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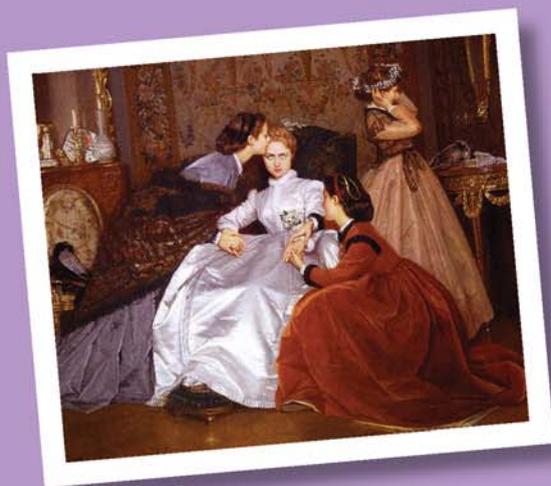
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On Monday afternoon, a tractor is still piling snow along Old Dominion Drive in downtown McLean.

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Snowed In

Emergency personnel work around the clock to respond to large snowfall.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

The Virginia Department of Transportation expected to remove 500,000 tons of snow from Northern Virginia roads this week, and that was before weather teams started calling for a second storm to hit the region this week.

Parts of Fairfax County received as much as 34 inches of snow during the initial storm that started Friday, Feb. 5. A few days later, local emergency responders were bracing for a second wave of winter weather, expected to bring as much as 10 to 20 inches of additional snow on Tuesday, Feb. 9.

A few Fairfax neighborhoods had not recovered from the first storm, let alone been able to prepare for second wave of harsh conditions. Parts of West Springfield, McLean, Great Falls, Clifton and Kings Park West remained totally unplowed and, in some cases, without power four days after first storm and less than 24 hours before the second storm was scheduled to arrive, according to local elected officials.

"If we get [another] 20 inches of snow, that is going to be a huge problem. I think the next couple of days are going to be harder than the last couple of days," said Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville), whose neighborhood street in McLean still had not been plowed on Feb. 8.

DOMINION POWER, the largest local utility company, expected to restore service to all their Fairfax customers by the 10 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 9. As of Monday afternoon, approximately 100 households in the county served by Dominion still had no electricity, said company spokesperson Daisy Pridgen.

A few of the more isolated parts of Great Falls and some older West Springfield developments were still without electricity on the eve of the second storm, according to local elected officials.

"The people without power are my biggest concern. We have seniors without power who are likely at risk," said Supervisor Patrick Herrity (R-Spring-



From left, Kile Tibbetts of Vienna helps his friends Rob Kingsbury and Frank Buxo shovel the front walk of their home on Old Dominion Drive in McLean Monday afternoon. Kingsbury said the neighborhood lost power for about 12 hours Friday night and Saturday morning, but he and Buxo had a backup generator to keep everything running.

field.)

The level of electricity service that had been restored by Feb. 8 was an improvement over the prior two days, when thousands of Fairfax residents were without power, according to Fairfax County spokesperson Merni Fitzgerald.

"It went off all across the district. We had huge patches of Great Falls and McLean without power. Dominion has made very significant progress with getting them back online" said Foust.

In the Springfield and Herndon areas, the highest concentrations of residents were without electricity for long periods of time.

The county opened two emergency shelters at the Robert E. Lee Center in Franconia and Oak Marr Recreation Center in Oakton after the storm, partly to respond to the needs of those communities without electricity, said Fitzgerald. No one showed up at

SEE ANOTHER STORM. PAGE 11

First-Hand Account Of Tragedy

U.S. ambassador's wife discusses Haiti with McLean Rotarians.

Susan Merten was checking the guest list for a reception in honor of U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Ken Keen the evening of Jan. 11 at the residence of the U.S. Ambassador to Haiti in Port-au-Prince one last time when she heard "a terrible groaning".

"I thought it was a bomb," said Merten, the wife of Kenneth W. Merten, the U.S. Ambassador to Haiti, explaining the initial minutes of the 7.2 earthquake that struck Haiti last month.

"I had no idea it was an earthquake," she said. "I ran all around screaming for our daughters. The 'Gone with the Wind'-style staircase was rippling like waves in the ocean. The pool had [3-foot] waves. When everything stopped we ran outside, we saw a huge cloud of dust from the shantytowns and we heard terrible screams from the city."

MERTEN, who is now living in McLean with her two daughters while her husband remains in Haiti helping to coordinate the United States' disaster-relief and humanitarian-aid efforts, spoke last week to more than 50 members of the Rotary Club of McLean about her experiences during and after the catastrophe.

Just hours after the disaster, Merten used pillows from the U.S. ambassador's residence as make-shift beds and handed out hors d'oeuvres that had been intended for the planned reception to the injured. The next day, Jan. 12, Merten and her daughters, Caryl and Elisabeth, along with non-essential U.S. mission staff were evacuated to Virginia.

Merten has been amazed at the McLean community's outpouring of support for the Haitian people since her return less than a month ago. She especially has been humbled by people's generosity toward Haiti's earthquake victims, ranging from Churchill Elementary School students collecting coins to the McLean Rotary Club's \$5,000 donation to



PHOTO BY RICK NELSON

Susan Merten speaks to the Rotary Club of McLean

ShelterBox, an international disaster-response organization supported by Rotary clubs worldwide.

The McLean Rotary Club's Board of Directors authorized a \$1,000 club donation to underwrite a ShelterBox kit. Additionally, support from individual club members netted \$4,000 for an additional four kits. McLean Rotarian John Rosenbaum solicited contributions of more than \$1,250 from his Arlington neighbors. Another McLean Club member, who wishes to remain anonymous, made a \$1,000 donation.

THE MCLEAN ROTARY Club's donation will underwrite the cost of five ShelterBox kits. Each kit contains a 10-person tent, a water-purification system and other survival necessities including thermal blankets; insulated ground sheets; a multi-fuel stove; cooking equipment; a basic tool kit; and a small, children's pack containing drawing books, crayons and pens.

"The Rotary Club of McLean has been deeply affected by the images on television and in the newspapers of the victims from last month's earthquake in Haiti," said Paul Frank, the club's president. "As Rotarians, we are committed to assisting communities in need, whether it is in our own backyard or internationally."



Salona Park surrounds Salona House and was once a farm.



Park Authority Board member Kevin Fay (Dranesville) addresses residents gathered at Franklin Sherman Elementary.

Salona Park Planning Kicks Off

Residents pose questions and traffic concerns.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

Nola Huffman didn't mind the idea of a new park near her house, but she said she was concerned about any additional traffic it might put on Dolley Madison Boulevard. "Right now it's almost impossible to make a left turn onto [Route] 123 for those of us who live in Salona Village," Huffman said at a meeting at Franklin Sherman Elementary School last Wednesday, Feb. Thursday, Feb. 4.

There, the Fairfax County Park Authority kicked off the master planning process for Salona Park, a historic property of about 50 acres, most of which was placed under a conservation easement in 2005. Under the terms of the easement, much of the park is to be used for passive recreation, with trails and features that highlight the historical nature of the site, but two rectangular sports fields, a playground, a picnic area, an agricultural education area and 100 parking spaces are being proposed for the northern portion of the parcel, which abuts Dolley Madison Boulevard.

THE PROPERTY, which was once a farm, is located between Kurtz Road and Buchanan Street, and three large fields occupy the portion of it closest to Dolley Madison Boulevard.

"Salona is certainly one of the crown jewels of real estate interest here in McLean that we're trying to preserve," said Park Authority Board representative Kevin Fay (Dranesville). "The ability to preserve 50 acres inside the Beltway in the Washington area is a big deal."

The Northern Virginia Conservation Trust and property owners Dan and Karen DuVal worked with the Park Authority to bring the land under a conservation easement, and the county Board of Supervisors paid for much of the cost.

For almost a century, from the early 1700s to the early 1800s, the land was part of the Lee family holdings, said Andy Galusha, project manager for the park. The Maffitts acquired the property in 1812 and built Salona House, where the DuVals now live. When the British burned Washington, D.C. in 1814, James Madison stayed at the house while escaping. The Smoot family owned the property from 1850 until 1952, when State Sen. Clive DuVal bought it. "There are still lots of fields around and trees — a few more trees up there now," Galusha said.

Among the restrictions on the conservation easement are prohibitions against synthetic turf, lighting for the sports fields and removing trees.

Some of the 60 or so residents at the meeting took issue with the idea of putting sports fields at the park, saying they would generate too much traffic and mar the historical and ecological character of the site. Wilma Bowers agreed with Huffman, saying she already had to roll down her window and gesture at drivers on Route 123 to get them to slow down enough for her to turn out of her neighborhood in the morning.

PARK AUTHORITY Planning Branch manager Sandy Stallman said transportation issues would be taken into account in developing the site.

However, Fay said the Board of Supervisors had been unwilling to pay for the site without the possibility of having rectangular sports fields built there, although he noted that the fields were unlikely to be created without athletic groups providing the funding. In the Dranesville District, he said, most of the money going into fields was being spent on those that could use synthetic turf and lighting.

A number of residents requested access to the park from Kurtz Road. Stallman said the Park Authority was looking into a sidewalk to link the park to Kurtz Road

along Dolley Madison Boulevard, but the agency does not own the property between the two.

Asked how park users could be prevented from parking their cars in nearby neighborhoods, Stallman said shared parking at the adjacent Trinity United Methodist Church could be a possibility.

Susan Turner, co-chair of the McLean Citizens Association's Environment, Parks and Recreation Committee, said the middle of the three fields on the north of the property was "one of the finest examples of a native field in the eastern half of Fairfax County," and she said she hoped it could be preserved rather than used for a sports field. Turner's co-chair, Frank Crandall, encouraged the use of pervious parking on the site.

Valerie Brown asked that a skate park be considered, but Stallman said such a feature would not be permitted under the park's easement. However, she said a possible candidate for a skate park would be Langley Fork Park, the planning process for which will kick off in 40 days or so.

Meanwhile, Stallman said the community input would be taken into account as the Park Authority drafted a master plan for Salona Park, which it would bring back to the public in a few months.

Fay said the earliest opportunity to come up with the funding to develop the park would be a bond to be voted on in 2012.



Carl Frank Puleo III and Christina Anne Ford

Ford, Puleo Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. David M. Ford of Fairfax Station are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Christina Anne Ford, to Carl Frank Puleo III, son of Charlene Puleo and the late Carl Frank Puleo Jr. of Westminster, Md. Grandparents of the bride are June and Earle Williams of McLean, Kay and Petros Spyridakis of Luray and Joyce and Don Ford of Baltimore, Ohio.

Both Christina and Frank are graduates of the University of Mary Washington. She is employed at Stuart Weitzman in the Tysons Galleria and he is the campaign manager for a local congressional candidate.

A November 2010 wedding is planned in Vienna.

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Fashion students 'Rock the Moon Walk.' Langley High School Advanced Fashion will hold a Fashion Show, "Stellar Style: Rock the Moonwalk," at the Langley High School Auditorium, on Saturday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$10 in advance. The marketing department's Advanced Fashion Marketing class has been planning and promoting their annual fashion show for the past two months. This event is a practical approach to learning the core elements of marketing, special event planning, public

relations, and visual merchandising. The students' creativity, hard work, and devotion in the show have made it one of the best attended school functions year after year with over 1000 people in attendance. For more information contact Tricia Poythress at tricia.poythress@fcps.edu

The Langley High School Wind Symphony will participate in the Music for All national festival in Indianapolis in March 2010. Music for All is an educational event for American high school bands, enabling them to perform for a knowledgeable audience, receive input from leaders in the performing arts, and take part in clinics.

Steven A. Christopher of McLean has been named to the headmaster's list at Virginia Episcopal School. Christopher is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew M. Christopher.

Four Marymount University students from McLean, including history education major **Charles Abel**, business administration major **Sedinam Asem**, interior design major **Rebecca Leon** and fashion merchandising major **Julia Rouse**, have been named as national outstanding campus leaders and included in the 2009 edition of Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges.



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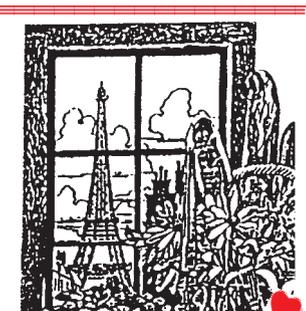
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Connected neighbors save the day; time to check contingency plans, emergency supplies.

More than 48 hours after more than two feet of snow stopped accumulating, after two nights of single digit temperatures in many areas, there are still tens of thousands of households without power.

During this blizzard, random and not-so-random acts of kindness have made all the difference for stranded families in the cold and dark.

A little preparation to “shelter in place” also helped.

EDITORIAL In neighborhoods around the region, families with power offered help to those without. Consider a few examples of list-serve messages, all sent with addresses and phone contact information, and instructions to spread the word:

“If any neighborhood residents still need a place to stay, you are welcome to come over. You can hang out for just a while to watch the game or stay overnight. We have lots of room and can accommodate a family with kids and pets — we have a large dog who would love to have a playmate for a while.”

“We have hot coffee, food and beds to sleep in. We also have a 4-wheel drive and if my husband can help with driving please let us know. Happy to help!”

“We have a warm house and food and beds. Anyone in need is most welcome. We are unplowed, so we can’t drive out ourselves.”

Consider one family’s experience: an elderly mother who lives alone in the suburbs while her children live in other states. Stranded by two-feet of snow, and out of power for the second day, her children lost phone contact with her. While friends tried to get to her by 4-wheel drive, an appeal via list-serve brought multiple offers from “strangers” to hike through the snow to check on her, and offers to provide a place to stay. The friend of the family was able to reach her, and found indoor temperatures of 31 degrees before getting her to a warm, safe place. But another 24 hours in that house could have been disastrous.

It’s hard to fathom the combination of no power, bitter temperatures and no way to get

out of the house or the neighborhood.

By the time you read this, written on Monday in the respite between the blizzard and Tuesday’s predicted storm, we may already be dealing with the next round of snow in this record-breaking winter.

It’s a great time to think about emergency contingencies. Do you know who on your block might need some extra thread in the safety net? Elderly, or lives alone, or any other special circumstance? Do you have a way to reach your family members during a power outage? Do you have food and water for a few days without power?

Here are two links to Ready.gov, explaining the basics of an emergency kit and the required elements of an emergency plan.

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— MARY KIMM,
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Children Need Full-Day School

To the Editor:

Having attended meetings with our county, School Board and elected state officials and reading news reports during recent weeks, I think it’s worth clarifying the real concern about losing full-day kindergarten. It’s not about providing childcare to help parents. It’s about providing children with the superior education that begins with full-day kindergarten and not retreating from Fairfax County’s commitment to provide full-day instruction to all students.

For the past five years, I’ve been a stay-at-home mom after having taught in county elementary schools for five years before that. I now face the kindergarten conundrum as I get ready to return to teaching and my daughter readies for kindergarten this fall. I empathize with parents facing the logistical and financial uncertainty of childcare next September for their rising kindergartners. School Aged Child Care in many schools already faces waiting lists, even without the influx of additional kindergartners. I’m hopeful, though, that many parents, families and schools will be able to work around this.

What concerns me more is being able to address the academic

impact that losing full-day kindergarten would have. My oldest child was part of the first year of full-day kindergarten class at our neighborhood elementary school three years ago. I saw him blossom from a preschooler to an elementary school student. Full-day kindergarten provided my oldest child and his teachers with time for full blocks of math, science, social studies and language arts. Teachers also used the time for reading remediation, extra reading instruction and foreign language practice to develop their language skills. Full-day kindergarten students also had twice the opportunities for the full breadth of school activities — P.E., music,

art, library and computer lab. Even school lunch with peers provides kindergartners with social opportunities they might not otherwise get. Full-day kindergarten gets these kids ready for the demands of first grade, Virginia Standards of Learning assessments, No Child Left Behind Act requirements, and beyond.

Many Fairfax County schools still do not have full-day kindergarten. Their half-day kindergarten teachers do an excellent job providing instruction during the shortened school day. But I’ve directly experienced how full-day kindergarten benefits children. It would be a shame to cut full-day kindergarten in schools that have

already successfully implemented it. Children don’t need another year of pre-school. They’re ready for kindergarten and Fairfax County should not retreat from the important goal of providing full-day kindergarten for all its students.

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MONDAY/FEB. 22

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Week Suicide Bereavement Support Group. 7:30 p.m. at 4606 Ravensworth Road, Annandale. Free. Registration required at 703-941-7000 or www.havenofnova.org, or e-mail havenofnova@verizon.net.

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PEOPLE

Love Story

Couple reconnects after 50 years.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Mary Lee Lincoln and John Parker met at Washington College in Chestertown, Md., in the early 1950s. She was a class ahead of him. After dating for 2 1/2 years, John proposed. Mary accepted. When Mary Lee said yes, “the gods were on my side,” Parker said.

When Lincoln went off to graduate school at the University of Bologna in 1954, she left behind Washington College and her college sweetheart. It was, as both McIntyre and Parker described it, a “tearful parting.”

Lincoln and Parker went their separate ways, each marrying another and raising a family, losing contact with each other. “The last I heard from her, she sent me a letter near the end of my tour of duty, saying she was getting married,” Parker said.

Occasionally, over the years, Mary Lee Lincoln McIntyre and Parker saw each other at college reunions. “We talked, but he was married. I never imagined ...,” McIntyre said, without finishing the sentence.

Their love affair began at Washington College, said Parker, and it continued at Washington College on Jan. 16 of this year.

ON JAN. 16, McIntyre and Parker, now in their 70s, got married at Washington College, surrounded by their children, grandchildren and close friends. It was, as Parker described it, a 50-year separation. They lost touch with each other for most of their adult lives.

They played opposite each other at a Washington College production of “The Importance of Being Earnest,” and Parker played lacrosse for the school.

“Mary Lee was famous at Washington College because word got out that she could handle a lacrosse stick,” said Parker.

McIntyre got her M.A. from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and traveled the world with her first husband as part of the foreign service. Her husband was killed in a terrorist bombing at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut in 1983. After he died, McIntyre returned to McLean to heal her own physical wounds from the attack and to find her own way without her husband. She joined the Foreign Service for a short time and, from 1988 to 2000, worked for the Agency for International Development.

Parker graduated, joined the military and became a Washington journalist covering the Pentagon and Capitol Hill.

In the early 1990s, Parker and his wife bought and operated a bed and breakfast inn in Chestertown after

“Just being in her presence again was all I needed.”

— Newlywed John Parker



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Mary Lee Lincoln McIntyre and John Parker each married others, raised families and lost their spouses.

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Swing Dance with JP McDermott and Western Bop. 7:30 at The Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. 703-424-1745 or www.headoverheelsdance.com.

Cracker (acoustic) and Michael McDermott. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$20. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Dan Dietz's 'tempODYSSEY.' 8 p.m. at George Mason University's Black Box Theater in the Performing Arts Building, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$6, \$3 for students and seniors. Tickets may be purchased at the door or by phone at 703-993-8888.

Shemekia Copeland. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$22. 703-938-2404 or wolftrap.org.



Matt and Shannon Heaton perform at The Old Brogue Irish Pub in Great Falls on Sunday, Feb. 14, 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

FRIDAY/FEB. 12

Benefit Chocolate Festival. 6-9 p.m. at Epiphany United Methodist Church, 1014 Country Club Drive N.E., Vienna. All proceeds to benefit Doctors Without Borders. Dinner served from 6-7 p.m., including pasta, salad, bread and beverage; desserts and coffee served until 9 p.m. The cost for dinner is \$5 per person, \$20 maximum per family; 50¢ tickets will be sold to purchase desserts and treats at the Chocolate Shop. A Craft Station will be available to make Valentines. 703-938-3494 or office@epiphanyumc.com.

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Mercury in Summer CD Release. 6 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$10 advance, \$13 day of show. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

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Vienna Artist Exhibits at 1st Stage Theatre

Vienna resident, Cheryl Patton Wu, is exhibiting her two- and three-dimensional art during the month of February in "The Gallery" at 1st Stage Theatre. 1st Stage (www.1ststagespringhill.org) is located in an industrial office park off of Spring Hill Road in Tysons Corner.

The show, entitled Cheryl Patton Wu - A Personal Duality, runs through the 28th. "The Gallery" is open during performance times.

There will be an Artist's Reception on Saturday, Feb. 13, 6-7:30 p.m.



Artist Cheryl Patton Wu with oil pastel collage entitled Doorway

Fairfax. \$6, \$3 for students and seniors. Tickets may be purchased at the door or by phone at 703-993-8888.

The Discovery Series: Berlin Philharmonic Wind Quintet. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$35. 703-938-2404 or wolftrap.org.

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McLean Orchestra Concert: Sweet Sorrow. 8 p.m. at Oakcrest School, 850 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Romeo and Juliet Program including music of Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev and Berlioz. 703-893-8646 or www.mclean-orchestra.org.
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Chinese New Year 2010. At Peking Imperial Restaurant, 6827 Redmond

Drive, McLean. With a traditional lion dance show. 703-785-6495.

By The Bog of Cats. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. Tickets \$25 adults, \$15 students. 703-854-1856 or www.1stStageTysons.org/cats.

Deborah Owens: A Purse of Your Own. 12 p.m. Barnes & Noble Books, 7851L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. crm2238@bn.com.

Chinese Lunar New Year Festival: The Year of the Tiger. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. at Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Opening ceremony, 2:30 p.m. Live performances, New Year's Parade, children's games, Chinese language and cooking workshop, a variety of Asian food, and a Lantern Gate and Dragon mold will be created. Free admission. Hosted by the Asian Community Service Center. www.ChineseNewYearFestival.org or www.AsianServiceCenter.org.

The Vienna Choral Society: The Disney Princesses. 4 p.m. at the Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Road S.W., Vienna. Music from the classic Disney fairy tales, featuring youth soloists and multilingual narration. Adults \$18, seniors and students \$14, under 8 free. Tickets available at www.viennachoralsociety.org or 703-255-5508.

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The Acting Company in Romeo and Juliet. 4 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4500 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets are \$18-\$36. Charge at 888-945-2468 or www.gmu.edu/cfa.

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Dancers Todd Borzyeh and Migle Gineityte. 12-3:30 p.m. at Border's Bookstore, 8027 Leesburg Pike, Tysons Corner. How to keep fit with dance. 703-556-7766 or www.ctabois.com/events.php.

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PEOPLE

Couple Renews Love 50 Years Later

FROM PAGE 7

he left Washington and lectured on American writers at Washington College and joined a literary press. Then, in 2006, Parker's wife died of ovarian cancer. He sold the inn after her death and continued working at the college.

WHEN MCINTYRE'S CLASS celebrated its 55th reunion last May, only five people showed up. Parker was there as a member of his class. And the couple talked, and talked and talked.

The newlyweds kid each other now about which of them asked whom out last May. "Our lawyers are working on it," Parker said, as McIntyre laughed and nudged his shoulder. "John always loves to regale people with stories, not necessarily true ones, either," she said.

The class reunions traditionally take place during Maryland Preakness weekend, and Parker insisted that McIntyre invited him to the school's Preakness party. "No, no, no," she said, shaking her head and laughing. As they spoke, McIntyre and Parker sat on the sofa with his arm around her shoulder, filled Washington College coffee mugs on the table.

They did go to the party together, and, afterward, had dinner together. It was the first time they really sat and talked about their lives.

"I must've made a great impression on her because she invited me to come down here and see the local production of 'The Importance of Being Earnest.' It was in September and the play was performed at McLean's Alden Theatre," he said. They had dinner out with friends and returned to McIntyre's house for cake and ice cream.

"After 32 years of a good marriage, I had no interest in a new relationship until I met Mary Lee again," said Parker.

When people asked Parker if he was happy, he always said the same thing. "Happy? You don't know how happy I am. Just being in her presence again was all I needed."

"I didn't know quite what to make of it," said McIntyre, of their blossoming romance. "I had been alone for a long time."

By mid-fall, their relationship had taken hold. "Yes, I'm going to say it. I love you," Parker told McIntyre. "I love you, too," she said to him.

McIntyre said she took it that he wanted to marry her when he told her that he was awake for two hours wondering whom to invite to the wedding. "I thought to myself, steady, girl," she said.

FAITH

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Episcopal Church Women of St. Thomas Episcopal Church Lace & Grace Tea, 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13. With a variety of tea delicacies and



Mary Lee and John played opposite one another in a college production of 'The Importance of Being Earnest.' More than 50 years later, a McLean performance of the play brought them together again.

PARKER NOTED that it was easy to resume their friendship; they had a history together. McIntyre described her assessment of finding love late in life. "It's mindblowing," she said. "I didn't expect it but I'm very grateful it's here. We're both settled. We don't have parenting issues. We're both far more mature than we were in our 20s when we got overcome by events that kept us apart."

At Christmas time, McIntyre sat her children down and gave them a short course on the couple. "After that, they were very enthusiastic," said McIntyre. "Go, mom, go," they said.

Parker, too, brought it up to his children about the same time. "I told them, 'Your father might be romantically-involved,'" he said. His older son said that their father reminded him of Michael Corleone, when

he met the young woman he fell in love with, struck by a thunderbolt.

"They were enthusiastic from the get-go."

For their wedding, McIntyre dressed in a red silk brocade two-piece gown. Parker wore a tuxedo. They are honeymooning in Europe this April, making it to McIntyre's 55th graduate class reunion in Bologna and to London and Amsterdam.

Parker's two young cats joined McIntyre's 13-1/2 year-old German Shepherd in the households they are now merging as one, in McIntyre's house in McLean.

"I think life's lessons help us appreciate each other in the time we have," she said. "I was attracted to John because he was witty, good company, good looking, athletic. He still is."

"I think life's lessons help us appreciate each other in the time we have."

— Mary Lee McIntyre

sweets, and live music by local instrumentalists, at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Hudson Hall, 8991 Brook Road, McLean. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Alternative House in Vienna. \$30 per person. Reserve tickets at 703-442-0330. Group sales welcome. 703-272-7796 or mollieregans@verizon.net.

McLean Bible Church, 8925 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, will host LifeWay Women's Going Beyond with Priscilla Shirer, at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 26 and 9 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27. Shirer encourages women to go beyond everyday life to walk with Christ. Tickets are the two-day event are \$45. Register at lifeway.com/goingbeyond or 800-254-2022.

Another Storm Set To Arrive

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the Franconia location and only two families went to the Oakton location before the county shut both shelters down Feb. 8.

At the Oakton location, one family took hot showers and left immediately. Another family spent several hours there and went home around midnight once they found out their power had been restored, said Fitzgerald.

"The shelters were very well promoted but people found other ways to deal with the lack of electricity," said Fitzgerald.

Fairfax will consider opening the shelters again if they needed after the second snow storm, she added.

THOUGH THE POWER had come back on in most Fairfax houses, dozens of subdivisions scattered throughout the county had yet to see a snowplow less with than 24 hours to go before the second storm was expected to hit.

The commonwealth of Virginia, not Fairfax County, is responsible for plowing the vast majority of local roads. Transportation officials

said they aimed to make "at least one pass" with a snow plow on every street in Fairfax by Tuesday night, Feb. 9, though the flakes were expected to start falling again in the middle of that afternoon.

"We are trying to get the plows to every street — it's a major challenge," said Joan Morris, Virginia transportation spokesperson.

Virginia's Transportation department does not have adequate snow removal equipment for a storm of this size. Hundreds of smaller four-wheel drive trucks that the transportation department typically relies on for plowing have been all but useless in response to this storm.

The smaller plows are built to handle a four-to-six inch snowfall but are not effective at removing the two feet of snow that piled onto Fairfax streets after last week's storm. In some cases the snowdrifts on local streets were higher than the smaller plows themselves.

Approximately 1,900 larger trucks from other parts of the commonwealth have been transferred to Virginia to respond to the short-

age of appropriate plows. But simply putting larger, industrial plows on local community roads is not always practical.

GOV. BOB McDONNELL (R) has deployed 62 members of the National Guard to Fairfax County to help with both snowstorms. The guardsmen arrived Feb. 7, sleeping on cots set up in the Fairfax County Government Center and a few fire stations around the county.

The Virginia National Guard is able to provide back up to emergency responders overwhelmed with hundreds of requests for assistance. For example, on Monday, Feb. 8, the guard transported an 88 year-old dialysis patient who was snowed in to a medical appointment.

"Our mission here is medical transports, employee transports, helping out police and fire squads, and medical assistance," said Specialist Jeremy Anderson, who was stationed at the National Guard's emergency operations center, set up in the McConnell Public Safety and Transportation Operations Center in Fairfax.



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Myrna Foster, an eighth-grade teacher at Cooper Middle School in McLean, digs out her car in front of her home in Fair Oaks. (Fairfax).

teers and brought here," she said.

INOVA HOSPITALS have seen fewer snow-related injuries during this storm than the mid-December storm, said Tony Raker, the health system's spokesperson.

"We believe the reason is the difference between a 6-inch and 26-inch storm. The larger amount of snow has had a paralyzing effect on activity while the smaller amount has a tendency to generate a bit of over confidence, causing folks not to exercise as much caution in the elements as they should," said Raker.

The second storm may have posed a new set of problems.

Virginia could have run out of the salt before the end of the second snow fall.

"Salt could be a challenge during the next storm — we've been replenishing but the domes aren't full," said Morris.

A few county officials also wonder where all the plowed snow will go once it is cleared, as the shoulders of major roads and large parking lots run out of space.

Reporter Mike DiCicco contributed to this article.

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SPORTS

Highlander Girls Impressive At District Track Championships

Graham leads Highlanders to a second place finish.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Not only is Dominique Graham an outstanding athlete as a member of the McLean High girls' indoor track and field team, but she is also a tremendous team leader, teammate and student as well.

Graham, a senior and one of the Northern Region's top track and field standouts, led the McLean girls' to their best-ever showing at the Liberty District championships last week. The Highlanders finished second overall in the team standings behind champion Jefferson. The postseason event wrapped up on Feb. 4 at the Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex in Landover.

A team captain and the Highlanders' MVP this winter, Graham scored in five events. She won the high jump (5-feet, 3 inches), the event for which she is best known. She was second in the triple jump, third in the 300-meters dash and sixth in the long jump.

Graham brings more than just her athletic skills to the Highlanders, however.

"She's a very dedicated young lady, a fantastic student and a quality role model," said John Jones, McLean's head coach. "She always works hard, she's very approachable and always sets a good example for the other young ladies."

In the high jump, Graham's best mark this season was 5-6 at a meet in early January. She is ranked No. 3 overall in the state in the event, and No. 10 nationally. Last year, she was the Northern Region runner-up in high jump. Over her high school career, she has earned five district high jump titles in winter and spring seasons combined.

"She's lightning in a bottle and it's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to work with a girl like Dominique," said Jones.

Naturally, colleges have shown an interest in recruiting Graham, who is taking her time in making a decision on where she will attend school.

"She's had some schools get her some offers," said Jones. "She has numerous options and is taking her time to weigh them."

JONES COULD NOT have been much more pleased with the



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Dominique Graham will be looking to defend her high jump title at the upcoming Northern Region Championships, set to take place Saturday, Feb. 20 at George Mason.

McLean girls' team showing at the district meet. There, the Highlanders saw eight girls, including Graham, along with three relay teams, advance to the upcoming Northern Region championships, scheduled to take place Saturday, Feb. 20 at the George Mason University field house.

"I'm very happy," said Jones. "The girls did a great job."

Jason Simoni, McLean's distance runner coach, saw his girls' 4x800-relay team run its best time in nearly 10 years. The foursome, which finished third, was made up of seniors Mary Covington, Kristin Wulff, and Katey Peck, as well as freshman Madlyn Harper.

Meanwhile, McLean field coach Steve Moll had three throwers — senior Logan Tapscott, sophomore Diamond Tutt and sophomore Bridgett Smith — advance to regionals.

Also, Sean McAfee, another McLean assistant, coached juniors Simone Janssen and Katalina Khoury to points in the pole vault. And hurdler/jumper Clare Nelson scored individually in three events — the 55-high hurdles, long jump and triple jump.

McLean first year team members Jessica Burnam, a senior, and junior Ayom Izebu bolstered the relays. Izebu surprised many by taking second in the 300 dash.

The lady Highlanders finished the meet by taking second in the

4x400 relay. That McLean relay team was made up of Janssen, senior Shakiyla Jenkins, Burnam and junior Nina Zegler.

THE MCLEAN BOYS were led by their 4x800 relay team which successfully defended its district title with a first place finish. The winning relay team, made up of senior Kevin Pyne, junior Nick Hedrick, and sophomores Jason Richards and Eric Leimkuhler, improved their time by nearly 30 seconds to narrowly edge the heavily favored squad from South Lakes.

In individual events, Pyne and Hedrick finished second and sixth, respectively, in the 1,000 run for the second year in a row. The two also teamed with senior Hisham Madkour, sixth in the 500, and Ivan Saucedo, second in the pole vault, to take second in the 4x400 relay race.

Senior Kevin Kim, who returned from an injury that had kept him out of competition the past month, led the 55-high hurdles competition during the trial round with a state automatic qualifying time of 7.96. But a minor bump with another competitor in the finals resulted in a fifth place finish in the event for Kim, who also placed in the high jump. Senior Danny Ngo was fifth in the pole vault at 10-feet. The McLean boys, in the team standings, placed fourth overall, just one point behind third place Fairfax.



The Langley High boys' basketball team, under coach Travis Hess, pictured, improved to 16-3 overall with a convincing 60-24 Liberty District home win over Marshall on Feb. 2. Three Saxon players scored in double figures in the win — Colin Jones (16 points), Abe Yi (12) and Joey Kiffe (11). Weather permitting, Langley will close out the regular season this Friday night at home against South Lakes.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

Denis Buckley, a senior member of the McLean High baseball team, has verbally committed to play the sport at Charleston Southern University (Charleston, S.C.) next school year.

"Everybody involved with our program is thrilled to see Denis get an opportunity like the one he's going to get at CSU," McLean coach John Thomas wrote in an e-mail. "It's hard to overstate how valuable he's been to our program at McLean since his freshman year and I am confident he'll be able to contribute to CSU's program however they need him."

Recruited as both a pitcher and a catcher by the NCAA Div. 1 Big South Conference School, Buckley made his verbal commitment this past Saturday. Last spring, Buckley, as a McLean junior, batted .345 with a home run and 21 RBI. At catcher, he threw out 13 of 21 runners attempting to steal. On the mound, Buckley went 5-2 with a 2.79 ERA. In 45 innings pitched, he struck out 52 batters and walked 17. Buckley's outstanding season helped the Highlanders win the Liberty District title.

Buckley's career batting average at McLean is .333. He has 65 career hits with 57 RBI. On the hill, he has a career mark of 12-6 with a 2.61 ERA and 101 strikeouts.

Buckley has earned All-Liberty District accolades in all three of his previous varsity seasons. As a freshman in 2007 he was named honorable mention all-district as a designated hitter. In each of the following two years (2008 and 2009), he made first team all-district as a pitcher.

"He's worked very, very hard to earn a chance to play D-1 baseball and I think he's going to prove to be a great pickup for

them," said Thomas.

The McLean High varsity ice hockey team earned a spot in the NVSHL playoffs with a 7-1 victory over Mountain View High (Stafford) last week. McLean, with the win, improved to 6-2 with two regular season games remaining. In the triumph over Mountain View, McLean received stellar games from Connor Gilmartin (two goals, one assist), Julian Kell (two goals), Nick Baker (one goal, one assist), Maury Winter (one goal, one assist), Matt Stewart (one goal) and Paul Forest (one assist).

The McLean High girls lost a tough defensive game to Madison, 43-31, in a Liberty District basketball game played on Feb. 4. The loss dropped the Highlanders into the middle of the pack in the highly competitive Liberty District standings. McLean trailed by six points at the half before rallying to tie the game at 24 early in the fourth quarter. Madison, however, pulled away late in the game, making its foul shots at the end. McLean's top scorers were Caitlin Baker (12 points), Melissa Wilson (9) and Andie Romness (8).

The Highlanders will host Fairfax High this Friday, Feb. 12, in a girls-boys' double-header. The Highlanders will celebrate Senior Night on that evening.

McLean/Great Falls Babe Ruth Baseball will be conducting registration for the upcoming spring/summer season through March 1. The league is a community organization that has provided baseball for players of all talent levels for 50 years. Go to mgfbaberuth.com for the registration link and more information.

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Really?



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

"No turn on red when pedestrians are present." That's what the sign says; many of them say it (print it, actually) throughout Old Town Alexandria (maybe other jurisdictions, too, but I've not noticed them elsewhere). And it's a good thing that it is said, and said/printed so clearly and placed so prominently (on the right side of the road on which I'm idling, staring at the aforementioned red light while contemplating a right-hand turn) because otherwise, I might not react as carefully to the sight of pedestrians walking directly in front of me and my car.

I have to believe that, given the increasing numbers of licensed (and unlicensed) practical drivers out there, a percentage of whom might not read and write English as their primary language, it never hurts to offer refresher-type signage stating the fairly obvious. I mean, drivers have a lot more going on inside their cars (and perhaps even inside their heads) than maybe they used to just a few short years ago.

Cell phones, leap to mind, especially when they're set on ring, are distracting; more so when there's an ongoing conversation, whether hand-holding or hands free. Either way, there's more information in-car (and in-ear) than drivers have previously ever had to assimilate. And of course, this doesn't even take into consideration the demands/activities of any passengers, who we'll assume (for the sake of this column) are not so much interested in, or demanding of, the driver, given their likely involvement within their own hand-held devices (cell-phonning, texting, gaming, video) as in the past.

Speaking of cell phones and distractions, one cannot address the demands on drivers without mentioning the scourge of texting, a silent assassin, if there ever was one. Created presumably to enhance and assure the lines of communication, their use and abuse; anytime, all the time, without regard to time and place, has created an alternative to speaking that unfortunately has led drivers to additional distractions; requiring drivers who decide to reply, something else to do in-car with BOTH HANDS instead of/in addition to HOLDING THE WHEEL AND STEERING.

And lest we not forget the absolute newest distraction to drivers: G.P.S.-type navigation systems, the search-and-hopefully-not-destroy-the-driver, computerized rescue devices that will direct drivers to their destination, so long as they manually enter the correct information into the device (most likely also while in the car and driving), and then actually listen to its calm, reassuring voice advising you where to turn, and/or looking at the pop-up navigation screen for further "directionality." A helpful device for sure, but one often strategically placed out of your line of sight for convenient viewing no doubt, but a location which draws the driver's eyes away from watching ahead (or into the rear- or side-view mirrors) to watching down a bit and to the side. Nevertheless, this is information which has provided countless motorists; verbally, visually, digitally and repeatedly, happy endings to an otherwise potentially harrowing journey. Still, this kind of real-time-type streaming data is imposing itself on drivers in a frequency and duration never before imagined and certainly not one for which there has been any training or driver education.

It's obvious, with so much that is new (technologically speaking, especially), that Alexandria has decided to go old school and offer its local drivers a reminder of one of their basic behind-the-wheel responsibilities: to respect their fellow non-drivers. It sounds/reads simple enough, "No turn on red when pedestrians are present," but considering all the cell-phonning, texting, gaming and navigating going on in the car, apparently it made sense to "sign in" while drivers were signing on.

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Many Legislators Support Autism Coverage

Five state senators and eight delegates from Fairfax County signed on to support Sen. Janet Howell's (D-32) bill that would require health insurance companies to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of Autism spectrum disorder until a child turns 10. The bill was awaiting a vote in the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee Feb. 8.

Howell's proposal does allow some health care plans, such as those that cover individuals or small groups, to sidestep the provision. State health insurance would also not have to offer the benefits until 2015.

A similar bill that covered children until an older age died after being introduced last year. Advocates said they hoped a pared down proposal, with a lower cost, would stand a better chance of passing this year.

In addition to Howell's legislation, Del. Dave Albo (R-42) and Del. Jim LeMunyon (R-67) introduced bills to expand health insurance coverage of Autism spectrum disorder.

Albo's bill specifies that those insurance companies who cover "early intervention" of Autism cannot deny coverage for certain services, including speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, applied behavioral analysis or assistive technology. A house committee voted to table the bill for the 2010 session.

LeMunyon's bill would allow Virginians to purchase insurance plans from other states that covers Autism spectrum disorder diagnosis and treatment. This bill is awaiting a vote in a House of Delegates subcommittee.

In Divorce, 'Pleading the Fifth' Just Wouldn't Be The Same

In a 49 to 48 vote decision, the House of Delegates has approved a bill that could roll back the protections offered by "pleading the fifth" in divorce and marital separations.

Juries or judges overseeing court proceedings are not supposed to view a person's refusal to answer certain questions while under oath in a negative light, because of a constitutional protection against self-incrimination.

But the legislation that just cleared the House Courts of Justice committee would carve out an exception to that rule for divorce and separation proceedings that address spousal support, child custody or parental visitation rights.

If a person refuses to answer questions about adultery, sodomy, fornication or buggery outside of marriage on the grounds that he does not want to incriminate himself, the new bill would allow the court to draw a negative conclusion from the person's silence on the matter.

A few legislators who have private law practices said the change would be helpful because adultery can be difficult to prove independently.

When it comes to this legislation, the Fairfax delegation broke its support along political party lines.

Four Republican delegates – Barbara Comstock (R-34), Dave Albo (R-42), Jim LeMunyon (R-67) and Tim Hugo (R-40) — supported the bill. The majority of the delegation – and all Fairfax Democrats – voted against the measure.

Del. Tom Rust (R-86) did not vote on the bill.

House Kills Stronger Ban on Texting While Driving

Del. David Bulova's (D-37) attempt to make a ban on sending text messages while driving more enforceable has failed in a House of Delegates' Militia, Police and Public Safety subcommittee.

The legislation was killed through a subcommittee voice vote, meaning no official tally was recorded for the public record. No Fairfax County delegate sits on this subcommittee.

Texting while driving is already illegal in Virginia, but police officers are prohibited from using it as the primary reason for pulling over a driver on the road. The driver can only receive a citation for sending texts while driving if the police catch the driver texting while violating another law, like running a stop sign or speeding.

Several legislators argued that leaving the texting ban as a "secondary offense" waters down the law, making it ineffective.

Legislators against a stronger text and driving ban often say they are protecting residents from too much government interference.

Bulova had solid support for the stronger enforcement measure from many other Fairfax legislators, including Dels. Kaye Kory (D-38), Ken Plum (D-36), Jim Scott (D-53), Mark Sickles (D-43) and Vivian Watts (D-39) as well as senators Janet Howell (D-32), George Barker (D-39), Dave Marsden (D-37), Toddy Puller (D-36), Patricia Ticer (D-30) and Mary Margaret Whipple (D-31).



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Langley Drama Performs at District Festival

Langley High School's Hayley Mueller, Brian Patterson and Becca Allen pull guns on both of their enemies in the 'The Tarantino Variation' play at the Liberty District Theatre Festival at Marshall High.

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Miniature Bears. 2 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$10 advance, \$13 day of show. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

All You Need Is Love Songwriters Circle: a tribute to The Beatles & love songs. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$10 advance, \$13 day of show. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Getting your Rose Garden Ready for Spring. 2 p.m. at Merrifield Garden Center, 12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax. With Joe Mirilovich, Rose Expert of the Arlington Rose Foundation. Free admission, door prizes, refreshments and an opportunity to order discount products for your rose garden. 703-371-9351.

JCC of Northern Virginia Teens in 'The Wizard of Oz.' 2 p.m. at JCCNV Chaiken Auditorium, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. \$10 adults, \$6 under age 12. Groups of 15 or more, \$8 per person. 703-323-0880.

Dan Dietz's 'tempODYSSEY.' 2 p.m. at George Mason University's Black Box Theater in the Performing Arts Building, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$6, \$3 for students and seniors. Tickets may be purchased at the door or by phone at 703-993-8888.

MONDAY/FEB. 15

Eric Lindell and Jamie McLean Band. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$20. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

TUESDAY/FEB. 16

Book Discussion. 10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Call branch for title. Adults. 703-757-8560.

Joe Firstman, The Kin and Ernie Halter. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$10 advance, \$13 day of show. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Avoiding Divorce Court. 7 p.m. at The Women's Center, 127 Park St. N.E., Vienna. \$40 non-members, \$30 members. www.thewomenscenter.org or 703-281-2657.

Reclaiming Your Financial Future. 7 p.m. at 10600 Arrowhead Drive #310, Fairfax \$45 non-members, \$35 members. www.thewomenscenter.org or 703-281-2657.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 17

Book Discussion. 6:45 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Call branch for title. Adults. 703-757-8560.

An Evening with Tony Trischka. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$20. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 18

Vienna Woman's Club. 1 p.m. at the Vienna

Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. With Roberta Huy of Guiding Eyes for the Blind and guide dog Fancy. 703-938-6632.

Sharon G. Flake: You Don't Even Know Me. 7 p.m. Barnes & Noble Books, 7851L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. crm2238@bn.com.

David Choi. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

FRIDAY/FEB. 19

Dear Sara Jane. 7:30 p.m. At The Soundry, 316 Dominion Road, Vienna. www.soundry.net

The Bigger Lights, Sing Me Insomnia and Action Item. 6 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$10 advance, \$13 day of show. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

The D.R.A.M.A Kings and The Blackjacks. 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

SATURDAY/FEB. 20

Dear Sara Jane. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. At The Soundry, 316 Dominion Road, Vienna. www.soundry.net

Third Annual Monopoly Tournament to Benefit Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia. 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at Glory Days Grill, 9459 Lorton Market St., Lorton. \$25 entry fee includes breakfast and lunch with all proceeds benefiting Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia. Top prize \$500. Pre-registration required by Feb. 12. www.LortonMonopoly.com or 1-888-495-6207 ext. 9.

Simply Sinatra, with the Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra and Vocalist Steve Lippia. 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4500 University Drive, Fairfax. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins at 7:15 p.m. on the Center's Grand Tier III. Tickets are \$21-\$42. Charge at 888-945-2468 or www.gmu.edu/cfa.

By The Bog of Cats. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. Tickets \$25 adults, \$15 students. 703-854-1856 or www.1stStageTysons.org/cats.

Minh 'Dreamgirl's Heart' CD Release. 2 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Rocknocoeros Family Happy Hour. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Middle East MicFest Tour 2010. 9:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$10 advance, \$12 day of show. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association. Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Line dance lessons at 7:30 p.m., couples specialty dance at 8 p.m. Open dancing 8:30-11:00 p.m. \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members, and \$5 for ages 16-20 with student ID. www.nvcwda.org or 703-860-4941.

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