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Churchill Road reading teacher Cindy Haines and ESOL teacher Lisa O'Donnell look on as sixth grader Sherry Wang describes the implications of Jacob Riis taking a stand for the tenants of New York City slums at the school's annual Museum Night.

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Housing Market Looking Up

Older homes and new townhouses selling well in Northern Virginia.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

This is the third article in a series of three pieces about the local census data. To read more, please visit www.connectionnewspapers.com.

Home values in Northern Virginia, like most other places in the country, have declined, sometimes dramatically, since 2007. But, overall, the last decade was a time of unprecedented growth in local residential real estate, particularly in the very high-end house market.

Even accounting for the recent downturn, the median price of a home in Fairfax and Arlington counties still more than doubled over the last 10 years.

According to U.S. Census data, the median price of a single-family detached dwelling in Fairfax was \$233,300. Last January, Fairfax officials said previously-owned single-family homes in 2009 were selling for an average of \$521,050.

The market peaked in Fairfax from 2005 to 2007, when previously-owned, single-family homes had a median price of over \$600,000.

In Arlington, the price of a single-family detached home went from a median price of \$262,400 in 2000 to \$586,200 in 2008, according to census data.

"I don't think in the year 2000, anyone would have predicted their homes would be worth what they are today, particularly if they were living in that home at the time," said Fairfax County Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville).

Foust's district, which includes Great Falls and McLean, has one of the concentrations of high-end housing in Northern Virginia. During the real estate boom from 2005 to 2007, several parts of the Dranesville District saw the value of their homes increase by 20 percent or more in one year, said Foust.

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Pictured, from left: Churchill Road students Elizabeth Hoeymans, Mitchell Farah, Jack Hoeymans, Dillon Kaldes, Michael Hoeymans and Whit Walter after their tour of the Martha's Table facility.

Making Sandwiches For Less Fortunate

Churchill Road students deliver sandwiches to Martha's Table.

Earlier this month, more than 75 third and fourth grade students and parents from Churchill Road Elementary School joined together after school to make sandwiches for Martha's Table in Washington, D.C. With the meat, cheese and bread donated by the community of families, these volunteers made 1,184 sandwiches. The sandwiches were a contribution to the 3,000 sandwiches Martha's Table makes and distributes each day to Washington, D.C.'s

low income and homeless residents. The sandwich-making was possible through the efforts of the PTA members, Marta Bascom, Martha Blue and Sarah Walter.

Churchill Road parents Robin Hoeymans and Sarah Walter and several CRS students toured the Martha's Table facility with the center's director when they dropped off the sandwiches. The students toured the kitchen, daycare and classrooms and saw firsthand the benefits of their efforts.



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Pictured, from left: Churchill Road students Lauren Cain, Rachel Keiser, Phoebe Jeddy, Sara Shahkarami and Madison Margenau make sandwiches for Martha's Table.

Fairfax Real Estate: Then and Now

The year 2000 was the last time the U.S. Census did a precise survey of Fairfax County residents but the federal government also collected information through an American Community Survey from January 2006 to December 2008 in order to determine how the county has changed.

Many of the trends found when comparing the 2000 Census data to the 2008 survey estimates are likely to also show up when the 2010 Census is completed.

| | FAIRFAX COUNTY | | VIRGINIA | | USA | |
|---|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 2000 | 2008 | 2000 | 2008 | 2000 | 2008 |
| Median Household Income | \$81,050 | \$106,470 | \$54,169 | \$61,044 | \$41,994 | \$52,175 |
| \$50,000 to \$74,999 | 20% | 14.1% | 22.6% | 19.3% | 19.5% | 18.8% |
| \$75,000 to \$99,999 | 16.9% | 13% | 13.4% | 13.3% | 10.2% | 12.5% |
| \$100,000 to \$149,999 | 21% | 27.4% | 4.1% | 14.7% | 7.7% | 12.2% |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999 | 9% | 13.8% | 3.7% | 6.2% | 2.2% | 4.3% |
| \$200,000 and up | 7.5% | 17.7% | 3.3% | 6.1% | 2.4% | 4.2% |
| Families Living In Poverty | 3% | 3.3% | 7% | 7% | 9.2% | 9.6% |
| Individuals Living In Poverty | 4.5% | 5% | 9.6% | 9.9% | 12.4% | 13.2% |
| Median Single-Family Home Price | \$233,300 | \$566,100 | \$125,400 | \$259,200 | \$119,600 | \$192,400 |
| Median Monthly Mortgage Payment | \$1,669 | \$2,551 | \$1,140 | \$1,690 | \$1,088 | \$1,508 |
| Home Values | | | | | | |
| \$100,000 to \$150,000 | 25,911 11.8% | 1,700 0.6% | 373,288 24.7% | 218,153 10.8% | 23.7% | 15.4% |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999 | 49,959 22.8% | 2,596 1% | 233,999 15.5% | 247,106 12.2% | 14.6% | 13.7% |
| \$200,000 to \$299,999 | 73,026 33.4% | 16,830 6.2% | 209,613 12.9% | 383,416 18.9% | 11.9% | 17.1% |
| \$300,000 to \$500,000 | 48,157 22% | 88,069 32.5% | 107,093 7.1% | 478,734 23.6% | 6.5% | 17.4% |
| \$500,000 to \$1 million | 14,153 6.5% | 136,449 50.3% | 28,041 1.9% | 353,049 17.4% | 2.4% | 11.4% |
| \$1 million and over | 1,896 0.9% | 21,424 7.9% | 4,013 0.3% | 55,808 2.7% | 0.6% | 2.6% |
| Households With A Child Under 18 Years Old | 29.7% | 33% | 32.7% | 30.9% | 32.8% | 31% |
| Households With A Married Couple | 59.4% | 56.3% | 52.8% | 50.7% | 51.7% | 49.6% |
| One-person Households | 21.4% | 25.8% | 25.1% | 27.4% | 25.8% | 27.5% |
| Average Household Size | 2.74 people | 2.72 people | 2.54 people | 2.54 people | 2.59 people | 2.61 people |
| Average Family Size | 3.2 people | 3.29 people | 3.04 people | 3.1 people | 3.14 people | 3.2 people |
| Vacant Housing Units | 2.6% | 6.5% | 7.1% | 10.3% | 9% | 12% |
| Owner-occupied housing | 70.9% | 74% | 68.1% | 69.3% | 66.2% | 67.1% |

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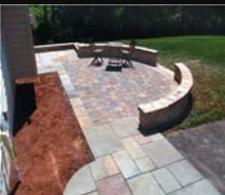
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WEEK IN MCLEAN

McLean Filmmaker Wins Best Documentary Award

McLean filmmaker Bill Still took top honors with the Best Documentary Award at this year's Beloit International Film Festival. His film, "The Secret of Oz," was selected from the 450 films submitted for consideration at the fifth Beloit International Film Festival (BIFF) in Beloit, Wis. Winners of the 2010 "BIFFY" awards were announced at the annual Launch and Laurels party Feb. 18 opening the annual four-day event.

The feature length documentary film examines the underpinnings of the children's classic "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz." The symbols of the monetary reform movement are embedded in the film and point the way out of current economic problems. The film was presented at various venues in the downtown area of Beloit, on the Wisconsin-Illinois state line 90 minutes from Chicago. Among the thousands that thronged Beloit for BIFF were large numbers of filmmakers from throughout the country and as far away as Antarctica, Italy and Japan.

McLean Centennial Committee Seeks Historical Items

McLean & Great Falls Celebrate Virginia is looking for historical items circa 1910. The organization is currently planning the McLean Centennial Celebration, which will take place on June 26, at the McLean Community Center. They are seeking photographs, toys, clothing as well as other memorabilia for display purposes. Anyone with an item may contact Page Shelp at 703-450-3918. The next meeting of the planning committee takes place on Monday, April 26, at 5:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center. For information contact Carole Herrick at 703-356-8223.

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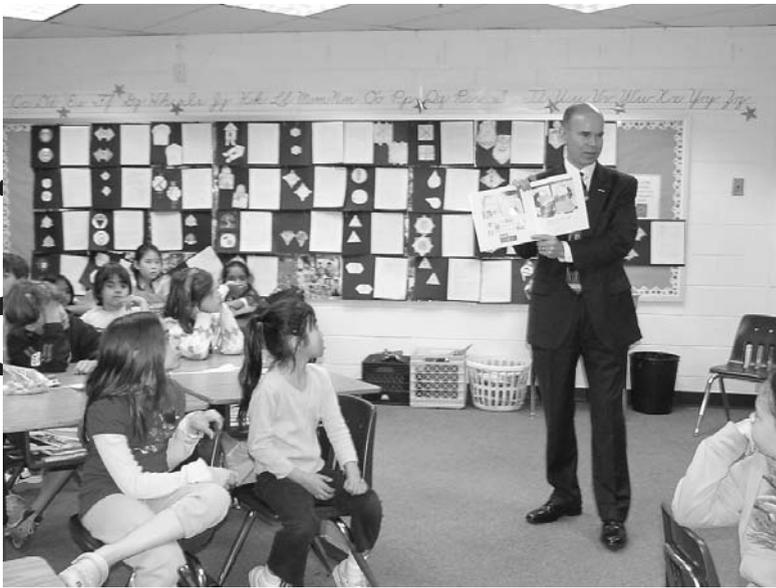
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NEWS

At last year's McLean Day, Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville); award recipient Chloe Yazdani, then a senior at Langley High School; Rob Jackson, McLean Citizens Association president; award recipient Sarah Mendelsohn, then a junior at McLean High School; and School Board member Janie Strauss (Dranesville) take the stage for the presentation of the Teen Character Awards.

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MCA to Recognize Teens with Character

Citizens association now accepting nominations for annual Teen Character Awards.

The McLean Citizens Association is accepting nominations for the 14th annual Teen Character Awards through Saturday, April 24. Jan Auerbach, a member of the MCA's Education Committee who helps to select recipients, said the idea of the awards was to recognize teens for work that might not otherwise be officially honored. "It's the unsung hero kind of award," she said.

To qualify, teens aged 13 to 19 must have engaged in self-initiated work not organized by their school,

church or other institution. "We really are looking for kids with very strong character," Auerbach said.

Recipients will be honored onstage during McLean Day, May 15. The award is not a competition, and the number of recipients is determined only by the number of nominees who qualify, Auerbach said.

Often, nominees have volunteered regularly with local organizations, but Auerbach said one recipient

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BePeace class on April 2 at Unity of Fairfax.

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BePeace Comes to Area

Course participants learn how to ‘feel peace, speak peace and teach peace.’

With participants from all over the U.S., Rita Marie Johnson, the founder of the Rasur Foundation, taught the BePeace Foundations Course for the first time on the East Coast at Unity of Fairfax from March 29 to April 2.

Volunteer Co-Chairs Donna N. Lee of Great Falls and Steven R. Marcom, a McLean resident since 1987, organized the BePeace Foundations Course. Lee is a peace minister and Marcom is a BePeace facilitator. Both said they were delighted to have had the opportunity to help bring BePeace to Northern Virginia.

“BePeace is an amazing class,” said Patty Hagan of Reston. “The authenticity and integrity that its founder, Rita Marie, brought to the class made it a wonderful journey which I hope to share with others.”

“BePeace is wonderful and effective tool for those who want to improve communication skills within oneself and in every form of relationships in work, family, friends, community and our world,” said Sam Lee of Manassas.

In this course, Johnson shared a practice she has termed BePeace. The course is a 40-hour experience where participants learn how to “feel peace, speak peace and teach peace.”

“I yearned all my life to be a peacemaker, but I was missing a solid ‘how-to,’” said Johnson. “With the practice of BePeace, I improve every day in my ability to actually model peace. I am a different person than I was five years ago because of this skill. People are amazed at how quickly they can begin to have transformative experiences using BePeace.”



Co Chairs BePeace Fairfax, Donna N. Lee of Great Falls and Steve Marcom of McLean with Rita Marie Johnson, center.



Participant Kathryn Ashera, left, with BePeace founder Rita Marie Johnson.

Over the last three years, BePeace has been taught to graduate students from 16 countries at the United Nations University for Peace and 48 participants from 10 countries at the Summit of the Global Alliance of Ministries and Departments for Peace. BePeace

has been initiated in nine states in the USA as well as Canada, Europe and Central America.

For more information on BePeace and the Rasur Foundation see www.rasurinternational.org. For more information on the local program see www.bepeacefairfax.org.

POETRY CORNER

BY DOROTHY ANNE SPRUZEN

The Visit

Only four years before
Upright and fit,
Young for seventy-five,
Middle-aged, really,
Ferried me to Sicily,
Drove around the island
Halfway, then bisected it.

I visited again this summer,
But it was someone else I saw,
Someone else’s brother
Shuffling toward me
At a dimly-lit bus stop
At midnight in Pescara,
The Italian town he calls home.

I knew of the heart attack,
The cutting and sewing,
The weary rehabilitation, but
I knew nothing of the Parkinsons
He was too proud to mention,
Denying the aging and weakness
I could not fail to see.

My big brother,
Much, much, much older than me
You understand.
An old man.

Snow Drifts

The neighbor’s massive branch
adds a certain pizzazz to
my roofline.

Gutters moan and groan
under three feet of snow
and huge icicles beneath
(stalactites in truth)
strive to bring them
down to earth where
they belong.

My dog ploughs through
but the little guy can only
get so far before he must
leave little yellow stains
and worse
on the pristine snow.

The road outside my house
is a glorious drift of white
easy on the eye but
treacherous underfoot for
my fragile bones.

I write, I watch TV when
there is power and
I read when there is
sun or power
and I talk on the phone
but I long to talk

face to face with someone
although I talk to my dog
he listens politely.

He doesn’t talk back
which I often appreciate
although now
a riposte from someone who
is not on Facebook but
faces me so I see their eyes
and smiling lips would be
a blessing
so I would know I am
not adrift.

About the Author

Dorothy Anne Spruzen (Dorothy S. Hassan), a McLean resident, was born and brought up near London. She moved to the U.S. in 1966 and became a citizen in 1976. She lived first in New York and then in Virginia, and has spent significant periods of time in the Middle East and Europe. She earned her MFA in creative writing from Queens University of Charlotte and teaches creative writing for the Fairfax County Adult and Community Education Department.

Deadline for Nominations

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who came to mind was a track star who gave up the opportunity to go out for the track team in order to help support his family. His father was disabled and his mother had cerebral palsy.

Last year's winners were Sarah Mendelsohn, a junior at Langley High School who had volunteered for the previous two years at the therapeutic riding center Spirit Open Equestrian, and Chloe Yazdani, who taught Spanish and computer classes, along with other volunteer work, at Lewinsville Senior Center.

"I think the award is great because it encourages volunteering," Yazdani said. Volunteer work, she said, was not only a way to help others but also provided avenues for teens to figure out what they wanted to do in the future. "I loved my volunteer work at the senior center, and I actually was hired by Fairfax County to work in the geriatric center where I volunteered as a teacher," Yazdani said.

She said she was now considering working on geriatric issues as a career option. However, she is also thinking of making education part of a double major, so she will volunteer for the last two months of the school year in her first-grade teacher's classroom to see whether

Nominate a Teen with Character

Nomination applications for the McLean Citizens Association's Teen Character award are available in the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., and in the guidance offices of Cooper and Longfellow middle schools and McLean and Langley high schools. Applications must be mailed to the McLean Citizens Association, P.O. Box 273, McLean, VA 22101, and must be postmarked no later than Saturday, April 24. To learn more, call Laura Kayser at 703-629-2676.

she enjoys it. "I think you get a lot out of [volunteering] — more than most people would expect," she said.

Nomination applications are available at the McLean Community Center and in the guidance offices of Cooper and Longfellow middle schools and McLean and Langley high schools. Nominees must live in a McLean ZIP code or in an area served by the McLean Citizens Association or a neighborhood that feeds into McLean or Langley high schools. They must be nominated by two adults, one of whom may be a family member.

"We're sure there are more kids out there doing good stuff than we know of," Auerbach said.

— MIKE DICICCO



Celebrating Pi Day at Spring Hill Elementary

Spring Hill Elementary students celebrated Pi Day on March 14, which coincides with the irrational number of 3.14. This number has tantalized mathematicians around the world for years. In order to honor this all important math day, the students in grades 3 through 6 were offered the opportunity to celebrate by memorizing as many digits of pi as possible and bringing in a pie to share.

The student in each classroom who memorized the most digits got the most important reward — a whole pie of their choice. Top honors went to Alex Lim with a whopping 470 digits of pi recited, which is a new Spring Hill Elementary record. Other top students included Camden Hao, a third grader, with 210 digits, Owen Rickets, a fourth grader, with 278 and Daniel Kim and Katie Winn, both fifth graders with well over 200 digits.



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Cuccinelli Misleads on Costs

Perhaps we need a referendum to decide if and when Virginia will spend time, resources and image on challenging federal actions?

Some of us are probably prepared to admit that we are embarrassed, as two of Virginia's major newspapers warned we might be. But no one predicted that there would be so much to blush about so soon.

Suddenly, Virginia is in the national spotlight, not for being home of the Internet along the Dulles corridor, not for being the place for lovers (too many exceptions apply), not for being the mother of many presidents, not for its history, not for its wine.

No, Virginia is in the national spotlight because our newly elected Attorney General, Ken Cuccinelli of Clifton, Fairfax County, has taken to court declaring recently passed landmark health care legislation as unconstitutional. He also sued to stop the regulation of greenhouse gasses and now will challenge new federal standards for auto emissions (even though even the auto industry would rather have federal controls that a patchwork of state regulations).

He opened his administration telling Virginia's dramatically underfunded colleges and universities that they could not include sexual orientation in their anti-discrimination policies.

Last October, before the election, the Virginian Pilot warned: "Cuccinelli's election would bring embarrassment to Virginia." The Washington Post, a few days later: "Cuccinelli would drive away qualified lawyers from an office that

functions as the state government's law firm, and, given his bizarre ideas, he would very likely become an embarrassment for the commonwealth."

ADDING INJURY TO INSULT, Cuccinelli denies that these escapades are costing the Commonwealth anything, releasing a statement claiming, for example, that the only costs involved are the filing fees, \$350 in the case of the constitutional challenge to the health care.

That's like saying it didn't cost anything to close the Federal Government in the snow emergency in February. The actual cost was about \$70 million a day.

Cuccinelli owes his constituents a real accounting of the costs, the amount staff time devoted to the efforts. The Office of the Attorney General is Virginia's law firm, and there are established methods for billing and assessing costs.

Most important is admitting the opportunity costs. What is it that his office is not doing because of the time and focus playing national politics?

His two immediate predecessors, Gov. Bob McDonnell and Virginia Supreme Court Justice Bill Mims, both focused on consumer protection. McDonnell launched the "consumer alert of the month," a column which addressed real problems faced by ordinary Virginians in terms of financial fraud, identity theft and

other critical issues. Mims maintained the monthly effort. The columns appeared in media around the state, and served both as a warning and as a means of reaching out to people who had been victims.

The last such "alert" was filed the month before Cuccinelli took office, after monthly entries for four years through 2009. (www.oag.state.va.us/CONSUMER/Consumer_Alert_Archive.html)

Taking care of Virginian's interests is not at the top of the priorities of the current attorney general.

The 14 duties and powers of the Office of the Attorney General (see www.oag.state.va.us/OUR_OFFICE/Role.html) include providing information on identity theft and remediation, help Social Services collect child support, prosecute certain environmental and computer crimes, enforce laws that protect businesses and consumers, represent consumers in utility matters before the State Corporation Commission, in addition to providing legal advice and opinions to the Governor, General Assembly and other state agencies.

Ken Cuccinelli was elected state senator representing the 37th District, part Prince William and Fairfax counties, in a special election in 2002. The election drew 16.6 percent of registered voters after state Sen. Warren Barry (R) resigned to take a job with the Warner Administration. Cuccinelli was reelected in 2003 and then in 2007 held onto his seat by less than 100 votes.

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EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Well-deserved Honor

To the Editor:

I commend the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations for its selection of Clark Tyler as "Citizen of the Year." Clark has devoted countless hours to the Tysons Land Use Task Force that has recommended major changes for Tysons Corner, which are now being evaluated by the Fairfax County Planning Commission.

While the McLean Citizens Association believes those recommendations are excessive and unsupported by existing and affordable additions to infrastructure, our disagreement does not extend to the extraordinary effort and time commitment made by Tyler. On behalf of the McLean Citizens Association, I offer him my heartiest congratulations on his well-deserved honor.

Rob Jackson, President
McLean Citizens Association

Taking a Lead on Smoking Cessation

To the Editor:

During last year's General Assembly session, Virginia enacted its first significant anti-smoking legislation in history. The state law restricting smoking in restaurants went into effect Dec. 1, 2009. It is particularly important when taken in the context of Virginia's historic role in tobacco growing and manufacturing. While the legislation is not perfect, restricting smoking in restaurants is a positive step in addressing health-related illnesses associated with smoking.

However, more needs to be done.

Tobacco-related illnesses remain the #1 preventable cause of death in the United States. According to the American Lung Association, these illnesses equate to 393,000 American deaths each year and an additional 50,000 deaths from sec-

ondhand smoke. In Virginia, cigarette smoking claims about 9,000 smokers a year and an estimated 1,200 nonsmokers from exposure to second-hand smoke. From personal family experience, I can relate to the deadly consequences of tobacco use.

The next significant step that must be taken is for Virginia employers to take a leadership role in promoting smoking cessation through anti-smoking programs in the workplace and by eliminating the co-pay requirements for smoking cessation therapies. I am proud that the Commonwealth of Virginia and Norfolk Southern Corp. have taken a lead in this area.

Nicotine, smoking's addictive ingredient, is actually more addictive than heroin! Therefore, smoking is a tough habit to quit, with studies suggesting it takes up to six tries to be successful. Smoking cessation is most successful when medication and therapy are combined.

These treatments can be expensive, and the costs deter smokers

from taking a course of action that could lead to ending their habit. Cost barriers must be reduced or eliminated if we are truly to promote smoking cessation programs. In fact, the Center for Disease Control recommends that health plans:

- ❖ Cover at least four counseling sessions of at least 30 minutes each, including telephone and individual counseling sessions;
- ❖ Cover both prescription medication and over-the-counter nicotine replacement treatments;
- ❖ Provide counseling and medication coverage for at least two tobacco cessation attempts per year; and
- ❖ Eliminate or minimize co-pays or deductibles for counseling and medications.

What is the cost to Virginia and our country if we don't provide incentives for smokers to quit?

Smoking related illnesses cost our nation \$193 billion annually. In Virginia, estimated health-care

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Community Center Again Seeks Director

Rasmussen resigns, citing family responsibilities.

The McLean Community Center is about to begin searching for a new executive director. At the community center governing board's March 24 meeting, director Julie Rasmussen announced that she would be resigning due to increased family responsibilities.

Board Chairman David Sanders said the announcement came as a surprise, although it was not completely unexpected. "I knew, obviously, that she was having these family issues she had to attend to and that it was a strain on her," he said, but he added that he had not realized Rasmussen was going to step down.

Sanders said the board would name an acting director this week and then would figure out the process for finding a new director.

"We're very fortunate at the community center that we do have a very capable, very experienced staff and people who have been doing their jobs for a long time," Sanders said. Meanwhile, Rasmussen has said she will help run community center operations through the end of June.

Rasmussen was appointed executive director in the summer of 2008, after a four-month search. The former chief of Capital Development and Park Operations for the City of Alexandria's Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, she was selected from a pool of about 225 applicants.

Sanders said the board would be sorry to see her leave. "Certainly, she brought a lot of dedication and energy and ideas to the job," he said. "But we understand that



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Julie Rasmussen

"Certainly, she brought a lot of dedication and energy and ideas to the job."

— David Sanders, MCC board chairman

sometimes people have to make decisions about their own lives."

The board and executive director are responsible for running an operation with an annual budget around \$4.5 million. The McLean Community Center is funded by a special tax district, through which McLean residents pay 2.4 cents per \$100 of assessed real estate value.

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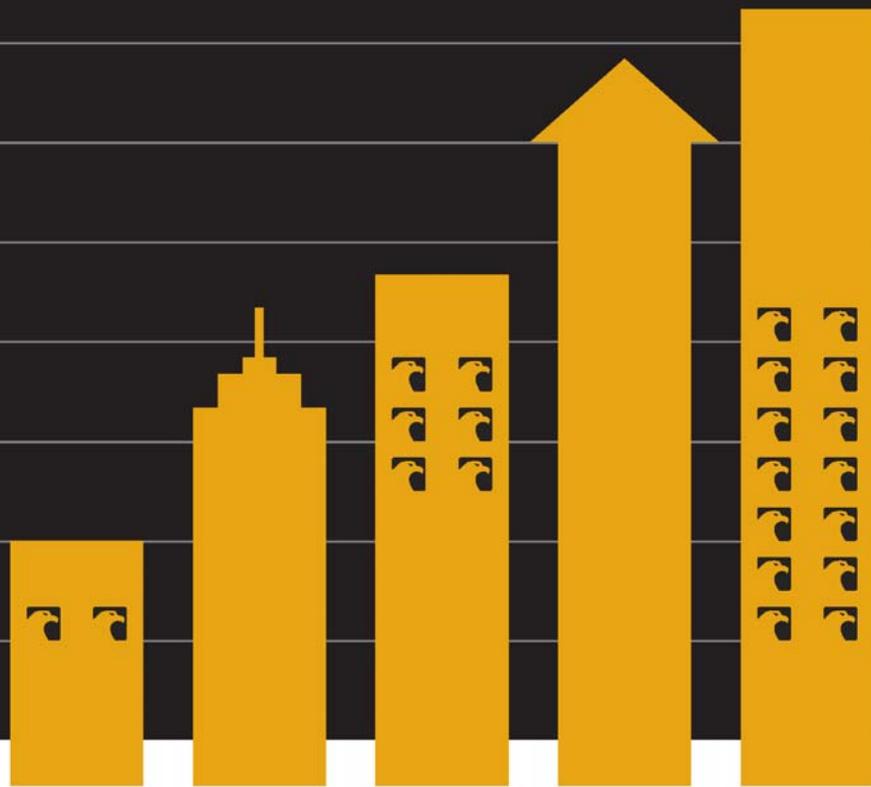
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Empowering Children With Down Syndrome

Learning Program bridges gap between Down syndrome research and educational practice.

On Saturday, March 20, the Down Syndrome Association of Northern Virginia (DSANV) hosted the third of six monthly educational empowerment sessions for selected local families with children who have Down syndrome. Dubbed The Learning Program and adapted from a system pioneered in Orange County, Calif., the sessions enable parents — the “first teachers” of their own children — to implement teaching practices in line with the latest Down syndrome research. Now, DSANV is in competition for a “Pepsi Refresh” grant to ensure The Learning Program’s solvency and expansion.

“This innovative program enables kids and parents to learn new educational techniques that provide them with empowerment and confidence,” said Brian Ray, president of DSANV.

Made possible by funds raised by DSANV’s annual Buddy Walk, together with financial backing and space donated from St. Thomas Episcopal Church in McLean, The Learning Program currently provides 16 families and their children an opportunity to spend time at four learning stations each month. Children rotate between literacy, math, speech therapy and occupational therapy centers in a classroom led by professionals.

Instruction focuses on techniques grounded in evidence-based research such as the match-select-name approach to developing vocabulary and reading skills, in which a child uses his or her visual strength to match pictures and is then prompted to select pictures in order to gain mastery of naming the items depicted.

While the children rotate between stations, parents learn how to utilize these same techniques in an adjacent room. By including parents in the instruction, The Learning Program bridges the gap between what the children learn in school and how parents can effectively reinforce the skills at home.

“This is one more way we are empowering children with Down syndrome — and their parents — with hands on learning techniques



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The Learning Program includes speech therapy to address the verbal communications challenges many children with Down syndrome face.

and information so that they can have the tools they need to thrive every day,” said Ray.

The current pilot targets children ages 4-6, with the goal of expanding to age groups 2-4 and 6-12 in the next two years. In order to meet this goal, DSANV is attempting to augment its fund raising with a “Pepsi Refresh” grant, a promotion the soft drink company is sponsoring to fund transformative ideas under which companies, organizations and individuals submit proposals that are voted on by the online community. “This has been wonderful for the kids, and the support we have received from St. Thomas as well as volunteers from schools and education programs across the area has been invaluable,” said Dorene Ryder, program manager for The Learning Program. “The a-ha moments in the classrooms have been wonderful to experience.”

For more information about DSANV, contact Brian Ray at 202-832-7679, ext. 246 or bray@dsanv.org, or visit www.dsanv.org.



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McLean Community Center 2010 Governing Board Election

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When & Where:

Vote between the hours of **10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.** at the McLean Day 2010 festival on **Saturday, May 15**, at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Rd.

Requirements to Vote:

1. You must be a resident of the McLean Community Center tax district (Dranesville Small District One); however, you need not be registered to vote in the general election.
2. You must be at least 18 years old (by McLean Day) to vote for adult candidates. Adults may vote for up to four candidates (since there are four seats to be filled in the election).
3. You must be 15 through 17 years old (by McLean Day) to vote for youth candidates. Youth voters have two votes, and may vote for one candidate in each of the two high school districts, or may vote for just one candidate in either district. Youth may not vote for more than one candidate in the same district.

4. You must bring identification and proof of residency, such as a driver's license. If you do not have identification, you may sign a sworn statement.

Absentee Voting:

Any qualified resident may vote by absentee ballot.

Residents may pick up an absentee ballot package at the Center's reception desk, **Monday, April 12**, through **Wednesday, May 12**, or may call the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, or send a request by E-mail to "Ellen.Barial@fairfaxcounty.gov," to have the package mailed to their homes. Completed ballots must be received by the Center by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12.

Write-in candidates are allowed.

Meet the Candidates

Adult Candidates—Four Positions Open



Sylvia Buckland

I have been a resident of the McLean district for the past 30 years. My children attended McLean schools and I was involved in many of the schools' activities. I also have been a volunteer in the theatre productions with my son at the Center. I have served 10 years as an employee at the Community Center and, therefore, am very familiar with the programs and the general functioning of the entire facility and would like to share that experience by serving the community as a member of the Governing Board.



Thomas M. Culligan, Jr.

Having previously served on the McLean Community Center Governing Board from 2000-2001 as the Langley High School representative, I keenly understand the important role the Center plays in our community. Last year, I returned to McLean and currently serve as a policy aide to Rep. Frank Wolf, who represents McLean in the U.S. Congress. As a Board member, I would work to bring new ideas, energy and accountability to the Center. I also would like to see the Center play a more active role outside of its building and have a more visible and regular presence in downtown McLean.



Kevin Dent

I am currently a member of the Governing Board of MCC, having been elected in May 2007. Last year, I served as vice chairman of the Board and chairman of the Finance Committee and the Capital Facilities Committee of the Board. I have spearheaded efforts to reduce the tax rate paid by the McLean community in support of MCC; in the last three years, we have reduced the tax rate by almost 15 percent. Further, I have been active in exploring the possibility of expanding MCC's presence in downtown McLean as part of the proposed redevelopment of downtown McLean.



Jay Howell

I am delighted to be a candidate for a seat on the McLean Community Center Governing Board. My wife, Betsy, and I have been McLean residents since 1985. I am self-employed in government relations consulting. I am interested in serving on MCC's Board to maintain and improve the many activities, events and programs that MCC offers. MCC is the heart of our community, and as the downtown McLean revitalization effort gets underway, we must plan for how MCC will be part of the new downtown McLean. I also see a role for MCC in improving opportunities for McLean youth sports.



Craig E. Richardson

My wife and I moved to McLean in 1998. We have two boys and are delighted to be raising them in McLean. I currently serve as commissioner of the McLean Mustangs youth football club and am on the Board of Directors of McLean & Great Falls Celebrate Virginia. I also was president of St. John Academy's PTO, where both sons attend, and I remain on the Board. I am committed to ensuring that McLean Community Center's quality programs are offered efficiently and at reasonable costs. I am dedicated to reducing the tax burdens and holding the line on any increases.



Robin Walker

It is with great interest that I submit my application to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the McLean Community Center (MCC). As long-standing residents of McLean, my family and I have enjoyed many of the programs provided by MCC. I have a long history of serving as a volunteer in McLean in a variety of activities including both Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts and am a volunteer for the visual arts in many different community schools. My goal is to preserve and support MCC's programming and its ability to serve the interests of all residents.



Stanley A. Zuckerman

I have been a newspaperman for *The Columbus (Ga.) Enquirer* during the civil rights years, a reporter for *The Milwaukee Journal* covering labor unions, chief of staff to the governor of Wisconsin, for 30 years a foreign service officer and, after retiring from the foreign service, founder and chairman of Lives and Legacies Films that has produced three prime time documentaries for PBS. I have lived in McLean since my return from Brazil in 1989, and am impressed by the range of activities offered by the McLean Community Center. I hope to be able to contribute to its continued success.

Youth Candidates—Two Positions Open

McLean High School Area



Craig McKenzie

As an honors student in the ninth grade, I wish to represent McLean High School students during Community Center board meetings to improve our community. I have gained insight by volunteering with the Old Firehouse Teen Center after school and with the Special Events and Youth departments on weekends. My volunteering history includes events such as McLean Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day and the Storybook Festival. I will continue to work with staff to improve programs and boost attendance. I received the H. Gordon Randall Outstanding Volunteer Award in 2008 and the DAR Award in 2009 for my services.

Langley High School Area



Sun Park

I am a highly involved sophomore at Langley High School. I am the communications liaison in Model UN, play the tenor saxophone in the Wind Symphony and am in Student Government. The main purpose of this Center is to provide opportunities for students, like myself, to learn. I am running because I want to maintain and develop the tradition of excellence. I would be a great facilitator of student opinions, and I have creative ideas on how to improve the Center with more communication. Additionally, I have the perseverance and work ethic to make the upcoming year a success.

Absentee Voting

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William M. Ferraro on 'George Washington's Mind, or, A General's Genius.' 7:30 p.m. at the McLean Historical Society, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Ferraro is an assistant professor and assistant editor with the Papers of George Washington at the University of Virginia. schulm@erols.com.

Swing Dance with Natty Beaux.

7:30 at The Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. 703-424-1745 or www.headoverheelsdance.com.

Shane Hines (acoustic), Scott Simons and Bleu. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Time Strategies for Life & Work. 7 p.m. at The Women's Center, 127 Park St. N.E., Vienna. \$35 nonmembers, \$25 members. Register at www.thewomenscenter.org or 703-281-2657.

Opening Reception for Reston: The Road and the Rail. 6 p.m. Reston Museum, 1639 Washington Plaza, Reston. How transportation affected Reston's development. Through May 30. 703-709-7700 or www.restonmuseum.org.

Irish folksinger, songwriter and harpist Moya Brennan. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$25. www.wolftrap.org.

FRIDAY/APRIL 9

David L. Chewning Book Signing. 1 p.m. at Vinson Hall Retirement Community, 6251 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. 89-year-old Chewning, a retired Air Force major, has just published his second novel, "A Life Worth Living", with the help of "History Matters" project volunteers. 703-506-2133.

Yu Wei Chinese Dance Collection. 8 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Chinese dance, costumes and film. Rescheduled from Feb. 5-7. 703-790-9223.

Rocknoceros Family Happy Hour. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10, age 1-under free. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

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Humble Boy. 8 p.m. at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. A comedy about broken vows and bee-keeping. \$25 adults, \$15 students. 703-854-1856 or www.1stStageTysons.org/humble.

Friends of the Great Falls Library Book Sale. 10 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Used book sale. 703-757-8560.

Amphibians After Dark. 7:30 p.m. at Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Learn to identify frogs and toads by their calls. Explore the ponds and pools bordering the Potomac River after dark. \$5 per person. Ages 7 and up. Register at 703-759-9018.

The Discovery Series: the Los Angeles Guitar Quartet. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$35. www.wolftrap.org.

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Egg Hunt at Great Falls Village Centre

The Great Falls Optimist Club and Adeler Jewelers are once again teaming up to host the egg hunt at the Village Centre on Sunday, April 11, at 1 p.m. Check in begins at 12:30 p.m.

This will be the 26th year that the hunt has taken place. "This year, in light of the recession, we decided to bring the event to the community at no charge," said Joda Coolidge, club president. "The Optimist Club and Adeler Jewelers will be underwriting the cost of the event. Typically, this is a fund raiser for us, but we felt this would be a good year to do it just for fun." Donations will be gladly accepted.

The egg hunt includes more than \$5,000 worth of gemstones donated by Adeler Jewelers, mixed with candy and stuffed into 5,000 plastic eggs that are scattered around the Village Centre for children ages 1-10 to find. A giant bunny will be on hand to help the littlest ones and ensure that every child leaves with some eggs.

There will be no rain date for this event. Participants may call 703-759-4076 on April 11 after 9 a.m. to learn if inclement weather will force cancellation of the event, but the organizers plan to proceed unless the weather makes things unsafe or is too awful to carry on. The Village Centre will be divided into sections according to age, so children will need to check in at 12:30 p.m. and line up at the appropriate entrance.



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SUNDAY/APRIL 11

African Children's Concert: Journey of Hope. 4 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Music and dance from across the African continent. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins at 3:15 p.m. on the Center's Grand Tier III. \$21-\$42, available at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu. Youth through grade 12 half price.

I Saw A Ghost, The Kindness Of Strangers, Lakeview, New Castle, A Sense Of Urgency and Frequent. 5:15 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 in advance, \$13 at the door. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Humble Boy. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. A comedy about broken vows and bee-keeping. \$25 adults, \$15 students. 703-854-1856 or www.1stStageTysons.org/humble.

Great Falls Studios Fourth Annual Spring Art Festival. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Colvin Run Historic Schoolhouse, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Watercolor and oil paintings, pottery, weaving, traditional and digital photography, art quilts and more by Great Falls artists. Free admission. 703-442-9251.

Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Society Meeting. 2:30 p.m. at the Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls St., Falls Church. A one hour slide program on cultivating and propagating garden mums. Free admission, open to the public. Jim

Dunne, 703-560-8776.

MONDAY/APRIL 12

Family Abuse: What Is It? 7 p.m. at The Women's Center, 127 Park St, N.E., Vienna. Free. Registration required at www.thewomenscenter.org.

Shannon McNally and Hot Sauce. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Preschool Storytime.

10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Stories, fingerplays and activities. Ages 2-5 with adult. 703-757-8560.

TUESDAY/APRIL 13

DC101's Last Band Standing. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Fairfax Bibliophiles Book Collecting Group. 7:15 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Topic to be announced. 703-293-6227.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 14

Matthew Perryman Jones and Joshua James. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 in advance, \$13 at the door. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Rascal Rabbits. 10:30 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-293-6227.

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Churchill Road Elementary sixth graders Grace Chambers and Rachel Granovsky brought home what will be the first of many Scrabble trophies to join the CRES collection. On Saturday, March 20, they won second place in Division C of the 2010 D.C. School Scrabble Championship, at Janney Elementary School in Washington, D.C.

CRES students Zach Yazdani, Patrick Mullery, Minh Pham and Alexandra Dubois also participated. Scrabble sponsor, and CRES art teacher Jen Whiteman will accompany Churchill Road Scrabble players to the National Tournament in Orlando, Fla, in April.



Pictured are Churchill Road Elementary sixth graders Grace Chambers and Rachel Granovsky at the 2010 D.C. School Scrabble Championship on March 20.

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Churchill Road sixth graders Ai Mochida, in the back, Colin O'Brien-Okster, Liam O'Donovan, Jake Holzapfel (as a WWII Army Air Corps colonel) and Will Pfadenhauer, take a break from their docent duties on Museum Night.

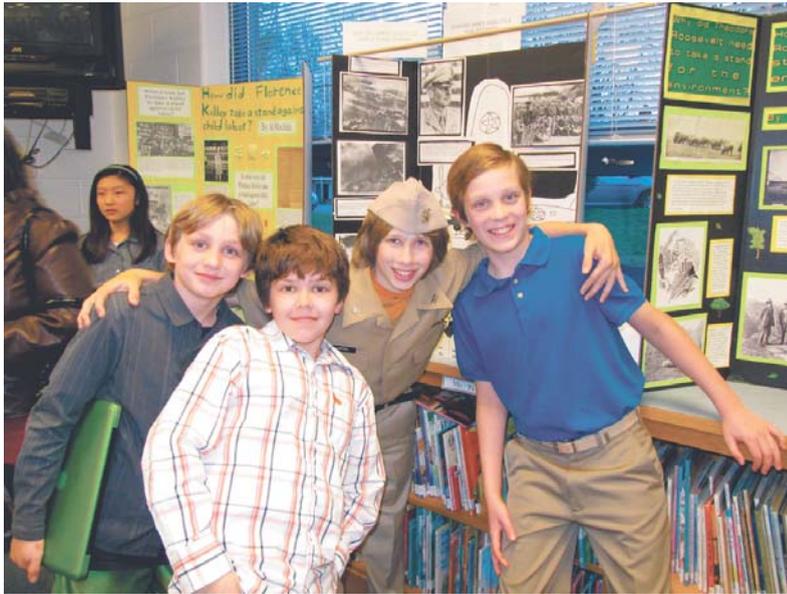


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Night at the Museum at Churchill Road

As a culminating activity for their two month inquiry research project, the sixth graders of Churchill Road Elementary host their families at the annual Museum Night. Each student develops a thesis that focuses on a famous person or event that has impacted American history. Sixth graders find that this original research "helps you realize who is important in history" and that "it doesn't matter who you are or where you come from because you can still take a stand for what you think is important."

After extensive research and analysis of primary resources, the students write an essay and create a display to feature their chosen topic. Among the many historical figures chosen this year are Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Jessica Lange. During the museum night, the sixth graders act as docents and share their research expertise with the community. Some students dress up in costumes while others create videos, original artwork, or compose songs, which highlight their research findings.

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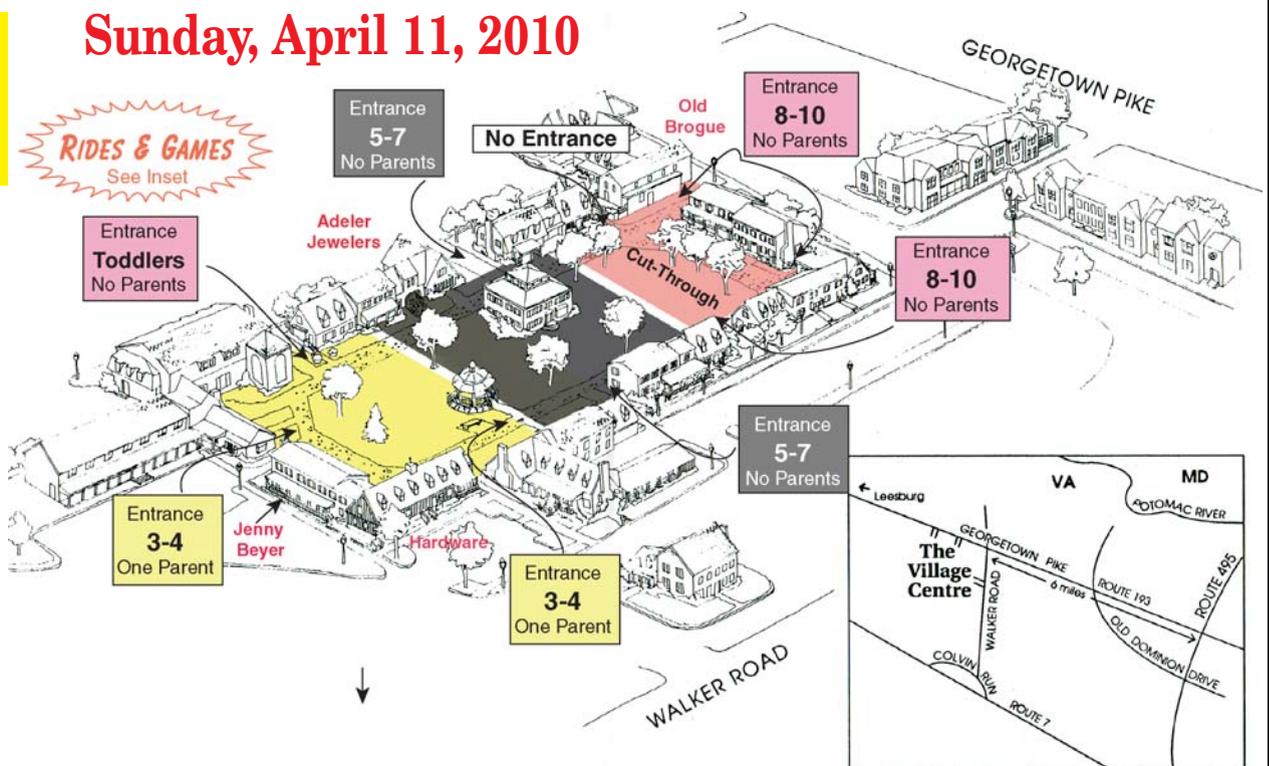
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SPORTS

McLean Boys' Soccer – On Verge Of District, Region success

Anderson's Highlanders unbeaten through first four games.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

It's starting to feel like old times a bit for the McLean High boys' soccer team.

The Highlanders have begun the current season in outstanding fashion, winning three games along with a tie. They look to be on the verge of a breakout season and could emerge into one of the elite teams in the Northern Region.

McLean coach Mike Anderson is a former McLean player. The 2000 McLean High graduate played under former legendary Highlanders' coach Ted Pease, who built the program into a region power during his 25 years as head coach. Pease, perhaps the greatest boys' high school soccer coach the region has ever seen, led McLean to 13 district titles. The last of those came in 1999, when Anderson and current top assistant coach Mirza Kurspahic were both key members of the team.

McLean, since Pease's final season as head coach in 2000, has not won another district championship since the spring of 1999 and has struggled to contend. But in three seasons under Anderson, McLean soccer has been re-built and is perhaps now in position of re-gaining its past status as one of the region's top teams.

"Since Mirza and I got here, our whole mission has been to return McLean back into a region powerhouse," said Anderson who, along with Kurspahic, was part of three district winning teams during his playing career at McLean. "I saw it coming last year when we had an eight game winning streak and some dynamic players. The culture of winning here has re-established itself. Every time they step on the field they expect to win."

McLean finished 13-11 in a good season a year ago, but the Highlanders look to be quite better this spring. Anderson and Kurspahic, over the past three years, have taught their players a possession style of play, usually seen among the better teams at the collegiate level, in which precision, short passes and the utilization of sound basic soccer fundamentals are highlighted.

"It's taken three years but they're playing absolutely the style of soccer Mirza and I have taught," said Anderson. "They've executed fantastic."

"It takes years of education and a group of kids committed to learning [the system]," said the coach, whose players have a combined classroom GPA of 3.6. "I've got tons of smart players who are hungry to win."

Even ties have become bothersome to the Highlanders. McLean opened the season with pre-spring break wins over Wakefield, 3-2; Westfield, 1-0; and



Mike Anderson, the Highlanders' head coach, led McLean to a 13-11 record last year. This season, the team was 3-0-1 after four games.

Marshall, 2-1, before playing Centreville to a 1-1 deadlock in a road contest on March 25. Anderson said his team was disappointed at not getting a victory over the Wildcats.

"They don't like to even tie," he said. "They expect to win every single game. They believe they should have beat Centreville."

MCLEAN HAS ADDED a strategic wrinkle to its system this spring with a one forward/striker scheme. Instead of the normal forward line attack, the Highlanders are utilizing a point man forward with a second wave of pressure right behind him. Tim Whitebread, a senior, has stepped into that new role of forward play in grand fashion. Through the team's first four games Whitebread, who is right-footed, had three goals — all three of the scores coming on shots of 18 yards away or further off his left foot.

"He's just a stud," said Anderson, of Whitebread's terrific early season play. "If we have a good year he'll be up for region

player of the year. He's a real strong, fit, agile, physical player. The things he does on the dribble are advanced. He's a real confident kid and a goal-scorer. He can play as well with his left foot as with his right."

Other key members of McLean's starting line-up include senior John Sims, a Second Team All-Liberty District selection last year; junior left back Rafi Enriquez, an outstanding talent who also plays for the local McLean Academy travel program; and senior midfielder Ben Paris, who has been critical to the team's unbeaten record with his stellar all-around play.

The team's goalie is sophomore Robbie Maffei.

"He's a real strong natural keeper with some improving to do," said Anderson, of the first year varsity starter.

Maffei made one of the highlight plays of the season in the 1-0 home win over Westfield on March 17 when, 25 minutes into the first half, he stopped a Bulldog penalty kick try to keep the game scoreless. Later, Whitebread scored what proved to be the game-winner.

Anderson points out that McLean's success is a product of team play and senior leadership, not about the contributions of a few players alone.

Anderson wants to see McLean boys' soccer return to the winning tradition it had under Pease.

"He's a legend, a great coach and we still love him," said Anderson, who was part of a 1999 McLean team that enjoyed a streak of 19 straight games without a loss.

That 1999 Highlander squad ultimately went as far as the region semifinals before falling to T.C. Williams on penalty kicks.

McLean was set to play games this week at home against Hayfield on Tuesday, April 6 and at district foe Jefferson on Thursday night, April 8 at 7.



KENT ARNOLD/HERO MOMENT IMAGING

McLean High's Rummer Bershtein scored four goals for the Highlanders in their girls' lacrosse loss at Jefferson last Thursday.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

The McLean Highlanders girls' lacrosse team lost, 7-4, at Liberty District opponent Jefferson on March 25. McLean sophomore Rummer Bershtein scored all four goals for the Highlanders. Nina Zegler, a junior, contributed an assist and had two forced turnovers. Highlander senior goalkeeper Hanna Longwell made 11 of her 18 saves in the first half.

"Rummer Bershtein played a near perfect game with a 100 percent shooting average, and McLean's defense saw a lot of action and played well as a unit, forcing seven turnovers," said McLean coach Anne Inzerello. "Hanna Longwell played an aggressive game in goal and was an additional defensive force. Although we had a tough loss tonight, I expect the team to learn from the experience and continue to improve their all-around play."

McLean traveled to ESPN Wide World of Sports in Orlando over last week's spring break. This week, the Highlanders were scheduled to play Liberty District games at Marshall on Monday, April 5, and at home this Friday night, April 9 against Stone Bridge. The Fri-

day game, set to start at 7:15 p.m., will be McLean's home opener.

The George Marshall High girls' lacrosse program will be hosting its first Chili Cook off on Friday, April 16, from 6-9 p.m. Go to www.seen.itgo.com for more details and an entry form. Tasters tickets are \$7 and include unlimited chili samples and sides (cookies, cakes, pasta salad, etc). Cooks only pay \$5 with their four quart chili entry and also get unlimited chili and sides to sample. Best Chili (meat and veggie category) winners will receive a certificate and VISA gift card. Winner of Best Chili Name will receive a gift basket. Cook entry forms are due Tuesday, April 13.

Trevor Dade, son of Rodney and Teresa Dade of McLean, received the Most Valuable Player award for his participation on the Randolph-Macon Academy (Front Royal) varsity basketball team this past winter season. Dade is an 11th grader at the college-preparatory, coeducational boarding school.

"Choose Civility..."



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

...in Howard County." For some of you readers who may not make forays north into Howard County (think Columbia, Md.), perhaps you're unfamiliar as well with the ever-present, apparently popular and prideful green bumper sticker with the white printing adorned on many of its resident's automobiles promoting/advertising the civilized quality of life in this Maryland county: "Choose Civility in Howard County." As a resident in an adjacent county, I certainly am. And not because of any outreach to Montgomery County residents via radio, television or print (with which I'm familiar, anyway). No, the campaign, to the degree the production and dissemination/availability of these bumper stickers is concerted at all, seems to be a kind of passive-aggressive approach. Not exactly in your face, but likely within your sight, if you're driving behind a Howard County resident and paying attention, which I usually am. But the attention to which I'm now going to pay is somewhat unflattering. Isolated I'm sure, but certainly ironic given the image/brand-building going on through the appearance and presumptive token of their collective self-esteem.

However inadvertent it may have been, and however brief it was, I was nonetheless abruptly reminded, loudly and aggressively, that my driving delay in departing from a stop-light-having-just-turned-green was unacceptable. The driver behind me didn't just "lean" on his horn, if you know what I mean; he rested on it! Sorry, I thought, somewhat aggravated and nonplussed at the same time, as I pressed on the gas pedal and proceeded through the intersection. "Give me a break," (or something to that effect) as I reacted verbally to the tone and frequency of this horn o' plenty blaring directly behind me. "Cool it! Give me a second. Jeez." (I don't believe I swore, to tell you the truth.) And a few seconds later, this driver accelerated and passed me, but not before I noticed the familiar green bumper sticker on his car's rear bumper: "Choose Civility in Howard County." I didn't see whether the driver was a man or a woman, or whether the driver was in uniform or not (although the vehicle was not marked in any way); it simply appeared to be a regular passenger vehicle, not one on any kind of duty/in a hurry, but one proudly promoting the existence of civility in Howard County.

How ironic I thought. How rude I accused. How characteristic - or not, I wondered. I only wish I could have caught the whole episode on tape somehow; then found the Howard County employee/department responsible for this civility campaign; then found the actual driver whose behavior precipitated this pursuit and then presented it all to the County Executive for his/her approval/consideration. (Oh. I forgot to mention, this exchange occurred during the Blizzard of 2010, just to give the circumstances a little context.)

As an advertising consultant for 13 years with Connection Newspapers, I'm somewhat familiar with advertising campaigns. One of the old adages is, frequency matters; continuing exposure to the same message/promotion eventually wins the day (and the night, too). If consumers see/hear/read something enough times, they start to believe it. Previous to this incident, I had seen the Howard County bumper sticker many times, and had begun to wonder if in fact there was any truth/validity to its claim. Now I know better. This driver proved it.

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LETTERS

Taking a Walk In the Park

To the Editor:
It is sometimes easy to lose track of time in this busy and bustling suburb of our Nation's Capital. It seems as if every day your "typical" family has numerous commitments that almost seem impossible to accomplish, we are constantly on the move. Great Falls is full of wonderful natural landscapes and vivid imagery we, as locals tend to fail to take advantage of. Sure, we've all been to the park a handful of times. But, have most of us really been to the park? Have we really taken in all there is to see?

Callahan

FROM PAGE 8

costs related to tobacco use are \$2.1 billion, including \$400 million in Medicaid costs.
A November 2008 American Lung Association of Pennsylvania report revealed an average pack of cigarettes in that state retails for \$4.72 while the combined medical costs and productivity losses attributable to each pack of cigarettes is five times higher, or \$23.78. The report revealed that every dollar spent on smoking cessation results in cost savings of roughly \$1.28 to \$2.76, depending on the type of intervention.
It is clear from both an economic and

MILITARY NOTES

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Air Force Maj. **Park D. Ashley** is returning to the U.S. after a deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Ashley, a security assistance officer with 18 years of military service, is normally assigned to the 82nd Aerial Target Squadron at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. He is the son of Clarence and Clara Sue Ashley of Beach Mill Road, Great Falls, a 1985 from Langley High School, and a 1990 graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta.
Keith A. Tooley has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army after successfully completing the Army ROTC program and graduating with a bachelor's degree from West Virginia University. Tooley is the son of Jean D. Reimers of Donmore Drive, Great Falls and is a 2004 graduate of Langley High School.

Constance Lynne Solina was promoted to U.S. Navy Lieutenant Commander on Sept. 3. Currently with the Functional Integration Management and Training Directorate for the Center for Seabees and Facilities Engineering, she previously served in Iraq with the 4th Naval Mobile Construction Battalion in 2007, earned a civil engineering degree from Purdue University and a masters of environmental engineering from the University of Texas, Austin. Solina is the daughter of Pamela Beck Danner and David L. Danner of McLean, and a 1996 graduate of Langley High School.

Air Force Lt. Col. Nicholas E. Russo participated in Proud Shield II/Giant Sword II, a bombing, navigation, weapons loading, and security forces competition conducted by the Eighth Air Force to demonstrate the military's readiness and ability to project airpower around the world, set up a strategic deterrent to threats to American interests, and meet national defense objectives. Russo is director of operations assigned to the 2nd Bomb Wing at Barksdale Air Force Base, Bossier City, La., and has served in the military for 16 years. He is the son of Vincent and Reeta Russo of McLean; his brothers are Brian Russo and Mark Russo, also of

Doubtful. I know I personally haven't. In a world unstable as the one we live in, sometimes it can be not only relaxing, but therapeutic to literally take a walk in the park. I cannot image many places in the world that have the potential to be as stressful as Washington, D.C. That is why I encourage all your readers to really take advantage of our town's natural assets this spring, summer, and fall. Go to Great Falls Park, go to Riverbend Park, take an afternoon for yourself and your family. Enjoy the scenic beauty.

Nathan Stires
Great Falls

health perspective, the Commonwealth and businesses have to do more to promote smoking cessation programs. I encourage employers to follow the lead of Norfolk Southern and the state government by eliminating the financial barrier for employees to quit smoking. It will save employers money by reducing lost time to smoking related illnesses, but more importantly it will save lives.

Vincent F. "Vince" Callahan Jr.
Alexandria

The writer served in the Virginia General Assembly for 40 years, representing the 34th District.

McLean. Russo received a bachelor's degree in 1993 from Davidson College, N.C., and a master's degree in 2002 from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical College.

Army Pfc. **Eric Z. Reynolds**, a 2007 graduate of Oakton High School, has graduated from the Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. He is the son of James and Susan Reynolds of Oakton.

Michael Thompson, of Vienna is among 10 James Madison University students that trained for three days with Special Forces soldiers at Fort Bragg, N.C., as part of the Army ROTC Ranger Group.

Army 2nd Lt. Roman A. Terehoff has graduated from the Infantry Basic Officer Leader Course at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. He is the son of Alex G. and Irina P. Terehoff of Borge St., Oakton, Va. Terehoff graduated in 2001 from Oakton High School, and received a bachelor's degree in 2008 from George Mason University.

Jennifer E. Fulco has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader's Training Course at Fort Knox, Ky. Fulco is a student at George Mason University, and a 2007 graduate of James Madison High School. She is the daughter of Bruce R. and Judy A. Fulco of Podium Drive, Vienna.

Jerard M. Paden has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. Paden is a student at Norwich University, Northfield, Vt., and is the grandson of Eleanor Clark of Carrhill Road, Vienna.

Air Force Airman **Kimberly J. Werman** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of Frank Werman of Silverstone Court in Oakton, and sister of Kyle Werman of Plum Run Court in Fairfax. Werman is a 2005 graduate of James Madison High School.

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The Guyasamaja Buddhist Center will host Glenn Mullin, an author, poet, translator, and teacher of Tibetan Buddhism. On Sunday, April 11, Mullin will teach two classes open to all-from beginners in Buddhist practice to advanced practitioners. 1-5 p.m. Location: The Unitarian/Universalist Church, 1625 Wiehle Ave., Reston VA 20190. Suggested donation: one class \$10; both \$15.

Charles Wesley and Chesterbrook United Methodist Churches invite the community to a 20-minute weekly service of prayer and Holy Communion in the Charles Wesley sanctuary, 6817 Dean Drive in McLean, at 12 p.m. Thursdays. At the conclusion of the service, there is a time of individual blessing, anointing and healing prayer. Contact Charles Wesley UMC's office, 703-356-6336.

Chesterbrook United Methodist Church is at 1711 Kirby Road, McLean. Worship service is at 11 a.m. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. for adults and children. Rev. Kathleen Card, Pastor. 703-356-7100 or www.ChesterbrookUMC.org.

The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA) offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. Contact Gary Axelrod, 301-610-8309 or gaxelrod@jssa.org, or www.jssa.org.

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fers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly basis. Contact 703-941-7000 or www.havenofnova.org for schedules and registration information.

McLean Presbyterian Church, 1020 Balls Hill Road, McLean, worship services are at 9:15 a.m. and 11a.m. The church also offers a variety of adult education classes, as well as children's ministry program, student ministries gatherings, and the informal Saturday Night Service in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. The message is the same as Sunday morning but with more interaction with the pastor. Childcare and children's programs are provided for infants through 2nd grade. www.mcleanpres.org or 703-821-0800.

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Great Falls United Methodist Church, 10100 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls, will re-launch its ministry called "All Things New" beginning Sunday, April 18 at 5 p.m. The service will be a 45-minute contemporary-style service that includes praise music, prayer, and biblically-based messages supported by related multi-media programs. The service is geared to help the church fulfill its role as Christ's healing agent, and help people re-order their lives by putting Christ first. 703-759-3705 or www.greatfallsumc.org.

The Baha'i community of McLean holds a weekly fireside, a meeting of discussion, devotion and fellowship, at 7500 Box Elder Court in McLean, at 8 p.m. every Friday. An opportunity to learn about the Baha'i faith. 703-556-3400.

English classes at McLean Baptist Church on Mondays, including beginning, intermediate and advanced levels. Advanced electives are Literature, U.S. Government, World Religions, and current events. Free class and registration, but students must buy their own books. 9:30 a.m. at 1367 Chain Bridge Road. 703-356-8080 or www.mcleanbaptist.org.

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, 1830 Kirby Road in McLean. The third Sunday service every month at 10:15 a.m. allows children to play active roles in the music and as greeters and ushers. Traditional services are every Sunday at 8:15 and 10:15 a.m. Nursery is available at the 10:15 a.m. service. 703-356-7533.

Epiphany United Methodist Preschool, 1014 Country Club Drive, N.E. in Vienna, is now enrolling 3-4-year-old students for the 2010/2011 school year. Contact 703-938-2391 or www.epiphanypreschool.com.

Vajrayogini Buddhist Center offers ongoing classes on meditation and Buddhist philosophy, Mondays at 7 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. \$10 per class. 202-331-2122 or www.meditation-dc.org.

A Centering Prayer Group meets Fridays, 9:30 a.m. at Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, 1301 Trap Road, Vienna. The hour includes a brief reading related to Centering Prayer, followed by a 20-minute prayer period. E-mail Martha Thomas at mmthomas211@hotmail.com or call the church at 703-759-3509.

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Housing Market Starts to Rebound

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IN PARTICULAR, Fairfax and Arlington saw an explosion in the number of very expensive homes that came onto the market.

Fairfax was home to 1,896 single-family detached houses worth \$1 million or more in 2000. By 2008, that number had sky rocketed to 21,424 and the million-dollar-plus homes share of the Fairfax's housing stock had gone from just 1 percent to nearly 8 percent, according to data provided by the U.S. Census.

Arlington County had an even greater increase. In 2000, the locality had about 123 single-family homes worth \$1 million or more. By 2008, that number had increased to 4,721 homes, or about 10 percent of overall stand-alone homes in the jurisdiction overall.

Much of the growth in \$1 million homes, particularly in Fairfax, can be attributed to new construction, said Stephen Fuller, chair of the Center for Regional Analysis at George Mason University.

"It wasn't the old housing. The brand new housing was the much more expensive housing. There were a lot of \$2 million and \$3 million houses being built during that period," said Fuller.

According to Fairfax County's "Economic Indicators" report, the average newly constructed home in the county sold for more than \$1 million in 2007, compared to just over \$600,000 for a "pre-existing" Fairfax home at the same time.

"Land has gotten so expensive to buy that is hard to build a new home for less than \$600,000 or \$700,000," said Fuller.

NORTHERN VIRGINIA'S real estate market has started to rebound over the last few months, according to Fuller, who has been studying housing market trends in the region for years.

Historically, Northern Virginia home values have appreciated at a rate of 7 percent per year. During 2008 and the first half of 2009, however, the average sales price for a home in Virginia plummeted, sometimes by as much as 30 percent from one month to the next.

Yet, in the last four months of 2009, the growth in home values had turned a corner and returned to an average appreciation rate of seven percent annually, Fuller said. In the first few months of 2010, Fairfax homes were appreciating at a rate even faster than seven percent, said Fuller.

"The market has come back much faster than I expected," he said.

Northern Virginia is poised to recover more quickly from the housing downturn than other parts of the country, in part because of its unusually strong economy, said Fuller.

At 6.9 percent, the Washington region has the lowest unemployment rate of the 15 largest job markets in the United States. Fairfax and Arlington, which have unemployment rates of 4.6 percent and 4 per-

cent respectively, have even stronger economies.

IN SPITE OF the rebound, homebuyers are not necessarily behaving the way that they had in 2006 and 2007. Even as the market picks up, sales data shows that prospective buyers appear far more interested in buying a modest house than they were before.

In Fairfax, the number of sales of pre-owned single-family homes and condominiums has increased significantly since 2008, almost reaching 2007 levels. Sales of brand new townhouses are also up, though not nearly as high as in 2007.

The sales of brand new single-family homes, which cost an average of \$270,000 more than a previously-owned house in 2009 and tend to be much larger, still lag behind.

Fuller said that more first-time home buyers, people who don't own property already, are in the marketplace than there have been in recent years. These buyers tend to be younger and either can't afford or don't have a need for larger houses with big yards and more than three bedrooms.

Younger people are also more interested in being closer to work and in pedestrian-friendly communities near transit, said Fuller. Newly constructed housing tends to be where land is cheap, farther from job centers and urban areas, and therefore less appealing to some young people.

"New homes tend to be farther out and younger people are looking at used housing that closer in," he said.

The habits of these new buyers may offer one reason why Arlington and the City of Alexandria have fared better in current housing downturn than their suburban neighbors. When Fairfax saw a double-digit percentage drop in the value of single-family homes last year, Arlington saw a decline of less than five percent in the same type of real estate.

BUT FAIRFAX residents who may have bought property — even a large, newly constructed house — at the height of the real estate boom should rest easy, according to Fuller.

Fuller said he expects a Fairfax house that has lost approximately 20 percent of its value to regain its worth in approximately three years.

"Fairfax houses will gain more value. Even retirees should not sell for a few years so they can get their money back," said Fuller.

Fairfax is more suburban and may not fit the traditional model of an urban community like Arlington or Alexandria but it is also the largest job center in the Washington, D.C. region. Local residents, including younger people, will continue to want to live in Fairfax, not only for the excellent public schools and amenities, but also to be close to work, said Fuller.

Fairfax is also the only regional locality with two major transportation projects under construction, the "high occupancy toll" [HOT] lanes on the Capital Beltway and a new Metro line, which will continue to make it attractive, he added.

In 2000, Fairfax had 1,896 homes worth \$1 million or more. By 2008, that number had sky rocketed to 21,424. Million-dollar-plus homes grew from just 1 percent to nearly 8 percent of Fairfax County homes.

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FRIDAY/APRIL 9

McLean AAUW Author Luncheon. 12 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Speaker, Anthony S. Pitch, author of "They Have Killed Papa Dead!", about the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. \$25. 703-448-9195 or www.mcleanaauw.org.

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T'ai Chi Beginners' Practice. 8 a.m. on the outdoor basketball court behind Dolley Madison Public Library at 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. 703-759-9141 or www.FreeTaiChi.org.

TUESDAY/APRIL 13

NARFE Vienna-Oakton Chapter 1116 Monthly Meeting. 1:30 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. Speakers will be Vienna Town Council candidates Laurie Genevro Cole, Edythe Frankel Kelleher and Michael J. Polychrones. Contact Shirley Keyes at 703-698-1838.

Vienna Area Branch of AAUW. 7 p.m. at the City of Fairfax Library, Meeting Room A/B, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Jackie Bong-Wright will speak of her life in Vietnam and subsequent public service in the U.S, including her organization's resettlement of Vietnamese boat

people, Cambodian, Laotian and Afghan refugees. Free, public invited. 703-314-9609.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 14

Keep Tysons Moving: Capital Beltway HOT Lanes and Dulles Metrorail Construction. 7:30 a.m. at Capital One, 1680 Capital One Drive, McLean. Construction schedules and traffic impacts, resources for employers and commuters and more. Continental breakfast. Reserve at outreach@virginiahotlanes.com or 877-959-5222.

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group. 7 p.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. N.E., Vienna. A group for anyone with multiple sclerosis and/or their family and friends. Sponsored by the National Capital Chapter of the MS Society. Free. 703-768-4841.

THURSDAY/APRIL 15

Park Authority Listening Forum. 7 p.m. at the Great Falls Grange, 9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Talk to members of the Park Authority Board and Park Authority Director John Dargle Jr. 703-324-8662.

VTRCC Annual Nonprofit Luncheon. 11:30 a.m. at Morton's at Tysons Corner, 8075 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. Dr. Gerald Gordon President and CEO of Fairfax County Economic Development, will speak about the importance that nonprofits have in the economic health of our area and the significance of business and nonprofit partnerships. 703-281-1333 or www.vtrcc.org.

FRIDAY/APRIL 16

VTRCC Brown Bag University. 12 p.m. at Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, 8300 Boone Blvd., Suite 450, Vienna. Judy Rodda, President of Career-Life Changes and Steve Salley, Financial Planning Specialist, on how to turn dreams and ideas into actions for career satisfaction and financial security. 703-281-1333 or www.vtrcc.org.

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Wachovia, a Wells Fargo Company, is the presenting sponsor of the McLean Orchestra's 2010 Patron's Gala fundraiser, 'Casino Night,' to be held April 17. George Swygert (left), Greater Washington, D.C., regional president for Wachovia, presents a check to orchestra president Elizabeth McDaniel, executive director John Huling and Gala Chair Lauren Simmons.



McLean Orchestra's Gala, Casino Night Set for April 17

The McLean Orchestra's 2010 Patrons' Gala, Casino Night, will be held on Saturday, April 17, from 6-10:30 p.m. at Westwood Country Club in Vienna, and will feature live music by the Grammy Award winning band, "The Winstons," as well as members of the McLean Orchestra.

The event includes:

- ❖ Elegant dinner, open bar, casino games, music and dancing, and silent and live auctions, 6-10:30 p.m. (\$150/person)
- ❖ Casino event only begins at 8 p.m. and includes open bar, casino games, live music and dancing (\$75/person)
- ❖ Music by the Grammy Award winning band, "The Winstons," as well as music by member of the

McLean Orchestra

The event, which is the McLean Orchestra's most important fundraiser of the year, is the primary reason that the McLean Orchestra is able to offer six concerts and three additional youth orchestra performances each year. Over 2,500 members of the community attend these concerts every season.

"We believe that the arts are a critical part of every strong and vibrant community," said George Swygert, Greater Washington, D.C. regional president for Wachovia. "Wachovia is proud to support this event, which will provide a wonderful night of entertainment while raising funds for the McLean Orchestra, a true McLean treasure."

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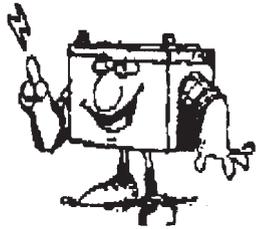
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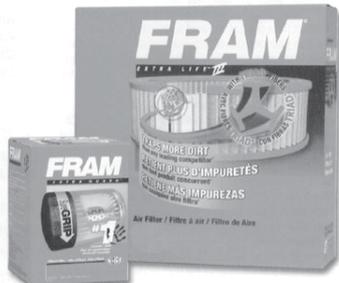
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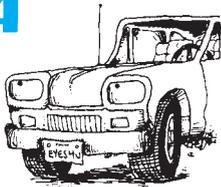
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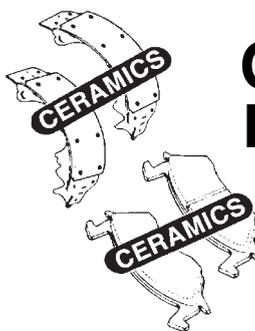
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