continue to support the commu-

nity, including its longtime sponsorship of the Little League teams to high school football games.

— ANDREW JOHNSON

## Advantages of local store



**Rigo Ordonez, Student, McLean**

"I prefer a smaller, local store much more because it's very quaint and convenient. On top of that, there are always people that you know working here so it's an enjoyable environment."



**Bob Tillman, Band Parents, McLean**

"The service is significantly better. People are in-and-out within minutes because it's a much more personal feel. They're really looking to help."

## WEEK IN McLEAN

### Suspects Sought In Car Theft

Fairfax County Crime Solvers is asking for the public's assistance in identifying the person(s) responsible for stealing a car, then intentionally damaging and crashing it. On Tuesday, July 29 at 6:38 a.m. police were called to Lake Fairfax Park, located at 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive in Reston, for a hit and run vehicle. An investigation determined the vehicle, a 2002 Lexus ES300, was stolen from the 1600 block of Duntery Place in McLean during the overnight hours. The suspect(s) drove the car over a hillside and through a metal fence at the Watermine Park. They intentionally keyed the car, smashed the windows, and crushed the hood and roof by jumping on top. Damage to the fence was estimated to be about \$6,500. Detectives believe the suspect(s) in this case may be related to other similar incidents in the

county.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS(8477), e-mail at [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org) or text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES(274637). A \$100 to \$1,000 cash reward will be paid for information that leads to an arrest. As always, callers never have to give their names or appear in court.

### Chain Bridge Road Work to Resume

The construction of the median island on Old Chain Bridge Road in McLean, a part of a McLean Streetscape Demonstration Project that has federal and Fairfax County funding, should resume this month after being stalled for weeks. The project in

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Family members, friends and the general public view the Sept. 11 Pentagon Memorial on Thursday following a dedication ceremony for the unveiling of the memorial.

## Pentagon Memorial Dedicated

BY DAVID SCHULTZ  
THE CONNECTION

The Pentagon Memorial, created in remembrance of those who lost their lives in the Sept. 11 attack on the Pentagon, was dedicated earlier this

week on the seventh anniversary of the attack.

The dedication ceremony drew over 10,000 people to the Pentagon for an invitation-only event honoring the victims of the 2001 attacks. President George W. Bush, along with Secretary of Defense Robert Gates and former Secretary

of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, spoke at the event about the need to remember the events of that day seven years ago.

The Pentagon Memorial not only honors those whose lives were lost on Sept. 11, Bush said, but also serves as a reminder of the first

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## PEOPLE

# Keeping On Track

BY MIRZA KURSPAHIC  
THE CONNECTION

**A**s most high school seniors do, Sally Horton is applying to colleges and enjoying her final year with classmates she has known since seventh grade. The Reston resident who attends Oakcrest School in McLean, is a tennis player, a National Honor Society member and a ballet dancer and teacher, among other things.

However, it is her knack for acting and singing that earned her a spot on a national stage as she landed a role in the ensemble cast of the musical "Les Misérables" for all 13 performances at the Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts. The run ended on Sunday, Sept. 7.

"I had five performances this weekend and today I have to come to school," said Horton the following day. "It's hard," she said. However, she added, "I just keep going."

Some of the Oakcrest School faculty and staff attended one of the performances at Wolf Trap. Anne Miller, the chorus director at the school, said Horton was wonderful. "Her ability to become the role has really advanced with her age," said Miller. "When she steps on that stage, she becomes the role. She is just very talented, a natural talent combined with the willingness to work hard," said Miller.

Horton was one of 18 teenagers selected for the ensemble cast for all 13 performances from Aug. 29 to Sept. 7. "I've always loved performing," said Horton, but added that she had always been shy to perform for an audience.

The shyness, however, went away when she stepped on a stage in a musical in ninth grade, she said. "The fact that you can just get on stage and sing" is fun, she said. "When you're performing for a crowd you're singing them something to enjoy," said Horton. "She refers to herself as shy," said Ellen Cavanagh, the head of school at Oakcrest. "I would say she is unassuming."

**WHILE HORTON SPENT** the late part of this summer preparing for the 13 performances at Wolf Trap, she spent the previous summer in a different arena. She was a part of an international selection that headed to Scotland to study ballet with the Russian Ballet Society. She also teaches ballet for two weeks each summer to children ages four to 10 at Margaret Haddad's studio in Great Falls. "Teaching ballet has helped me so much," said Horton. She said teaching younger dancers the basics of ballet improves her dancing skills, which in turn improve her ability to act on stage. "The intricate details get rejuvenated," said Horton. "Also, I love working with the kids."

While the time spent on stage at Wolf Trap was fascinating to Horton, as was the time spent in Scotland last summer, she is not looking to the past. She will perform in a



PHOTO BY MIRZA KURSPAHIC/THE CONNECTION

**Sally Horton completed a stint in the ensemble cast of the musical Les Misérables, which ran from Aug. 29 to Sept. 7 at the Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts.**

fall show, The Miracle Worker, with Gonzaga College High School's Dramatic Association. A week after the curtains are closed on that show, Horton will take part in the Nutcracker production with Haddad's ballet studio.

In the meantime Horton will continue to attend school, earn results on the tennis courts and apply to colleges, where she would like to continue participating in the performing arts. "New York has always fascinated me," she said about her college choices. "I'm also looking into Australia, because that's where my family is from."

Cavanagh said Horton has proven over the years that she has the ability to juggle her many responsibilities and be effective in all she does. "She is obviously talented," said Cavanagh. "She is a quiet, but a very deep, person."

**HORTON'S CONFIDENCE**, said Cavanagh, has grown each year since the Reston resident enrolled at Oakcrest in seventh grade. She said that confidence is a result of the experience she gets at Oakcrest, the experience of the relationships between the students with each other and the students with the staff and faculty. "We provide them with that opportunity to discover themselves," said Cavanagh. "She's just come right up."

Although she is moving on to new challenges, Horton is also taking in the experience of having performed on a national stage. While the cast of "Les Misérables" traveled to New York for preview shows at West Point, Horton said the magnitude of performing at Wolf Trap was far greater, in large part because the stage is located in the community where her friends and family could see her perform. Her parents saw the show twice.

"It's kind of embarrassing how proud they are of me," she said.

**"When she steps on that stage, she becomes the role."**

— Anne Miller, Oakcrest chorus director



PHOTOS BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

**Cindy Hutchings of McLean keeps her eye on the road while racing in the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Reston Triathlon on Sunday morning.**

## Reston Triathlon Attracts Area Athletes



**David Breese of Clifton and Edie Ashton of McLean prepare themselves for the cycling stage after having completed the first stage of a 2.5-mile run during the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Reston Triathlon held on Sept. 7. The extra running stage was the replacement of the swimming stage that was canceled due to unsafe condition in Lake Audubon due to Hurricane Hannah.**

# CRIME

Activities reported by the McLean district of the Fairfax County police department through Sept. 12,

## ROBBERY

### 1900 block of Chain Bridge Road.

A 13-year-old Vienna-area boy was the victim of a robbery on Saturday, Sept. 6. Around 8:40 p.m. the teen left Tysons Corner Mall and walked out to a bus stop. While waiting inside a bus shelter for a ride, he was approached by two older teenage boys. The suspects engaged him in conversation then one suspect grabbed him in a headlock and took his cellular phone and change from his pockets. The two suspects fled on

foot toward Leesburg Pike. No one was injured. Both suspects were described as black, 16 to 17 years old. They were 5 feet 6 inches to 6 feet tall.

## ANIMAL CONTROL DIVISION

### 1300 block of Ballantrae Farm Drive.

Animal control officers were called to a home in the 1300 block of Ballantrae Farm Drive on the morning of Wednesday, Sept. 3 for a bat. A homeowner captured the bat inside the home and left it on the porch contained. The bat was taken to the animal shelter and euthanized. A test confirmed it had rabies.

## LARCENIES

### 6600 block of Arlington Blvd.

License plates stolen from vehicle.

### 1400 block of Balls Hill Road.

Wallet stolen from business.

### 2700 block of Bellforest Court.

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### 1900 block of Chain Bridge Road.

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The Fairfax County Park Authority is holding a public hearing on Wednesday, September 24, 2008 at 6 p.m. to receive public comment on the acquisition of property in the Dranesville District. The property consists of approximately two acres of land referred to as the Birge-Fadoul properties. These properties are located near the intersection of Old Dominion Drive and Dolley Madison Boulevard in McLean, VA. The addresses of the properties are 1300, 1308, 1312 and 1316 Ingleside Avenue. The properties are surrounded on three sides by McLean Central Park.

The acquisition of these parcels will provide an addition to McLean Central Park, increasing parkland in a critically underserved area of the county. While the actual use of the properties would be determined through the Park Authority's public master planning process, this acquisition may permit the construction of additional park amenities within McLean Central Park such as expansion of the village green and improved access to existing park features. The acquisition will also increase the protected buffer for Dead Run, preventing potentially intensive redevelopment of those parcels in close proximity to park activities.

The Virginia State Code requires a public hearing be held prior to the Park Authority's decision to authorize the acquisition of real property by eminent domain. The September hearing will be held in Rooms 106/107 of the Herrity Building, at 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA. Those interested in speaking at the hearing should contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662 to sign up or via [Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov). Individuals and groups may also sign up to speak at the meeting. Written comments will also be accepted via the email listed above or by sending comments to David R. Bowden, director of Planning and Development Division, Fairfax County Park Authority, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 406, Fairfax, VA 22035.

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## WEEK IN MCLEAN

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cludes new brick and concrete sidewalks and a median in front of the McLean Medical Building. Landscaping along the sidewalks and on the median will also be planted.

According to the Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust, during construction, the contractor encountered a gradient issue. As a result, water was draining toward the median. To remedy the situation, a new drainage inlet with storm pipe will be constructed. The problem was discovered in late July; the design consultant worked to revise the project plans, which were sent to VDOT in mid-August.

"The county has given the contractor the green light to purchase the materials needed to remedy the problem," Foust said in statement.

He said his office is monitoring the situation, checking with the project manager within the county's Department of Public Works and Engineering Services to get a status report.

## Rotarians Support Reading Program

The Rotary Club of McLean, with the financial underwriting support of Provident Bank, has renewed a cooperative partnership to help students from Timber Lane Elementary School learn to read. A check in the amount of \$8,000 was presented to Timber Lane Vice Principal Jim Quinn Sept. 9 at the weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of McLean.

The Rotary Club of McLean and reading specialists from Fairfax County Public Schools, with Provident Bank's assistance, created this program to help students learn to read. Volunteer Rotarians provide age-appropriate books to more than 150 children in kindergarten and first grade four times during the school year. Also, Rotarians will visit the classrooms and read the books to the students. The children get to keep the books and take them home to read again.



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# Historic Church Celebrates New Beginning

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long time to do a church's work. Anything can become monotonous and tiring after such a long time, Brown said. Perhaps a congregation starts thinking it's not as relevant as it once was. Perhaps a preacher gets tired of preaching the same sermon in different ways because people aren't getting it. "In 135 years, I can only imagine there's been a number of church lights that have been broken," he said. He implored church members not to let these impediments make them lose "that lovin' feeling." He told the congregants not to simply rely on Cheeks but to counsel and pray for each other. Brown said the congregation needed to keep doing what had worked in the past. To serve God with the same fire, he said, the church would have to keep that fire going. "When you love a person right, each year gets sweeter than the year before," he said. "So, Shiloh, as you've been serving for 135 years, you all should have this thing mastered." He also encouraged the church to keep reaching for greater

**"Before, people lived over here in Spring Hill. That was a whole subdivision of black folks over there."**

— **Deacon George Carter, Shiloh Baptist Church**

heights. While Shiloh's history had been "good, wonderful, God-triumphant stuff," he said, its future could be even more. While Shiloh Day was good, Brown proposed Shiloh Week. He told the congregation to keep expanding and "take the city." He said he wanted Shiloh and his church, located on either end of McLean, to work together more. "One hundred thirty-five years. That's wonderful. But there's still more to do," he said. Brown then turned to the subject of Kool-Aid. Referring to his reading, a letter from Paul to Timothy at a time when Timothy was in doubt, Brown reminded,

"Paul says, 'Stir up the gift of God, which is in you.'" Likewise, he said, people are like pitchers of Kool-Aid that must be stirred properly.

According to Brown's recipe, the powder, which comes in different flavors, is each person's own individuality. "If God makes you orange, you better be the best orange you can be, and not be mad that you're not grape," he said. Meanwhile the water and sugar, which are universal, represent the Holy Spirit and God's love, respectively. Brown warned against using too much sugar. "Some of us get sooo spiritual that we're no earthly good," he said.

**FINALLY**, he told the congregants not to be ashamed of themselves, so that their faith would be evident to those around them. "If you understand how to stir this stuff, don't be ashamed of who you are," he said.

Shiloh Baptist changed since Deacon George Carter joined in 1947, Carter said after the service. He is a grandson of the church's founder. For one thing, he said, the church then drew from the immediate surrounding

area. "Before, people lived over here in Spring Hill. That was a whole subdivision of black folks over there. This whole area was black," he said. The church now draws from a wide radius, including Leesburg, Maryland and Washington, D.C.

Also, Carter said, the church was entirely rebuilt in a decade-long process that ended less than three years ago. "This is a whole new church," he said, noting that the new building is considerably larger and the only leftover parts were the stained-glass windows. "The whole set-up is different."

Congregant Judy Johnson said county bureaucracy and other factors had held up the rebuilding, and Diane Smith added that rising market prices since the mid-1990s had also posed problems.

Over the 10 years that the church met at other locations while the new building was being constructed, the church lost many members, Marti Griffin said, but she said membership was already back up to almost 200, closing on the new building's capacity of 250. "We're packed every Sunday," Griffin said.

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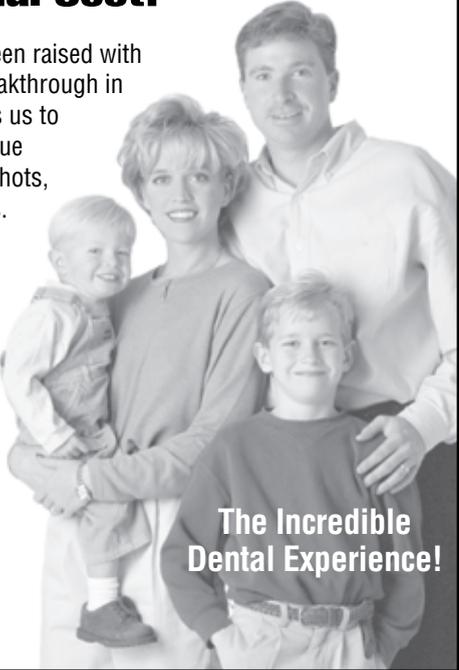
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# OPINION

## Candidate Appearances Are Educational

Also, in support of changing the grading system, and delaying a decision on purchase of second headquarters building.

As it turned out, a local Fairfax park was probably the best venue for last week's rally for John McCain and Sarah Palin, given the size of the crowd that turned out to see them (<http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/article.asp?article=319474&paper=73&cat=104>).

But we disagree with members of the school board and others who claimed it was inappropriate for Superintendent Jack Dale to allow the rally to take place at Fairfax High School.

One of the school board's goals for students includes to "Know and practice the duties, responsibilities, and rights of citizenship in a democratic society, be respectful and contributing participants in their school, community, country, and world," and "understand the purpose, role, and means of interaction with the different levels of government."

What could be more educational for students that watching the logistics and politics of a presidential campaign? We'd like to see the policy amended to allow political events on school property as long as students are able to interact and learn from the process.

Both major party candidates are delivering a critical message in Virginia right now: Every vote counts.

**ON TWO OTHER ISSUES**, we agree with recent recommendations from the executive board of the Fairfax County Council of PTAs.

\* The council wants the Fairfax County School Board to delay action on the purchase of a second headquarters building until after public hearings, although at this point, no public hearings have been discussed or scheduled. The FCCPTA leadership correctly said that the school system briefings on the topic "haven't reached enough people or offered clear, well-

publicized opportunities for comment."

\* It seems like a no-brainer that the grading system in Fairfax County should not penalize students, who work as hard as students elsewhere. The current system requires a 94 percent, rather than 90 percent, to qualify for an A, and fails to give the same extra weight for advanced coursework. This leaves Fairfax students at a disadvantage compared to students from other school systems, whose weighted grade point averages can often top 4.0.

EDITORIALS

## Tune in Debates

Voters will have several opportunities to see candidates for U.S. House of Representatives and Senate in action in the next few weeks. The choices are important for Northern Virginia, with the retirement of longtime U.S. Sen. John Warner and U.S. Rep. Tom Davis, both powerful advocates for Northern Virginia's interests and needs.

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area and the Fairfax Community Access Channel (FCAC) are co-sponsoring televised debates for two of the congressional races, which will be broadcast live on Fairfax channel 10. They will also be available live on the Internet at: <http://easylink.playstream.com/winlive/insidescoop.wvwx>

U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D) and 8th district challengers Mark Ellmore (R) and Independent Green candidate J. Ron Fisher will face off next Monday, Sept. 22, from 7 to 8 p.m.

The debate between Gerald Connolly (D), Keith Fimian (R) and Independent Green Joseph Oddo, candidates for the 11th district, will be held at the same time on Monday, Oct. 6.

While college admissions offices say this probably does not affect admissions, it almost certainly does put county students at a disadvantage for merit scholarships.

There is no advantage or educational benefit to the current grading scale, and it should be changed.

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Viewers can call in or e-mail questions until the mid-point of the broadcast to 571-749-1166 or [debate@FCAC.org](mailto:debate@FCAC.org).

Incumbent Frank Wolf decline to participate in a Fairfax League debate; but Wolf and his opponent, Democrat Judy Feder, will appear together at the Prince William Committee of 100 forum on Thursday, Oct. 16 at 7:45 at the Four Points by Sheraton in Manassas.

Prince William Committee of 100 forum will also host the 11th Congressional Candidates, Gerry Connolly and Keith Fimian, this Thursday, Sept. 18 at the Montclair Country Club. E-mail [secretarycommitteeof100@yahoo.com](mailto:secretarycommitteeof100@yahoo.com) or call 703-577-3123.

The candidates for U.S. Senate, Mark Warner (D) and Jim Gilmore (R) will debate this Thursday, Sept. 18 at a sold out Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce event. The debate will be broadcast live on Channel 8 at 10 a.m., and will be rebroadcast before the election.

— MARY KIMM,

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## Listen to Planners on Tysons' Future

BY CHARLES HALL

On Sept. 22, a county task force will present its vision for an expanded, urban Tysons Corner to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

Much of that vision, clustering high-rise buildings around the coming Metro stations and creating pedestrian-friendly street grids and mini-parks, has significant community support, and has been discussed in numerous community meetings.

Unfortunately, the most significant part of the plan, its projected density and population levels for the new Tysons, is horrendously ill-conceived. Without major

modifications, the plan would jeopardize the region's road network and negatively affect areas as far away as Route 1.

That's not just the concern of citizen groups from McLean, Vienna, and Providence — the folks routinely and dishonestly derided as "anti-growth." It is the consistent finding of the task force's own planning professionals.

Those professional planners, who are completely comfortable with the idea of a high-density, urban transformation of Tysons, have consistently warned that the task force is overreaching — by a lot.

As recently as Aug. 11, Fairfax's

top traffic planner told the supervisor-appointed task force that the Capital Beltway and Dulles Toll Road, two of the region's biggest arteries, can't handle the traffic that the task force's plan would create.

And in April, the task force's paid consultant recommended densities for Tysons that are barely half what the task force is insisting on.

How are we in a position where the Tysons task force, after three years and a \$1.3 million study, can't get the endorsement of its own professional planners?

In large part, it's because of the task force's own flawed process. For a year, community meetings

and professional studies focused on plans ranging from 90 million to 127 million square feet. That's roughly two to three times the construction already on the ground.

In April, a task force consultant recommended 114 million square feet, warning that even this amount of density would cause a severe spike in area automobile traffic. Community leaders were uneasy with this plan, but it was in the range discussed in dozens of public meetings.

The task force's next step was to toss all the research and public discussions aside. Over a six-week period, led by the task force's land-

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# OBITUARY

## Sue Huckaby Dies

Suzanna Woodard (Sue) Huckaby was born in Ringgold, La. on Oct. 12, 1943. She attended Ringgold public schools and then Stephens College in Missouri, Louisiana State University, and Louisiana Tech University, where she earned a bachelor's of arts degree in human ecology.



CONTRIBUTED

**Sue Huckaby**

She married Jerry Huckaby in December 1962. He worked for Western Electric Company for the next 10 years. During that time, they lived in Atlanta, Ga., Jasper, Ala., and Chicago, Ill. Their daughter, Michelle, was born in Atlanta, Ga.

In 1973, the Huckabys moved to her hometown, Ringgold, La., where they bought a dairy farm, and she taught first grade in Ringgold Elementary school. Their son, Clay, was born while they were living in Ringgold.

In 1976, Jerry Huckaby was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, and they moved to the Washington, D.C. area. Sue Huckaby began a career as a Realtor in McLean in 1977. She became one of the most successful Realtors in America. Nationally, she was ranked as the number 10 Realtor out of over two million Realtors in the country. For many years, she was the number one Realtor in Northern Virginia. Over

the course of her 30-year career, she sold more than one thousand homes, valued in excess of one billion dollars. Sue Huckaby was a "people" person. She loved her work, and everyone enjoyed working with her.

Once she had reached the top of her field, she was committed to "giving something back" and making a lasting contribution to society. To accomplish this goal,

she endowed a professorship at her alma mater, Louisiana Tech, The Sue Woodard Huckaby Endowed Professorship.

Sue Huckaby fought colon cancer for over four years. She lost her battle on Sept. 9, 2008. She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Jerry Huckaby, her daughter, Dr. Michelle Lewis, of Hummelstown, Pa., her son-in-law, Dr. Todd Lewis, and their two sons, Carter, age five years, and Spencer, age two years. She is also survived by her father, Scotty Woodard, of Ringgold, La., her brother, Scott Woodard, her sister, Stephanie Woodard, and numerous nieces and nephews. Sue Huckaby and her husband were active members of Trinity United Methodist Church in McLean for over 30 years.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Sept. 11, at Trinity United Methodist Church in McLean. Interment was held in Ringgold, La.

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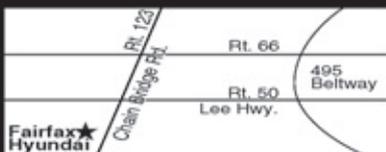
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**Joseph Mickley and his daughter, Marie, of Springfield, attend the Pentagon Memorial dedication ceremony on Sept. 11 in Arlington. Mickleys' first wife, Patricia Mickley, was killed in the attack on the Pentagon.**

## Loved Ones Remember

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responders to the incident as well as the many Pentagon employees who saved their colleagues' lives. "As we walk along these benches," the President said, "we remember that many more lives could've been lost ... On one of the worst days in American history, we saw some of the greatest acts in American history."

**THE MEMORIAL** is located on a nearly two-acre plot near the Pentagon at the site of the attack. On the plot are 184 benches, one for each person who died when American Airlines Flight 77 was flown into the southwestern wall of the Pentagon.

Underneath each of the 184 cantilevered benches at the Memorial is a reflecting pool of water that is illuminated at night. The benches are arranged by the age of the victims at the time of their deaths, from 71-year-old Navy Veteran John Yamnicky to three-year-old Dana Falkenberg, who was travelling on Flight 77 with her parents and eight-year-old sister Zoe, all of whom died in the plane crash.

Some of the benches face away from the Pentagon while others face towards it. This is to distinguish those who died in the building on Sept. 11 from those who were passengers on Flight 77.

Julie Beckman and Keith Kaseman, two New York City architects, designed the memorial. Their design was selected in a contest of more than 1,100 submissions by a panel of architects, family members and public figures in the Washington D.C. area.

Many of those at the dedication ceremony said that the Pentagon Memorial will stand alongside Arlington National Cemetery and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial as one of the most solemn sites in the Washington D.C. area.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY** members of those who died at the Pentagon on Sept. 11 were invited to come to the dedication ceremony on Thursday morning to see the site before it was opened to the public later that day.

Steve Speisman, a high school teacher from Scottsdale, Ariz., flew out to Arlington for the ceremony. His brother, Bobby Speisman, was a passenger on Flight 77.

"The further down the road you get, the more you realize that he's not coming back," Speisman said. "It doesn't get any easier. [But] you move on."

Speisman was glad that an official Sept. 11 memorial was built because, he said, it makes it easier for the victims' loved ones to express their grief. "No one knows how to celebrate this day or what to do," he said. "You don't want to be too much out of the norm and let the terrorists win but you want to have a reflection. To build a place like this, I think it's great."

**FOR SPRINGFIELD** resident Marie Mickley, coming to the Pentagon Memorial was a chance to reconnect with her mother, Patricia.

Patricia Mickley worked in the Pentagon as a civilian and was killed on Sept. 11 when Marie was five years old. "I know when she went off to work it was just a normal day," Marie, now 12 years old, said. "I thought everything was going OK. It just seemed normal until the crash."

When the attack occurred, Marie was just old enough to gather a few vivid memories of her mother. She loved Disney movies like *The Lion King*, Marie recalled, and her favorite foods were strawberries and ketchup.

But now Marie's life is very different. Her father, Joseph, remarried several years ago and this year she began attending Lake Braddock Secondary School along with her two stepsiblings. "Our lives have become enriched," Marie's father said. "I feel blessed with a wonderful family and a new wife and two wonderful stepchildren. I'm happy."

For Joseph Mickley, visiting the Pentagon Memorial was a way to reflect on the way his life once was. For Marie Mickley, visiting the memorial was a chance to reconnect with a past that she can barely remember.

"Sitting on the bench made me feel like I was sitting on her lap again," she said. "It was like she was really there."

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NEWS

# 'Murder' Brings Edge to Alden Theater

"The Art of Murder," opening Friday, combines suspense, laughs, mania.

BY MIKE DICICCO  
THE CONNECTION

The McLean Community Players are considering incorporating one "edgy" show into each year's schedule, said director Jerry Bonnes. In that spirit, "The Art of Murder" will begin showing at the Alden Theater this Friday.

"A lot of times, we've done the more traditional, more well-known plays," Bonnes said. This is not to say "Murder" would quite qualify as obscure — it won the Mystery Writers of America's Edgar Allan Poe Award in 2000 — or risqué — a few blue words are all Bonnes said most parents need worry about. But it's not "The Lion King," either.

Bonnes said the script melds the suspense and plot twists of a murder mystery with a playful sense of comedy, which provides a challenge for the cast and directors, who have to strike a winning balance between the two moods.

**WRITTEN BY JOE DIPIETRO** ("I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," "Over the River and Through the Woods"), the story is of famous artist Jack Brooks, his wife Annie, also an artist, his agent Vincent and the couple's maid Kate. Jack, an unhinged, abusive egomaniac, has decided his latest masterwork, "Study in Red No. 4," should be sold for \$1 million, but Vincent is unable to sell it. Frustrated, Jack and Annie invite the agent to dinner, having hatched a plan to force him into action, Bonnes said. "Just when you think you know what the plot is, it

changes."  
"We've had a lot of fun doing this because it's got some great lines, great situations," he said, adding that the actors were having fun playing big, effusive characters. With a cast of only four, Bonnes said he was glad to have "four very strong actors" on board.

"It's a show that takes a lot of energy from the actors. We're working hard the whole time," said Connie Shabshab, who plays Annie. "They're angry and they're upset, and they're plotting and they're planning," she said. Shabshab said she'd had a difficult time working out which of her own character's actions were part of her plans and which were not. But she enjoyed playing a character that was "completely different than I am," she said, adding that Annie is a vulnerable woman who finally finds her own inner strength.

Shabshab, a McLean resident, appeared on the Alden Theater stage in 2003 as Eulalie in "The Music Man."

**THE PRODUCTION** marks a return to the stage for David Reynolds, who graduated from William and Mary with a degree in theater six years ago but then decided to look for a more stable career. Reynolds plays the central character of Jack. "It's always fun when you get to play an extreme character because you don't need to worry about the bounds of reality," he said. "It's certainly a farce, and the character of Jack is certainly pushed to the extremes."

He said he also appreciated the intricate and unpredictable script. "I haven't done a lot of mysteries, so I liked that even on the second and third read-through I was still discovering things," he said. Also, Reynolds said he liked the play's subtext of commentary on the art world.

Mario Font described his Vincent as a "very flamboyant, over-the-top" character who provides comic

## Times and Tickets

"The Art of Murder" is playing on weekends from Sept. 19 through Oct. 4, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 for adults, \$13 for residents of the McLean Community Center's special tax district, seniors and students. Group rates are available. To learn more, visit [www.mcleanplayers.org/MCP](http://www.mcleanplayers.org/MCP) or e-mail [Info@McLeanPlayers.org](mailto:Info@McLeanPlayers.org).

relief to otherwise serious situations. "I break a lot of the tension that's happening," he said, noting that the play seems like a typical murder mystery until his character appears. Font said he enjoyed the instant gratification of getting laughs from an audience.

"It's a little bit more physical than I expected it to be," he said of the performance. "When I read it, I didn't expect to get beat up as much as I do."

Font, too, studied acting in school and then took an extended



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**From left, Connie Shabshab, Mario Font and David Reynolds play Annie, Vincent and Jack, respectively, as the characters plot how to make a killing in art sales during a rehearsal of "The Art of Murder."**

hiatus, resuming theater about eight years ago. "This is kind of like my hobby. It keeps me out of trouble," he said. "Murder" will be his fifth play at the Alden Theater, the last being "You Can't Take It with You," in which he played Mr. Kirby and shared the stage with McCall Doyle, who is now playing the role of Kate.

"It's a tiny role," Doyle said, noting that she was also rehearsing elsewhere for two other productions. She also said her part, that of a highly educated Irish woman working as a housemaid for lack of a green card and being harassed by the man of the house, was less over-the-top than the other three characters. The accent, she said, was not a problem because she works as a dialect coach and also has spent time in Ireland, where her family is from.

**DOYLE SAID** she had normally played good, sweet characters and

**Mario Font, left, and David Reynolds, play art agent Vincent Cummings and artist Jack Brooks, respectively, as the characters plot with and against each other in a rehearsal of the McLean Community Players' upcoming offering of "The Art of Murder."**



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## St. John Academy Receives Highest Honor

St. John Academy has been designated a national Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education, the highest school honor that the federal government can bestow.

St. John Academy, a pre-K through Grade 8 institution maintained by St. John the Beloved Catholic parish, was named a "high performing school" under criteria established by the Education Department's No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon Schools program.

The school was informed of the award by the Education Department via e-mail on Sept 9. SJA was one of 320 schools nationwide and one of only 50 private schools to receive the honor for the academic year 2007-08. The awards have been given since 1982.

"This is quite gratifying," said Peter F. Schultz, the school's headmaster. "The Blue Ribbon Schools award recognizes the many years our faculty and staff have consistently facilitated a high level of learning as well as the dedication of our students. It also underscores the importance of the support the school receives from parents and our parish community."

SJA students gained the Blue Ribbon award by scoring in the top 10 percent of all schools on state assessment tests of reading (lan-



PHOTO BY SEBASTIEN JANSEN

**St. John Academy students, clad in blue in honor of their Blue Ribbon Schools award, enjoy blue snow cones on Wednesday, Sept 10 after learning of the award.**

guage arts or English) and mathematics. St. John also has consistently ranked in the top 10 percent of schools nationally as measured by Terra Nova test scores.

Winning Blue Ribbon School designation was a goal set by Headmaster Schultz when he took over at SJA at the beginning of the 2005-06 academic year. Schultz said several factors helped SJA reach Blue Ribbon status: a focus on academic targets, emphasis on educational fundamentals, updated science and computer labs, and new ActivBoards and other state-of-the-art learning aides that

St. John Academy has embraced. Students were rewarded on Sept. 10 with a "Dress Down Day" that included a one-day furlough from homework and specially concocted blue school snow cones for all.

St. John Academy (SJA) has welcomed students from the Washington metropolitan area for more than 50 years. Currently, it enrolls 280 students from pre-K through Grade 8.

## Planners Know Better

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owner representatives, they ran up densities to a total of 220 million square feet-five times the current Tysons.

What public support, and what professional planning evidence, do task force leaders have to support these numbers?

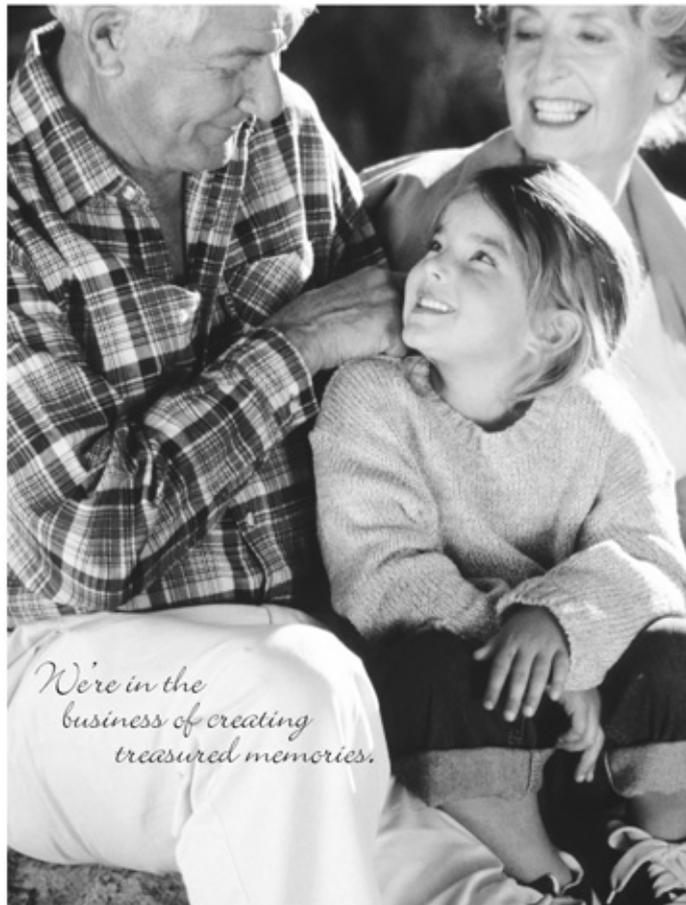
The answer is, none at all. It is the planning equivalent of charting out Tysons' future on the back of an envelope-based on the wishful thinking of landowners more concerned about inflating property values than in working out a functional future for Tysons.

The professional planners know better, and the Board of Supervisors needs to listen to them. On Sept. 22, they should accept the task force's general vision as a good start. But they need to put off any discussion of density numbers until the real impacts of any plan can be determined.

A New Tysons must work for all of us.

Until the professional planners and general community sign off on a plan for Tysons that has the roads, schools, parks and public transit to support it, we as a county are long way from done.

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# SPORTS

## McLean Football Still in Search of First Win

After loss to Woodson, Highlanders gearing for Washington-Lee.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

It has been a tough start to the season for the McLean High football team, which fell to 0-3 following last Friday night's 36-19 loss to visiting W.T. Woodson.

The Highlanders, under first year coach Jim Patrick, have losses to Annandale, Stuart and now the Cavaliers. But Patrick and his new team will be back out this Friday night and giving it their all again when the Highlanders host Washington-Lee. The Generals from Arlington will enter the non-district game with a 1-2 record. W-L opened the season with a win over non-Northern Region opponent Dominion High before losing to region foes Chantilly and Fairfax.

In the game against Woodson last week, McLean got onto the scoreboard first, thanks to a 16-yard scoring run from Riley Beiro which made the score 6-0 in the first quarter. Woodson, however, answered with two opening quarter touchdowns to surge ahead 16-6.

McLean got back into the game in the second quarter when quarterback Will Hecht hooked up with senior wide receiver Jordan Samuels for a 26-yard scoring pass to get McLean within 16-13. The Cavaliers scored the game's next two touchdowns, however, to make the score 30-13.

McLean's final score came in the third quarter on a 65 yard touchdown run by Beiro, who finished the game with 120 rushing yards on 13 carries. Teammate Mike Shipley ran the ball eight times for 52 yards. Hecht, at quarterback completed 11 of 27 passes for 155 yards. Samuels caught five



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

**The McLean High football team lost its home game to W.T. Woodson last Friday night by a 36-19 score. The Highlanders (0-3) will be at home against Washington-Lee this Friday night.**

balls for 109 yards.

**THE MARSHALL HIGH STATESMEN** suffered a 63-0 Liberty District home loss to defending state AAA champion Stone Bridge last Friday night.

Marshall is now 1-2 on the season. The Statesmen opened the season with a win over Hayfield before falling to Fairfax two weeks ago. Stone Bridge is rolling over ev-

eryone thus far with decisive wins over West Springfield, Robinson and now Marshall. The Bulldogs will play at non-Northern Region opponent Loudoun Valley this Friday night. Marshall, meanwhile, will travel to district opponent Langley.

Stone Bridge, which defeated the Statesmen in a first round Div. 5 region playoff game last year in Ashburn, led Friday's game 14-0 after one quarter before exploding for

five second quarter touchdowns to go up 49-0 at the half. Stone Bridge quarterback Patrick Thompson (12-of-17, 249 yards) threw for four touchdown passes and ran for another score. Catching TD tosses for Stone Bridge were Zach Thompson, Marcus Harris, John Bladel and Nick Sheehan. Harris also ran for a score. Defensively, Stone Bridge had interception returns for scores from Bladel and Kyle Gouveia.

## Saxons Grind Out Win Over Herndon

Khan's fourth quarter field goal boosts Langley football to 10-7 triumph.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

In an early season matchup between two good high school football teams, the Langley High Saxons got the better of the interior play and defeated visiting Herndon, 10-7, last Friday night.

Langley improved to 2-1 with the win. The Saxons broke a 7-7 tie with just over eight minutes remaining in the fourth quarter when sophomore kicker Farhan Khan, a first year football player, booted a 32-yard field goal. The three-pointer held up for Langley, which won for the second straight

week following a week one loss at Chantilly. "He made it easy," said Howerton, of Khan's field goal that was true as gold.

Khan, a Langley High soccer player in the spring, expressed interest in coming out for football in early June. His strong leg impressed the Langley coaching staff and he became the team's top kicker.

"He's a new kid for us, a sophomore with a real strong leg," said Howerton. "He's a soccer player who had never played football before. The kid doesn't say a word and doesn't seem to get nervous at all."

**PAVING THE WAY** to the win for Langley

was its outstanding play across the offensive line. The Saxons won the battle of the trenches throughout the game and ultimately wore down the Hornets' defense.

Langley senior running back David Helmer carried the ball 37 times for 180 yards, with a first quarter touchdown run from a yard out.

For the game, Langley ran 60 offensive plays and earned 19 first downs to Herndon's seven. It was a game of outstanding ball control for the Saxons' offense.

"Especially in the second half," said Howerton, of his team's ability to keep the ball. "We had it the whole time and the [Herndon] kids were getting pretty tired. Our ability to handle them up front, especially at the end of the game, wore them down a little bit."

Of Helmer's big rushing game, Howerton

said, "The kid's a tough kid. He's a state championship wrestler. He's not very fast, but he runs up in there, twists and turns and keeps his legs moving."

Howerton is determined to have his offense become more versatile than season's past when the Saxons were looked upon as strictly a grinding, running team that rarely passed the ball. But the coach said he has a strong passing quarterback in senior Danny Pritchett and would like to throw the ball 20 times a game.

"This is the best quarterback we've had," said Howerton. "We can throw the ball and we have some receivers."

With its ground game in strong fashion against Herndon, however, Pritchett needed to throw the ball just 14 times, completing

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# Fast Start for McLean Field Hockey Team

## Highlanders set to host rival Langley on Friday.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he McLean High girls' field hockey team, under first year head coach Summer Hardman, is off to a terrific 6-1-1 start this season.

Two of the Highlanders' wins came a couple of weeks ago at the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Herndon Tournament. There, in first day action, McLean won games over Mount Vernon and Eastern View (Culpepper). The second day of the tournament was postponed due to rainy weather conditions. The re-scheduled make-up date is this Saturday. McLean will meet Lake Braddock in its first game of the day. The Highlanders' second opponent will be determined based on the outcome of other games. Saturday's tournament action is set to begin at 8 a.m. at Herndon High School. The tournament finals will take place later in the day at 1 p.m.

But McLean's biggest game this week will be on Friday afternoon when the Highlanders host cross-town and Liberty District rival Langley at 4. Hardman, who only moved to the Northern Virginia area from Toledo, Ohio in June, has heard enough about the Highlanders-Saxons' rivalry to gain an idea of its importance. She called it the biggest game of the regular season for her team.

Hardman knows all about big games. In her playing days, she was part of a high school team in Ohio that captured two state titles. Later, she played the sport at James Madison University and Ohio University. The past six years, she coached a high school JV team in her home state before coming to Virginia.

Hardman said she has been received with open arms by her new McLean players.

"I took the job here because I like the atmosphere and the group of girls here," said Hardman, who teaches health and physical education at McLean.

**ONE OF THE TEAM'S** best early season showings this season came in a 3-3 tie against visiting Chantilly, a game that went into two overtimes before being called on account of darkness. A year ago, Chantilly easily handled the Highlanders by a 5-0 score. So getting the deadlock against the Chargers was quite an accomplishment.

In other games this season, McLean has beaten non-district opponents Herndon and Yorktown, the latter win coming in overtime.

Last year, McLean finished with a losing record. The team's biggest problem, perhaps, was its struggle to score goals. For the '07 season, the Highlanders found the net just 14 times. This season, through just

eight games, McLean has scored 24 goals. Hardman said her team came up with a goal to score 50 goals this fall. At about the half-way point of the season, the Highlanders are on track to accomplish that feat.

Two of the team's better offensive players are junior center midfielder Elisa Enriquez-Hesles and junior right midfielder Caitlin Baker, the team's leading scorer.

Hardman calls Enriquez-Hesles the "glue of the team."

And of Baker's game, Hardman said she has a great feel for the game.

"She's a natural athlete who just has a knack for the ball," said Hardman. "She has one of the hardest hits of the ball. She's just a leader on the field, a great defender and offensive player. Elisa [Enriquez-Hesles] is the same way. She's very good with the ball."

Two forwards who have given the Highlanders a nice spark up front are sophomores Jamie Bell and Kristina Bettner. And McLean has received solid play in the net from junior goalie Sarah Park.

"She's really, from the beginning, come on very strong," said Hardman, of her goal tender. "She's been very good for us and had a number of saves."

The Highlanders' three team tri-captains are Enriquez-Hesles, and senior defensive players Annie Ruehlin and Molly Welch.



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Langley senior Derek Eklund runs the ball in the Saxons' opening week loss at Chantilly earlier this season. Since the setback, the Saxons have won games over Jefferson and Herndon. This Friday night, Langley will be at home against Marshall.

## Saxons Grind Out Win Over Herndon

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10 of the passes for 84 yards and an interception.

**HOWERTON** was disappointed his team did not score more points against Herndon. He said his team moved the ball deep into Langley territory on a few occasions, only to be hurt by drive-stalling penalties. For the game, Langley was penalized 10 times.

"Penalties hurt us the most," said Howerton, who said his team will have to clean up its game this Friday night when the Saxons open up their Liberty District schedule

at home against Marshall. "The 10 penalties were pretty costly. We had penalties inside the 20 a couple of times."

Herndon (2-1) came into the game with wins over Park View and South Lakes under its belt. But in the low scoring affair against Langley, the Hornets could score only one touchdown, that coming on a one yard scoring run by junior quarterback Zack Ozycz in the second quarter. Herndon will be looking to get back on the winning track this Friday night when it opens up its Concorde District schedule with a home game against Centreville.

## Northern Virginia Senior Olympics Begin Saturday

**The annual Northern Virginia Senior Olympics** will begin this Saturday (Sept. 20) at 10:30 a.m. at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center (3501 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Arlington). Competition in track and field, softball hit and throw will take place. The Virginia Hospital Center is sponsoring a health fair at the Senior Olympics, which will continue through Oct. 2.

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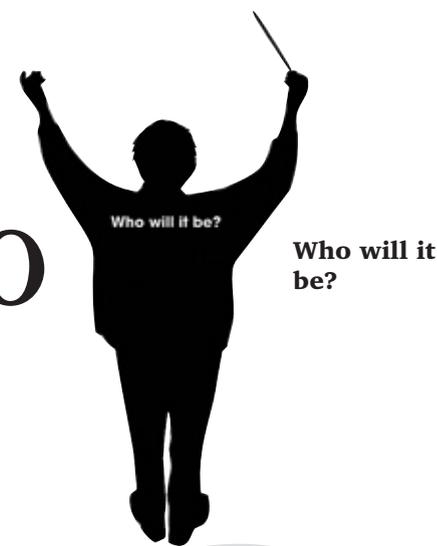
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**Leitmotif:** search for Fairfax Symphony Orchestra's new maestro will shape the entire season.

BY KEN MOORE  
THE CONNECTION

**V**isualize the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra as it begins its 52nd season in the county, and all 95 of its musicians, as one distinct instrument.

"The orchestra is in a sense an instrument to be played," said Concertmaster David Salness, 47 of McLean, who has performed with "The Pride of Fairfax County" for 10 years.

"I'm curious how each of the conductors will play this instrument differently," he said.

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— **David Salness, concertmaster**

For the first time in 37 years, The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra begins its season Saturday, Sept. 20, at George Mason University with a new conductor.

With six conductors, actually. Fortissimo.

More than 245 applicants from all over the world, literally, applied for the music director position, and six finalists were chosen to replace William Hudson, who retired at the end of last season.

Each of the six finalists will perform — audition — as a guest conductor for one of the six Masterworks concerts of the 2008-2009 season.

After each finalist has conducted, musicians, search committee members and audience members will all have the opportunity to react.

"It should be fascinating from both the players' point of view and the public's. The orchestra is in a very good place, with good musicians ... and each of the conductors undoubtedly will make the orchestra sound different," said Salness.

The search for Fairfax Symphony Orchestra's new maestro is the leitmotif that will shape the entire sea-

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PHOTO BY BARRY WHEELER FOR FAIRFAX SYMPHONY

**The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra will take a sort of "American Idol" approach to selecting its next music director, by auditioning six finalists as guest conductors this season, with audience feedback a key part of the process.**

## Paul Haas

**Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008**  
**Alexander Ghindin, piano**  
**Penman: Songs the Plants Taught Us**  
**Rachmaninoff: Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini**

**Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 4 in F Minor**  
 Haas, 37, was educated at Juilliard, Yale and the Hochschule fur Musik in Dresden, Germany. Music director of the New York Youth Symphony and assistant conductor of the Brooklyn Philharmonic. Recently guest conducted the San Antonio Symphony, Rochester Philharmonic and Fort Worth Symphony. With New York Youth Symphony, received American Symphony Orchestra League's Leonard Bernstein Award for innovations in educational programming.

## Marcelo Lehninger

**Saturday, Oct. 25, 2008**  
**Angela Cheng, piano**  
**Villa-Lobos: The Little Train of the Brazilian Countryman**  
**Manuel de Falla: Nights in the Gardens of Spain**  
**Rimsky-Korsakov: Scheherazade**

Lehninger, 29, was born in Rio de Janeiro and educated at the Brazilian Conservatory of Music and The Conductors Institute at Bard College. Music advisor of the Youth Orchestra of the Americas. Guest conducted numerous orchestras in South America as well as the National Symphony Orchestra and Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra. Selected by Kurt Masur for first Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy Scholarship and traveled in Europe and United States as Masur's assistant.

## Laura Jackson

**Saturday, Nov. 22, 2008**  
**Rachel Lee, violin**  
**Theofanidis: Rainbow Body**  
**Prokofiev: Violin Concerto No. 2 in G Minor**  
**Beethoven: Symphony No. 7 in A Major**

Jackson, 40, a Virginia native, studied conducting at University of Michigan and was the Seiji Ozawa Conducting Fellow at Tanglewood Music



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**Guest conductor Paul Haas will kick off the special season for the Fairfax Symphony on Saturday.**

Center in 2003. Recently completed appointment as assistant conductor and American Conducting Fellow of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. Has appeared with symphonies of Baltimore, Detroit, Berkeley, Sacramento, Toronto, San Antonio, Winnipeg, Toledo, Alabama, Wyoming as well as the Cayuga Chamber Orchestra and New World Symphony. Performed with Colorado Symphony as winner of the Taki Concordia Fellowship.

## Daniel Meyer

**Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009**  
**Jennifer Frautschi, violin**  
**Bernstein: Three Dance Episodes from On the Town**  
**Bruch: Violin Concerto**  
**Brahms: Symphony No. 1 in C Minor**

Meyer, 36, graduated from Denison University, University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, and the Hochschule fur Musik in Vienna. Received the Orchestral Conducting Honors Award as doctoral student at Boston University. Resident conductor of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra

and music director of Pittsburgh Youth Symphony and the Erie Philharmonic. Recently appointed music director of the Asheville Symphony in North Carolina. Has conducted Cleveland Orchestra and symphonies of Utah, San Antonio and Syracuse. Awarded Bank of America Award for Excellence in Orchestra Education with Pittsburgh Symphony.

## Gregory Vajda

**Saturday, March 14, 2009**  
**Andrew Armstrong, piano**  
**Liszt: Les Preludes**  
**Bartok: Piano Concerto No. 3**  
**Schumann: Symphony No. 2 in C Major**

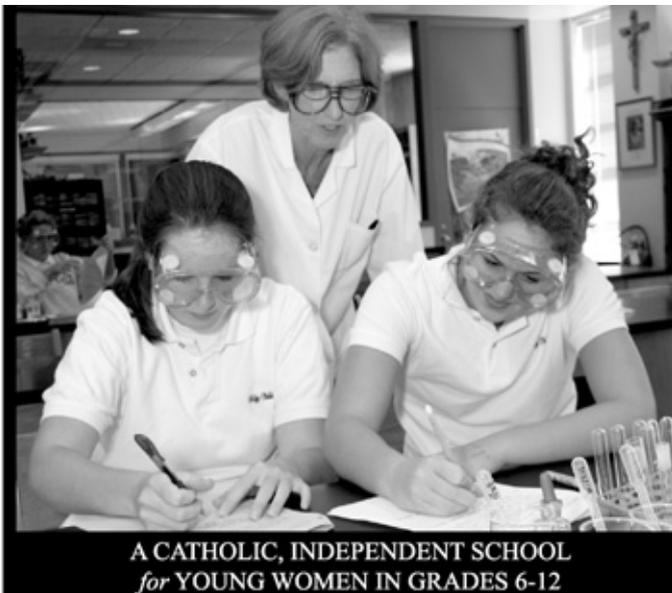
Vajda, 35, born in Budapest, Hungary, studied clarinet and composition at Bela Bartok secondary school and pursued conducting at Franz Liszt Academy of Music. Resident conductor of the Oregon Symphony Orchestra. Served as assistant conductor of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, permanent guest conductor of Hungarian State Opera and principal conductor of the Dohnanyi Symphony Orchestra in Budapest. Has conducted own compositions, including score for the silent film *The Crowd*, which premiered in the auditorium of the Louvre. Has appeared with Philadelphia Orchestra, Montreal Symphony, Milwaukee Symphony, Honolulu Symphony and Atlanta Opera.

## Christopher Zimmerman

**Saturday, May 2, 2009**  
**Chee-Yun, violin**  
**Haydn: Symphony No. 39 in G Minor**  
**Bodorova: Concerto dei Fiori**  
**Shostakovich: Symphony No. 10**

Zimmerman, 50, was educated at Yale and University of Michigan. Also studied with Seiji Ozawa and Gunther Schuller at Tanglewood, and at Pierre Monteux School in Maine. Currently music director at Hartt Symphony in Connecticut (since 1999) and Symphony of Southeast Texas. Made professional debut in 1985 with Royal Philharmonic, followed by engagements with the London Symphony and Royal Liverpool Philharmonic. Co-founded City of London Chamber Orchestra in 1989. Won National Opera Association Award's first prize for conducting operas.

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## NEWS

# Area Students Named National Merit Semifinalists

One hundred ninety-four Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students have been named National Merit Scholarship semifinalists by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) for 2009. Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST), which also serves as the Governor's Regional School for Northern Virginia, has 143 of the semifinalists.

The semifinalists are eligible to compete for 8,200 National Merit Scholarship awards worth \$35 million, to be awarded in spring 2009.

Approximately 16,000 high school seniors were named National Merit Scholarship semifinalists for 2009. More than 1.5 million juniors entered the 2009 National Merit program by taking the 2007 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

Three types of Merit Scholarship awards will be offered in 2009: National Merit \$2,500 scholarships, corporate-sponsored scholarships, and college-sponsored scholarships.

Merit Scholarship winners will be announced in spring 2009.

FCPS National Merit semifinalists include:  
**Langley High School:** William Brumas and Jennifer Suh.

**Madison High School:** Jacob

Beckhard, Brigid Byrne, Audrey Heaton, Frank Spohn, and James Whitfield.

**Marshall High School:** Carlyle Blomme, Brittany Harris, and Jessica Levine.

**McLean High School:** Paul Capp, Anthony Charles, Zachary Charles, Adam Scott, Athreya Tata, and Miles Zinni.

**Oakton High School:** Matthew Ellis, Adarsh Kallakury, Daniel Metcalf, Mike Raust, and Adarsh Solanki.

Thomas Jefferson High School semifinalists from the area include:

**Great Falls:** Nam Jong Ho, Choo Jonathan, Bansal Varun, Ghosh Rahee, Pelham-Webb Barbara, Saha Debjani, Wang Justin and Malik Sumit.

McLean: Aman Zachary, Bomgardner Eric, Lee Kee Young, Lagerfeld Elizabeth, Kim David, Minshew William, Mowery Monica, Kye Peter, Howard Michael, Au Alex, Xu Joseph, Metge Jed, Noone Francis, Prestwood Jackson, Sharma Hirsh, Ryan Kathleen.

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# FAITH

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to [mclean@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:mclean@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday.

**Multicultural Dialogue and Ramadan Iftar Dinner.** Free. Family and Community Traditions will be the theme of the 9th McLean Community Connections community dialogue and dinner at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Drive, McLean on Thursday, Sept. 25. Registration at 6:15 p.m. Dinner at 6:45 pm. RSVP required 703 324 3453.

**The McLean Women's Bible Study** will celebrate their 25th Anniversary on Sept. 18 with a luncheon at the Westwood Country Club in Vienna. Founded in 1983 for neighborhood Bible study, the group has studied God's Word, made new friends, and shared life. Meetings are Thursday mornings at a local home in McLean for coffee and Bible study. The morning is divided between coffee time, a guest speaker and in small groups with facilitators. The McLean Women's Bible Study is open to all women, who are invited to join the celebration Sept. 18 and begin Bible study on September 25th. Call 703-448-2020 or email [Marthawiles@msn.com](mailto:Marthawiles@msn.com).

**St. Luke's United Methodist Church Food Drive.** Donate non-perishable food and toiletries for a local food bank. Drop off items Saturday, Sept. 20, between 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 7628 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church (one mile east of Tysons Corner Mall). 703-893-9220.

**Smith Chapel United Methodist Church concert,** "Songs for Danny." Sept. 27 at 4 p.m. Free food and music. Bring chairs or blankets. Smith Chapel, 11321 Beach Mill Road, Great Falls. 703-404-1767.

**Dr. Larry Hurtado,** Head of the School of Divinity and Professor of New Testament Language, Literature and Theology at New College, University of Edinburgh, Scotland. Sermon series beginning Sept. 28, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Video and discussion beginning September 29, 6:30 p.m. **Trinity United Methodist Church,** 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd. McLean. 703-356-3312

**The Church of the Good Shepherd Christian Writers Workshop.** Oct. 4, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Register by Sept. 24. "Alive in Words," a Christian writers workshop featuring Mary Lou Redding, editorial director of The Upper Room. The Church of the Good Shepherd, 2351 Hunter Mill Rd., Vienna. Visit [www.GoodShepherdVA.com](http://www.GoodShepherdVA.com) or call 703-281-3987.

**The Shepard Center of Oakton** presents an Evening of Music and Comedy. Saturday, Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m. Christian Assembly, 8200 Bell Lane (off Cedar Lane near Gallows Road), Vienna. 703-281-0538

**Oakton United Methodist Fall Bazaar and Craft Fair,** Saturday, Oct. 4, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Many handmade items and a baked goods table. Lunch will be for sale. Free admission. Oakton United Methodist Church, 2951 Chain Bridge Road, Oakton. 703-938-1234.

**The Jewish Social Services Agency** offers a variety of programs and support groups meeting at 3018 Javier Road, Fairfax. Call 703-204-9100 for more information.

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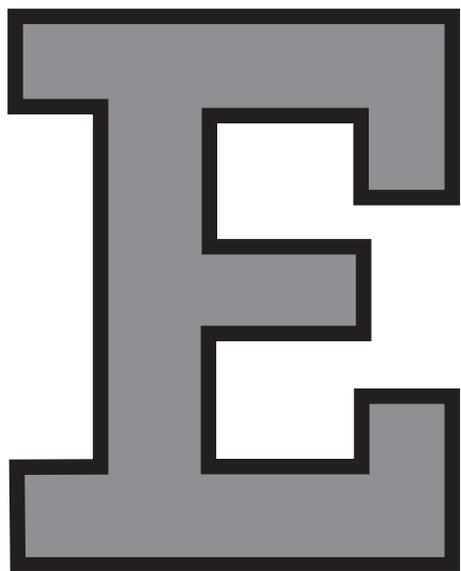
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THE CONNECTION



**A new professional theater, First Stage, opens with "The Suicide" on Thursday, Sept. 18. Pictured during the recent rehearsal, from left, are David Winkler (Vienna), Lucas Beck (Falls Church), Elif Uncu (Falls Church) and Peter Van Valkenburgh (Vienna).**

# Talents Come Back Home

## New Theater opens on Thursday, Sept. 18 in Tysons area.

BY ANDREW JOHNSON  
THE CONNECTION

**F**irst Stage, a professional theater in Tysons Corner area in McLean, opens with its first show this Thursday, Sept. 18. Its founders say a new theater is looking to accomplish several goals when it opens this week, many of which they hope to be the firsts. The name of the theater has a double meaning: not only is it going to be the first independent professional theater in the county, but it will also serve as a welcoming platform for many of the emerging actors.

With the other professional theaters in the county Wolf Trap Center for the Performing Arts and Theatre of the First Amendment each supported by the National Park Service and George Mason University, respectively, the First Stage is the first one that is independent, meaning that it runs and supports itself.

**DESPITE THE "PROFESSIONAL"** label, this theater could not have more of a community ambiance. Founded by former Marshall High School teacher Mark Krikstan, who is now the director, along with several former Marshall students, who now serve as the actors, First Stage was their way of supplying a "necessary art component" to the area.

Krikstan also said First Stage presents actors an opportunity to put their abilities on display for their hometown. "Since graduating high school, all of them went off to continue to study theatre throughout the country and didn't really have any way to show their community their talent," said Krikstan. "With First Stage, it's a way of bringing all of this talent back home."

From designing the set to making the logistical decisions to settling on the theater's philosophy, every member has an equal voice in the process.

The sense of camaraderie exists not only because of the group's past with each other, but because the mutual enthusiasm, discipline, and trust in what they're striving to accomplish. The cast credits their experience with Krikstan, Krikstan praises the cast's brilliance.

**FIRST STAGE'S** first production will be Russian playwright Nicolai Erdman's unconventional comedy, "The Suicide." Banned by Stalin before it was ever even presented because of its anticommunist tone, "The Suicide" tells the story of Semyon, a failed tuba player, whose contemplations to shoot himself are selfishly encouraged by those in his boarding home.

Each having a self-seeking motive, the characters cover a range of walks of life that portray 1930s Moscow. The selection of the play fit what they were looking for in establishing themselves as a cultural hotspot in the Tysons Corner area. Opening on Thursday, Sept. 18 at 8 p.m., "The Suicide" will run for four weeks.

With a lightheartedness and good humor that can only come from familiarity with each other, Krikstan and the cast describe how despite all the stressful and difficult phases of forming their own theatre company it is similar to witnessing a birth of a baby: the struggle will be soon forgotten once they finally see it come to life.

*First Stage is located on 1524 Spring Hill Road in McLean. For more information on this and future shows, visit the First Stage Web site at [www.1ststagespringhill.org](http://www.1ststagespringhill.org).*

## CALENDAR

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### THURSDAY/SEPT. 18

**Chapter 227, Vietnam Veterans of America Inc.**, invites all veterans, friends, and the general public to attend the Sept. 18 chapter meeting at Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane, Cedar Lane Shopping Center, Vienna, at 7:30 p.m. Martin J. Schram, author and syndicated journalist, will discuss his new book, *Vets Under Siege: How America Deceives and Dishonors Those Who Fight Our Battles*. Also, the membership will celebrate its 23rd anniversary of serving veterans, military personnel, and the community. Admission is free. Call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 or visit [www.vva227.org](http://www.vva227.org).

### FRIDAY/SEPTEMBER 19

**AAUW 39th Used Book Sale**, to benefit McLean Branch American Association of University Women's Scholarships. 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Free admission. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Call 703-448-9195 or [www.mcleanaauw.org](http://www.mcleanaauw.org).

**Friday Adventure Walkers**, sponsored by the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department, will meet from 10-11 a.m. each Friday at a different location around Fairfax County. The first walk will be in Vienna on Sept. 19; other walks will include Thais Park, Burke Lake Park, Riverbend Park, and Hemlock Overlook regional Park. The cost for five walks is \$10 for Town of Vienna residents and \$12.50 for out-of-town participants, and includes walking guides and maps. Transportation to each walk destination is on your own. 703-255-6360 or visit [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov).

**The Art of Murder**, Weekends, Sept. 19-Oct. 4. Fri. and Sat. 8 p.m.; Sun. 2 p.m. \$15 adults, \$13 district residents, seniors and students; group rates available. Join McLean Community Players as they present this 2000 Edgar Award-winning play by Joe DiPietro. McLean Community Center.

### SATURDAY/SEPTEMBER 20

**Martinez and Guthrie**. Local musicians play original acoustic songs. 6-8 p.m. at Palladium Civic Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Call 703-288-9505.

**AAUW 39th Used Book Sale**, to benefit McLean Branch American Association of University Women's Scholarships. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Free admission. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Call 703-448-9195 or [www.mcleanaauw.org](http://www.mcleanaauw.org).

**Wildflower Stroll**. 9:30-11 a.m. Search for fall wildflowers, and learn the folklore associated with them. \$5 per person. Reservations required. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hill St., Great Falls. 703-759-9018.

**Matisse & The Masters**: meet artist Pierre H. Matisse. 5-8 p.m. A rare collection of original etchings and lithographs by Picasso, Chagall, Matisse and Miro at Tysons Galleria, 1731 M International Dr., McLean. 703-883-0111.

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# CALENDAR



**Stormin' Bob Swanson, the Singing Weatherman, will bring his blend of music and meteorology to the Dolley Madison Library on Monday, Sept. 22.**

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**Silent Auction.** 4-7 p.m. at Gannett Headquarters. View individually decorated mini library book statuettes, with an opportunity to bid at silent auction. Proceeds benefit the programs and services of Fairfax County Public Library. Hosted bar and light cocktail fare. Gannett Headquarters, 7950 Jones Branch Drive, McLean. 703-324-8300.

**Macy's Tyson's Corner fashion show,** with Marshall High School marketing students. 1:30 p.m. Students will model homecoming and casual fashions. Shop for a Cause, to support local non-profit organizations.

## SUNDAY/SEPT. 21

**Hayden.** Folk/rock/acoustic. 8 p.m. \$14. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**AAUW 39th Used Book Sale,** to benefit McLean Branch American Association of University Women's Scholarships. 12-4 p.m. Books \$7 per bag. Free admission. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Call 703-448-9195 or [www.mcleanaauw.org](http://www.mcleanaauw.org).

**Pianist Eric Himy,** performing on the exclusive Steingraeber piano, offers works by Debussy and Liszt. Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Adults \$15; students and seniors \$10. 703-356-0670 or [www.musicinmclean.org](http://www.musicinmclean.org).

**Odeon Chamber Players.** 4 p.m. Schumann Piano Quartet and Schubert Trout Quintet, with Akemi Takayama, violin; Mahoko Eguchi, viola; Rachel Young, cello; Anthony Monzo, double bass and Mariko Hiller, piano. St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 3241 Brush Drive, Falls Church. Free; donation suggested. Call 703-200-7489 or visit [www.odeonchambermusicseries.org](http://www.odeonchambermusicseries.org).

**Matisse & The Masters:** meet the artist Henry Matisse. 1-4 p.m. A rare collection of original etchings and lithographs by Picasso, Chagall, Matisse and Miro at Tysons Galleria, 1731 M International Dr., McLean. 703-883-0111.

## MONDAY/SEPT. 22

**Michelle Malone and Andrew Ripp.** Acoustic/blues/rock. 8 p.m. \$10. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit

[www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).  
**The Singing Weatherman.** 4 p.m. Music and Meteorology with Stormin' Bob Swanson. Cosponsored by the Friends of the Dolley Madison Library. Age 6-12. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. 703-356-0770.

**Cryptology 101.** 2 p.m. Do you have what it takes to be a secret agent? Learn to encode and decode cryptic ciphers. Age 8-12. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 703-757-8560.

## TUESDAY/SEPT. 23

**Breathe Carolina, Every Avenue, Brokencycle and The Morning Of.** Rock. 6:30 p.m. \$12. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**Stephen Baker will discuss and sign "The Numerati"** at 7:30 p.m. at Borders Tyson's Corner. Call 703-556-7766. Every day we produce loads of data about ourselves simply by living in the modern world: we click web pages, flip channels, drive through automatic toll booths, shop with credit cards, and make cell phone calls.  
**Great Decisions 2008-Iraq Endgame.** 2 p.m. The first of 8 monthly seminars developed by the Foreign Policy Association to be held in partnership with the Shepherd's Center of Oakton/Vienna. Join the discussion. Adults. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. 703-938-0405.

## WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 24

**McLean Project for the Arts, Evening at the Gallery.** 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the MPA Gallery in the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The event features information about MPA's current exhibit and programs, cocktails, appetizers and raffles. Call 703-356-5424 or email [kryan@mcleanchamber.org](mailto:kryan@mcleanchamber.org).

**Caring for Aging Parents.** 7-9p.m. Ann E. O'Neil, RN, MSN, CS, Care Options and Susan Stone, B.S.W., Alzheimer's Family Day Center. Introduction to resources and strategies for a long-term action plan. How to sort responsibilities among siblings. The business side of care giving, including legal, financial and insurance issues. \$45 registration fee; \$35 members. The Women's Center, 127 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Go to [www.thewomenscenter.org](http://www.thewomenscenter.org) or call

703-281-2657.  
**The Teddy Bear Band.** 12:30 p.m. Free Jammin' Juniors Fall Concert Series. Alden Theatre at the McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd., at the intersection of Route 123 and Old Dominion Drive. 703-790-0123 or [www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org).

**Puppet Show: Autumn is Falling.** 10:30 a.m. Meet Sammy Squirrel and other animal friends in a fall puppet play. Go on a short walk and explore how animals get ready for fall. Cosponsored by Riverbend Park and the Friends of the Dolley Madison Library. Age 2-5 with adult. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. 703-356-0770.  
**Global Arts-Mini Travelers.** At 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. For preschool children. Discover music, movement, folk tales, language and games from around the world. Instruction provided by Left Noodle-Right Noodle. McLean Community Center.

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 25

**Wreckless Eric and Amy Rigby.** Pop/rock. 8 p.m. \$12. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**Jeffrey D. Wert will discuss and sign "Cavalryman of the Lost Cause"** at 7:30 p.m. at Borders Tyson's Corner. Call 703-556-7766. "Cavalryman of the Lost Cause" is the first major biography in decades of Confederate general J. E. B. Stuart, and is based on research in manuscript collections, personal memoirs and reminiscences, and regimental histories.

**Titans Breakfast Series.** Registration 7 a.m., Program 8-9:15 a.m. Learn what cutting edge technologies will be in demand and what to know that will affect and benefit business. Hilton McLean, 7920 Jones Branch Drive, McLean. NVTC members \$65, non-members \$85. <http://www.nvtc.org/events/geteventinfo>.

**Family Fishing by Boat.** 6-7:30 p.m. Follow the naturalist to hidden fishing spots for bass, sunfish and the occasional catfish. \$20 per boat; maximum three people per boat. Prepaid reservations required. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. 703-759-9018.

**Coping Emotionally with Separation and Divorce.** 7:30 p.m. Hilary Casaretto, LCSW, Women's Center Therapist. \$245 registration fee, \$225 members. The Women's Center, 127 Park St. NE, Vienna. [www.thewomenscenter.org](http://www.thewomenscenter.org) or 703-281-2657.

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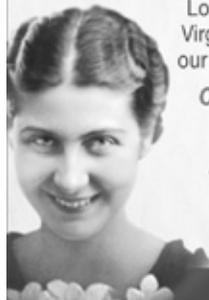
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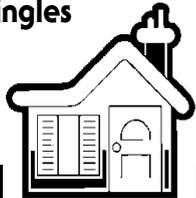
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## Barreling Through in Burtonsville



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Knowing as little as I do about the future price of a barrel of oil, and by association, the future price of a gallon of gasoline and home heating oil, commodities with which I am financially very familiar — and impacted, I can only guess as to there future level. As such, the present is what matters to me. And to that end, I am now reading financial news updates on the web, specifically as it relates to oil, trying to anticipate its price fluctuations. It's almost as if, not being able to beat them, perhaps I can join them, in some small way, at least as far as this Joe Schmoe is informed.

And so, I now pay attention to international — or national events — that might affect oil production and/or its transportation, gasoline stocks/supplies/inventory, monetary exchange rates, the weather and of course, the actual price at the pump. When the per gallon price is higher than it was previously, I try to buy less; when the price at the pump is lower, I try to buy more. I guess you could say it's my way of dollar cost averaging. And though I certainly realize, that in spite of my best intentions, buying less gas per trip because the price is high is only going to result in my returning sooner to those very same pumps rather than later, still it's mind over matter. If I think I'm spending less, maybe I actually am. (Any port in a storm, I suppose.)

Granted, it's all very delusional because gasoline, and to a lesser degree, home heating oil, is not exactly a voluntary purchase. In fact, it's practically mandatory. For without it, you're going nowhere — literally, and if you're at home, and it's winter, you're freezing too. Talk about adding insult to injury. So you have to buy it, or else; with cash, credit or debit, and let the other chips (bills) fall where they may. And though oil and other fossil fuel-type commodities may not be as crucial as food, water and clean air, try living without it. Not only will the effects not be pretty, they'll be downright painful, and not just at the pump, either.

And so this morning, I had my wife, Dina, call me as she drove by our local gas station to give me a price-per-gallon update. Yesterday (Aug. 30) the per gallon price for the mid-grade my car requires was \$3.43, a recent low. I knew I should have filled up then, what with Hurricane Gustav churning and strengthening in the Gulf, but since I had groceries — frozen food and ice cream, in particular, I couldn't risk the time it would have taken, sitting in line at the gas station with my perishables maybe perishing, so I drove on home, regretting my decision by not really second guessing it. And unfortunately for me and my flowing cash, I paid for it, eventually.

Dina called and told me the price was now \$3.57 per gallon, 14 cents higher. Certainly not Earth-shattering (or even mind-numbing), but 4.1 percent higher than it was the day before. And though I can absorb the increase, I'd rather not. I don't know if it's my advancing age but, the older I get, the more difficult it is to do with less. And with respect to the dollars on the barrel head, the less I have, the more careful I am spending it.

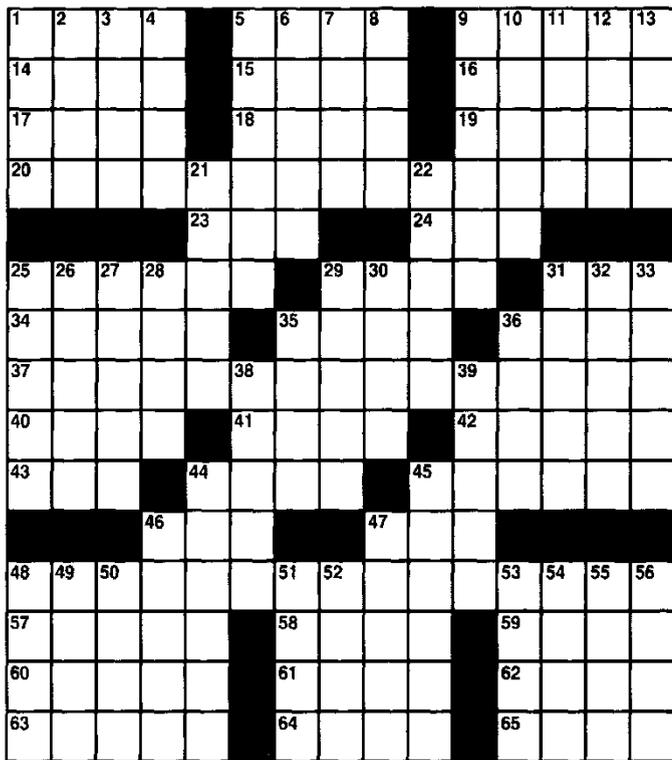
I realize it's only money, but the oil companies have plenty of it already. I'm just trying to find a way to keep more of it for myself, however pointless it sometimes seems.

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## ACROSS

- 1 Where Picassos hang in N.Y.C.
- 5 Baby buggy
- 9 Popular jeans
- 14 During
- 15 Four-star review
- 16 Defendant's excuse
- 17 Honored lady
- 18 Portent
- 19 St. Kitts and \_\_\_\_\_ (Caribbean nation)
- 20 Fashion slogan in the business world
- 23 Brooch
- 24 What's left after deductions
- 25 Palestinian chief Yasir
- 29 Trot or canter
- 31 Concert music blaster
- 34 Childbirth
- 35 "Schindler's \_\_\_\_\_"
- 36 Asterisk
- 37 Advice for the impulsive consumer

- 40 Pianist Myra
- 41 Bruins' sch.
- 42 "\_\_\_\_\_ ho!"
- 43 Surgery sites, for short
- 44 Son of Seth
- 45 Food wrappers and such on the street
- 46 Slump
- 47 Response to a bad call
- 48 Catch phrase for the avid mallgoer
- 57 Approvals
- 58 Dinghy propellers
- 59 College in New Rochelle
- 60 Leader after Indian independence
- 61 Soothing agent
- 62 Runs (for)
- 63 Carpenter's device
- 64 Educator Horace
- 65 Helper: Abbr.

## DOWN

- 1 Anti-D.W.I. group
- 2 Gen. Bradley

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- 25 Notwithstanding, informally
- 26 Pinker than pink
- 27 Bottomless pit
- 28 Watch chains
- 29 Cyndi Lauper's "\_\_\_\_\_ Just Want to Have Fun"
- 30 On a deck, perhaps
- 31 No longer on deck?
- 32 Purple shade
- 33 Snoop
- 35 Kooky
- 36 It's for the birds
- 38 Mushrooms, e.g.
- 39 State sch. in Athens
- 44 Completely consumes
- 45 Start to untie
- 46 \_\_\_\_\_ whale
- 47 "Don Juan" poet
- 48 In \_\_\_\_\_ (together)
- 49 Toe's opposite
- 50 Worker welfare org.
- 51 Rich soil
- 52 Kind of land
- 53 Woman who can carry a tune
- 54 French kings
- 55 Handy bills
- 56 History

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## Choose the New Maestro

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son. "Orchestra members will have their own criteria for assessing the quality of each of the candidates. The audience will have its own process," said Salness. "I am looking forward to audience feedback. "I am interested in the candidate who gives a discernable voice to the orchestra, who makes the orchestra stand out in the community," he said.

**AT THE END** of the season in June 2009, The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra plans to announce the new music director, said Cathy Smith, marketing director with the orchestra.

"Any kind of change can be difficult, but this is very exciting to us," she said, calling the six music director finalists "the best that's out there."

**"Each of the conductors undoubtedly will make the orchestra sound different."**  
—David Salness, Concertmaster

Francis Kieffer, of Mantua, has been a regular attendee of concerts with her husband Jerry Kieffer for years. She looks forward to learning about each of the guest conductors and watching how the orchestra responds to each conductor throughout the year. "It's kind of an adventure, actually," she said, of the upcoming season. Lisa Baltzer, a violist, is the longest playing member of the orchestra who joined in 1964.

"I'm dying to go to the first rehearsal this week," said Baltzer, of Vienna. "I expect it to be very exciting, very refreshing because each conductor will bring his or her own music that they love and are inspired by." Each of the six conductors has chosen the repertoire for their concert, as well as the guest soloist to perform. "I'm looking forward to the new ideas and new energy that each of the conductor finalists will bring," said Baltzer.

**THE NEW** music director will assume the position at the beginning of the 2009-2010 season.

The music director plans the music to be performed each season, invites the guest soloists, auditions new players, and will serve as the public face of the orchestra, Smith said. "He or she also shapes its education and outreach programs, and embodies the overall philosophy and artistic direction of the organization."

Helen Fall, a viola player who joined the orchestra in 1993, will be focusing closely on the six conductors this season, from the elbows down.

"They have to make us believe that this is the way it should be done. They have 100 people who think they know something," said Fall, of Fairfax. "To see a conductor that can really tell you non-verbally what we're doing, if he or she can make you want to do something completely from the elbows down, that's something."

The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra is funded in part by the County of Fairfax, the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the Arts Council of Fairfax County.

The Orchestra made its Kennedy Center debut in 1974.

"It takes a lot of money to put it all together, it's a commitment that Fairfax has made," said Fall. "I love playing, I love being a musician, it's my life."

Guest artists appearing with the FSO have included Jean-Pierre Rampal and Ella Fitzgerald.

Former National Symphony Orchestra music director Leonard Slatkin guest conducted the orchestra last season.

"You don't need to cross the river to have a high quality orchestral listening experience," said Salness.

## To Go

The Fairfax Symphony is in search of its first new music director in 37 years. Six finalists, selected from a pool of 249 applicants, will audition as guest conductors this season. The first concert of the new season is Saturday, Sept. 20.

**VISIT** [www.fairfaxsymphony.org](http://www.fairfaxsymphony.org).  
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