

McLean CONNECTION

McLean Stream To Be Restored

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Behind McLean Hunt Homeowners Association President Lynn McNulty, left, and volunteer grounds manager Jim Bradley, trees have fallen across Bradley Branch as erosion continues to broaden the streambed. A restoration project is in the works.

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How far we have gone in achieving Martin Luther King's dream and what is the impact of Obama's election?

[Haiti]? His goal is to achieve and always continue to achieve to do more and help our people as Christians."

those aspects we still have a struggle we need to address."

— WILLIAM SCOTT MARTIN



**Donna Sharp,
Nurse, McLean**

"We've made grand strides but there is still a long way to go... we've made strides in education and housing, but especially now the way the economy, it's really shown that there is still a lot of inequality as far as trying to get jobs. When you think about higher education the HBC schools are really struggling at this point... financially. We're getting there but it's a slow process."



**Lana Wong,
Photographer, McLean**

"With Obama in the house we've obviously made great strides but I think there's still... a longer way to go so it [does] mean, as was said today, that we've plenty more to do and we have many daily struggles all over the country whatever color you are, so we need to keep the dream alive."



**Jerome Dayson,
Financial Analyst, Arlington**

"Well I think I'd have to say we fulfilled maybe 80% of that dream... I think we have reached some of those things but there is more that we have to do. His dream was bigger than us just coming together and receiving a black president, I think it was more world peace and [all togetherness]. I guess my thing now is what are we going to do for



**Debbie Woodberry,
Program Supervisor,
Falls Church**

"I think we came very far especially this past year with electing our first African American president. If he was alive today I think he'd be very happy to see the progress that we've made. We still have a long way to go as well... With the black neighborhoods and the crime rates the resources that are not equally available as in other affluent neighborhoods, in



**Mark Weinman,
Engineer, Ashburn**

I see constant progress, right? People who are working together, living together, playing together, but we can always do things better. This is all part of it, right? People coming together and sharing the dream and talking about it and understanding and working together to make sure we go the right way together... I'm not sure how much [Obama] has contributed [personally]... but the fact

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From left, rescue squad officer Rodney Vaughan and hazmat specialist Mark Menton, who works the Alexandria-Lorton corridor, confer about the deployment.

Helping in a Time of Need

Fairfax County Search and Rescue Teams are in Haiti.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Following the 7.0 earthquake in Haiti, Fairfax County's Urban Search and Rescue Team (Virginia Task Force 1) was sent last week to look for and rescue victims.

Under the auspices of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), a 72-member team left Tuesday night, Jan. 12, arriving the next day and it quickly achieved success.

"We had a save Thursday morning [Jan. 14]," said county Fire and Rescue Department spokesman Dan Schmidt. "A U.N. security officer of Estonian descent was detected in a rubble pile and extricated in good condition by members of Virginia Task Force 1. And that's the essence of why firefighters do what they do — they want to save lives. So when they did, it was an incredible, adrenaline-booster for them."

But with the situation there still so dire, said Schmidt, "The USAID asked us to send a second team, and County Executive Anthony Griffin and Fire Chief Ron Mastin approved the request." So a 42-person contingent left Thursday, Jan. 14, arriving early Friday morning.

The team comprises two doctors, structural engineers, paramedics, specialists in search-and-rescue and hazardous materials, plus a search canine and handler. The structural engineers include rigging specialists who help shore up unsafe areas using block and tackle, plus other methods, so firefighters can continue to extricate people.

"The federal government funds all costs associated with training and deployment," said Schmidt. The team will be in Haiti, 10-14 days, while other firefighters fill in for them here. They flew on a chartered aircraft, with their bags of personal items, while a second plane carried their equipment, such as jackhammers, cameras, listening devices, concrete-cutting saws and medical supplies. Water and military MREs (meals, ready-to-eat) also went along.

"This team deployed to Haiti in November 2008 for a school collapse, and many of those same members are returning," said Schmidt. The team's first mission was in December 1988, when it responded to an Armenian earthquake with a small, technical-rescue team. Since then, the Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) team has been deployed all over the world, including to Kenya, Iran, Taiwan, Turkey, Oklahoma City and the Pentagon after 9/11. It also responded after Hurricanes Katrina and Isabel.

LAST THURSDAY, team members reported to the county's Fire and Rescue Academy throughout the day. Some were accompanied by family members; each brought one red and one yellow bag. Lt. Diron Powell, who works at the Franconia, Kingstowne, Springfield and West Springfield stations, helped them check in.

Each person's bags had to be less than 90 pounds total for the two, and Powell made sure they contained all the necessary gear. Filling the red bags were uniforms, toiletries and personal items. The yellow bags were stuffed with operating gear such as flashlights, batteries, gloves, safety glasses, hearing protectors, rain gear, insect repellent and hand cleaner.

Teresa MacPherson of Catlett is the canine search specialist. She's not a member of the fire department, but has been on the team since 1993. Her partner's a 5-year-old black Labrador named Banks.

"We were in Haiti in '08 for the school collapse," she said. Before Banks begins a search, MacPherson unclips his leash so he's unencumbered. "We don't want any snagging," she said. "He can go places we can't. I say, 'Go find,' and he starts looking for live, human scent in the rubble. He covers a lot of area in a short amount of time. Where he finds the strongest scent, he starts barking; then someone will start searching."

MacPherson was eager to leave and get busy. "We train hard for this," she said. "We want to go and help."

Lt. Rodney Vaughan is a rescue squad officer on the team. Formerly of Centre Ridge, in Centreville, he now lives in Gainesville and has been a team

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Drivers coming from Ingleside Avenue are no longer allowed to turn left onto Dolley Madison Boulevard or to cross the busy thoroughfare.

Intersection Restricted

No left from Ingleside to Dolley Madison.

Drivers accessing Route 123 from Ingleside Avenue will now encounter plastic pylons preventing them from turning left or crossing the busy road.

At a public meeting regarding the intersection in October, Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) said he had received numerous complaints from residents about the danger of turning left on the road, as well as

the long waits behind drivers attempting to turn left. His office and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) worked out a solution whereby markings would indicate that left turns from Ingleside Avenue, as well as crossing Route 123 at the intersection, were prohibited.

The plastic pylons enforce the new rule for now, but VDOT traffic engineer Hari Sripathi said at the October meeting that they would likely be knocked down and could not be maintained indefinitely. The hope, he said, is that by then, drivers will be used to the change.

— MIKE DICICCO

Police Station Close to Choosing Architect

McLean station renovation and expansion to begin in 2012.

An expansion for the McLean District Police Station, which doubles as the McLean Governmental Center, is in the works. Around the beginning of November, Fairfax County's Department of Public Works and Environmental Services posted a request for qualifications from consulting firms interested in designing and administering the building's reconstruction, and Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) said the field was now narrowed down to a couple of candidates.

Foust's office is also located in the building. "It's way too small for the number of police officers they

currently have here," he said.

Almost \$18 million was allocated for the project in the 2006 public safety bond referendum. Initially, the supervisor's office was to be moved to Dolley Madison Library, which is about to undergo renovations. Plans for both projects were stalled when the community opposed the relocation of the office. The supervisor will now remain in the police station, although the office will be moved to a temporary location during the renovations.

Construction is not expected to begin until 2012.

— MIKE DICICCO

Overnight Lane Closings Along Route 123

Drivers using Route 123 north and southbound between the Dulles Connector Road (Route 267) bridge and the Capital Beltway (Interstate 495) will experience lane closings at night in several different locations beginning Tuesday night, Jan. 19, through Friday night, Feb. 5, weather permitting.

From Tuesday, Jan. 19, through Friday, Feb. 5:

❖ Both lanes of westbound Capital One Drive will be closed for a 100-foot strip west of Route 123.

From Tuesday, Jan. 19 through Sunday, Jan. 24:

❖ On Route 123 southbound, the right through lane and the right turn lane to the inner loop of Interstate 495 will be closed from Scotts Crossing Road to Interstate 495.

From Monday, Jan. 25 through Friday, Feb. 5:

❖ On Route 123 southbound, the center lane and right through and turn lanes will be closed between Scotts Crossing Road and Interstate 495.

From Monday, Jan. 25 to Friday, Feb. 5:

❖ On Old Meadow Road westbound at Route 123, the left turn lane to Route 123 will be closed.

Also, the two left turns from Route 123 northbound into the Capital One complex will close. Traffic will be detoured north to a left turn on Scotts Crossing Road to access Capital One.

The closings are necessary for relocations of gas lines by Washington Gas. All work will begin at approximately 10 p.m. However, because of VDOT restrictions on holiday work times, here is the approved list of times for different workdays:

Tuesday, Jan. 19-Thursday, Jan. 21, 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.;

Friday, Jan. 22, 10:30 p.m. to a.m.;

Saturday, Jan. 23, 10 p.m. to 9 a.m.;

and Sunday, Jan. 24, 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.

All work is weather permitting and subject to change. For construction-related emergencies, call the Project Hotline at 877-585-6789. For information about the project, visit www.dullesmetro.com or call 703-572-0506.

Master Planning Process Begins for Salona Park

The Fairfax County Park Authority has initiated a public master planning process for Salona Park located at 1235 Dolley Madison Blvd. in McLean. A public information meeting is slated for Thursday, Feb. 4, from 7-8:30 p.m., in the cafeteria of Franklin Sherman Elementary School. The school is located at 6630 Brawner St. in McLean.

Salona is a privately owned 51-acre property that contains significant natural and cultural features. The Park Authority has a perpetual easement on a 41-acre portion of this property, which permits a variety of park uses.

February's meeting will feature a presentation outlining the site's current conditions, potential future uses, and the park master planning process. Following the presentation, a moderated question and answer session will be held to identify community concerns and to gather suggestions for future park features.

Comments will be accepted at the meeting or can be mailed to Project Manager Andy Galusha, Planning & Development Division, Fairfax County Park Authority, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 406, Fairfax, VA 22035. E-mail comments should be sent to Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Small Grants Available

The Commonwealth Circle of Northern Virginia is a women's charitable organization that supports social service activities in Northern Virginia through financial contributions and volunteer efforts. They are now accepting applications for small grants from not-for-profit organizations with IRS 501(c)(3) status serving residents of Alexandria, Falls Church, Arlington and Fairfax counties. Call 703-536-9873 or write to Susan S. Teunis, Grants Chairman, Commonwealth Circle, 3306 N. Columbus St., Arlington, Virginia 22207. Applications for 2010 funding are due by March 1, 2010.

NEWS

Breaking into 'Big Biz'

Local resident and BookKeeping Express CEO becomes national business talk radio show's 'franchise expert.'



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Greg Jones

Greg Jones, Great Falls resident and CEO of the McLean-based BookKeeping Express, has gone nationwide, and not just with franchises of his accounting business. In November, Jones became the "franchise expert" for "The Big Biz Show," a business talk radio show that airs on more than 150 AM stations across the country.

"It's very lighthearted, very loose [and has] almost a comic sense to a certain degree," Jones said. "It's certainly not '60 Minutes.'" Every other Wednesday, he spends 20 minutes or so chatting with the show's hosts on the air. "We decide on topics, but we typically never stay on topic," he said.

THE COMPANY he hires for public relations, Fishman PR, inquired about getting him on the show after the CEO of a company he invests in made a "Big Biz" appearance. Jones had rare qualifications, with experience on both ends of the franchise business model. He and a partner are in the process of opening their third Five Guys restaurant franchise in Florida, while he and two partners sell franchises of BookKeeping Express. Although they bought the accounting company at about the time that the economy fell apart in late 2008, they have opened 19 franchises since then, with the latest opening last week in Pennsylvania. "We've been selling consistently every month," he said.

BookKeeping Express, which was founded in 1984 in southern California, offers accounting services for small businesses, a market that Jones said does not diminish when the economy suffers. "This service, it's not sexy. Accounting is not sexy. But it's a service that doesn't go away," he said.

Most small businesses try to do their own accounting, "which tends to end in a bad way," Jones said, noting that small business owners rarely are trained in accounting. When the economy sours, businesses that were hiring certified public accountants (CPAs) to do the work may start trying to keep their own

books in order to save money. BookKeeping Express, he said, offers an alternative that is cheaper than hiring a CPA, which can cost up to \$200 per hour.

Jones and his partners sell territories that contain a minimum of 1,500 businesses with revenues of \$2.5 million per year or less, the company's target demographic, and they offer franchisees full training, certification, a franchise development program, public relations, an information technology structure and other services. "We give them a turnkey business operation, so that they really just have to drive the ship," he said.

"It's been very well received. We're obviously pretty happy with how we got out of the gate here," Jones said. "We're going through the franchise process with the Canadian government, so we're soon going to be expanding up into Canada."

As an affordable dining option, Five Guys, too, is weathering the economic crisis well, he said. "If you've got five or eight bucks in your pocket and you're hungry, you're going to get a burger." He and his partner bought a five-unit territory of the chain at the end of 2005.

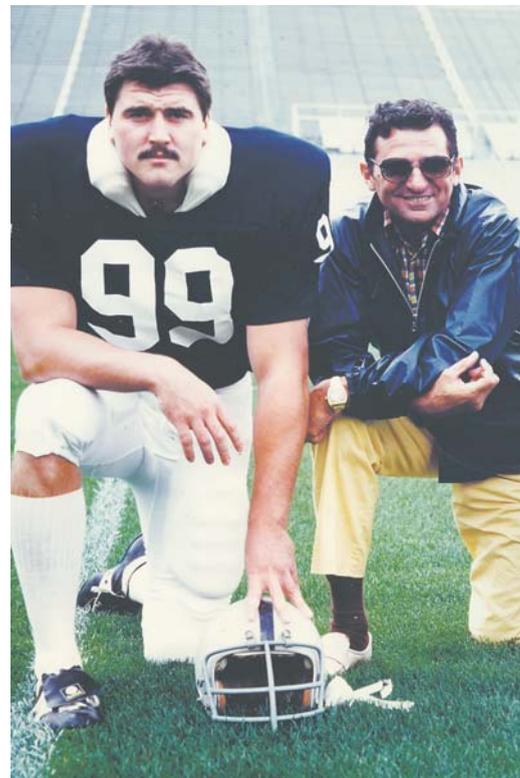
JONES was originally in the telecommunications industry, working in Chicago for LCI International, which was later bought out by Qwest Communications International. After moving to the area in 1999, he began investing in real estate

but stopped when home prices got too high. Franchising offered another option.

In 1981, he was captain of the Penn State football team, an experience that he said taught him discipline and toughness that helped him later in life. Playing a sport, he said, "gives you a lot of great attributes that apply to the business world."

"The Big Biz Show" airs weekdays from 4-6 p.m. and can be heard locally on WDMV AM 700. Jones' slot is usually around 5:40 p.m. every other Wednesday.

— MIKE DiCICCO



In his days as the Penn State football captain, Greg Jones poses with head coach Joe Paterno.

"We decide on topics, but we typically never stay on topic."

— Greg Jones

McLean Stream To Be Restored

After years of discussion, Bradley Branch restoration project will go out to bid as soon as next month.

By MIKE DiCICCO
THE CONNECTION

When the McLean Hunt neighborhood was built about 40 years ago, Bradley Branch, also known as Bridle Path Stream, was a small creek that could be stepped across, said Jim Bradley, a resident who has volunteered to manage the community's grounds for the homeowners association. However, like many of Fairfax County's waterways, the creek has eroded as infill development has increased the amount of impermeable surface in the area. In some stretches, the streambed is more than 10 feet deep.

"It's really a drop, and it just keeps eating in here," Bradley said, surveying a segment of the stream that runs along the community's park. Nearby were picnic tables

and a play area, and Bradley noted that the drop-off into the creek had become a safety concern.

Now, the stream, which runs between McLean Hunt and the Timberly neighborhood, is up for a restoration project. Irene Haske, spokesman for the Stormwater Management Division of the county's Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, said the county hoped to put the project out to bid next month and secure a contract in March. Haske said the cost of the work was still unknown, but stream restorations tend to be costly projects. More than \$500,000 is currently being spent to restore and stabilize about 1,400 feet of Dead Run, and the Bradley Branch restoration would repair about 1,640 feet of stream.

Bradley said he was glad the work would soon be underway, and he credited Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) for retaining the

funding and pursuing the project.

Haske said interest was renewed when the county was creating watershed management plans in 2007. In addition to posing a safety hazard, she said, the erosion washes sediment into the Potomac River and, ultimately, the Chesapeake Bay, degrading wildlife along the way.

"People that live along the stream obviously are interested in it because people don't want to see their property washed away," said homeowners association President Lynn McNulty. While a strip of parkland separates Timberly residents from the stream, a number of properties in McLean Hunt back up to the creek. He said neighbors had also expressed concern about losing trees during the project and about allowing access for heavy equipment, but he said he thought the benefits outweighed any negative impacts of the work.

"We always take into consideration the number of trees we have to remove in a project of this magnitude," Haske said, adding that workers would use the smallest equipment possible and save as many trees as they could.



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As erosion has continued to eat away at the Bradley Branch stream bed, trees along the creek have been undercut.



A couple of residents whose properties back up on the stream are in danger of losing their fence lines.

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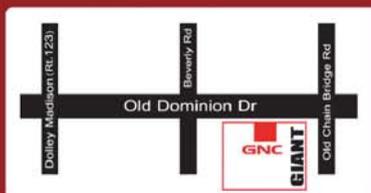
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"In addition to our prayers, the people of Haiti are in great need of our compassion and assistance."

— Charles Mann, Inova Health System Board Member



"Luciana and I have worked with the Community Coalition for Haiti and we ask you to join us in supporting the humanitarian efforts that are under way."

— Robert & Luciana Duvall



"We all need to take swift action to make sure that relief reaches the people of Haiti as quickly as it can."

— Darrell Green, NFL Hall of Fame

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NEWS



Pictured from left: Leigh Bowes, Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce; Sam Roberts, McLean Community Center; Jon Wilkins, Main Street Bank; Lynn Gulick, Cardinal Bank and Incoming Chamber Chairman; Michelle Scott, Tutoring Club; Tommy Tutor; one of Tutoring Club's first students; Tutoring Club's first tutors – Rikki McCullough and Stephanie Schmitt; and Vance Zavela, County of Fairfax.

Tutoring Club Opens in McLean

TutorAid curriculum for math, reading and writing, is now available to students in Northern Virginia. Tutoring Club of McLean has opened with an official ribbon cutting ceremony on Jan. 13 in the Chesterbrook Shopping Center on Old Dominion Drive in McLean.

In addition to its TutorAid curriculum for math, reading and writing, Tutoring Club also offers individualized instruction for advanced learning in algebra, geometry, sciences, languages and other subjects, including ACT/SAT preparation and study skills. Its SAT Smart program focuses on students' weak areas and takes advantage

of test-taking techniques designed around the needs of each student, rather than using a classroom setting where students typically hear things they already know.

Tutoring Club of McLean and its Director Michelle Scott invite the public to a Grand Opening Celebration at the center on Saturday, Jan. 30, from 12-3 p.m. Students who sign up for a future assessment at the event will also receive their assessment and registration for free if they enroll in Tutoring Club (a \$150 value). Other special Grand Opening pricing will also be available to those who attend the celebration.

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SCHOOLS



Geography Bee champion Evan Drake, Langley Social Studies Department Chair Diane Charnov and runner-up Danny Rodriguez.

Winning Geographic Bee Competition

Seventh-grade Evan Drake wins at The Langley School.

Ten students in grades 4-8 at The Langley School tested their geographic knowledge during the first round of the 22nd annual National Geographic Bee on Jan. 7. After the students tackled a series of challenging questions, Langley crowned its 2010 winner, seventh-grader Evan Drake.

Participants were asked a series of oral and written questions about both physical and cultural geography, ranging from the locations of national parks to the names of rivers. Students were eliminated after giving a total of two incorrect answers, until the final two students remained — Drake and eighth-grader Danny Rodriguez. During the final round, the two squared off with a series of world geography questions. In the end, Drake took the title by correctly answering the final question: "Which small

Asian country is home to eight of the 10 highest mountain peaks

in the world?" Drake's winning answer was Nepal.

As Langley's winner, Drake will now advance to the next level, a written examination to determine state competitors. The top 10 scorers on this written exam from each state will then face each other in their statewide Geography Bee, with state champions eventually competing for a \$25,000 college scholarship in the national competition in Washington, D.C., in May 2010.

The 10 participants in Langley's Jan. 7 school-wide Bee included: eighth-graders Iilina Mitra and Danny Rodriguez (second place); seventh-graders Evan Drake (winner) and Rick Kissire; sixth-graders Mark Ahari and Robinson Cook; fifth-graders Caroline Morin and Douglas Sarasin; and fourth-graders Will Soobert and Katie Warner. They were selected to participate based on their performance on a preliminary qualifying test.

SCHOOL NOTES

Send School Notes to mclean@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

Trevor Eissler will speak about Montessori principles of education at three local Montessori schools.

*Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m. Ridgmont Montessori School in the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean.

*Thursday, Jan. 21 at 7 p.m. Montessori School of Oakton, 12113 Vale Road, Oakton

*Friday, Jan. 22 at 7:30 p.m. Montessori School of South Riding.

Eissler is author of "Montessori Madness! A Parent to Parent Argument for Montessori Education." Copies of his

book will be available for \$20. Free admission. 703-715-0611.

Tips on Trips and Camps Fair. Saturday, Jan. 30 at The Potomac School, 1301 Potomac School Road, McLean. Camp Fair 1 p.m.; Panel Discussion on Foreign Language Programs 12:30 p.m. Summer overnight camps, travel, language or cultural immersion programs, community service, internships and more for children 8-18. Directors of various programs will attend. 703-345-0722 or meg@tipsontripsandcamps.com.

Leah Gross of McLean has been named to the fall 2009 dean's list at Tufts University in Medford, Mass.

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OPINION

Many Numbers Point to Needs

Challenging times as we commemorate vision of Martin Luther King Jr., inaugurate new governor.

Unemployed, uninsured, homeless, hungry. While on a percentage basis, Northern Virginia is better off than most of the rest of Virginia, in raw numbers, we have more people here who are unemployed, more people here who lack health insurance, more people who spend parts of most months without enough food on the table, more people who are homeless.

Some sobering numbers as we celebrate the day of hope and aspiration that is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Sobering statistics as we inaugurate a new governor who has many good ideas, but no plans for new revenue. Cuts in the state budget will affect everyone in Virginia, even those who are not needy.

In November, more than 68,000 unemployed people were looking for full time work here in Northern Virginia, according to the Virginia Employment Commission, up from just under 50,000 in November, 2008.

Later this month, officials and advocates will conduct the annual "point in time" census of homeless. Last January, there were 1,730 homeless people in Fairfax County at the "point

in time" count, more than 1,000 of those are members of families, most of the adults with jobs. In the City of Alexandria, there were 360 homeless people. In Arlington, 527 homeless, about 200 of those were people in families.

According to the latest U.S. Census numbers, from 2008, there were about 200,000 people (under 65) in Northern Virginia without health insurance. These are people who can't get preventative care, can't get routine care for minor illnesses.

In Arlington County 38,018 or 21.1 percent of the population lacked health insurance. That number jumped to 62 percent of those living below 200 percent of poverty line.

In Fairfax County, 149,642 people or more than 16 percent of the population lacked health insurance. In the City of Alexandria, 22,399 people lack health insurance, or 18.2 percent of the population. In the City of Fairfax, 3,685 people lack health insurance, or 18.8 of the population.

Another measure of need, and a way of identifying concentrations of poverty, is to look at students who qualify for free or reduced-price meals in public schools.

EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Anti-Tax Mantra Strangles Debate

To the Editor:

Re: "Large Classes, Tough Choices" [Editorial, Connection, Jan. 13-19], the choices are only hard if we make them hard. We're all for sacrifice when others, including our children, do the sacrificing. Meanwhile, we're all ears for demagogic politicians whose anti-tax mantra strangles debate and action on realistic policy options.

How to fund education (and transportation infrastructure, including Metro and public roads) without raising income or real estate taxes or destroying our educational system as they have in California?

Tax tobacco products at rates closer to the national average for state tobacco taxes, thus raising substantial revenue, suppressing demand and lowering health care costs for us all. (Virginia's state cigarette excise tax rate is 49th nationally.)

Introduce an annually increasing tax on canned and fountain sugar drinks, thus raising revenue, suppressing demand and lowering obesity, diabetes, other harbingers of morbidity and health care costs for us all.

Raise the gas tax in predictable annual increments, thus raising revenue for roads, taking pressure off money dedicated for education, moving us toward more fuel efficient vehicles, lowering CO2 emissions and a decreasing our reliance on unstable, unfriendly overseas oil sources.

Of course, we have the democratic right to do none of the above. Just let our children compete in a world of better-educated foreign economic competitors and eager, well-educated immigrants. If we believe in American exceptionalism and the tooth fairy, we certainly don't need to make any "tough choices."

Neil Silver
McLean

Supporting Climate Legislation

To the Editor:

Virginia stands to gain a great deal if Congress passes climate legislation that rewards investments in energy efficiency and renewable energy. We are well positioned to attract new businesses and create thousands of new jobs in the offshore wind industry, and the fact

that we currently lag on energy efficiency means we can harvest a lot of low-hanging fruit and make significant gains relatively easily. Moreover, we are one of the states that stand to lose the most from sea level rise resulting from climate change, as large portions of our coastline, including sections of Norfolk, would be flooded. So Sens. Jim Webb (D) and Mark Warner (D) should work to pass limits carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions.

Unfortunately, most Senate Republicans are determined to see climate legislation fail, something they can accomplish with only enough votes to sustain a filibuster. Now, Sen. Murkowski of Alaska is trying to ensure that if climate legislation fails, there is no fallback. She has proposed an amendment to the budget bill that would prevent the EPA from regulating greenhouse gas emissions under the Clean Air Act. The EPA's regulatory authority is a major incentive for members of both parties in Congress to substitute a legislative approach; without it, the obstructionists are likely to gain their objective of keeping a climate bill off the books.

Virginians need strong climate legislation. Sens. Webb and Warner should come out strongly against the Murkowski amend-

ment — and we, their constituents, should tell them so.

In Alexandria more than 50 percent of students are eligible for free or reduced meals.

In Arlington, more than one-third of students are eligible for free or reduced meals. More than 37,000 students in Fairfax County Public Schools are eligible for free and reduced meals, that's 22 percent of the student body. And the needy students also tend to be concentrated in particular schools. For example, some schools, like Wolf Trap Elementary, had no students qualifying for free or reduced meals. Then consider Graham Road Elementary, with more than 78 percent of its students qualifying for free and reduced meals, Lynbrook Elementary with more than 76 percent of its students qualifying; Mount Vernon Woods, more than 75 percent; Mount Eagle more than 74 percent. The uneven distribution showed dozens of schools with very high rates of poor students lumped together; dozens with poverty rates in the single digits.

Food for thought. These numbers don't indicate a tiny population of needy people, they indicate a region with ongoing problems of "haves" and "have-nots." Those 15-30 percent of our populations in local jurisdictions who "have not" are about to have quite a bit less as the state and local budget processes move forward.

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ment — and we, their constituents, should tell them so.

Ivy Main
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Don't Eliminate Indoor Track

To the Editor:

The Connection has reported that the Fairfax County school budget proposed by Superintendent Jack Dale includes the elimination of indoor track as a varsity sport ["Area Families Will Feel School Budget Crunch," Jan. 13-19]. This is a very bad idea.

As measured by student participation, indoor track is the third most popular sport in Fairfax County. Only football in the fall and outdoor track in the spring have greater total numbers of students in their programs. Last winter, over 2,700 students competed in indoor track (compared to about 2,800 students for spring track and 3,500 for football). Indoor track is, in addition, the winter sport with the greatest numbers of female participants and minority participants.

The elimination of indoor track won't even generate cost savings

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if the superintendent's companion proposal to begin charging a \$100 per student athletic participation fee is approved. The \$270,000 in participation fees collected from 2,700 students would have more than covered the \$250,000 in annual savings that were projected to be realized from the elimination of indoor track in FY 2010. If the participation fee is approved, indoor track will be a

fully self-sustaining program.

Even if the superintendent's athletic participation fee is not adopted, however, elimination of one of Fairfax County's largest and most successful sports programs would be penny-wise and pound-foolish. It would penalize thousands of students in order to achieve estimated annual savings of \$250,000. Surely there are better ways of finding such savings. Rather than singling out indoor track for elimination, wouldn't it

make more sense to have modest reductions in the sports budgets of all varsity teams? This would be fair and reasonable. It was the approach wisely followed by the School Board during the 1991 budget crunch.

Some say that it is enough that kids have the chance to run cross-country in the fall and track in the spring. But do we really want to take away winter sports from thousands of students? For many kids, track is their one opportunity

during the winter to participate in varsity athletics. Very few "98 pound, 5-foot nothing" boys and girls have a realistic chance of making the basketball team, but many are able to succeed in winter track. Youngsters who have not been blessed with superior eye-hand coordination may not find a place on other winter sports teams, but they have a home on the indoor track team. It doesn't matter whether they are young or old; boy or girl; big or small. All

are welcome to compete in a varsity program where personal records and self-improvement are the most important measures of success.

The School Board should reject out of hand the unwise and unnecessary proposal to eliminate indoor track as a varsity sport in Fairfax County.

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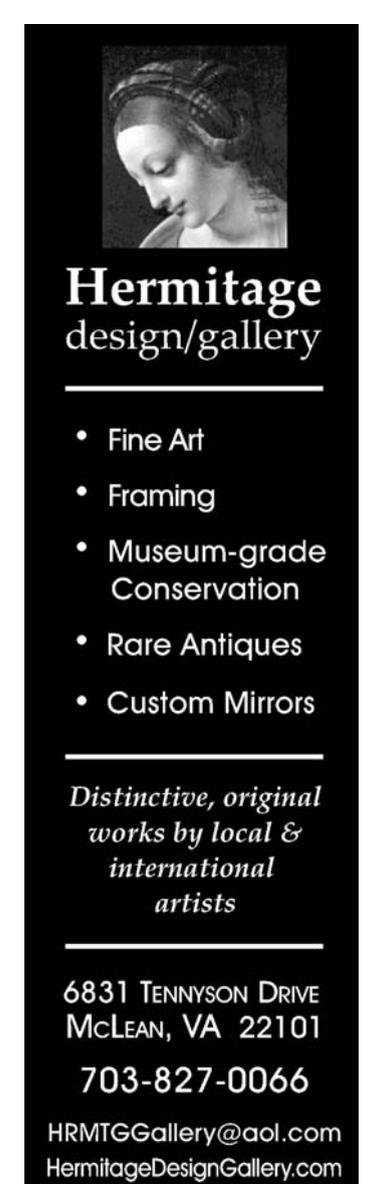


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Protest organizer Cindy Sheehan rallies followers at the intersection of Georgetown Pike and Chain Bridge Road. Police did not let the protest move any closer to Cheney's home.

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A heavy police presence accompanied the marchers to Cheney's neighborhood next to the CIA headquarters.

Peace Protest Remains Peaceful

Heavy police presence accompanies McLean protest organized by Cindy Sheehan.

Saturday afternoon, Jan. 16, Cindy Sheehan, who has been a prominent anti-war protester since her son Casey was killed in Iraq in 2004, brought together a demonstration in McLean. A rally at the entrance to the CIA headquarters at Langley was to protest the use of unmanned drones by the U.S. military in the Middle East and to announce the creation of

Sheehan's latest anti-war group, Peace of the Action, which plans to begin camping on the Washington Monument lawn in March.

The demonstration was to be followed by a march to former Vice President Dick Cheney's nearby house, where the group had threatened to attempt a citizens' arrest. However, Fairfax County Police prevented the protest from getting any closer than several

hundred feet from Cheney's house on Chain Bridge Road.

Between 50 and 60 protesters showed up for the demonstration, which was scheduled from 1-4 p.m. Speakers included former Green Party presidential candidate Cynthia McKinney, three-time Nobel Peace Prize nominee Kathy Kelly and others. Nearby, a small group of counter-protesters waved signs supporting the use of drones,



Former Vice President Dick Cheney was not the only public figure criticized at Saturday's rally.

with slogans such as "Pashtuns for drones against the Taliban and Al Qaida."

While the former vice president was a focal point for the group's chants on the way to his residence, former President George W. Bush and President Barack Obama were also verbally indicted for their war policies.

Police stopped the group, which had by then shrunk to about 40 amid talk of possible arrests, at the intersection of Georgetown Pike and Chain Bridge Road, where nearly 20 officers watched the crowd and directed traffic. However, even after the group re-

sponded by chanting, "Do your duty! Arrest Dick Cheney!" relations remained cordial between police and protesters.

Following the dispersal of the crowd, police accompanied Sheehan and a couple of friends to deliver a flyer that implicated Cheney in the 9-11 attacks to the house that he and his wife now occupy, although it did not appear that anyone was home. The flyer could not legally be placed in the mailbox, so an officer accepted it outside the home, saying he would deliver it.

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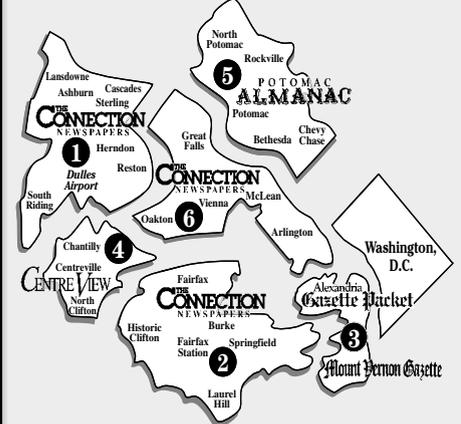
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Not Able Without Cable



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

It's only now, the Sunday afternoon following the previous Thursday night, that I'm able to recount the difficulties and demands of the 15-day, eight-hour period beginning 1:34 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 16 and ending at 8:45 p.m., Thursday, New Year's Eve. It had nothing at all to do with my cancer and/or any consequences there to (not really, anyway). It had to do with my Cable. Specifically, not having Cable service, meaning no television and computer for over two weeks.

Let me try to explain as patiently as I am able to do so, now, the events leading up to and the ultimate conclusion to some of the worst two weeks of my life (death, taxes and health-related news notwithstanding).

On Wednesday, Dec. 16, a contractor for Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission began digging up my neighborhood street to solve a much-needed browning-of-our-tap-water problem. Days before the initial dig, I noticed spray paint markings on the street and on my driveway indicating Miss Utility had been contacted. (Little did I know that certain colors were missing; had I known that, the subsequent pain and suffering that we endured could have been avoided. But alas, poor Yurik, I know very little of what I'm talking.) Within an hour of the beginning of the dig, sure enough, the unmarked ground did not direct the construction crew away from my cable and phone lines and as a direct result, I received one (two, actually) of the most unkindest cuts.

I will spare you the details of the many phone calls made by yours truly to rectify the problem because that's not really the point of this column, and besides, I can't do the story justice in print as I can in voice. The point of this column is to discuss how one survives when they lose something that is most crucial to their day-to-day existence and lose it not because of anything they said or did, but lose it (and then not have it repaired or responded to in a reasonable time) due to the negligence of others. Collateral damage is how I found myself characterizing my circumstances.

If truth be admitted to, I barely survived. Every day that the problem persisted, I fell deeper into an emotional hole. Every day that the much-needed connections to the outside world remained disconnected, I fell even deeper into that abyss. Every day that progress was supposed to be made to repair the lines (and then ultimately wasn't) took an ICC-type toll on my psyche. Every day that I couldn't resume my routine: work, play, business, banking, hobbies, areas of interest, areas of need, etc., via the television and computer and thus fill my day accordingly was yet another day spent not in paradise (we did borrow DVDs from a neighbor, one of which included the first two seasons of Magnum P.I.; he was in paradise, literally and figuratively) but one spent in a blackening hole, cratering more and more every day.

When the third (fourth? fifth? I've lost track) cable technician/team knocked on my door on Dec. 31st at 8:15 and asked if I had a picture, I thought I had died and ended up back on my couch watching television. It wasn't until 30 minutes later that my service was 100 percent restored, finally; you can't imagine the emotional release I experienced when that service returned to normal. It's still taken me a few days to regain my composure, resume my routine and get myself back on track, however.

In retrospect, I don't know how I managed, really. Given that I'm a homebody, not a reader and connected to the outside world electronically (like most people), being cut off as I was, without any warning was almost too much; in fact, it may have been one of the hardest things I've ever had to do. I may be reconnected now, but I feel like I've lost two weeks of my life, two weeks that I really didn't have to lose.

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Mission: 'Saving Some Lives'

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member since 1998. He responded to numerous hurricanes, including Katrina, plus Taiwan in 1999 and Iran in 2003. In Haiti, eight to 10 people will be assigned to him.

"When Technical Search locates victims, through listening devices, dogs or hearing them yell out, we'll confirm how deeply they're embedded," said Vaughan. "For example, they could have been on the first floor of a six-story building that collapsed, so we coordinate the rescue effort."

THE FAIRFAX RESCUERS will probably work in 24-hour shifts, to start, with down time, here and there. Normally, half the team would work days, and the other half, nights. But, said Vaughan, "Due to the amount of work, it's 'round the clock now."

Vaughan said they'd all "done this enough" so that they can quickly assess whatever situation they encounter and proceed accordingly. Hardest, he said, was wanting to get there as fast as they could, but understanding that it takes six to 14 hours to assemble all the gear, get the plane ready and the equipment on board.

"It's a huge undertaking and we'd like it done in 30 minutes," he said. "Then, once we're on the ground, the physical work and sleep deprivation will eventually take a toll on us. But when we're working, we don't let it bother us."

Vaughan will miss his two daughters and wife Erica, though. But, said Erica Vaughan, "I'm so proud of what he's doing. He's been training to do this and I hope he'll save some lives." She said she never gets used to his deployments and worries about him while he's gone. But, she added, "I know he's in the Big Man's hands and [the fire department] does a good job of keeping us updated."

Technician Kevin Dabney of Vienna has been on the team more than 10 years. A rescue specialist, he helps with team organization and works under the Task Force leaders, Fire Chiefs Jim Strickland and Robert Zoldos.

"I'll command others to do search and rescue, and we'll help in any way we can," said Dabney. "We're 100-percent self-sufficient and don't need anything from the local government."

After receiving a geographical location to search, the Command and General Staff Team that Dabney's on determines which people should go where and sees that they're properly equipped. It also handles safety, logistics, medical, planning and operations matters.

"We ask, 'Is there medical transport? Where do we send survivors?'" said Dabney. "What about security issues — are there roadblocks?" So behind the scenes, there's a whole lot of work."

When they hear of possible survivors needing rescue, first a small reconnaissance team assesses whether it's a workable location. Then, if it's a go, six to 80 people — including medical personnel, technical search specialists, dogs and structural engineers — would respond. The size of the



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Canine search specialist Teresa MacPherson and her dog Banks.

response depends on the size of the site and the suspected number of victims needing rescue.

SINCE THE FIREFIGHTERS communicate by radio, Lt. Wes Rogers' specialty is also crucial. Rogers, of Oak Hill, works in communications in the Massey Building in Fairfax and also on the USAR team.

"I set up repeaters, enabling the radios to talk further than line of sight," he said. "Depending on the terrain, we could have a 4-mile range. I'll also set up satellite communications to talk to our Operations Center at the Fire and Rescue Academy and will establish communications with our USAR team already in Haiti."

Typically, team managers receive radio updates about the victims, plus the status of the search teams, where they are, if they're all right and if they need anything.

Last Thursday, Rogers could hardly wait to get there already and start helping. "Everybody here has that attitude," he said. "I'm proud of the team. Everybody works together, and we all want to save some lives."

Squad officer Richard McKinney of Fair Oaks is captain of the Frying Pan Station. He's a 30-year member of the fire department and has been on Task Force 1 since its inception.

"We'll search buildings, going in void spaces and looking for trapped people," he said. "USAID will tell us which buildings and areas to check." What makes it so dangerous, said McKinney, is the unknown. "You really don't know what you're getting yourself into," he said. "Once an earthquake's destroyed a building, it's unstable."

But he's glad to do what he can and he likes the camaraderie among the people on the team. "Most of them I've known, my whole career, so they're just like a second family," he said. He's been with them to Oklahoma City, Taiwan and the Pentagon after 9/11.

Toughest, said McKinney, is "the death and seeing people at their worst." But he finds satisfaction in "the chance of finding someone alive — or even finding deceased people so their families can have closure."

Two Area Sculptors Exhibit at Tysons II Office Centre

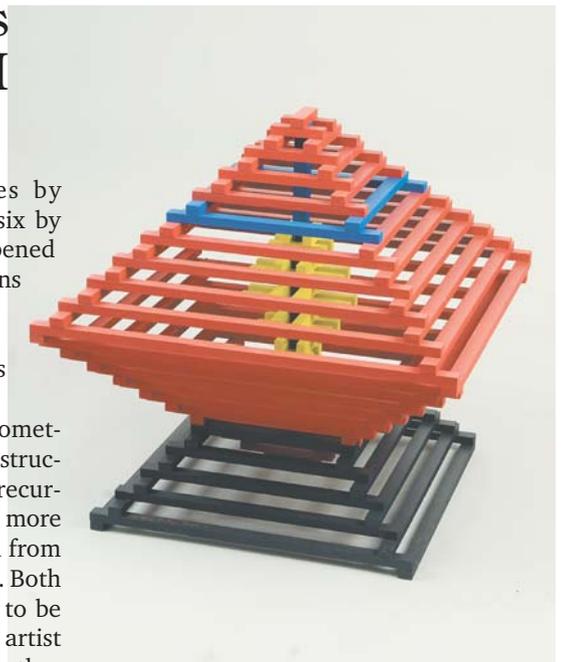
An exhibition of six sculptures by Jonathan Fisher of Great Falls and six by Shirley Koller of Washington has opened at The Corporate Office Centre at Tysons II, through April 10, illustrating the importance of a major corporation in supporting the arts by making its lobbies available for display.

Fisher's work, in the tradition of geometric abstraction, is a series of wood constructions that emphasizes textures and recurring shapes. Koller's are painted metal, more random and spontaneous, assembled from strips of polished aluminum and steel. Both are highly colorful and were chosen to be displayed together, the wood of one artist working off the reflective metal of the other as counterpoints.

The exhibit is in the lobbies of two buildings on either side of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in McLean. Both are owned by the Lerner Corporation, the largest private real estate developer in the greater Washington, D.C. area. One building is at 1650 Tysons Blvd. The other is at 1750 Tysons Blvd.

Lerner has been making the public spaces of its building available to artists for more than 30 years and has displayed the work of both established and emerging artists. "The lobbies of major buildings like Lerner's are outstanding venues that offer sculptors such as Fisher and Koller an opportunity to display their artworks in contexts that show them to best advantage," said Richard Suib, an art-management consultant and curator for the exhibition for the Lerner Corporation.

Fisher is relatively new on the art scene, having spent most of his professional life as a magazine editor. Six years ago, he began producing wood reliefs, sculptures, games and other wood constructions in a small barn behind his house. Most are abstract pieces with a simple color palette that,



'Light in the Pyramid,' a wood construction by Jonathan Fisher. It is made of painted pine strips screwed together.

he says, is deliberately limited to emphasize patterns. Some of his pieces, including one in the exhibit, are seven feet high. Last year he was awarded a Strauss Fellowship from the Arts Council of Fairfax County "to support and encourage Fairfax County's finest creative artists."

Koller is more of a fixture in the Washington, D.C. art world, having created colorful reliefs and sculptures for years.

The Lerner building lobbies are open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Visitors can park free for one hour at parking garages behind either building. They can easily walk in front of the Ritz-Carlton from one venue to the other. There are five sculptures in each lobby and one each on the second floor of each building.

Fisher and Suib are both Great Falls residents and members of Great Falls Studios, a network of 88 artists who live or work in Great Falls.



'The Shape or Color,' a metal sculpture by Shirley Koller. It is made of assembled strips of polished and painted aluminum, with a base of polished steel.

SPORTS

Highlanders' Bouchard Holds His Own Inside

Not a typical big man, McLean basketball center plays bigger than his size.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

At 6-foot-2 inches, McLean High senior Phil Bouchard has good height for an average secondary school student. For a high school basketball player who plays the center position for the Highlanders, perhaps he is a little on the small side.

Bouchard, though, is used to going up against taller players, such as 6-6 Austin Kriz of cross-town rival Langley, who the Highlanders will host Friday night, Jan. 22 in a Liberty District meeting. Although undersized as a basketball pivot player, Bouchard has more than held his own and emerged into one of the better players in the district. Game in and game out, the athletic Bouchard has found a way to average 16.5 points and eight rebounds per game for the streaky 6-8 Highlanders.

"Consistently, Phil has played above and beyond what I thought he would," said McLean coach Kevin Roller. "He's been phenomenal on a night-in and night-out basis."

Bouchard, a second year starter for the Highlanders, has improved in all areas of his game. He is an intense, gritty defensive player against his bigger opponents. He digs in and grabs rebounds with the best of them. Offensively, Bouchard uses his quickness to bolt past frontcourt opponents to get off high percentage shots. He also runs the court well in transition and has improved his outside shooting from last year.

"He's very athletic," said Roller. "He jumps well and is quick on his second jumps [for tap in chances

or rebounds]."

Over the holidays, Bouchard earned tournament MVP honors at the Patriot Holiday Christmas Classic, hosted by Wootton High School (Rockville). There, the Highlanders defeated Rockville High in their first game and host school Wootton in the finals of the four-team tourney. Bouchard tallied 31 and 25 points, respectively. Teammate Gordon Rogo, a sophomore guard, averaged 16 points over the two wins to also earn All-Tournament Team honors.

Rogo, who began the season as the team's primary point guard before being utilized more at the off guard position as the season moved on, is the Highlanders' second top scorer this winter at 12.8 points per game.

"He excels in the full court game," said Roller, of Rogo. "He's developed a better jump shot. He's always been a confident player. He played point guard [exclusively] for a couple weeks, but it's not his natural position. As other players stepped up, he moved to shooting guard."

When Roller felt that Sango Amolo, another sophomore guard, was ready to step in and play the point position, he moved Rogo to shooting guard. Rogo actually sees playing time at both the point and offguard positions during games, depending on McLean's line-up at a particular time of the game.

OVERALL, it has been a roller coaster season for McLean, a team that began the schedule in December with little varsity experience.

"At the beginning of the season, we knew we'd be playing a lot of underclassmen," said Roller. "But at some point in time you're a varsity basketball player."

Early in the New Year, McLean won consecutive district games, defeating Jefferson, 64-54, at home on Jan. 6, then besting host Madison, 47-32, on Jan. 7. Bouchard and Rogo both scored 21 points in the win over Jefferson.

But the Highlanders lost their following three games thereafter, two of those contests being district setbacks to South Lakes and Stone Bridge.

Roller said his team has been hurt in games by opponent scoring spurts that put the Highlanders behind and change the momentum.

"At some time in a game we struggle with a team making a real big run somewhere," said the coach.

In McLean's 70-60 district home loss to Stone Bridge Friday night, Jan. 15, the contest was tied at 17 early in the second quarter before the Bulldogs outscored the hosts 19-8 to carry a 36-25 lead into halftime. That stretch of play in the second quarter ended up being the difference in the game.

Other such runs by opponents occurred in losses to Marshall, Langley and South Lakes.

"We've got to avoid those major runs," said Roller. "There's one stretch where a team reels off a bunch of points. In the second half [of the district schedule] we have to do a better job of stopping those runs."

The coach said playing with more patience on offense could go a long way to keeping teams from going off on scoring runs.

"We need to recognize when a team has scored two or three [consecutive] baskets that we don't have to try to match their last basket quickly," said Roller. "We need

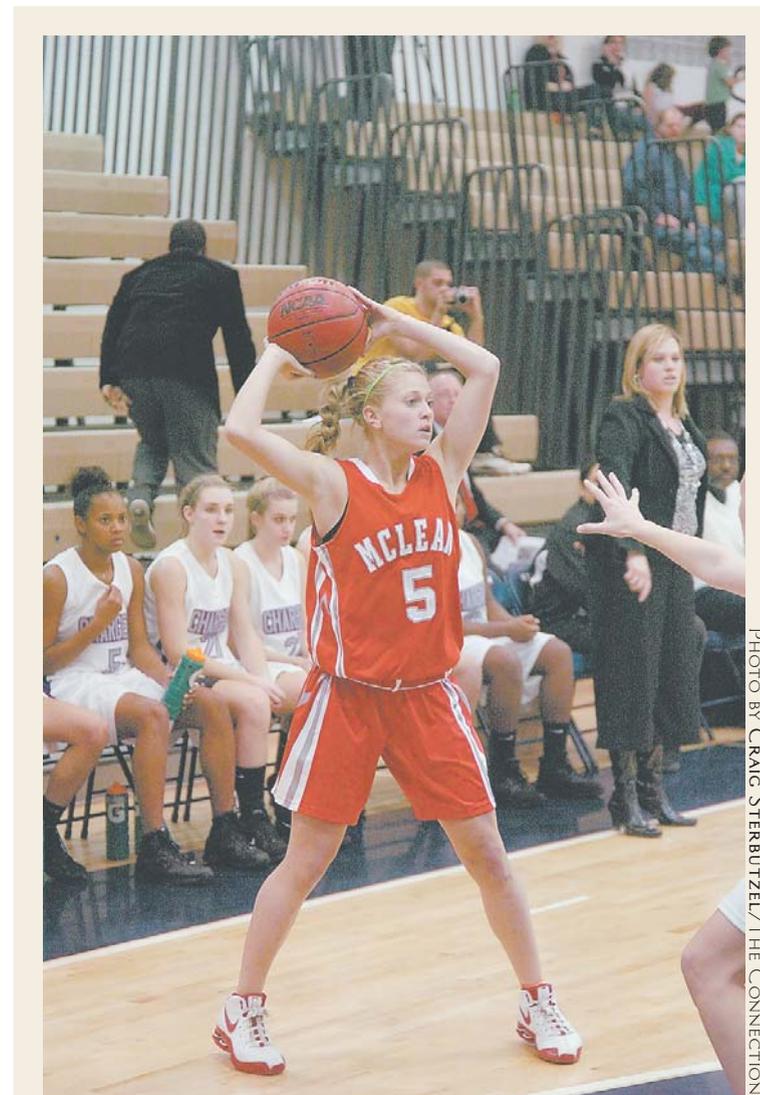


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Highlanders Host Langley

Caroline Gray, a member of the McLean High girls' basketball team, looks for an open teammate during a recent game. The Highlanders (7-6) will be at home this Friday night against Langley as part of a girls'/boys' basketball double-header between the cross-town rival schools.

to be more patient because we really need to score a basket on that next possession. If [we shoot quickly] suddenly they're out and running again. We need to recognize when we're in a critical possession and we don't [necessarily] have to take the first good shot. [Instead] maybe we need to make four more passes and get off a real good shot."

McLean has been hurt by an injury loss to senior guard Origa Amolo, the older brother of point guard Sango Amolo. Origa, one of the team's better athletes, injured

his foot (stress fracture) before the holidays and has missed numerous, middle of the season games. His best game came on Dec. 8 when he scored 15 points in McLean's home win over Falls Church. He is likely to miss at least a couple more weeks, according to Roller.

In action this week, McLean was scheduled to play a district game at Fairfax on Tuesday, Jan. 19. On Friday, the Highlanders will host local rival Langley, which went into the week unbeaten in district play.

Andie Romness scored 19 points and Melissa Wilson 16 to lead the McLean High girls' basketball team to a 60-55 Liberty District home win over South Lakes on Jan. 12. Caitlin Baker also scored in double figures with 10 points. Kristina Bettner and Patricia Pascoe both scored five points for the Highlanders. The exciting game went back and forth as both teams played with intensity. With the win, McLean improved to 7-6 while South Lakes, last year's regular season district champion, fell to 9-4.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

The Marshall High indoor track and field teams have competed in several meets over the course of the winter. The Statesmen, earlier this season, took part in the Friends of Indoor Track Invitational. There, Marshall's Brittany Johnson was a region qualifier in the long jump and 55-dash events. Johnson also was a district qualifier in those two events as well as in the high jump and 300. Other district qualifiers for the Statesmen were Meara Goss (shot put), Courtney

Herbolsheimer (1,600) and Christian Gravatt (high jump). Strong outings at the Friends meet came from Madeleine Lewsen, Hallie McIntyre, Alexandra Sandlin, and Steven Savage.

Marshall also participated in the PR Holiday Invitational. Highlights included a first place finish in the high jump by Brittany Johnson and strong outings across the board from Goss, Herbolsheimer, Sandlin, John Tortella and Savage.

Marshall, in another big meet this winter

season, went up against local rivals McLean and Langley. Individual event winners for the Statesmen were Gravatt (high jump, 500), Goss (shot put), Jocelyn Golden (300), Herbolsheimer (1,000) and Tortella (shot put). Other good outings for Marshall came from Saweel Ahmed, Claudia Castaneda, Milton Cruz, Andrew Dickson, Jennifer Felter, Maha Hassan, Ritika Jain, Katrina McLeod, Victoria Nickson, Helene Nygard, Samuel Pak, Jonathan Pierre and Werking James.

VIEWPOINTS

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that people are willing to vote for an African American and overwhelmingly pick him as the leader of our country... it's enormous.



Felix MacClaren, Trainer and President of DC Blues Society, Germantown, Md.

"Not as far as he had hoped we'd come. I think before he died he was advocating against war and against poverty and we haven't taken a major blow against either one of those since his death... [Obama's election helps] only in the sense that it may help bury the racism and the ignorant notion that folks of color cannot achieve, but I think for what we can witness by the political backlash and the intransigence of the Republican party, their main purpose is for him to fail not for the nation to succeed."



Bonnie Stender, College Student, Charlottesville

"I guess I think we've gone a long way... especially with electing Barack Obama. I think [his election did] a lot, not only with electing him but how great a job he's done. I think it's really inspiring."

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7200 CHURCHILL RD	6	6	1	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$1,200,000	Detached	0.27		LANGLEY MANOR
6823 DEAN DR	5	5	1	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$1,150,000	Detached			DEVON PARK
8216 HUNTING HILL LN	4	3	1	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$1,130,000	Detached	0.53		GREENWAY HEIGHTS
7035 LITTLE LEAF LINDEN LN	3	4	1	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$1,075,000	Townhouse	0.06		MCLEAN COVE
1100 FLOR LN	4	3	1	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$1,050,000	Detached	0.95		MONTCLAIR
8208 HUNTING HILL LN	4	3	1	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$990,000	Detached	0.46		GREENWAY HEIGHTS ZUCKERM
1832 BRIAR RIDGE CT	4	3	1	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$989,500	Detached	0.77		BRIAR RIDGE
912 RIDGE DR	4	3	1	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$985,000	Detached	0.46		LANGLEY OAKS
1800 OLD MEADOW RD#1702	3	2	1	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$975,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			REGENCY CLUB OF MCLEAN
1701 JAMES PAYNE CIR	6	3	2	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$957,500	Detached	0.70		CHESTERBROOK HILLS
8220 CRESTWOOD HEIGHTS DR#916	2	2	1	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$942,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			ONE PARK CREST CONDOMINIUM
2333 HILL PL	7	5	2	FALLS CHURCH	FALLS CHURCH	\$935,000	Detached	0.84		FALLS HILL
1337 MERRIE RIDGE RD	6	4	1	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$930,000	Detached	0.26		THE DOGWOODS AT LANGLEY
1528 HAMPTON HILL CIR	3	3	1	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$927,500	Townhouse	0.07		HAMPTONS OF MC LEAN
1401 SPRING VALE AVE	3	3	1	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$895,000	Detached	0.31		WEST MC LEAN
6870 FRASE DR	4	3	1	FALLS CHURCH	FALLS CHURCH	\$875,000	Townhouse	0.05		STOCKWELL MANOR
1117 KENSINGTON RD	3	4	1	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$850,000	Townhouse	0.06		KINGS MANOR SCOTTS
6303 MORI ST	4	3	0	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$845,000	Detached	0.25		POTOMAC HILLS
1311 MACBETH ST	4	3	0	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$840,000	Detached	0.37		MC LEAN HAMLET
6773 DARRELS GRANT PLACE	4	3	1	FALLS CHURCH	FALLS CHURCH	\$835,241	Townhouse	0.10		STOCKWELL MANOR
6207 NETHERCOMBE CT	4	3	1	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$835,000	Detached	0.24		CHESTERFORD
6769 DARRELS GRANT PL	4	3	1	FALLS CHURCH	FALLS CHURCH	\$826,337	Townhouse	0.00		STOCKWELL MANOR
7451 CARRIAGE HILLS DR	3	3	2	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$817,000	Townhouse	0.05		HUNTING RIDGE
2343 BRITTANY PARC DR	4	3	1	FALLS CHURCH	FALLS CHURCH	\$790,000	Detached	0.18		BRITTANY PARC AT TYSONS
1225 KENSINGTON RD	4	3	1	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$765,000	Detached	0.13		KINGS MANOR
6429 NOBLE DR	4	3	1	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$747,000	Detached	0.25		BIRCHWOOD
1108 BALLS HILL RD	5	3	0	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$720,000	Detached	0.43		WEST LANGLEY
1606 COLONIAL HILLS DR	2	2	2	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$720,000	Townhouse	0.03		HUNTING RIDGE
7101 CHURCHILL RD	4	3	0	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$715,101	Detached	0.44		OLD DOMINION GARDENS
7821 OLD FALLS RD	3	3	0	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$700,000	Detached	1.01		BREEZEWOOD
6760 BARON RD	4	2	2	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$695,000	Detached	0.14		KINGS MANOR
7715 SPOLETO LN	3	3	2	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$670,000	Townhouse			MCLEAN PLACE TOWNHOME
1823 BALDWIN DR	4	3	0	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$665,000	Detached	0.41		WEST LEWINSVILLE HEIGHTS
7027 STATENDAM CT	4	3	0	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$645,000	Detached	0.26		BROYHILLS MC LEAN ESTS
7504 VENICE CT	4	3	0	FALLS CHURCH	FALLS CHURCH	\$640,000	Detached	0.36		FALLS HILL
6806 MCLEAN PROVINCE CIR	3	2	2	FALLS CHURCH	FALLS CHURCH	\$622,500	Townhouse	0.05		MC LEAN PROVINCE
1781 CHAIN BRIDGE RD #302	2	2	0	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$597,951	Garden 1-4 Floors			MORGAN AT MCLEAN
1781 CHAIN BRIDGE RD #402	2	2	0	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$590,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			MORGAN AT MCLEAN
7356 ELDORADO CT	3	3	1	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$588,000	Townhouse	0.04		HALLCREST HEIGHTS
7426 HALLCREST DR	3	3	1	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$575,000	Townhouse	0.05		HALLCREST HEIGHTS
1109 CARPER ST	5	5	1	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$565,158	Detached	0.00		NA
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6808 ROSEMONT DR	3	2	0	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$565,000	Detached	0.37		ROSEMONT
6728 MELROSE DR	4	3	1	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$549,000	Townhouse	0.04		KINGS MANOR TOWNE HOUSES
8220 CRESTWOOD HEIGHTS DR#709	2	2	0	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$540,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			PARK CREST
1215 SUMMIT RD	5	2	0	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$500,000	Detached	0.09		BEVERLY MANOR
7827 MARTHAS LN	5	2	0	FALLS CHURCH	FALLS CHURCH	\$480,300	Detached	0.72		OLDEWODDE
7910 ROSWELL DR	3	2	1	FALLS CHURCH	FALLS CHURCH	\$480,000	Detached	0.30		SHREVEWOOD
9000 OLD DOMINION DR	3	1	0	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$449,000	Detached	0.82		ELKINS DRAP
2036 BROOKS SQUARE PL	3	2	2	FALLS CHURCH	FALLS CHURCH	\$440,000	Townhouse	0.03		BROOKS SQUARE
1718 OLNEY RD	3	2	0	FALLS CHURCH	FALLS CHURCH	\$419,000	Detached	0.20		OLNEY PARK
8220 CRESTWOOD HEIGHTS DR#1202	1	1	0	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$405,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			PARK CREST
7005 METROPOLITAN PL#7005	2	2	1	FALLS CHURCH	FALLS CHURCH	\$389,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			VILLAGE THE
7021 METROPOLITAN PL#7021	2	2	1	FALLS CHURCH	FALLS CHURCH	\$385,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			VILLAGE THE
2005 CHERRI DR	3	1	0	FALLS CHURCH	FALLS CHURCH	\$375,000	Detached	0.23		PIMMIT HILLS
1550 SPRING GATE DR #8406	3	2	0	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$366,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			GATES OF MCLEAN
1938 GRIFFITH RD	3	1	0	FALLS CHURCH	FALLS CHURCH	\$340,000	Detached	0.28		PIMMIT HILLS
1680 CHAIN BRIDGE RD	2	1	0	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$325,000	Detached	0.41		GHEEN MARGARET M PROP
2026 CHERRI DR	3	1	0	FALLS CHURCH	FALLS CHURCH	\$320,000	Detached	0.39		PIMMIT HILLS
2774 HYLON LN	3	2	1	FALLS CHURCH	FALLS CHURCH	\$290,000	Townhouse	0.03		PINEWOOD GREENS
1817 WESTWIND WAY #61	3	1	1	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$280,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			WESTERLIES THE
1669 WESTWIND WAY #174	3	2	0	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$265,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			WESTERLIES THE
7630 PROVINCIAL DR #111	2	2	0	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$253,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			THE COLONIES
7720 TREMAYNE PL #307	2	1	0	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$223,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			THE COLONIES
1580 SPRING GATE DR #4110	1	1	0	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$220,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			GATES OF MCLEAN
1521 SPRING GATE DR#10402	1	1	0	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$220,000	Other			GATES OF MCLEAN
1952 KENNEDY DR #T3	2	1	0	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$215,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			MC LEAN CHASE
1535 LINCOLN WAY #301B	1	1	0	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$195,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			FOUNTAINS AT MCLEAN
7855 ENOLA ST #2	2	2	0	MCLEAN	MCLEAN	\$170,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			MC LEAN HILLS
7616 SAVANNAH ST #T3	3	2	0	FALLS CHURCH	FALLS CHURCH	\$120,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			FALLS CHURCH GARDENS

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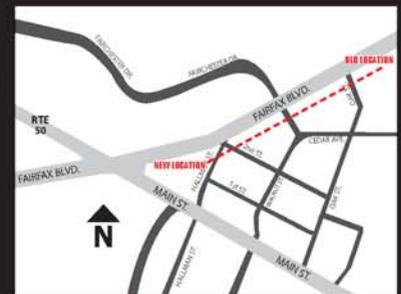
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