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Battle for 34th District

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

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



Vanderhye

Name: Margaret Grant Vanderhye
Age: 61
Residence: McLean
Education: Maine Township High School South, Park Ridge, Ill., B.A. Northwestern University, M.A. Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, Sorensen Institute of Political Leadership, University of Virginia
Family: Robert Vanderhye, adult children Keith and Alexis
Occupation: Virginia General Assembly: Member, House of Delegates

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

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

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

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

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

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



Comstock

Name: Barbara Jean Comstock
Age: 50
Residence: McLean
Education: Westchester Senior High School, Houston, Texas; Middlebury College, B.A., Political Science, and Georgetown University Law Center, J.D.
Family: Husband of 27 years, Chip Comstock (an assistant Principal at Oakton High School); Three children: Dan 26, Peter 24, and Caitly 21.
Occupation: Partner, Corallo Comstock.

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

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

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

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



PHOTO BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE/THE CONNECTION

Stuart Mendelsohn took over as chairman of the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce in June.

Mendelsohn Leads Chamber

Former Dranesville Supervisor focuses on county chamber’s less political functions.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce’s selection of Stuart Mendelsohn as their new chairman in June could be interpreted by some as a political maneuver.

Mendelsohn, a McLean resident, represented Dranesville on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors from 1996 through 2003 and had previously served on the Fairfax County School Board. Before he left public office five years ago, several residents considered Mendelsohn a rising star in Northern Virginia’s Republican Party and had encouraged him to run for Fairfax County chairman.

But Mendelsohn, a lawyer with Holland & Knight LLP in Tysons Corner, insists his new position with one of region’s largest business organizations is not a political statement. He had been active in Fairfax chamber activities before he ever ran for elected office, he said.

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OPINION

Labor Day

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



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

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Fountain Dedicated at Vinson Hall

Residents, community praise Eagle Scout project.

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

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

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

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

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

Peters contacted Vinson Hall's

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

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

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

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

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NEWS

Networking Helps in Recession

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"I am trying very hard not to be partisan," said Mendelsohn about his new role as the chamber's chairman.

MENDELSON wants to focus on some of the chamber's less political functions, such as increasing membership and networking opportunities. The Fairfax chamber has recently created a new staff position, the director of membership, to try and boost local businesses involvement and participation.

Mendelsohn wants the chamber to create more opportunities for local business people to interact across industries. People tend to network with others in their own field, even though they could learn a lot by branching out and meeting business people from other areas, he said.

The new chairman would also like to see multiple people from some of the county's larger employers participating in chamber activities. It is not only beneficial for chief executive officers or business owners to talk to each other but also for employees with similar positions, like those who run human resource departments, to get to know each other.

"We think many business people are saying 'Hey, with this recession, I have to network more,'" said Mendelsohn.

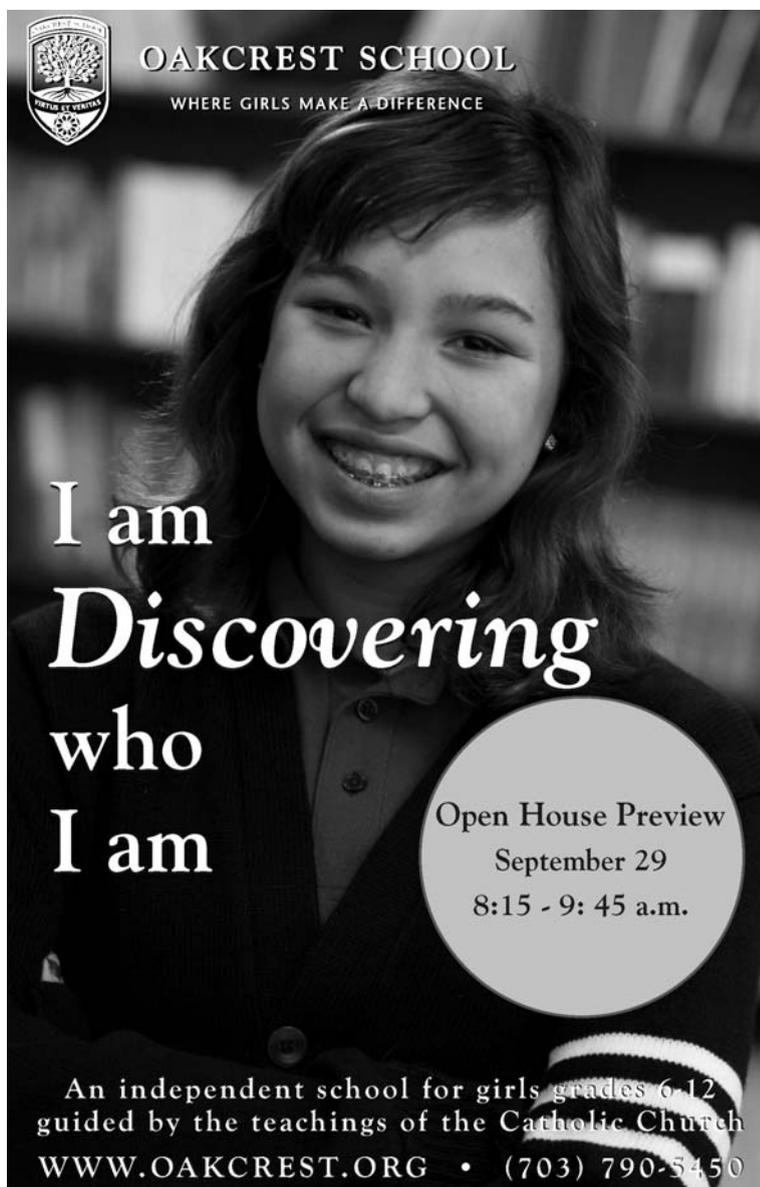
Even if Mendelsohn's focus is on growing membership, the Fairfax chamber will still be heavily involved in political advocacy. It is the only Northern Virginia chamber that employs a full time lobbyist in Richmond, according to Mendelsohn.

THE CHAMBER CHAIRMAN described the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors as being mostly "business friendly" over the last 20 years, even though the board has been largely controlled by Democrats during that time. Virginia's state government has also created a pro-business environment by keeping taxes and regulation relatively low, he said.

Currently, Fairfax's business community is most concerned about the actions the federal government might take.

"These days, most of the threats to business are coming from Washington D.C.," Mendelsohn said.

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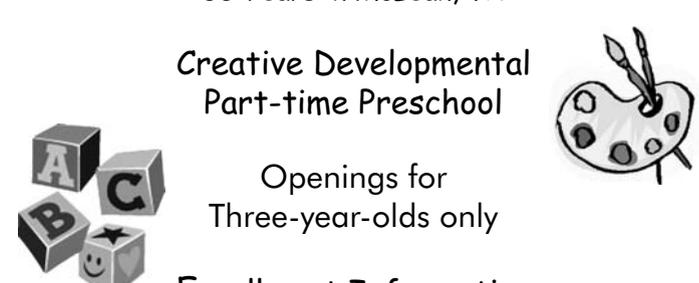
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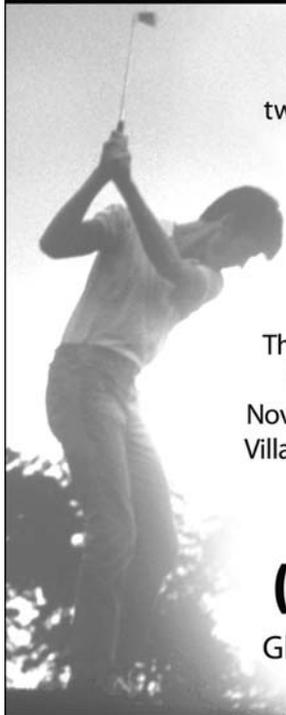
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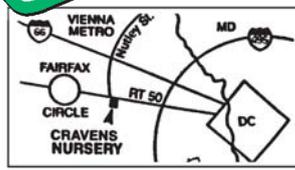
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Playing 'The Game of Love and Chance'

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

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

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

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

SEE TYSONS THEATRE, PAGE 15



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



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

1st Stage at a glance

1524 Spring Hill Road, Suite LL,
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Box office and information line: 703-854-1856
Season opens on Sept. 12 with "The Game of Love and Chance," a romantic French farce
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NEWS

McLean Rotary Receives Top District Honor

The Rotary Club of McLean received the first annual Ylonen Cup at the annual District 7610 Rotary Foundation in Fredericksburg, Va. The inaugural award, named after the late District 760 Governor Charles S. "Chuck" Ylonen, is presented to the club with the highest three-year average per capita giving by its members to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation. McLean's three-year member per capita giving average was \$486.27 based on club members' financial support of The Rotary Foundation between 2006-07 and 2008-09.

In 2006-07, under president Bob Hahne and foundation chair Tom O'Bryon, McLean Rotary



From left, Bob Hahne (2006-07 President), Scott Mills (2007-08 President), Lois Wilson (2008-09 President), Glenn Yarborough (2007-08 Foundation Chair) and Rick Neldon (2008-09 Foundation Chair). Not pictured, Tom O'Bryon (2006-07 Foundation Chair).

amassed a member per capita giving average of \$483.86. A year later, under the leadership of president Scott Mills and foundation chair Glenn Yarborough, the club tallied a member per capita

giving average of \$549.08. Last year, led by president Lois Wilson and foundation chair Rick Neldon, the McLean Club had a member per capita giving average of \$426.15.

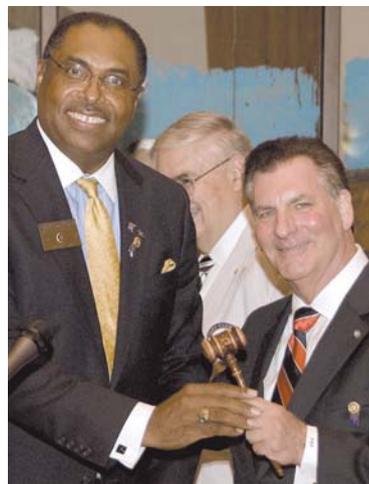
McLean Rotarians Set Goals for a Year

Rotary District 7610 Gov. Horace McCormack encouraged the members of the Rotary Club of McLean at their meeting last week to continue their progress in leadership development, new member recruitment and commitment to community and international service.

McCormack is from Fairfax and is a member of the Rotary Club of Falls Church.

McCormack pointed out his key priorities for this year: continuing to work toward Rotary's goal of eradicating polio; expanding Rotary's public image; increasing Rotary's overall capacity; growing its vocational service programs; and enhancing its leadership development projects.

McCormack honored longtime member Bill Stell, one of the McLean Club's charter members,



Rotary District 7610 Gov. Horace McCormack, left, pictured with McLean Rotary President Paul Frank at the installation ceremony last month.

as well as past presidents Robert Hahne, Scott Mills, Lois Wilson and Vance Zavela for their ongoing work at the local club and district levels.

Prior to the membership meeting, the McLean Club board of directors presented McCormack its 2009-10 Vision and Action Plan, which outlines the club's overall mission and goals for the next 12 months.

The board also discussed with the district governor the club's year-long objectives regarding its foundation; its community, vocational and international service initiatives; and its plans for club administration, programming and public image.

"Your strategic plan lays it out for your club, now you just need to execute," said McCormack.

Meeting of the Whole will be Thursday, Sept. 10, at 7:30 p.m. The Center is located at 1234 Ingleside Ave.

Board committees will present their recommendations on how to finance Center programs and events for FY 2011, which begins July 1, 2010 and ends June 30, 2011. Details of the proposed budget will be available for inspection at the Center and on the Center's Web site [www.mcleancenter.org] beginning on Thursday, Sept. 3. District residents who have suggestions, comments or concerns will have an opportunity to voice them at the work session. In addition, residents who call the Center to announce their intentions to attend the session will receive a budget package when they arrive at the meeting.

A Public Hearing on the FY 2011 budget will be Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 7:30 p.m. Residents who wish to speak at the public hearing are asked to call 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, to have their names placed on the speakers' list. Information on Center programs can be found on the Center's Web site: www.mcleancenter.org.



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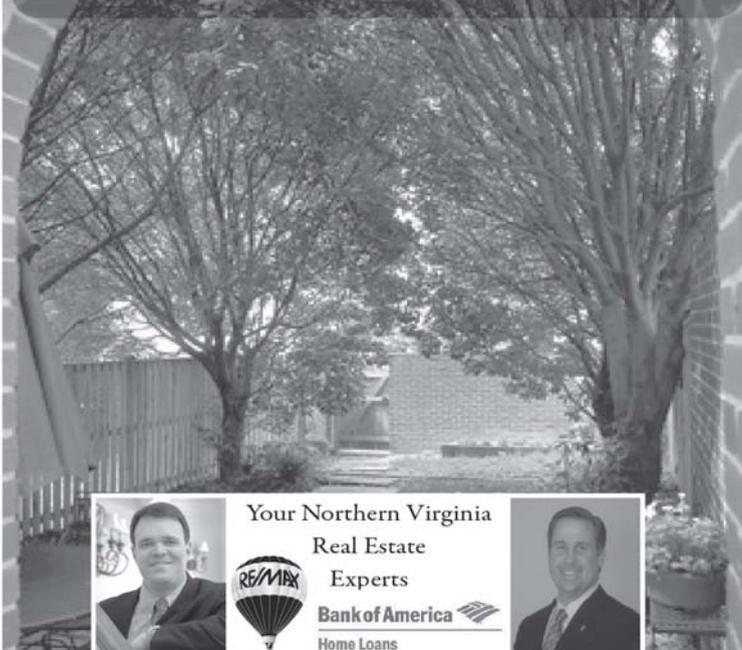
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THURSDAY/SEPT. 10

Happily Ever After: A Cinderella Tale. 2 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Age 4 and up. 703-790-0123.

David Mead and Scott Simons. 8 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 11

Peter Tork (from The Monkees) and Shoe Suede Blues. 7 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

The McLean Branch of the American Association of University Women's 40th Used Book Sale, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. 40,000 used books, videos and CD's are sorted for adults and children. Admission is free. 202-337-2294 or www.mcleanaauw.org.

Claude Moore Colonial Farm Fall Book Sale. 5-8 p.m. at The Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Free admission. Proceeds benefit museum's educational programs. www.1771.org/directions.htm.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 12

All-you-can-eat crab feast. 1-5 p.m. at the Great Falls Firehouse.



McLean AAUW To Host 40th Annual Book Sale

McLean AAUW has been preparing all summer for its 40th Annual Book Sale. From left, Rebecca Horahan, Rahn Kiim and Joanne and Gary Field of McLean highlight some 'Treasures' to be offered at the sale. The sale will take place Friday, Sept. 11 from 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 12, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 13 from 12-4 p.m. at the McLean Community Center at 1234 Ingleside Ave. Most books are \$7 a bag on Sunday. This year the branch is also celebrating its 40th anniversary. Proceeds go to scholarships for women. Questions? 202-337-2294 or visit www.mcleanaauw.org

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The McLean Branch of the

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CALENDAR

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McLean Fall Community Flea Market

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Free admission and parking inside at the Business Bank Parking Garage, 1451 Dolley Madison Blvd. and Ingleside Ave., McLean. Open to both individuals and flea market dealers, 10x10-foot spaces are available for \$45. 703-790-0123, TTY 711.

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra

8 p.m. at the George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4373 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. Christopher Zimmerman, Music Director. opens with Bernstein's Symphonic Dances from West Side Story, followed by Elgar's Introduction and Allegro for Strings and Stravinsky's Rite of Spring. Pre-concert lecture free to ticketed patrons, 7 p.m. Tickets \$25 to \$55; \$15 for students with valid ID. 1-888-945-2468 or Tickets.com

Miss Belle's Family Sing-Along

10:30 a.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Songs and hugs. 703-356-0770.

RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association

free educational workshops on embryo donation, 8 a.m.-2:45 p.m. at the Tysons Corner Hilton, McLean. The legal, medical and mental health issues potential recipients and donors should consider about embryo donation. Register at resolve.org/embryodonation.

Claude Moore Colonial Farm Fall Book Sale

10 a.m.-5 p.m. at The Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Free admission. Proceeds benefit museum's educational programs. www.1771.org/directions.htm.

No Better Off

Acoustic roots and more. 5-7 p.m. at the Palladium Civic

Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Free. 703-288-9505.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 13

Sarah Bettens from K's Choice. 8 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

The McLean Branch of the American Association of University Women's 40th Used Book Sale, 12-4 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Admission is free. 202-337-2294 or www.mcleanaauw.org.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 15

Personalized Internet Training. 2:30 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. A 45-minute one-on-one Internet training sessions with a technology volunteer. Call for appointment. Adults. 703-790-8088.

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Friends in My Neighborhood. 10:30 a.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Stories and activities about community helpers. Age 2-5 with adult. 703-356-0770.

Book Discussion Group. 6:30 p.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Call for title. Adults. 703-356-0770.

Personalized Microsoft Office Training. 7:15 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. A 45-minute one-on-one Microsoft Office

training session with a technology volunteer. Call for appointment. Adults. 703-790-8088.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Astrobiology At Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 7 p.m. Free. With Michael Summers, Department of Physics and Astronomy, George Mason University. Part of a series sponsored by the Analemma Society and the Great Falls Library to celebrate 2009, The International Year of Astronomy. 703-757-8560.

Ballyhoo! 9 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Tiny Tot Tales. 10:30 a.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Stories and activities. Age 13-23 months with adult. 703-356-0770.

Model Investment Club of Northern Virginia. 7 p.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Adults. 703-356-0770.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 19

Washington Saxophone Quartet. 3 p.m. at the Alden Theatre in the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. 703-790-0123.

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"Remembering Summer," an exhibit of recent watercolors by Great Falls artist Betty Ganley, will be at the Great Falls Library's main meeting room from Sept. 1-28. Ganley, recipient of over 70 awards for marine scenes and florals, is the author of "10 Secret Gardens In Watercolor."

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SPORTS

Highlander Field Hockey Hungry for Success

Vanni's McLean team off to a 6-3 start this season.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The building blocks for a winner began to be formed last year for the McLean High girls' field hockey program, which put together its best season in years when the Highlanders finished 16-5-2 and reached the quarterfinals of the Northern Region playoffs.

McLean, under second year head coach Summer Vanni, formerly known as Summer Hardman before marrying this offseason, is likely to have another winning season this fall. Going into this week, the Highlanders were an impressive 6-3.

"I'm expecting a successful season based on our returning players and the kids who have been brought up [from JV]," said Vanni.

THE HIGHLANDERS opened the regular season with an impressive 2-0 win at perennial powerhouse Lake Braddock on Oct. 24. It marked the first time in 20 years that Bruins' head coach Diane Miller, one of the region's all-time winningest coaches, had ever lost a season opening contest. McLean, in the confidence-building triumph, received goals from Caitlin Baker and Jordan Walker. In the net, Highlander goalie Sarah Park made 20 saves. Both teams, throughout the game, made impressive offensive rushes on the net.

"I'm expecting a successful season based on our returning players and the kids who have been brought up [from JV]."

— Summer Vanni, head coach

While Lake Braddock is a young squad as a result of numerous graduation losses, the Bruins are a still renowned program and a good test for anyone.

"That was kind of our starting point and the team was real excited," said Vanni, of the win over the Bruins.

More recently, McLean traveled to Virginia Beach to compete at the Sun Devil Tournament Aug. 28-29. There, the Highlanders went 2-2, with the wins coming over St. Catherine's and Denbigh (Newport News), and the losses coming to Maury (Norfolk) and Kellam (Virginia Beach).

Two days upon returning home, McLean lost to Liberty District opponent and defending district champion W.T. Woodson, 3-2, in a contest

played at McLean on Aug. 31.

The two teams had met in last year's district tournament finals at Madison High School with the Cavaliers winning, 3-0. McLean, following that postseason loss to Woodson last fall, went on to defeat Mount Vernon, 5-0, in a first round region playoff game before seeing its season end with a 4-2 loss to South County in a quarterfinals affair.

MCLEAN'S WINS this season (regular season and pre-season combined) have come over Washington-Lee, 3-0; Lake Braddock; Oakton, 5-0; St. Catherine's; Denbigh; and Wakefield, 9-0. The losses have come to Maury, Kellam and Woodson.

The lopsided road win over region opponent Wakefield, an Arlington team and a member of the National District, came on Sept. 3.

Vanni said her team is made up of players who are athletic and growing in their knowledge of the game. More than 25 members of the McLean program participated in Lake Braddock's team camp at Virginia Commonwealth University (Richmond) during the spring/summer.

"We have a lot of athletes, girls who play soccer, lacrosse and basketball," said Vanni, who has 12 returning varsity players from last year's team. "They all went to the team camp and are playing with more maturity."

The coach said her first season at the helm of the McLean program in 2008 was about getting to know her team and its new players. It turned out to be a wonderful season for the Highlanders.

"You never know what you're going to get and I was pleasantly surprised," said Vanni, of last year's team. "The girls got acclimated to me and my style of coaching."

With last year's success has come a determination to be an even better team this season.

"This year, they expect to win," said Vanni, of her team. "I don't have to convince them [they are a good team]. They have so much more experience now. We talk about winning the region and going to the state championship."

The coach said she is certain of one thing, the Highlanders will always give their best effort, win or lose.

"We will never lose a game because we get outthustled," she said.

McLean's team captains this season are seniors Caitlin Baker (center midfielder), Maddy Parkhurst (midfield) and Casey Alexander (forward).

Earlier this week, the Highlanders were scheduled to play Herndon High (on Sept. 8, the first day of schools in Fairfax County). On Thursday, Sept. 10, the Highlanders will host district opponent South Lakes.

Next Tuesday, Sept. 15, McLean will play one of the area's best teams, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School of Alexandria. The road contest will start at 4:15 p.m.

One of the most exciting aspects of this season for McLean is that the Highlanders are playing their home games on their new, beautiful Bermuda turf field.

"Our boosters have done a great job of upgrading our facility," said Vanni. "Our girls are in heaven."



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

McLean Football Breaks Into Win Column

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

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

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

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

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

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

Riley Beiro, McLean's standout running back who missed the second half of last season with a knee injury, experienced a career night as he rushed for 293 yards and three touchdowns on 26 carries. Beiro took advantage of a

strong offensive line in front of him that opened up large holes throughout the game.

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

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

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

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

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

Forever Ain't What It Used To Be



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

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

This exchange reminded me of one of the standard/regular/recurring questions I ask of my oncologist to assess my condition:

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

Humor is the best medicine, or so I've been told, and so, to make my parents proud (both of whom are deceased), and to follow in their brave and unselfish footsteps, I try to find humor in even the most difficult of circumstances. And as much as this cancer thing is about me, and as good an excuse as it is to explain behavior, decisions, priorities, etc., I seem to get more pleasure not using it as an excuse and using it more as a prop, if you will (you'll note, I didn't say crutch) to put others at ease, especially considering that, in whatever room you occupy, you are the figurative elephant. Moreover, the sooner I can acknowledge its presence and diffuse whatever tension and discomfort may exist, the sooner people treat me normally. And the sooner people treat you normally, the more normal you'll feel. And given cancer patients' circumstances - and difficulties and challenges, feeling normal (however it happens) is as good as it can unrealistically be.

However, maybe this is simply "rational self interest," to quote one of my brother Richard's favorite descriptions of necessary behavior. Or maybe it's my mind playing tricks on my mouth (chemo brain, it's called). I don't know which, nor do I care. But for now, it feels normal and it seems to be working. And in my present semi precarious condition, as with many other conditions/ situations/circumstances, some not nearly as serious, if it ain't broke, don't fix it.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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The public information meetings will focus on the transportation alternatives under study, including new bus services such as Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), express bus service and commuter choices such as carpooling, vanpooling and park and ride lots.

Each meeting will include a continuous open house with study representatives available to provide information. Presentations will be given at 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. with an opportunity for questions and answers afterwards.

Meeting Dates and Locations

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Arlington County Board Room-3rd Floor
2100 Clarendon Boulevard
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Wednesday, September 30, 2009
Oakton High School Cafeteria
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7:00 p.m. - Presentation and Q&A
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For more information on the study, visit
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If you are unable to attend a meeting, comments on the study may be sent to Public Information Office, DRPT, 600 E. Main St., Suite 2102, Richmond, VA 23219, or DRPTPR@DRPT.Virginia.gov. Comments will be accepted until October 9, 2009.

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THEATRE

Tyson's Theater Opens New Season

FROM PAGE 8

1st Stage, a nonprofit professional theater located at Tysons Corner, was created to provide an artistic venue for Northern Virginia's theater talent. Krikstan, a former George C. Marshall High School drama director, surrounds himself with an experienced artistic staff and actors who have appeared professionally in New York and the metro Washington, D.C. area. In the parking lot, sits a car whose license plate reads simply, 1st stage.

"Our inaugural season exceeded our expectations of acceptance in the community both artistically and in terms of audience enthusiasm," said Brad Kalbfeld, 1st Stage spokesman. The young professional theater company received strong reviews from Metro-area reviewers and theatergoers. 1st Stage was nominated for awards in three categories by "D.C. Theatre Scene."

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

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

"I came back to support 1st Stage, as much to help a friend who helped me," said Beck, in his fifth 1st Stage production. He is the servant who pretends to be the master of the house.

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

to size each other up from a less-privileged position."

"1st Stage is still a secret in the community," said Beck. "But we see a growth of the audience locally and in the wider theater community. It's already giving the public a higher quality of theater than they've been used to."

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

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

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

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

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

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

FAITH

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

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

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

St. Francis Episcopal Church in Great Falls has announced its fall schedule of weekly services and

educational programs, as well as upcoming musical and special events. Beginning Sept. 13, the church will offer services at 7:45 a.m., 9 a.m., and 11 a.m., along with Sunday School classes and an adult forum series at 10:15 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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