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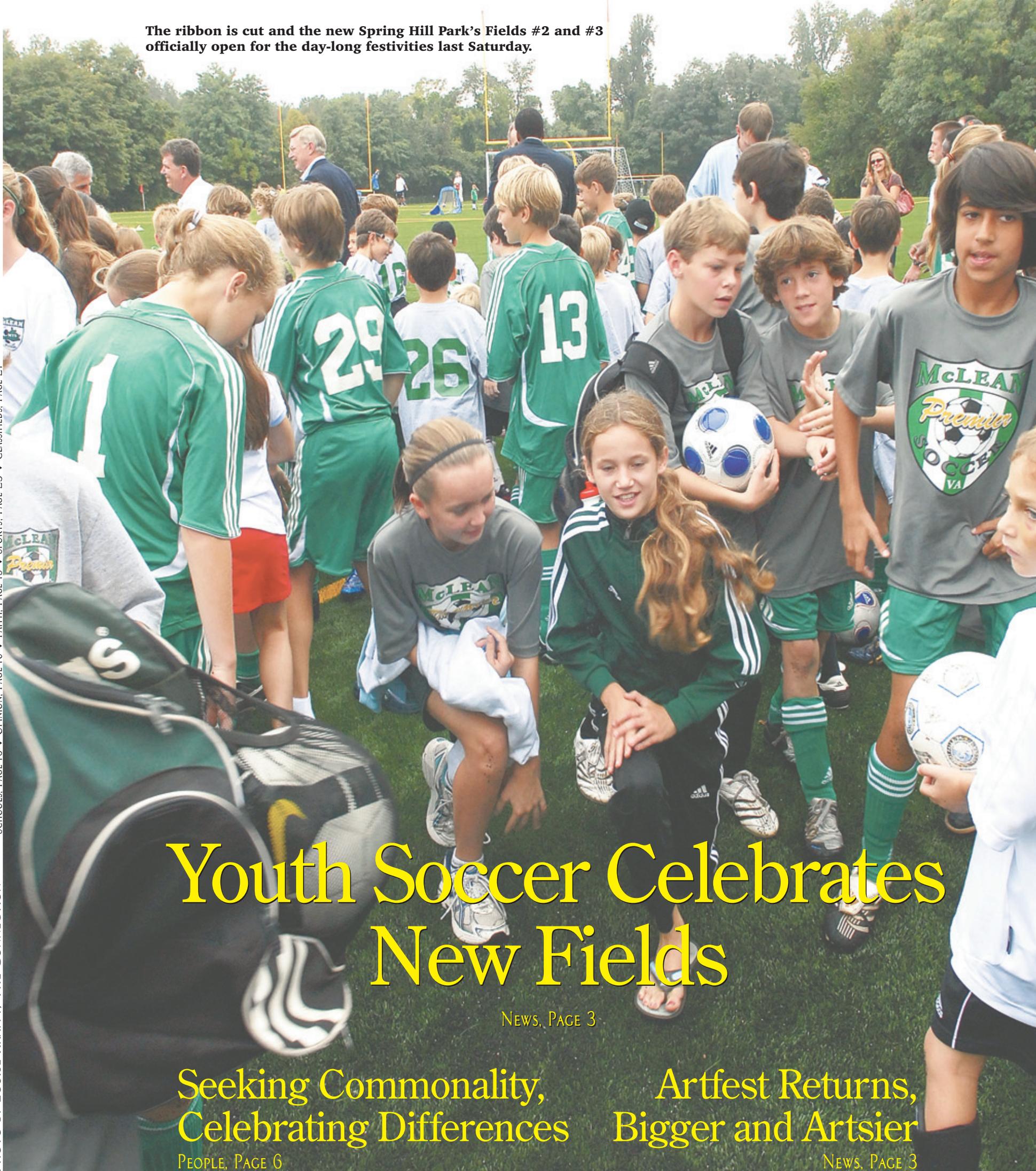


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Sandy Fennell, left, and Kitty Gonzalez of New Dominion Women's Club, ready to lead the Children's Art Tent at last year's MPA Artfest.



Gisele Nimic's tent at last year's Artfest.

Artfest Returns, Bigger and Artsier

Second MPA Artfest is this Sunday, rain or shine.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

With more artists and more attractions, the second MPA Artfest, put on by the McLean Project for the Arts, could draw a bigger crowd than the swarm of 3,500 that passed through last year's festival, said Nancy Perry, the organization's executive director.

The event is slated for this Sunday, Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at McLean Cen-

tral Park. However, in the case of rain, the festival will be moved into the McLean Community Center. Admission is free.

Forty artists from the mid-Atlantic region will display and sell their work, up from 34 artists last year. Perry said about half the exhibitors would be from Northern Virginia, while most others will come from southern Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C. New this year will be a senior citizens' exhibition to complement the returning children's art walk, which will line the path from the library to the park with art by 14

of the area's public and private elementary schools. All of the area's major senior centers will be contributing to the seniors' show. "There's not a single segment [of the population] left out," Perry said.

Also new will be the ArtSmart tent, where speakers will teach adults about a number of art-related topics, such as collecting, framing and viewing art, as well as integrating it into the home, said Dabney Cortina, who handles public relations for the MPA. Like last year's, she said, the festival will also include a tent where children

make art, live music and food.

THE ARTISTS, Cortina said, were juried in from a pool of about 120 and include a variety of media, including, but not limited to oil painting, watercolor, collage, ceramics, jewelry, furniture, and a fiber artist. "There's something for everybody, in terms of the type of art and the price," she said.

Musicians will include the McLean Youth Orchestra Chamber Ensemble, choirs from the Potomac School, Latin jazz by Afro Bop, rock from The Nighthawks, acoustic pop by local singer Chelsea Lee, Bob Perilla and Big

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McLean Youth Soccer Celebrates New Fields

Spring Hill Park's Fields #2 and #3 welcome players, families.

On a morning overcast with rain clouds, it seemed fitting that McLean Youth Soccer (MYS) chose last Saturday to introduce two brand new state-of-the-art, all-weather FieldTurf fields at Spring Hill Park. In conjunction with the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA),

both groups hosted an opening ceremony to celebrate the collaboration to bring this arena to the community's young athletes.

In addition to families of children participating in MYS, the event also included a number of county and district officials, as

well as players from both the Washington Freedom and D.C. United. The players ran drills, played games, and interacted with the youths as there were several activities on the fields.

By introducing these two new synthetic

fields, Spring Hill Park Fields #2 and #3, MYS and FCPA worked together as a public-private partnership to provide not just McLean, but also Fairfax County, with high-

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Fairfax County School Board representative Jane Strauss, Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust and Del. Margi Vanderhye (D-34) attended the ceremony.



The Fire, a U-9 boys team gets in a little practice time at the net before the ceremonies on Saturday morning.

Children's Center Celebrates 40th Anniversary

More than 150 Falls Church-McLean Children's Center staff, parents, honorees and guests will celebrate the Center's 40th anniversary on Thursday, Oct. 2 at the Westwood Country Club, 800 Maple Avenue East in Vienna.

The children's center will celebrate its 40th anniversary by honoring three "Champions for Children" at a gala awards dinner. In what is to become an annual tradition, these "Champions" were chosen to receive the inaugural awards for their long-term commitment to early childhood education and the Center. The honorees are: Public Service Champion, Katherine "Kate" Hanley, Secretary of the Commonwealth of Virginia; Philanthropic Champion, Freddie Mac Foundation; Corporate Champion, Capital One.

Barbara Harrison of NBC4 will serve as mistress of ceremonies.

Suspect Sought in Homicide



Genevieve Paulette Orange

Fairfax County Crime Solvers is asking for the public's assistance in identifying and locating the person responsible for killing a 29-year-old Falls Church-area woman. On Thursday, Sept. 25, a family member called police to check on the welfare of Genevieve Paulette Orange. Officers responded to the victim's apartment, located at 6166 Leesburg Pike, around 11:22 a.m. and found Orange dead in her home. She died from blunt force trauma to the upper body.

Detectives would like to hear from anyone who may have seen or spoken with Orange in the days surrounding her death. The information, no matter how trivial, may be the key to solving this crime.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS(8477), e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES(274637). A \$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.

Waste Collection Event

County residents will have an opportunity to dispose responsibly of household hazardous waste on Oct. 4, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the McLean Governmental Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road. To take advantage of this service, residents will need to show proof of residency (e.g. utility bill or driver's license).

Examples of what to bring: acids, gasoline, fluorescent bulbs, fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, mercury products, oil-based paint, paint thinner, pesticides, poisons, pool chemicals and rechargeable batteries (no automobile batteries). Automobile batteries may be taken to one of the permanent Household Hazardous Waste facilities at the I-66 Transfer Station (4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax) or the I-95 Landfill Complex (9850 Furnace Road, Fairfax).

For more information visit the county Web site for the Solid Waste Management Program at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/recycling or call 703-324-5230, TTY 711.

Volunteers Needed for Clean-Up

A clean-up of the stormwater impoundment area behind a dam on Lewinsville Road is scheduled for Saturday, Oct 25 from 9 a.m. to noon. The dam — built in the mid-1990s — is designed to control stormwater runoff into Rocky Run, a 6.3 mile tributary of Difficult Run. The impoundment is littered with thousands of plastic bottles, cans, and other debris, all washed into the area by stormwater runoff from the Tyco Road area between Leesburg Pike and the Dulles Road. The dam is located on Lewinsville Road between Mayhurst Boulevard and Lewinsville Mews Court.

The clean-up is being undertaken by Friends of Rocky Run, which is seeking volunteers to participate. Middle-school students and adults are welcome.

For more information, and to make arrangements to visit the impoundment area, get in touch with Irv Auerbach at 703-893-6953 or Steve Bruckner at 703-883-3622.

NEWS

Park Expansion Considered

Park Authority wants two acres to become part of McLean Central Park.

BY MIKE DiCICCO
THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax County Park Authority is looking into the possible use of eminent domain authority to purchase two acres near the intersection of Dolley Madison Boulevard and Ingleside Avenue, adjacent to McLean Central Park. The five parcels are currently owned by two landowners, one of whom lives there, and there are three houses on the property. The land would become part of the park.

Meanwhile, the landowners, Susan Fadoul and John Birge, have said they were interested in redeveloping the property at some point.

"We do not frequently utilize eminent domain authority," Dranesville District Park Authority board member Kevin Fay said at a public hearing on the matter last Wednesday evening, adding that the Park Authority did not take the use of eminent domain lightly. However, he said turning the land into parkland would create a more natural boundary for the park and a better park entrance, as well as allowing for stronger protection of Dead Run, which runs through the park. Fay said there were no plans to add "active" amenities to the park, such as fields and playgrounds.

He said discussions about purchasing the property had been going on for some time, and the recent talks about renovating Dolley Madison Library, also adjacent to McLean Central Park, renewed interest in the matter.

Kay Rutledge, manager of the Park Authority's Land Acquisition and Management branch, said the addition could allow for an expansion of the Village Green and/or additional picnic areas, although no plans for the land had been made. She said use of the site, should the Park Authority decide to move forward, would be the subject of a 12- to 18-month planning process including heavy public involvement.

Alternately, Rutledge said, the land is zoned such that it could have up to six houses on it if it were redeveloped. "The Park Authority is eager to avoid the redevelopment of these properties," she said, adding that eminent domain can be used to acquire property for public use and purposes, and the owner is entitled to the property's fair market value. She said the Park Authority had been discussing the matter with the landowners for 10 years and had been unable to reach an agreement.

However, in a later interview, Fadoul and Birge said they did not hear anything about it until they approached the county about five years ago, asking to purchase the small parcel directly on the intersection of Route 123 and Ingleside Avenue, which is



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John Rudzki testifies at public hearing about the Fairfax County Park Authority's possible use of eminent domain to add two acres to McLean Central Park.

owned by the county. They were told the Park Authority would rather purchase their property. Birge said he and Fadoul heard nothing more until August of 2007, and they got the first offer in May of this year.

Three members of the public spoke at the meeting. Kevin Adams, a tenant in one of the two houses Birge

and Fadoul co-own, said he enjoyed the tranquil environment he lived in. "It is a beautiful location, being next to the park, and it is a desirable location," Adams said.

Anita LaSalle, who lives near the park, said she had thought the library renovations were supposed to take care of the protection of Dead Run, and she said what the park really needed was maintenance. "I've watched that park degrade abysmally," LaSalle said.

Her husband, John Rudzki, wanted to know where the money to purchase the property and demolish the houses was going to come from at a time when the county was looking at a budget shortfall. He said the park was underutilized and already included 18 acres. "Why

are you buying more property?" he asked. "You don't need it."

After the hearing, Park Authority spokeswoman Judy Pedersen noted that the money would come from the park bond approved by voters in 2006, which included money for land acquisition.

Get Involved

The Park Authority will hold a public information session on the possible use of eminent domain to add two acres to McLean Central Park on Thursday, Oct. 9 at 7 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave. The public comment period runs until Oct. 24. Comments can be e-mailed to parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov or sent to David R. Bowden, director of the Park Authority's Planning and Development Division, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 406, Fairfax, VA 22035.

The Park Authority Board is scheduled to make a decision on the matter at its Nov. 12 meeting, which will start at 7:30 p.m. at the park headquarters in the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, adjacent to the Fairfax County Government Center complex.

Artists Take Over Central Park

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Hillbilly Bluegrass, and Drum Daniel.

Morton's Steakhouse, Lebanese Taverna, Greenberry's Coffee and Tea Company, Entertaining the palate, Moorenko's Ice Cream Café, the "old-fashioned kettle corn man" and Vinson Hall Retirement Community will be the food vendors, Cortina said, noting that Moorinko's had created an ice cream flavor, Berry Artsy, just for Artfest. Vinson Hall will be selling children's box lunches "so you don't have to buy your five-year-old a crab cake sandwich," she said.

Perry said the event is being staged by the efforts of a range of McLean groups. For example, the McLean Rotary Club is sponsoring the children's art tent, where the New Dominion Women's Club will lead activities, while the McLean Citizens Foundation is sponsoring the children's art walk exhibition. Local Boy Scouts will camp out in the park the night before the event to guard the setup and then will volunteer the next day. The Sierra Club is helping with recycling.

Among the other groups helping out are the McLean Women's Club and the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce, and the event is funded by contributions from many local businesses and individuals.

CORTINA figured it was taking a total of about 200 volunteers to pull the event off.

"It's been a neat, neat event to bring the whole community together," Perry said.

She said the festival would cost about \$80,000 in total, a sum that the MPA hoped to cover in donations and sponsorships. Any revenue beyond what was spent will go into the organization's programs.

By the time the MPA staged last year's Artfest, Perry said, "the idea of an arts festival had been in the works for several years." A number of local groups had been suggesting such an event. "It took several years of planning, but we were finally able to make the dream come true last year," she said, noting that almost a dozen committees still work on the festival year-round.

But, she said, the festival fulfills

the MPA's longstanding mission of educating the public and exhibiting the work of area artists. "We feel it benefits us by bringing the art into the public eye," Perry said.

Gisele Nimic, a McLean artist who participated in last year's Artfest and will be reappearing this year, said the event benefits artists as well. "Sales were good. There was really good traffic. People were very nice and very enthusiastic," she said of last year's event, adding that the festival had been "very well organized."

"I met other artists, which was great and which did lead to other shows," Nimic said.

Also, she said, it had worked to her advantage that there were few other ceramic artists at the event.

Because parking is limited at McLean Central Park and the adjacent McLean Community Center, the parking lot at Cardinal Bank, at the intersection of Beverly Road and Dolley Madison Boulevard, will be available, and free shuttles will run between the two locations regularly. Cortina said the MPA would prefer that festival-goers park there than on neighborhood streets.

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PEOPLE

Seeking Commonality, Celebrating Differences

The multicultural dialogue and Ramadan Iftar dinner on Sept. 25, sponsored and hosted by McLean Community Connections, brought together more than 100 local citizens in an evening of dinner and dialogue.

MCC chair Jackie Eghrari-Sabet of McLean described participants of the MCC dialogue as a “grass-roots” group of people who really are very outwardly diverse, but have their hearts and mind in the same place.

“It’s primarily an interfaith group, but also intercultural,” Eghrari-Sabet said.

Facilitators moderated discussion as participants, seated at tables, shared perspective on faith, community or cultural at-

tributes. People of all ethnic and religious groups were welcomed.

MCC hosts two “big” events each year, and smaller monthly dialogues, as well. The Rumi Forum provided the food and servers for this dinner, the 9th Community Dialogue.

Initiated in 2003 as a response to the “fear, distrust and anger” generated by the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, MCC created the dialogue format to provide a free and open respectful forum for the exchange of ideas.

See www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dsm/cil/cil_communitydialogues.htm for more information.

— DONNA MANZ

Iftar Dinner Highlights Area Diversity



Bassam Alwarith, Vienna

“The Northern Virginia area is unique in its diversity and in its acceptance of diverse ethnic groups. I’ve traveled all over the U.S. and did not feel as accepted as I do here. I’ve lived in Vienna for 28 years. My son was raised here.”



Mohammad Alwarith, Vienna

“Diversity is represented a lot better in Fairfax County than elsewhere. Diversity is one of the pillars of America. This area, in particular, always has been diverse. It’s good to see new ethnic groups coming here and being comfortable-enough to call Northern Virginia home.”



Hazami Barmada, Alexandria

“I’ve literally lived all over the world, and I’ve gone out of my way to do interfaith-related work here. Diversity is visible and respected here. There are more events in the Washington, D.C., area that attempt to highlight diversity that give people the

chance to experience other cultures and diversity in a constructive setting.”



Jackie Eghrari-Sabet, Chair - McLean Community Connections

“I am always joyfully surprised that diversity is not only tolerated, but sought-after. There’s genuine interest in the community to learn about other cultures. I’m an Iranian-Irish-Catholic-Jewish woman raised as Baha’i in New York,

and nobody has ever looked at me in a negative light.”



Mary McIntyre, McLean

“Since I’ve been here [since 1977], my own neighborhood has become more diversified. The more-traditional attitudes of Virginia are replaced by true southern hospitality that welcomes everyone. It doesn’t matter the color of your skin. As long as people are pleasant, what’s the beef with differences?”



The Rev. Todd Brown, First Baptist Church Chesterbrook, McLean

“First, let me say that there is an abundance of diversity in this area ... People from different walks of life, different vocations, different backgrounds. That’s what makes for the richness of the community.

That kind of diversity leads to dialogues of this kind, being able to dialogue with people on topics you generally wouldn’t be able to dialogue with. As we talk about our faith and our traditions with one another, it’s empowering to all of us.

Your actions describe what you believe in, even if it’s just believing in ‘good.’ Everybody here is committed to listen to others speak about how they live.”

BY DONNA MANZ

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The McLean Community Center Governing Board discusses the proposed budget for fiscal year 2010 at a public hearing last Wednesday, Sept. 24.

MCC Cuts Tax Rate

Community Center’s governing Board Approves FY 2010 budget proposal.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

The McLean Community Center Governing Board voted to lower the tax rate for residents in the center’s special tax district further than it had originally planned.

The current tax rate is 2.6 cents per \$100 of assessed home value, down from 2.8 cents last fiscal year. The board had planned to cut the rate to 2.5 cents, but after a public input session in early September, the decision was made to further reduce it to 2.4 cents. The vote came at a public hearing last Wednesday, Sept. 24, but the center’s budget still has to be approved by the county Board of Supervisors in April.

Treasurer Kevin Dent said each tenth of a penny knocked off the tax rate would reduce revenue by about \$180,000.

The reduction was not enough for McLean resident John Walsh, who called it “only a small step in a big trip.” Walsh noted that the board had not lowered the tax rate while home assessments were skyrocketing, resulting in sizeable budget surpluses. “This board and its predecessors have steadfastly refused to lower the tax rate,” Walsh said.

Even though the rate was reduced this year, the center still took in more than it spent, and it is expected to come out ahead again in the next fiscal year. Dent said the center’s capital project reserve, now amounting to more than \$6.5 million, would likely be used primarily for the construction of a satellite center in downtown McLean, although no formal plans have been made. The board has also been con-

sidering constructing a gym at the Spring Hill RECenter. He said the projected cost of a satellite center would be \$7 million to \$9 million, although the numbers were still “very soft.”

Walsh said he would expect the project to cost closer to \$10 million. “But you have that, so stop collecting,” he said, noting that the center’s existing operating fund was more than \$10 million. He said the consideration of building a gym made the center’s reserve look like a slush fund and proposed a tax rate of 1.4 cents.

Dent said Walsh’s input at the previous public meeting had been one reason the proposed rate was further reduced.

Board Chairman Sean Dunn pointed out that a chunk of the budget would be spent on other expenses such as maintenance and the replace-

“We’re generally pretty conservative with the numbers because we don’t want to be caught out.”

— Kevin Dent, treasurer

ment of anything that might break. “A lot of that money is not being socked away,” he said. Dunn also said surveys had shown a strong public desire for a gym in the area.

“I really admire everything you people do here and the way it’s run,” McLean resident Anita LaSalle said. However, she said she was bothered by the large disparities between money spent on programs and the money they earn, with the gap being filled by the tax.

Dent said one reason the gap between earned revenue and spending had grown was that participation fees for tax district residents had been reduced. However, he said the board always saw the center’s programs as subsidized services and did not expect

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Learn to Choose 'Green'

'Green Choice\$' forum will teach ways to go "green," save green.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

Del. Margi Vanderhye (D-32) said she and other organizers of the Oct. 7 forum at the McLean Community Center decided to call the event "Green Choice\$" because attendees would learn not only how to make environmentally friendly, "green" decisions, but also "how to save a little green."

Seventeen tables manned by representatives of vendors, environmental organizations, power companies, and local and regional government will pass out information and teach attendees how to save energy and reduce their carbon footprint, as well as a thing or two about storm water management. "We're going to have a science-fair kind of setup in the main room in the community center," Vanderhye said. Meanwhile, in the Moffitt Room, short presentations

with question-and-answer sessions will be given on similar topics.

VANDERHYE said tables in the main room would have information on pervious pavement, the carbon-neutral house being built by Westgroup, home energy audits, the county's Cool Neighborhoods program and a slew of other subjects. An attorney will be on hand to discuss the legal ramifications of home alterations.

"It's timed specifically so it would be right before the fall sales tax holiday," Vanderhye said. From Oct. 10 through 13, buyers can purchase up to \$2,500 worth of products with Energy Star and WaterSense certifications tax-free. Vanderhye was the patron of the bill that added WaterSense-certified

products to this year's tax holiday.

"It's not a pie-in-the sky kind of thing," Vanderhye said of the forum, adding that those in attendance would learn practical tips for reducing their impact on the environment, often saving money at the same time.

She said Supervisor John Foust's (D-Dranesville) office, the McLean Citizens Association, the Great Falls Citizens Association, the

McLean Citizens Foundation and the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce had all been involved in

organizing and supporting the event. "This has been very much a community effort, and we're hoping it launches something bigger and ongoing," she said, explaining that the outcome could be increased environmental initiatives offered by the county and state, as well as another forum next year.

"Everybody's just been kind of putting a hand into this thing."

— Rob Jackson, MCA president

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Voter Profile: Muslim Americans

Many Muslims likely to lean Democratic next month in spite of more conservative social values.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

When Fairfax County resident Ashraf Sadrin arrived at a local meeting of Republican activists in September, he was starving and glad to see the complimentary pizza.

Sadrin, a practicing Muslim, had not eaten since before the sunrise in observance of Ramadan. While other people grabbed slices, he waited diligently for 20 minutes until sunset – when observant Muslims break their daily fast during the month-long holiday.

But by the time Sadrin finally got to the food, he found only pepperoni and sausage pizza, and like many Muslims, he does not eat pork. Sadrin passed on the pizza and turned to the vending machine instead.

The political activists may have been unprepared or ignorant of Muslim practices but incidents like this show why the Muslim community should be more politically engaged, said Sadrin.

One woman approached Sadrin and asked why he was eating vending machine food over the pizza. “She saw me at the next meeting and wanted to know more about Islam,” said Sadrin. “When you keep an open mind and talk to people, they are no longer ‘the other,’” he added.

OVER THE PAST decade, the Northern Virginia Muslim American community has started to focus on civic engagement and gained more political clout.

The commonwealth has approximately 71,000 Muslim voters and about 87 percent of them live in Northern Virginia, said Mukit



David-Imad Ramadan wore an “Arab Americans for John McCain” hat.



Del. David Poisson (D-32), in the front left, and Del. Tom Rust (R-86), on the right, attend an interfaith event at the All Dulles Area Muslim Society center in Sterling.

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Hossain, a Cascades resident who founded the Virginia Muslim political action committee in 2002.

The All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS), Northern Virginia's largest mosque, hosted more political candidates than ever, 67, during its seventh annual civic picnic last year. In 2008, ADAMS Imam Mohamed Magid became the first Muslim to oversee one of the daily opening prayers for the Virginia House of Delegates.

“We have superb relationships with local politicians and they benefit from our support,” said Bob Marro, head of government relations committee at ADAMS, in Sterling.

Locked in a tight race for Virginia in November, the presidential campaigns are also reaching out. Staff from Republican Sen. John McCain's campaign met with a small group at the ADAMS main center Sept. 27. Democratic candidate Barack Obama has also contacted ADAMS.

“We think someone [from the Obama campaign] will be coming by as well,” said ADAMS board member Rizwan Jaka.

Some people credit Virginia's Muslim community with handing Sen. Jim Webb (D) a victory over former Sen. George Allen (R) in 2006. Webb beat Allen by less than 10,000 votes in a race where over 2.4 mil-

lion ballots were cast.

Though Muslim voters are thought to have backed President George W. Bush in 2000, they had largely started voting for Democrats by the Webb-Allen election, said Abdul Kareem Jama, president of Dar Al-Hijrah Mosque in Fairfax County. “It was the Muslim vote that made a difference in Jim Webb's race and the community is quite proud of its ability to make a strategic difference in Northern Virginia,” he said.

Local Muslim political activists on both sides of the aisle expect their community to lean left in the upcoming election.

“I think we all realize most Muslim Americans and Arab Americans are going to vote Democrat,” said Sadrin, who volunteers with Muslim American and Arab American outreach for the Fairfax County Republican Committee.

Many Muslim Americans, particularly young people, are getting involved in politics for the first time and they tend to favor the Democratic Party because it is not the

political party of the President George W. Bush, he said. “They see Bush and they say ‘Whatever he is, I am not.’”

This is, in part, true for West Potomac High School student Asma Ahmad. Ahmad, who is an officer in West Potomac's Muslim Student Association, joined the school's Young Democrats club after deciding to support Obama. She likes Obama's economic policies but also mentions Bush when talking about why she favors the Democrat.

“I trust him more. ... And we have had a Republican president for the last eight years,” said Ahmad.

But Muslims favor Democrats because they tend to have more agreeable stances on issues that are important to the community – like civil liberties, immigration and war, said Hossain.

Even though Hossain's PAC is not partisan, it endorsed only Democrats in Virginia's senate race as well as the three congressional races in Northern Virginia. “If you look at the issues I have mentioned, it is fairly easy to see why we have been inclined to support Democrats,” he said.

From 2005 to 2008, the Virginia Muslim PAC gave 63 percent of the \$20,000 it raised for state and county races to Democrats and

36 percent of the money went to Republicans. In the last two years, the PAC's Republican giving dropped off dramatically, with the group giving 96 percent of its resources to Democrats.

Still, many Muslim Americans do not see eye to eye with Democrats on social issues like abortion, gay rights and sex education.

“Personally, I will vote [the Republican] ticket,” said David-Imad Ramadan, a Dulles area resident who volunteers with Arab American and Muslim American outreach for the Republican Party of Virginia, in part because he identified with its message of “family values.”

“There are definitely some issues where I fall a little bit more to right on the spectrum.”

— Asma Ahmad,
West Potomac High School

COUNTY NOTEBOOK

Supervisor Tackles Smoking

Fairfax County Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) asked his colleagues to take a tougher stance on smoking in public Sept. 22.

McKay wants Fairfax County to ban smoking in county government garages and county-owned vehicles. The supervisor also asked county staff to review government policies and look for tools Fairfax County could use to restrict smoking in public places. In Virginia, the state legislature would have to give Fairfax County the power to enact a local smoking ban in restaurants, like Montgomery County, Md. and Washington D.C. have done.

McKay notes the Virginia General Assembly has been unwilling to restrict smoking statewide or to empower county governments to do so locally. The General Assembly killed several bills that would have given localities the power to ban smoking during the winter session.

ISO More Walking to School

Fairfax County Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) wants the local school board to consider replacing bus routes with walking routes where possible. In light of the county's \$430 million budget shortfall, having students walk to school “seems worth a try,” said McKay. The supervisor added that having walking routes to school would both help fight childhood obesity and possibly improve air quality locally since fewer buses would be on the road.

How Can You Afford College?

College Access Fairfax, a non-profit foundation helping students pay for college, in cooperation with Fairfax County Public Schools, will offer two presentations on how to afford college. SAIC is sponsoring the effort.

The presentations will include: What is meant by financial aid? Who's eligible for financial aid? How to search

for scholarships, the financial aid process (FAFSA), and what loans available. The first meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. at West Potomac High School. The second is Saturday, Nov. 22 at 9 am Fairfax High School. Visit www.collegeaccessfairfax.org or call 703-280-9873.

Postal Hours to Change

The U.S. Postal Service will be cutting back on the operating hours of its Merrifield branch.

The Merrifield location is currently open until midnight and the U.S. Postal Service District manager for Northern Virginia plans to move its closing time up four hours to 8 p.m. Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman Gerry Connolly (D) is asking the postal service to reconsider the decision.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

HEALTH

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

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group. Wednesday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. For anyone with multiple sclerosis and/or their friends and family. Sponsored by the National Capital Chapter of the MS Society. The group meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Free. Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. N.E., Vienna. 703-768-4841.

Substance Abuse Recovery Support. Oct. 14, from 6-7 p.m. at Natural Horizons Wellness Center for an overview of the entire holistic substance abuse program, and how we can provide support on the road to recovery. 10640 Main St., Suite 300, Fairfax. 703-246-9355.

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

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



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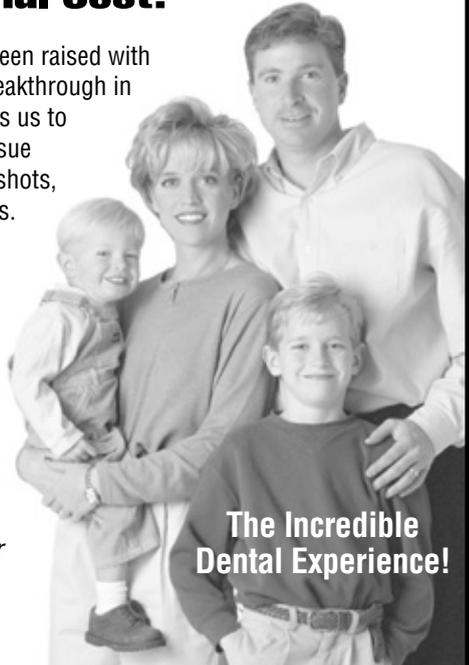
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Many Heads Are Better Than None

County asks residents to help set priorities in epic budget cutting.

Fairfax County is engaged in a worthy effort to involve some of its million residents in a dialogue on the looming budget debacle. The county will hold more than 20 community meetings months before final decisions on how to plug a \$400 million-plus deficit.

Supervisors and county officials know that the budget process will involve a world of pain, and hope to use community input as part of a guide for what to cut, what to save, where the hot buttons will be.

But with a shortfall that could well approach half a billion dollars, there will be no county service or function that will be completely spared. While Northern Virginia's economy is better than the nation's economy as a whole, the housing market is still suffering. With more than 60 percent of the county budget funded

by real estate taxes (and 75 percent of that coming from residential real estate), it's not hard to figure out the root causes of the shortfall.

Counties in Virginia don't have much of a menu when it comes to raising revenue. The state does not allow localities to share in any income tax, for example.

Then consider that fully 53 percent of the county's operating budget goes to fund the schools.

Many if not most businesses and residents in the county have already had to grapple with major cost-cutting to deal with increased costs and decreasing income. The county and schools will have to scour for ways to reduce costs while hurting residents and students as little as possible. It won't be simple.

These community meetings and brainstorming sessions are important.

But we continue to believe that the county also needs detailed advice from county residents with expertise, people who will volunteer to examine the details of a particular department's budget, or the operations of a particular program.

Get Involved

Fairfax County will hold 16 more meetings over the next two months to gather residents' opinion on how to cope with more than \$400 million deficit projected for next year.

- ❖ Tuesday, Oct. 14, 7-9:30 p.m., Government Center (Fairfax)
 - ❖ Thursday, Oct. 16, 7-9:30 p.m., South County Government Center (Alexandria)
 - ❖ Tuesday, Oct. 21, 7-9:30 p.m., four locations: Oakton High School, South County Secondary School (Lorton), Marshall High School (Falls Church), Herndon High School
 - ❖ Saturday, Oct. 25, 9:30 a.m. to noon, four locations: Centreville Regional Library, Fairfax Regional Library, Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library (Falls Church), Pohick Regional Library (Burke)
 - ❖ Wednesday, Oct. 29, 7-9:30 p.m., McLean Community Center
 - ❖ Thursday, Nov. 13, 9:30 a.m. to noon, four locations: Oakton Library, Woodrow Wilson Library (Falls Church), John Marshall Library (Alexandria), Burke Centre Library
 - ❖ Thursday, Nov. 13, 7-9:30 p.m., Mason Governmental Center (Annandale)
- See <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/budget/publicmeetings.htm>
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fund That Needs Clear Purpose

To the Editor:

I attended a meeting of the Finance Committee of the McLean Community Center last week at which they proposed reducing the recommended tax rate for FY2010 from the current rate of 2.6 cents per \$100 to 2.4 cents. This represents a reduction of 0.1 cent from the preliminary budget presented at the previous Finance Committee meeting. Perhaps my entreaties for some fiscal responsibility had some impact on this change. Welcome as this reduction is, however, it should be placed in context.

As a result of the recent hyperinflation in house prices (and hence, in assessments), coupled with the refusal of previous MCC Boards to reduce tax rates, the MCC found itself awash with money. Even after spending what they could for every plausible purpose, they had too much, so they created a reserve fund which will amount this year to over \$10.8 million. To put this in perspective, this fund could carry the Center for over 4 1/2 years without collection of any tax at all.

The reserve is now characterized as having to do with (unspecified) improvements/replacement of the Old Firehouse teen center, but there is no vestige of any plan to do so. The real purpose of the reserve is just to stash away money

which was inappropriately collected. Because of this lack of purpose, the fund is considered fair game for all manner of special pleaders, from a gym at the Spring Hill Recreation Center to storm water control for Dead Run, both of which were considered seriously by the board.

If a well thought-out plan is not forthcoming for this fund, it should be eliminated. At least its growth should be stopped now. I urge that all in McLean contact members of the Governing Board, or better yet the Dranesville supervisor, John Foust, asking them to reduce the tax rate to no more than 1.4 cents, which will stop the growth of this absurdity. Better yet, even lower rates will return some of this fund to taxpayers. Alternatively, the Governing Board should at least be required to develop a serious written plan for the future of this fund, including total costs and schedules.

John B. Walsh
McLean

Citizen Concerns Based on Facts

To the Editor:

Chairman Clark Tyler makes two demonstrably wrong statements in an apparent effort to discredit citizen concerns about the Tysons Land Use Task Force's high density hopes for Tysons' future

["Task Force Presents Vision for Tysons," Connection, Sept. 24]. Here are the facts:

1. When the Greater Tysons Citizens Coalition (GTCC) cited the fact that the Task Force's "vision" could result in a staggering 220 million square feet of development — nearly double the level recommended by the Task Force's consultants and county staff — Mr. Tyler responded by disavowing the number: "I have no idea where they would get such a figure. It certainly did not come from the Task Force and it did not come from staff."

FACT: The 220 million figure did come from the county's professional planning staff, based on its analysis of the Task Force proposal. And Mr. Tyler has known that since Aug. 4, 2008, when he discussed the figure with Supervisor John Foust at the Board of Supervisors meeting. Foust cited the figure, and Mr. Tyler responded: "I wish the staff had not put out those figures because I think they are frightening figures and I'm not sure they are accurate." Mr. Tyler may disagree with the staff's analysis, but that's quite different from denying that he knows the figures came from it.

(Video of the meeting is on the county's Web site [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable/channel16/asx/bos_08_04_08.asx]; the discussion starts at about 16 minutes

into the PM Session).

2. Mr. Tyler describes GTCC and other concerned citizens as "people who don't want to see anything happen ..." at Tysons.

FACT: GTCC is on record in favor of rational development at Tysons, development that is supported by adequate infrastructure and protects surrounding communities. GTCC's membership includes civic groups, homeowner associations, Vienna Town Council members and other community leaders, united to give residents of Vienna, McLean, Providence and Hunter Mill a stronger voice on their common concerns about Tysons. Achieving these goals is why we, and other concerned citizens, participated in good faith in Task Force outreach meetings.

In the end, the Task Force's recommendation for density and building heights go far beyond any level presented to the public for its "input," and is not supported by any documented analysis, including traffic studies. The disconnect between the public's interest and the Task Force's recommendation is aptly demonstrated by Mr. Tyler's words and the facts.

Laurie Genevro Cole
Member, Vienna Town Council,
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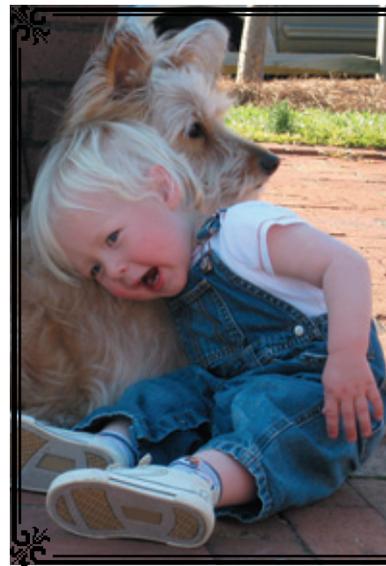
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Child Center Celebrates 35th Anniversary

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Located right on Great Falls Street in McLean, Westgate Child Center offers an extensive curriculum and extended care for children between the ages of two and a half to 12 years old with fun activities and productive teaching methods.

Nearly half of the teachers have worked over a decade at the center.

One staff member who received recognition that night was director Charu Shivakumar, who has served as director for 20 years and worked at the center for 30. Known as “Ms. Charu” by everyone at the center, she kicked off the ceremony by speaking about each and every staff member and granting them awards. Later, keynote speaker Meredith Stewart, a former president on the Board of Directors, thanked Shivakumar for everything she had done for the center by both calling her and giving her a glass “shining star.”

After moving to McLean in 1978 from India, she came across the Westgate Child Center on a morning walk. With a graduate and post-graduate degree in early childhood education from the University of

New Delhi, Shivakumar had the qualifications to match her love for children when she was hired as a head teacher.

“Nothing could make me happier than when the children come up and hug me,” she shared in her speech. While undergoing financial and physical troubles, the board was ready to file for bankruptcy in 1988. They decided to give Shivakumar a chance at being director and she has since made it one of the best child care options in the area. The center is in full attendance with a 5:1 child-teacher ratio to ensure that every child’s needs and abilities are attended to.

“After I took the role of director, I told myself to go year by year to make it better — one step at a time,” Shivakumar said. From upgrading the center to meet the guidelines of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) to improving its facilities to implementing an enhancing education program with the help of the staff, she has done just that.

The event was a combination of past and present with current and former students, teachers, board members, and parents present to celebrate the center’s success. Its founder Nita Raichelson flew from California to attend.

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Claude Moore Colonial Farm: Farm Animals Workshop. 6-8 p.m. Learn the backgrounds of the Farm's historic breeds of cattle, pigs, chickens, turkeys and geese, and how to correctly approach and handle each of these animals. Hands on training. Workshops intended for adults and mature children. Reservations required. \$5 non-members; \$3 Farm members and current volunteers. The Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. E-mail kcannon@1771.org.

Champions for Children Awards Dinner. 6 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Falls Church McLean Children's Center. Westwood Country Club, 800 Maple Ave. East, Vienna.

FRIDAY/OCT. 3

The Bird and the Bee, and Willoughby. Pop. 8 p.m. \$17. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

SATURDAY/OCT. 4

Vienna-Tysons Chamber Oktoberfest Celebration. 12-6 p.m. on historic Church Street in Vienna. The event will feature a beer garden, food vendors, two stages with live entertainment, a festival marketplace and a children's activity area. The festival committee is seeking out additional food vendors and non-food vendors for the festival marketplace. Artists, crafters, business owners and civic organizations are welcome. For registration forms visit www.vtrcc.org or call 703-281-1333.

Charla Krupp, "How Not To Look Old." 2-4 p.m. What to do in just 10 minutes to look 10 years younger. Beauty bars, cookies, teas and light hors d'oeuvres. Krupp will be available to sign her book. Tysons Corner Center, Macy's Court, 1961 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. 703-893-9401.

Oktoberfest edible art on display, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Ayr Hill Gallery, 141 Church St., Vienna. 703-938-3880 or www.ayrhillgallery.com.

The McLean High School Orchestra free outdoor performance, from 4-6 p.m., at the Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. 703-288-9505.

FCPL Mystery Night program "Mesa Verde Murder" at 7 p.m. at the Great Falls Library. For adults age 18 and up only. To register, call or the Great Falls Library, 703-757-8560. Space is limited.

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Claude Moore Colonial Farm Spinning and Dyeing Day. 1-4 p.m. Help the colonial farm family as they card, spin and dye wool for knitting. Regular admission: \$3 adults, \$2 children and senior citizens. Complimentary admission with farm membership. Weather permitting; call 703-903-9330 day of event. While visiting, explore GateHouse Shop, which features creative educational materials and unique gifts. The Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. <http://www.1771.org/> directions.htm.

SUNDAY/OCT. 5
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MPAArtfest. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Forty juried artists, live music. McLean Project for the Arts, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. 703-790-1953.

The Amadeus Orchestra, A. Scott Wood conductor, presents Haydn and His Circle, with pianist Jeffrey

McLean Artfest Celebrates Arts, Community

The McLean Project for Arts' second annual Artfest, next Sunday, Oct. 5, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the McLean Central Park, promises to be a community celebration of arts. Forty artists will exhibit their works [See a full preview, Page 3].

In addition to the exhibit, there is a day-long music program, including:

MORNING MUSIC (to shop and eat by)
10 - 10:45 a.m. - Choirs from the Potomac School
11 - 11:45 a.m. - McLean Youth Orchestra Chamber Ensemble

YOU CAN DANCE IF YOU WANT! (and shop and eat)
12 - 12:45 p.m. Afro Bop
1 - 1:45 p.m. - The Nighthawks

MORE MUSIC (more shopping, more eating)
2 - 2:45 p.m. - Chelsea Lee
3 - 3:45 p.m. - Bob Perilla and Big Hillbilly Bluegrass

LAST, BUT NOT LEAST! (there's still time to shop and eat, too)
4 - 4:45 p.m. - DrumDaniel

In the case of rain, the festival will be moved into the McLean Community Center. Admission is free.

Chappell. 4 p.m. Mozart's Piano Concerto #21, Beethoven's Egmont Overture, and Haydn's first and last symphonies. Admission: \$25, including post-concert refreshments. Ages 17 and under free. St. Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. 703-759-5334 or www.amadeusconcerts.com.

TUESDAY/OCT. 7

McLean-Great Falls Energy Conservation Forum - Green Choice. 7-9:30 p.m. McLean Community Center. Exhibits, presentations, resources. Admission free; no registration necessary. 703-917-0611.

SATURDAY/OCTOBER 11

Back to Rock. The Back to Rock Music School presents a rock band. 4-6 p.m. at Palladium Civic Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Call 703-288-9505.

Riverbend Park Second Annual Moon on the River Concert, with the Jim & Ashley Cash Band. 5-7 p.m. \$10. Bring blankets and a picnic. Riverbend Park. 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. 703-421-7210.

SUNDAY/OCT. 12

Saffire -The Uppity Blues Women. 7:30 p.m. Post feminist traditional blues at The Barns. Tickets \$25. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts | 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Dan Leonard Trio. Jazz/fusion/jam. 7:30 p.m. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Society presents a sneak preview of ODCS member's blooms and garden cultivars prior to the 2008 Annual Show, and demonstrate simple techniques on how to improve the appearance of mums and garden flowers for home or show presentations. Entries will be received from 2-3 p.m. at the Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Street, Falls Church. Open to the public. Free admission. Jim Dunne, 703-560-8776.

MONDAY/OCT. 13

Val Emmich and Adam Swink. Pop/rock. 7 p.m. \$10. Jammin' Java, 227

Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

TUESDAY/OCT. 14

Laya Pesulima's Love Jukebox. Rock. 7 p.m. \$10. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

Tea Tasting. 10 a.m. Black Teas from India \$20. Cathy's Corner in the Village Centre, Great Falls. 703-757-6209 or www.greatfallsteagarden.com.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 15

W. Dudley Oakes, organist and choirmaster at Saint John Episcopal Church in Georgetown who also teaches at several Virginia and Washington DC universities. 1 p.m. Free lunchtime recital. Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. 703-356-0670 or www.musicinmclean.org.

Bryan Greenberg, Acoustic. 7:30 p.m. \$10. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

THURSDAY/OCT. 16

Opening reception for fall student art show, 5-8 p.m. Student works on display, Oct.16-Nov. 1. Ayr Hill Gallery, 141 Church St., Vienna. 703-938-3880 or www.ayrhillgallery.com.

McLean Celebrates Harvest festival

Acclaimed children's music groups Hot Peas N'Butter and Rocknoceros will perform at the McLean Fall Harvest Festival, which will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 4, at the McLean Community Center. Admission for two to 10 year olds is \$10, \$8 for McLean tax district residents; all others will be admitted free of charge. The center is located at 1234 Ingleside Avenue.

The McLean Fall Harvest Festival is an indoor and outdoor family event that will include face painting, crafts projects, games, a moon bounce and pony rides. Prizes will be awarded for some activities. Participants also can purchase and decorate pumpkins. Pumpkins will cost \$3. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.



Last year's McLean Artfest attracted over 3,500 visitors.



Country Fair at St. Francis Episcopal Church

St. Francis Episcopal Church on Georgetown Pike in Great Falls has been holding an annual Country Fair for over twenty years. This year's fair, on Saturday, Oct. 4, will have a quilt show and raffle, children's games, moonbounce, hayrides, arts and crafts. There will be pony rides available from 10-11 a.m., musical performances by the Difficult Run Jazz Band at 10 a.m., and a performance by the Puppet Lady at 12 p.m. Artisans will have booths selling artwork, jewelry, and glass creations. A silent auction will feature tickets to sporting events, restaurant gift certificates, spa services, and more.



Rocknoceros will perform at the McLean Fall Harvest Festival, on Saturday, Oct. 4.

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Churchill Road second grade teacher Laura Mack releases a monarch butterfly with the assistance of students Leila Zavar, Cristian Guzman, Ryan Kaviani, Walker Haynes, Jacque Im and Mackenzie Harmon. The butterfly will begin its journey to central Mexico.

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Churchill Road ES Students Study Monarch Butterflies

Last week, one of the Churchill Road Elementary School's second grade classes experienced the first Monarch butterfly hatch of the school year.

The teacher, Laura Mack, participated in a week-long study of monarch butterflies in Michoacan, Mexico last February. This program

was part of the Monarch Teacher Network, and provided Mack — and other educators from around the world — with the knowledge necessary to create an instructional program which allows Churchill Road second graders to study monarch butterflies firsthand.

With the help of last year's sec-

ond grade students and parents, Mack created a milkweed garden on the Churchill Road grounds. This not only provided a habitat for butterfly growth, but serves as an outdoor classroom where students are able to observe the life cycle of the monarch butterfly for years to come.



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Churchill Road second graders Simrin Jeddy, Yasmin Akhtar, Leila Zavar, Mitchell Farah, Michael Grae, and Helen Bascom look on as a monarch butterfly emerges. The butterfly was a caterpillar that had been living in the milkweed garden planted by Laura Mack's 2007-2008 second grade class.

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8380 GREENSBORO DR #618	3	2	1		MCLEAN	\$625,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			ROTONDA
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1843 WESTMORELAND ST	4	2	1		MCLEAN	\$590,000	Detached	0.28		KENT GARDENS
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1328 DOLLEY MADISON BLVD	4	2	1		MCLEAN	\$450,000	Detached	0.13		BEVERLY MANOR
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1858 GRIFFITH RD	4	2	0		FALLS CHURCH	\$440,000	Detached	0.23		PIMMIT HILLS
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7717 SHREVE RD	4	3	0		FALLS CHURCH	\$380,000	Detached	0.27		WREN DALE ACRES
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2775 JANUARY CT	3	2	2		FALLS CHURCH	\$370,000	Townhouse	0.03		PINEWOOD GREENS
1808 OLMSTEAD DR	3	1	0		FALLS CHURCH	\$368,000	Detached	0.19		PIMMIT VIEW
2024 EDGAR CT	5	2	0		FALLS CHURCH	\$365,585	Detached	0.23		PIMMIT HILLS
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St. John the Beloved Catholic Church presents a lecture by Dr. William Marshner on Islamic Jihad, Saturday, Oct. 4, from 9:30-11:00 a.m. followed by a Medieval Festival from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Free admission. Wine tasting, art exhibition, Shakespeare play, traditional music, dancing and entertainment. Educational exhibits, food fair and local artisans. St. John the Beloved, 6420 Linway Terrace, McLean. 703-504-8733.

The Church of the Good Shepherd Christian Writers Workshop. Oct. 4, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. "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 or call 703-281-3987.

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.

Chili Cook-off and Community Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Pumpkin carving and decorating competition, old-fashioned midway games, music, crafts and more. If you plan to enter the chili cook-off or want to rent a vendor table, contact the church by Oct. 15. The United Methodist Church of the Good Shepherd, 2351 Hunter Mill Road. www.GoodShepherdVA.com or 703-281-3987.

Dr. Max L. Stackhouse will speak on Saturday, Oct. 25, at 9:30 a.m. about "Civil Society and Public Theology in a Global Era" Dr. Stackhouse is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and a theological ethicist with wide ranging interests that include economic ethics, public theology, global missions and the encounter of world religions. Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 1125 Savile Lane, McLean. Contact Dan Thomas at 703-356-3042 or dthomas@ipcmclean.org.

Intensive Centering Prayer Retreat, from Tuesday, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m.-Sunday, Nov. 2 at 11 a.m. Fr. Bill Sheehan will speak on Centering Prayer and some follow-up practices that support prayer in secret, e.g. Forgiveness Practice, Welcoming Prayer, Lectio Divina and how they help awaken within the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit. Fr. Sheehan and the Sisters will be available for private conversations throughout the retreat. Introductory sessions on the practice of Centering Prayer will not be offered; it is required that you have a well-established centering prayer practice for more than 6 months, and preferably at least a year. Cost for the 6-day retreat is \$425 with a \$100 deposit. Call Michele Litton at 703-669-6255 or mglitton@aol.com. The Dominican Retreat House, 7103 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. 703-356-4243.

All Souls Day Concert on Sunday, Nov. 2, at 4 p.m. Saint Luke Festival Choir, Paul Skevington, artistic director, and Cheryl Branham, conductor, perform the Rutter Requiem and Barber's Adagio for Strings. The program features choir, organ, cello, oboe, flute, and harp. Adults \$15, seniors and students \$15. Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. 703-356-0670 or www.musicinmclean.org.

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Forum Focuses on 'Green Choice\$'

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GREAT FALLS Citizens Association President Jim Luce noted that the association had just created its own task force to deal with energy efficiency and reducing Great Falls' carbon footprint. "I think this fits right into that in terms of greening our town and what people can do," he said. While there had been an existing interest in environmental friendliness, Luce said, the rise in fuel costs had made energy efficiency a major topic. "It kind of all came together when gasoline is \$4 a gallon."

"Everybody's just been kind of putting a hand into this thing," McLean Citizens Association President Rob Jackson said, adding that it was worth the association putting some money into the event to teach residents how to save money. "We're not into preaching

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— Jim Luce, GFCFA president

to people, telling people what they need to do," he said.

Jackson said it was hard to tell what the reception would be for the forum, but he noted that when he and his son recently made their way around the Chesterbrook business area asking to put up posters advertising the event, they got "an incredibly positive response" from merchants and customers alike. He said he hoped for a large turnout because he thought such a forum could yield results. "There's probably a lot of low-

hanging fruit there," he said.

FOUST said he thought there was a will to help the environment but that people might be less aware of the financial benefits of energy efficiency. "I think there's a tremendous amount of interest with issues of global warming and preserving our environment," he said, adding that he had heard less about the money-saving aspect, which he hoped would be driven home at the forum.

"We're very excited about it and the response has been fantastic," Vanderhye said. She said she came up with the idea for the forum while campaigning because the constituents she was talking to seemed so interested in discussing energy efficiency. "This is a community that's very engaged," she said, adding that she was pleased that people in McLean and Great Falls took the subject seriously.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

THURSDAY/OCT. 2

Elections and the Environment.

7 p.m. Free. What the elections mean for the environment, and how to help candidates win. Dolley Madison Library Meeting Room, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Bob Pearson 703-690-3071 or bob_pearson@cox.net.

Alice Starr, former President of the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce and McLean community activist.

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Starr will discuss her involvement in the Chamber, the role of public-private partnerships and development in Tysons and McLean. Tickets \$25, pre-registration required. Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, 1960-A Chain Bridge Rd., McLean. www.mcleanchamber.org or 703-356-5424 or kryan@mcleanchamber.org.

FRIDAY/OCT. 3

Business Transformation Through Business Systems in DoD. A discussion with Prashant Gaur, Director, Enterprise Integration-Business Transformation Agency, DoD, on the status and the future of business systems initiatives in DoD. 7:30 a.m. Patton Boggs 8484 Westpark Drive, Ninth Floor, McLean. NVTC member \$45; non-members \$75. www.nvtc.org/events/geteventinfo.php?event=B2G-24.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 8

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area, "Voter 101." 7:30 p.m. Voting absentee and voting in person, optical scan voting machines and the touch screen machine, who and what will be on the ballot. Chantilly Regional Library. 703-938-7304 or anneathomas@verizon.net.

Neighbors Concerned

FROM PAGE 4

Fay said neighbors of the park had expressed concerns about development, which the move would reduce while protecting green space and improving the park. He said the biggest issue in the negotiations was the value of the property, which cannot be publicly discussed without initiating talks on the use of eminent domain. "Their view of the value and our view of the value are pretty far apart," Fay said.

However, Birge, who has lived on the property for about 30 years, said the biggest issue was that he and Fadoul were not interested in selling the property. "It's our property, and we don't want to have our hands forced by the government or the Park Authority," he said, add-

ing that he thought the land was irreplaceable, being surrounded by a park and within walking distance of downtown McLean and in close proximity to Tysons Corner and Washington, D.C.

Fadoul said the two landowners were not pleased that they now had to fast-track engineering work on possible redevelopment to come up with their own appraisal of the property. She said they would probably look at a development of six high-end homes similar to other new homes in the area. "It would be a cornerstone of the community," Fadoul said.

Pedersen said the Park Authority uses eminent domain something like five times a year, such as another current case in which the county cannot find the owner of a property.

Budget Under Scrutiny

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them to break even, although he said the disparities were worth looking at.

LaSalle's husband, John Rudzki, said the fact that the center's operating fund was collecting more than \$430,000 in interest annually "doesn't look good."

In a later interview, board President Jan Auerbach said additions to the proposed budget included more money for the Fourth of July fireworks display and the McLean Pet Expo, as well as the additions of a new health and safety fair, a teen open mic night and a number of senior programs, "which we're trying to really augment." Among the new senior programs would be a choir, a "lunch bunch," a dance and an enrichment series.

Auerbach said it was unlikely but possible that money would

begin to be spent on design work for a gym or satellite community center during the 2010 fiscal year.

Also in a later interview, Dent said the proposed tax rate was based on the assumption that real estate assessments within the tax district would remain about flat or fall slightly.

While assessments countywide have dropped significantly, he said, the value of real estate in McLean and Great Falls went up an average of .5 percent last year. "We're just sort of forced to rely on our best guess," he said. "We're generally pretty conservative with the numbers because we don't want to be caught out."

By the board's calculations, the community center's total operating fund is expected to grow from \$10,825,476 to \$11,476,201 in the 2010 fiscal year.



I-66 spot improvements

PUBLIC HEARING

I-66 Westbound Spot Improvements

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The public is encouraged to attend and participate in the hearing. Throughout the hearing, the public will have the opportunity to make written comments, leave public comments with court reporters, and ask questions and discuss any concerns with the design team. The proposed project plans depicting the design features and the environmental documentation in the form of a Categorical Exclusion will be available for review at the public hearing, Northern Virginia VDOT District Office and public libraries in Arlington and Fairfax County.

The three spot improvements will extend and connect acceleration and deceleration lanes on I-66 westbound from Spout Run to Glebe Road, from Fairfax Drive to Sycamore Street, and from Washington Boulevard to the Dulles Connector. These spots were identified in earlier studies as the most congested locations.

Visit the study Web site: www.I-66spotimprovements.com or call the Toll Free INFO line (1-888-643-3266) for more information.

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"Don't Know From Adam"



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

There's so much I don't know, that not knowing from whom or from where I don't know it is largely irrelevant to me. Nor is it a matter of blame. I take full responsibility for what it is that I don't know. But knowing what I don't know and being open and admitting it is a good quality, I've been told. But neither do I remember who told me that. I only remember being told.

"A man has to know his limitations," you may recall Clint Eastwood/"Dirty Harry" saying to a "punk, hunh?" But in keeping with the theme of this column, I can't remember exactly in which "Dirty Harry" movie it was said. I can only remember that it was said, and quite famously, and repeatedly, so much so that it has become part of popular culture. And it's become part of my culture as well. I don't go around saying it, mimicking Clint in the process, I simply embrace it, intellectually, as an explanation for the many shortcomings I possess.

Ironically though, I believe I take a certain amount — and type — of pride in not knowing, and knowing that I don't know. As such, I rarely reach beyond my grasp. Nor do I bite off more than I can chew (figuratively speaking. Literally speaking, I do all the time, just ask my wife. No, don't ask my wife, she'd rather not be reminded). And more often than not, I will look before I leap. Somehow, somewhere, with the help of so many others, especially my parents, I suppose I have learned my lessons, thankfully.

The kinds of lessons that may not be reflected in the content of these columns, nor might they be apparent if you spend any amount of time with me. And for all I know, this knowledge may be a figment of my imagination and not really obvious to anyone with whom I have conversations or business dealings. However, since this perception is already in my head, it might be difficult to convince me otherwise.

But knowing that — and admitting it — might yet prove noteworthy. If I know that I'm not always right, and I know how much there is that I don't know, and I know my limitations, then I may know a lot more than I think I know. And "Adam" whoever he is or was, is also someone I don't know and even if I did know who Adam was — or is, I certainly wouldn't blame him for any of my shortcomings. On the other hand, "Adam" is just part of an expression whose knowledge may or may not have something to do with the Garden of Eden, but that's something else that I don't know. But I don't mind that I don't know. It's just another log on that what-I-don't-know fire which blazes internally and it looks like, eternally, too.

But so what? What's in a name, what's in a number? It's all about what's in your head, anyway. What I don't know won't hurt me unless I'm too stubborn to admit it. And I may be lots of things, but stubborn is not one of them. That's something else I know. And now you know, for better or worse.

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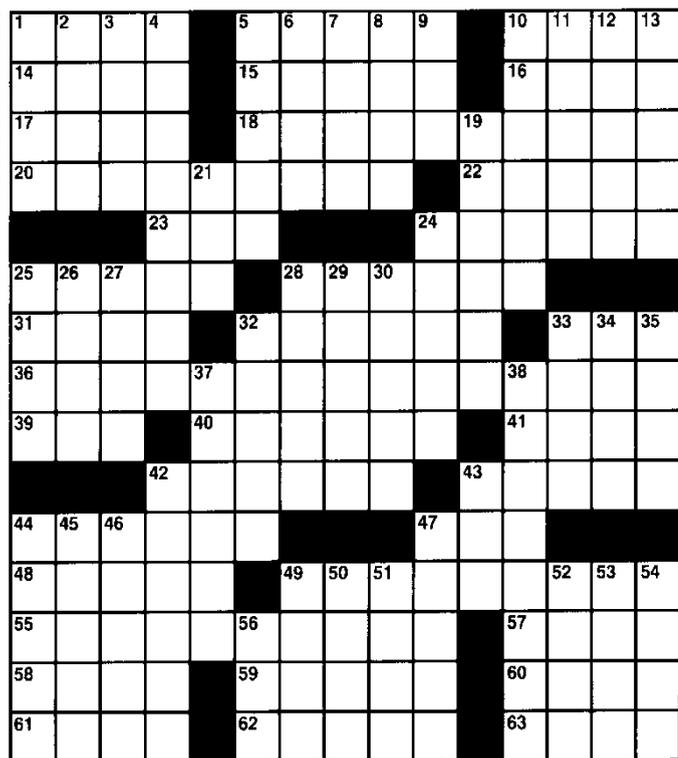
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- 14 Soybean dish
- 15 Like lymphatic tissue
- 16 "Giant" author Ferber
- 17 Get
- 18 Start of a joke
- 20 Response to 18-Across
- 22 Big name in computers
- 23 Bell and Barker
- 24 Less slovenly
- 25 Smooth in motion
- 28 Move down the computer screen
- 31 Right on the map
- 32 Deli sausage
- 33 Short punch
- 36 With 49- and 55-Across, response to 20-Across
- 39 Miscalculate
- 40 Made invalid
- 41 Wife in "Finnegans Wake"

- 42 Serving dish
- 43 Gives off
- 44 Hot as a pistol, e.g.
- 47 "Big Blue"
- 48 Makes a cardigan, say
- 49 See 36-Across
- 55 See 36-Across
- 57 Seasick sailor's support
- 58 Yorkshire river
- 59 Gill of country music
- 60 Light brown
- 61 Sediment
- 62 Protected by levees
- 63 Honeybunch

DOWN

- 1 Lose sleep over something
- 2 Ark architect
- 3 Retro hairdo
- 4 Barrel maker?
- 5 Egyptian crosses
- 6 Matter of contention
- 7 Unpleasant aura
- 8 Small freshwater fish
- 9 — Grove Village, Ill.
- 10 Letter getter, maybe

- 11 Assume
- 12 Last word in a wrestling match?
- 13 Adbul-Jabbar, 1975-89
- 19 Kato of Simpson trial fame
- 21 Bit
- 24 One for whom all roads lead to roam
- 25 Honor with a party
- 26 Actor Bert
- 27 Conniver
- 28 Miss Hawkins of Dogpatch
- 29 Half of a famous outlaw duo
- 30 Japanese noodle dish
- 32 Insomniac's annoyance
- 33 Folk singer Mitchell
- 34 12-Down partner
- 35 Tops
- 37 Tear off with force
- 38 Talked, talked, talked
- 42 Collection plate amounts
- 43 Outward flow
- 44 Cheer with beer
- 45 Bellybutton type
- 46 British bishop's headdress
- 47 Angry
- 49 Sixth-century date
- 50 Sound at Old MacDonald's
- 51 At some prior point
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- 54 Many a campaign tactic
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This free classical music series, now in its 34th season, features professional musicians who have won international recognition for their artistry, including artists from the National Symphony. The new season's series also includes three Young Soloists Recitals that will showcase the talents of local school-age musicians.

Opening the fall series on Oct. 12 at 3 p.m. will be the Suzuki Violin/Piano Duo, composed of Hidetaro Suzuki and his wife, Zeyda Ruga Suzuki. During his 25 years as concertmaster of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, Suzuki and his wife have played concerts all over the world and participated in many chamber music festivals. Both artists are graduates of the Curtis Institute of Music. They now reside in Northern Virginia.

A Young Soloists Recital will follow at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 26. Aiden Kane, 12, is

a homeschooled seventh-grader and studies violin with Ronda Cole. Jehshua Karunakaran, 14, is a freshman at the Northern Virginia Christian Academy and studies violin with Olga Khroulevitch. Antonia Stabile, 14, is a freshman at Oakton High School and studies piano with Nancy O'Neill Breth. Alexander Stabile, 16, is a junior at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology and studies piano with Nancy O'Neill Breth.

On Sunday, Nov. 2, listen to pianist Natsuki Fukasawa. Fukasawa comes from California as one of the Concerts at the Alden's distinguished alumni. After earning degrees from The Juilliard School, she received a Fulbright Scholarship to study at the Prague Academy of Music, where she became a founding member of the award-winning Jalina Trio. Recently she earned a doctorate from the University of Maryland. She has performed throughout the U.S., Japan, Australia, Europe and Israel, and her performances have been broadcast throughout the U.S.

Violinist Laura Kobayashi and Pianist Susan Keith Gray will perform Sunday, Nov. 23, at 3 p.m. They have toured throughout the U.S., South America and other parts of the world. Kobayashi has degrees from The Juilliard School, Yale University and the University of Michigan, while Gray holds degrees from Converse College, the University of Illinois and the University of Michigan.

To see the entire 2008-2009 concert series, check the library's Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library.

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Concert at Riverbend Park

The Jim & Ashley Cash Band, a husband and wife team, will be performing in the second annual Moon on the River Concert at Riverbend Park in Great Falls on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 5-7 p.m. Jim Cash is the son of the owners of Gillette's Coffee, a once popular spot in Great Falls.

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SPORTS

Breakthrough Season for McLean Field

Highlanders experiencing winning season under first year coach Summer Hardman.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

A recent loss to W.T. Woodson High School should do little to stop the momentum that has been gained by the McLean High girls' field hockey team this season.

A year after suffering a losing season at 6-11, the Highlanders, following the setback to the talented Cavaliers last week followed by a tie game with Marshall, stood at 8-3-2 overall, a vast improvement from the '07 campaign.

"We've got good leadership and we've instilled a winning attitude," said McLean coach Summer Hardman. "They are working hard and not accepting defeat or less than 100 percent [effort] in practice. The girls are hungry to win."

While the setback at Liberty District Woodson was a stinger, with McLean falling 6-2, Hardman kept the game in perspective.

"We played a very, very good team," she said. "Woodson is an exceptional team. They were very offensive [minded] and had hard hitters."

In McLean's following game, the Highlanders played visitor and district rival Marshall to a 1-1 tie.

McLean's team is made up of seven seniors, six juniors, four sophomores and two freshmen. Hardman said one of the team's

"We've got good leadership and we've instilled a winning attitude."

McLean coach Summer Hardman.

strengths is its overall depth. She uses her substitutes with frequency, which allows starters to stay rested.

The coach and her team members have high hopes of qualifying for this year's 16-team Northern Region tournament at season's end. The top four teams from each of the region's four districts qualify for the annual region tourney. Hardman said her team is confident it can get a taste of regionals this season.

"I think the girls definitely feel that way," she said. "The top four teams [from the district] are going to go."

Perhaps the season's highlight moment this fall came two weeks ago when McLean defeated district and cross-town rival Langley, 2-0, in a home game. The victory earned the

Highlanders the right to take possession of the coveted Rotary Cup.

But McLean came back to earth a little bit with wins in just one of its next four games as it lost to Lake Braddock and Woodson, beat Mount Vernon and tied

Marshall.

This week, McLean will be looking to get back into the win column with district road games at South Lakes on Wednesday and at Thomas Jefferson on Friday.

MCLEAN has received exceptional play at the midfield position where juniors Elisa Enriquez-Hesles, Caitlin Baker and Johanna Morrison have all played well. Enriquez-Hesles has done an excellent job controlling the ball and getting it to open teammates.

"She's one of those kids who is always on," said Hardman, of Enriquez-Hesles. "She always has a good game."

Morrison was one of her team's best players in a 2-1 loss to powerful Lake Braddock in a game at the Herndon Tournament on Sept. 20.

"She played an amazing defensive game," said Hardman, of Morrison's outing against the Bruins.

McLean's score in the setback to Braddock came from junior Casey Alexander. The Highlanders, in the tough defeat, scored first to go ahead 1-0 before Lake Braddock, a member of the Patriot District, came back to win and improve to 12-0 on the season.

Later that same day, McLean defeated Mount Vernon, 2-0, in another Herndon Tournament contest.



The McLean Highlanders celebrate their recent Rotary Cup field hockey win over Langley on Sept. 19.

COURTESY PHOTO

ROUNDUP

In recent **McLean High girls' field hockey action**, the Highlanders defeated visiting Langley, 2-0, in the Rotary Cup contest on Sept. 19. McLean goals came from Olivia Applewhite and Carolyn Postol.

On Sept. 20, McLean lost a tough 2-1 decision to Lake Braddock at the Herndon Tournament. Later that same day, the Highlanders bested Mount Vernon, 2-1, in Herndon Tourney action. Caitlin Baker and Becca Latimer had the goals for McLean, while goalie Sarah Park played great in the net.

The Northern Virginia Senior Olympics opened Saturday, Sept. 20 and will continue through Thurs., Oct. 2. In recent action, Elizabeth Roadcap of Vienna won a gold medal in women's division eight ball pool. The competition was held at Lincolnia Senior Center in Alexandria. Other events were held at Lee District Park in Franconia. Gold medals were awarded in 3-on-3 women's basketball to the Super

60's Plus team. Team members included Sue Flynn and Patricia McWethy, both of Oakton.

Also, Jingchaun Zhang of McLean earned a Gold Medal in men's table tennis (50-59 age division).

Lincolnia Senior Center and Hollin Hall Senior Center in Alexandria hosted the duplicate bridge, horseshoe and shuffleboard competitions. Earning Gold medals in duplicate bridge were Willis Hume of Reston and Paul Stygar of McLean. A Gold in the horseshoe competition went to Robert Stotz of McLean (men's 75-79 age division).

Several events took place at the following locations: Thomas Jefferson Community Center in Arlington, Lee District Park, and Franconia and Bowl America Shirley in Alexandria. Bowling winners were Willis



Marshall High boys cross country runners Domenic Scavuzzo (front) and Daniel Farhood (back) compete at the recent Oatlands Invitational meet in Leesburg.

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ROUNDUP

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Hume of Reston (men 55-59); Betty Roadcap of Vienna (women's 75-79); and Patricia Johnson of Sterling (women 80-84).

In the softball throw competition at Thomas Jefferson Community Center, winners were William Bovie of Reston (men 55-59); and Sheila Gildea of McLean (women's 75-79). Gildea also earned a Gold in the softball hitting event.

At Lee District Park, a gold medal was awarded in backgammon to Mohamed Youssef of Herndon. Gold medals in racquetball was given to William Bovie of Reston (men's 55-59).

Senior golfers ranging in age from 54 to 87 competed at the Penderbrook Golf Club in Fairfax. The competition followed the Calloway system (gross and net scoring). Gold medalists were: Walter Parham (net) of Vienna (men's 70-79); and Ernest Grady (gross) of Reston (men's 80-89).

The Langley High golf team finished first at the recent Liberty District Tournament. The Saxons finished first with 589 points, finishing ahead of second place Madison (602) and third place McLean (625). Stone Bridge (635) finished fourth, followed by Woodson (666), Jefferson (682), Marshall (696) and South Lakes (789). Individual medalist winners were: Brigitte Baker (139) of Langley, Alex Hubbard (145) of Madison, Brian Jaeger (147) of Langley, Eddie Cutler (149) of Stone Bridge, Ben Walsh (149) of Langley and Sam Nelson (150) of McLean.

The Langley Saxons and McLean Highlanders are two of more than 20 local high school and college volleyball teams participating in 'Digging Pink' throughout October. Both of the local teams will dedicate upcoming matches to cancer awareness and raising funds for research toward better understanding of the disease. The Saxons will 'Dig Pink' when they meet visiting Robinson on Oct. 7. The Highlanders, meanwhile, will 'Dig Pink' in their Oct. 14 match against Langley at McLean. Organized by The Side-Out Foundation, 'Dig Pink' is quickly becoming the largest high school and college volleyball event dedicated to raising funds for breast cancer. October 2008 marks the inception of the 'Dig Pink' rally, and organizers have established a goal of raising \$350,000.

Popular Northern Virginia boxer Jimmy Lange (28-3-2, 20 KOs), after being sidelined with an injury over the last 17 months, will return to action by headlining a live, professional boxing card on Saturday, November 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the Patriot Center in Fairfax. The event, produced by Ice Promotions and headed by Jackie "First Lady of Boxing" Kallen, marks the fighter's sixth appearance at this hometown venue. Tickets are available through all Ticketmaster outlets, including the Patriot Center box office, online at

www.ticketmaster.com or by phone charge at 703-573-SEAT. Accessible seating is available for patrons with disabilities by calling 703-993-3035. Group tickets and sponsorship are available by calling 703-536-6060.

The Reston Raiders Ice Hockey Club's Learn-to-Play-Hockey program will be taking place on Sundays from Oct. 5, 2008 through Feb. 22, 2009 at the Reston SkateQuest Olympic Rink. The 16 on-ice sessions, designed to introduce youngsters to the game of hockey, will be for boys and girls born between 1995 through 2004. Session times will be as follows: 1:40 to 2:50 p.m. for younger beginners, and 2:50 to 4 p.m. for older beginners. Along with learning the basics of the game, students will have fun, get exercise, and improve both their balance and hand-eye coordination. Cost is \$295. Sticks will be distributed for free, and loaner sets of hockey equipment will be available for free. Skates are needed, but a few pairs may be obtained for free as available. For more information, contact Aloysius Hogan, Director of the Reston Raiders Ice Hockey Club, at 202-957-9400. Or visit the Reston Raiders website and select "Register Online" from the main menu.

The Northern Virginia Football Officials Association (NVFOA) is seeking new members for its 2008 training class who can become on-field game officials and electronic clock operators for games at the youth, middle school, and high school levels throughout the Metropolitan area. NVFOA is the sole supplier of football officials to all high schools in the Virginia counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Prince William, Loudoun, and Fauquier. It also supplies officials to numerous private schools in Northern Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia. For those who have the time to commit, NVFOA

has the resources to teach and develop football officials. NVFOA seeks men and women who have reached the age of 18 and who have a desire to be a part of the most exciting and popular scholastic game in America.

Information and application forms are available at www.NVFOA.com, or by contacting commissioner Dennis Hall by phone at 540-837-1316 or by email at commissioner@nvfoa.com.

Enthusiastic and dedicated individuals are needed who are interested in becoming an umpire for a large adult slow-pitch softball program throughout Fairfax County. Part-time work offers pay of \$22 per game and flexible schedules. Training is provided. A minimal fee of only \$25 for both classroom and on-the-field training is required. Former

umpires requiring re-certification may have training waived. If

interested, contact the FAS office as soon as possible for further information. E-mail FAS at office@fairfaxadultsoftball.com or call 703-815-9007.



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The Madison High girls' field hockey team was 6-6 going into this week's action. The Warhawks will be at home on Thursday against Liberty District opponent Woodson. And on Oct. 7, Madison will host McLean. Both evening games are set to start at 7:30.

Langley Goes Down Hard Saxons struggle in the rain in 42-3 setback.

BY NICK CAFFERKY
SPECIAL TO THE CONNECTION

On paper, the high school football matchup between number two Oakton and number eight Langley was set up to be a battle; however the product on the field was anything but, as the Cougars smashed the Saxons 42-3 in the non-district game played last Friday night.

The home team Cougars started off slowly as senior Chris Coyer threw an interception on the first drive. But after that, the Saxons couldn't stop the big play. On the next two possessions, Coyer ran free for touchdown runs of 34 and 72 yards, both in the second quarter to jump out to 14-0 lead that was never in doubt through the entire game.

Coyer was the star of the game, rushing for 132 yards while also passing for another 100 yards and a touchdown in front of a homecoming crowd that didn't leave until the final play, despite the torrential downpour throughout the entire game.

The Cougars have now matched their season win total (5) of last season and have playoff aspirations once again. The 2005 Virginia AAA state champions returned a Northern Region-high 19 starters and are poised to make some noise in the post season.

FOR LANGLEY, things weren't quite as fun, as they struggled to get anything going on offense against a much faster Oakton defense. Senior runningback David Helmer, who was averaging over 130 rushing yards a game, was held to a season low 63 yards and failed to reach the end zone for the first time since the season opener against

Chantilly.

"Their defense was big and fast, so it was hard to make holes up the middle and helped them contain well, so I couldn't run outside either," Helmer said.

Langley was also starting a new quarterback in senior Patrick Kelly due to the injury to third year starter senior Danny Pritchett last week against Marshall.

"[Kelly] did some things right, but any time you have a new quarterback playing, the timing with the receivers is going to be off," Langley head coach John Howerton said.

The one bright spot for Langley was a 45 yard field goal right before the half by sophomore Farhan Khan, despite the rain and the muddy conditions. Khan, who also kicked the game winning field goal against Herndon, is the best kicker Langley has had in years.

"[Khan] gives us a weapon that we haven't had since I've been here...when you get inside the 30 [yard line], you tend to make mistakes. With him, it's nice to know you have a kicker that can get you points from there," Coach Howerton said.

LAST SEASON Oakton was 5-3 with just one win needed to clinch a playoff spot. But the Cougars lost their last two games. So even though they have started strong this fall, the team knows it must continue to play hard.

"I think that this week showed our players that if we work hard and have a good week of practice that it will show out on the field...We have five hard weeks ahead. It all starts next week against Chantilly," Oakton's head coach Joe Thompson said.

SPORTS

PIGSKIN PROGNOSTICATORS: **Week Six**

Each week, **The Connection's Pigskin Prognosticators** select winners from the top prep games.

GAMES OF THE WEEK

1. Chantilly at Oakton
2. W.T. Woodson at Westfield
3. Edison at Yorktown
4. W. Potomac at W. Springfield
5. Lake Braddock at Lee
6. Madison at Langley
7. McLean at Marshall
8. South County at T.C. Williams
9. Illinois at Michigan
10. Redskins at Eagles

WEEK SIX SCHEDULE:

Games played Fri., Sep. 19
 Centreville at Robinson, 7:30 p.m.
 Chantilly at Oakton, 7:30 p.m.
 Fairfax at Herndon, 7:30 p.m.
 W. T. Woodson at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.
 W. Potomac at W. Springfield, 7:30 p.m.
 Jefferson at Wakefield, 7:30 p.m.
 Madison at Langley, 7:30 p.m.
 McLean at Marshall, 7:30 p.m.
 Stone Bridge at South Lakes, 7:30 p.m.
 Edison at Yorktown, 7:30 p.m.
 Wash-Lee at Falls Church, 7:30 p.m.
 Mount Vernon at Stuart, 7:30 p.m.
 Lake Braddock at Lee, 7:30 p.m.
 Game played Sat., Sep. 12
 South County at T. C. Williams, 7:30 p.m.
 Ireton at SSASA, 2:00 p.m.



Jason Mackey

Sports Editor

Last Week: 7-3

Season: 31-9

Percentage: 78%

1. Chantilly
2. Westfield
3. Edison
4. W. Springfield
5. Lee
6. Langley
7. Marshall
8. South County
9. Illinois
10. Redskins



Mark Giannotto

Sports Editor

Last Week: 6-4

Season: 29-11

Percentage: 73%

1. Oakton
2. Westfield
3. Edison
4. W. Springfield
5. Lee
6. Langley
7. Marshall
8. South County
9. Michigan
10. Redskins



Rich Sanders

Sports Editor

Last Week: 5-5

Season: 25-15

Percentage: 63%

1. Oakton
2. Westfield
3. Edison
4. W. Springfield
5. Lee
6. Madison
7. Marshall
8. T.C Williams
9. Michigan
10. Eagles

Last Week's Results

Friday's games

Broad Run 29, Briar Woods 0
 Chantilly 28, Herndon 10
 Edison 36, Wakefield 6
 Fairfax 25, Centreville 15
 Madison 42, Jefferson 15
 Marshall 28, Stuart 0
 Mount Vernon 12, Wash-Lee 10
 Oakton 42, Langley 3
 South County 27, Lee 23
 Stone Bridge 51, McLean 13
 W. Potomac 17, Hayfield 7
 W. Spring 48, Annandale 27
 Westfield 21, Robinson 14
 Yorktown 35, Falls Church 7

Saturday's games

T.C. Williams 20, L. Braddock 3
 Flint Hill 37, Ireton 14
 SSASA 10, Randolph-Macon 6

Sunday's games

O'Connell 40, Gonzaga 0

The Connection Top 10

1. Stone Bridge
2. Westfield
3. Oakton
4. Edison
5. Chantilly
6. W.T. Woodson
7. W. Springfield
8. West Potomac
9. Herndon
10. South County

2008 Standings

Liberty District

School	District	Overall
W.T. Woodson	3-0	4-1
Langley	2-0	3-2
Madison	2-0	3-2
Stone Bridge	2-0	5-0
McLean	0-2	0-5
Marshall	0-2	2-3
South Lakes	0-2	1-4
Jefferson	0-3	1-4

Concorde District

Westfield	2-0	5-0
Oakton	1-0	5-0
Chantilly	1-1	4-1
Fairfax	1-1	3-2
Herndon	1-1	3-2
Robinson	0-1	2-3
Centreville	0-2	1-4

Patriot District

South County	2-0	3-2
West Potomac	2-0	5-0
W. Springfield	2-0	3-2
Annandale	1-1	2-3
T. C. Williams	1-1	1-4
Hayfield	0-2	1-4
Lake Braddock	0-2	2-3
Lee	0-2	1-4

National District

Edison	2-0	5-0
Yorktown	2-0	4-1
Mount Vernon	1-1	3-2
Wakefield	1-1	1-4
J.E.B. Stuart	0-1	1-4
Washington-Lee	0-1	2-3
Falls Church	0-2	0-5

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