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Akua Femi Kouyate (right), associate director of Local Programs for the Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts, shows her fellow panelist, Joyce Walters, director of Education and Workforce Initiatives with Boeing, how art education and science, technology, engineering and math education can go hand in hand with a simple demonstration.

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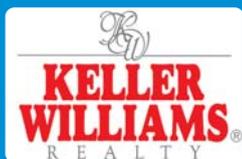


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Waiting for Break in Case

Police: Serial burglar targeting large homes on large lots mostly through unlocked doors or windows; 91 incidents are related.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County Police are still on the hunt for the person responsible for a string of serial burglaries and larcenies that has encompassed six of the county's eight police districts. The total number of incidents is now at 91, with 60 of them burglaries or attempted burglaries, and the remainder larcenies from vehicles.

Police are still encouraging the public to lock their doors, keep lights on and keep valuables away from windows so as not to tempt the burglar. Fairfax County Police Chief Col. David Rohrer said that the last reported incident in the county was Oct. 1.

Rohrer also said that there have been several reports of similar incidents in Prince William County, and that police are now investigating to see if the incidents are related.

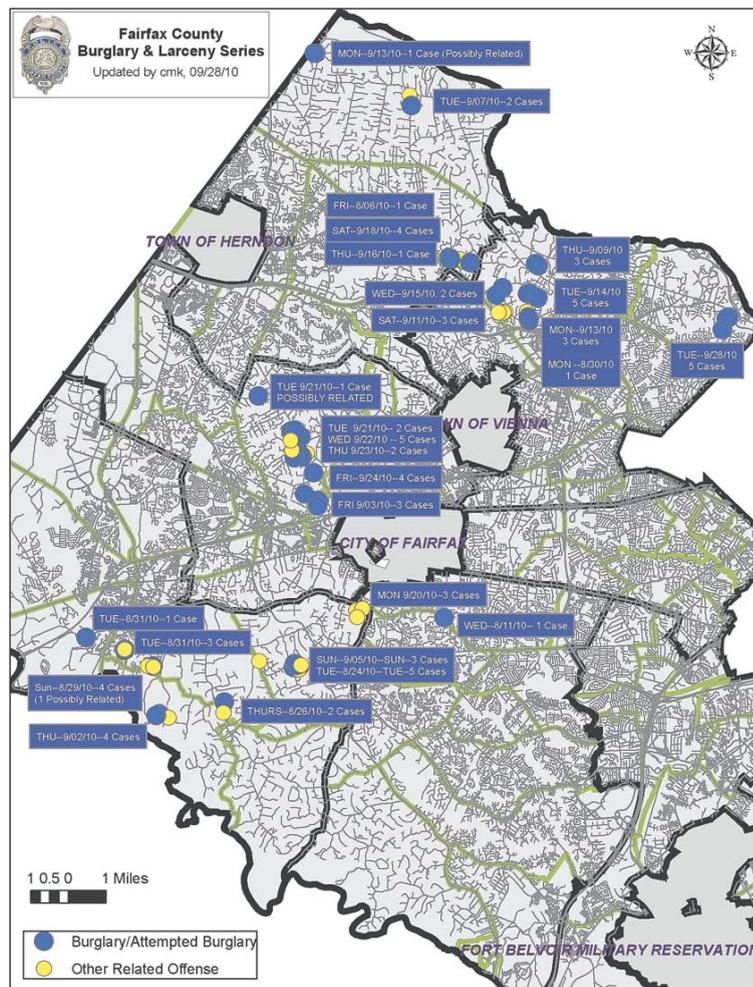
There have not been any reports of violence or confrontations, despite the theft of two handguns from vehicles. The suspect is still making most of his targets unlocked homes, so police are still urging the community to be more careful in locking up and keeping valuables out of sight.

"There are some similarities in the neighborhoods, larger, single family homes with larger lots seem to be a commonality," Rohrer said. "People do seem to be paying attention, being more vigilant and staying informed. We hope they'll continue to pay close attention to the key message: secure your valuables and lock your doors and windows to your home and vehicle."

McLean Police District Crime Prevention Officer Patrick Lucas says he believes the onus is on the police department to keep the public informed.

"It's incumbent upon us to raise awareness," he said. "The suspect is using unlocked doors and windows, and has the confidence that he'll find them. [The community] needs to change our behavior so he'll change his."

Lucas says police are recommending "when you arrive home, walk around the outside and see what the burglar would see. Is your purse in plain view? Are your shades drawn? Things like lamp



FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

A pin-point map depicts the locations of the serial burglaries and larcenies.

Safety Tips

Fairfax County Police have released a list of safety tips in regards to the string of burglaries throughout the county.

- ❖ In all but one burglary, entry was made via unlocked/open doors and windows and garage doors.
- ❖ Two handguns have been stolen out of vehicles.
- ❖ Residents are urged to lock their doors, windows and garage doors. This is your best deterrent.
- ❖ Do not leave items of value in an unattended car. This includes GPS units, purses, money, garage door openers, keys, etc.
- ❖ Do not leave purses, keys or cash by entry points in your home.
- ❖ If you have older children that come home late, urge them to ensure they lock up when they arrive home.
- ❖ The suspect will force entry into vehicles if he sees valuables inside.
- ❖ The suspect appears to be focusing on money and small items in homes and vehicles.
- ❖ Talk to your neighbors and look out for each other.
- ❖ Report suspicious persons to police right away.

timers can help create the illusion of occupancy."

Police are unsure of the amount stolen to date, since cash is among the primary items taken. There has been no consistency when it comes to day of the week, however between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. seems to be the primary times the burglar strikes.

McLean District Commander Capt. Stephen Thompson is also urging community members to report incidents as soon as they are discovered.

"Several very suspicious incidents have been reported five or six hours later, but we need to know right away," he said.

Rohrer hosted an online community forum Oct. 8 to address questions about the string of burglaries. The transcript is available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/askfairfax.

For emergencies, dial 911. For non-emergencies, dial 703-691-2131. To contact Crime Solvers, call 703-691-8888, or 866-411-TIPS (8477) or text TIP187 plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

Coordinated Care

County office connects community groups with those in need.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Staff from the Fairfax County Coordinated Services Planning office spoke to members of Share, Inc., a McLean-based nonprofit that provides services to individuals in need in McLean, Great Falls and parts of Falls Church. CSP coordinators assess individual and family situations over the telephone and develop a service plan designed to connect residents with services and other resources to meet their needs.

"After we hear their story, we start developing a plan," said Anne Hochstrasser, a social work supervisor with the county, adding that some plans can involve five or six different kinds of assistance.

The calls to the CSP call center have increased since fiscal year 2007, when the current financial downturn began. In FY2010 they received almost 108,000 calls, which is a 6 percent increase from FY2009, 21 percent over FY2008 and 52 percent over FY2007.

In FY2007, there were only five high volume days, days in which more than 400 calls were taken. In FY2010, there were 441 calls per day on average, and one out of every five days had more than 500 calls.

The top 11 topics of calls received from FY2006 to FY2010 are: dental care, subsidized housing, Medicaid, emergency shelter, food stamps, job search assistance, housing search assistance, community health networks, emergency utility assistance, emergency food and emergency rent assistance.

Of those topics, the CSP call center has seen increases in calls about food stamps (by 165 percent), job search assistance (by 93 percent), emergency utility assistance (by 123 percent), emergency food (by 153 percent) and emergency rent assistance (by 76 percent).

They have also seen an increase in new cases by more than 40 percent since FY2006. They requests hit an all-time high in FY2009, with 526 new cases opened up per month.



Anne Hochstrasser, a social work supervisor with the county, speaks about the functions of the Coordinated Services Planning office at the Redeemer Lutheran Church in McLean Oct. 7.

In need?

The Fairfax County Coordinated Services Planning hotline can be reached at 703-222-0880, TTY 711. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. See www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dsm/csp

"We're seeing a lot of callers who haven't reached out for help before," said Dot Groce, a CSP process operations manager. "We're now averaging about 522 new cases per month."

Victor Kimm, president of Share, says he hopes that community outreach groups will look at the statistics provided by CSP, because "this service gives them an idea on how they will be able to help."

Groce said that groups such as Share are essential to helping the increased numbers of people who require assistance to keep food on their plates or their electricity on.

"We just couldn't do our work without community-based groups like Share," she said.

Reverend Roger Dahlin, interim senior pastor with Redeemer Lutheran Church in McLean, one of the churches that works with Share, said that with so many people in need, the community must pull together like never before.

"I think there's a very significant thing happening in this community," he said. "An emerging moral imperative, a sense of coming together around these issues to support those in need."

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REAL ESTATE

McLean & Great Falls Market Analysis of Homes Sales: A Tale of Two Markets

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1ST 3 QTRS. 2009					
22101	1	18	41	108	150
22102	5	6	16	38	140
22066	2	7	32	62	36
Total:	8	31	89	208	326
Combined Total: 128			Combined Total: 534		
All Sales 1st 3 Qtrs 2009: 661					
1ST 3 QTRS. 2010					
22101	5	8	44	124	114
22102	5	13	18	57	137
22066	1	9	54	82	23
Total:	11	30	116	263	274
Combined Total: 157			Combined Total: 537		
All Sales 1st 3 Qtrs 2010: 694					

A Tale of Hope

BY KAREN BRISCOE

The theme of "A Tale of Two Markets" is based on Charles Dickens famous A Tale of Two Cities. In this part of the series I am now looking at how the residential real estate market for McLean and Great Falls performed in the first three quarters of 2010 in comparison to the first three quarters of 2009.

Most people recall the opening line to A Tale of Two Cities: It was the best of times; it was the worst of times. The theme line of "A Tale of Two Markets" has a bit of variation in this edition: It is the best of times in McLean and Great Falls for homes priced under \$2 million and it is better, but still not the best of times for those priced above.

IN MCLEAN AND GREAT FALLS the overall numbers of home sales were up 5 percent in the first three quarters of 2010 over the same period in 2009. However, the significance of "A Tale of Two Markets" is once again evident when broken down by price range. The number of sales under \$1.25 million is practically even, as is that above \$2 million. What saw the most significant increase was the price range of \$1.25 to \$2 million, which experienced a 30 percent increase over the same period in 2009, representing "better, but still not the best of times."

The reason why I believe this occurred is there is a price squeeze going on. There isn't much inventory relative to demand in the under \$1.25 million price range, so we are experiencing price recovery in that segment. Not really price appreciation, because we still aren't up to market peak prices, but thankfully on the road in a positive direction.

The reason for the price increases is that currently in McLean and Great Falls there is only a 3.5 month supply of inventory for properties list price \$1.25 million and less. A balanced market, thus neither a buyers or sellers market, is when there is a 6-month supply. When there is less than 6-month supply of inventory, then that is considered a seller's market.

The best of times in McLean and Great Falls for homes priced under \$2 million.

The over \$2 million price range in McLean and Great Falls however is another story. There is currently a 26-month supply of inventory, which is more than two years. It is clearly a strong buyers market in the over \$2 million price range, that is why we are still seeing price pressure down. Recovery cannot begin in this market segment until the market gets into balance and stays that way for some time.

So what is happening I believe is that many of properties that would have sold in the peak periods for over \$2 million now have to be under \$2 million to get sold. And that is why we are seeing more sales in the price range of \$1.25 to \$2 million. Those sellers that are getting their properties to settlement are realizing that price recovery is at least another two years away and thus are pricing their homes to the current market and are getting sold.

YOU MAY RECALL that the peak of the market in terms of number of transactions in McLean and Great Falls was in 2005. In the first three quarters of that year there were 762 total sales in the under \$1.25 million range, whereas in the same period of 2010 there were only 537. In the \$1.25 to \$2 million price range in the first three quarters of 2005 there were 221 sales whereas in the same time period of 2010 there were only 116. And in the over \$2 million range in the first three quarters of 2005 there were 83 sales and in the same period in 2010 there were 41. So across the board it should be evident that we are still a ways from peak performance for the market.

This version of "A Tale of Two Markets" should sound like one of hope, which it is. Good houses, priced right for the market are selling.

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STEMs of Learning

Fairfax Futures forum highlights importance of science, technology, engineering and math education.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The Capital One headquarters building in McLean was the site of Fairfax Futures' annual School Readiness Leadership Forum. Panel speaking addressed the need for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education for students under the age of eight. Dr. Mae C. Jemison, the first African-American woman in space, delivered the keynote address.

The purpose of the forum was to explain the importance of STEM learning at a young age, and to show various education officials from around the county how STEM education could be compatible with other forms of education.

Dr. Joan Lombardi, deputy assistant secretary and inter-departmental liaison for Early Childhood Development Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, gave the opening remarks.

"Many people have said over the years that children are natural scientists ... and that's the excitement we have to build on," she said.

MEMBERS OF A FOUR-PERSON PANEL were chosen from several fields, each to show how STEM education can be introduced, as well as why it should be introduced.

Akua Femi Kouyate, associate director of Local Programs for the Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts spoke about how the arts and STEM are not incompatible, despite common thought to the contrary. She had each of her fellow panelists throw a stone and a feather into a bucket, and then they mimicked the motion of the two objects with their bodies.

Kouyate said that even such a simple example showed how children could translate the concepts of weight and gravity into concepts that also relate to body movement and dance.

"Art and STEM have processes that are mutual, like problem solving, imagination, and they have transferable skills," she said. "Children can use all of their senses to understand what things mean."

Joyce Campbell, executive producer for "Sid the Science Kid," a



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Walter Gilliam, director of Yale's Edward Zigler Child Development Center, speaks on the importance of STEM learning in the youngest of children.

show that is designed to foster the natural curiosity of children, spoke about how parents who have bad memories of science class sometimes steer clear of it when it comes to their children.

"We find a lot of child care providers and parents, that they're scared of science, they remember memorizing a lot of facts," Campbell said. "They don't understand that all they really have to do is encourage children's natural curiosity, and find out where to go for answers."

Walter Gilliam, director of Yale's Edward Zigler Child Development Center, brought a more scientific approach to children's education, citing studies that show children who receive STEM education early go on to have better jobs, make more money and are generally better off.

"Early childhood education, when implemented and high quality, can have huge lasting impact on children all the way through adulthood," he said. "The skills we need to impart to children are not how to memorize things, but how we help children go out and find the information they need, how to evaluate it, synthesize information from different sources and use it to solve problems."

JEMISON spoke from her own experiences as a curious child, and how that path led her to eventually leave the boundaries of this planet.



Dr. Mae C. Jemison, the first African-American woman in space, speaks on the importance of teaching children science at a young age. Jemison was the keynote speaker at Fairfax Futures' annual School Readiness Leadership Forum.

"I remember telling my teacher 'I want to be a scientist,' and she said 'Don't you mean a nurse?'" Jemison said. "She thought she was doing me a service by telling me what little black girls grew up to be in the 1960s."

She, like the panel, said curiosity is there in children, and it's up to educators to learn how to best utilize the curiosity, not only for the individual, but for everyone's future.

"You don't have to instill curiosity in children, they are already excited, motivated and interested," Jemison said. "Individuals need to be science-literate in order to be functional in this world, to fully participate in this democracy and make the best decisions as to what this nation will become."

Sharon Bulova, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, was one of the county officials in attendance, and she said that early childhood education was key to the community.

"We believe that education provides the foundation for our community's success, and that education starts before our children enter kindergarten," she said. "A well educated community makes everything else shake out right."



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

This simulated photo shows what the proposed cell tower on Longfellow Middle School property would have looked like facing west.

Change of Plans

Application to place cell tower at Longfellow Middle School withdrawn after community response.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Neighbors and parents of Longfellow Middle School students have rallied — for the second time this decade — to keep a cell phone tower off of Longfellow property. Reston-based Milestone Communications, which has placed poles on 24 school properties throughout Fairfax County, had sought the Longfellow Property because it was in the middle of a dead zone for cell phone coverage.

A meeting was held Sept. 27 at Longfellow, where dozens of community members turned out to voice their opposition to the pole. Jane Strauss, School Board member from the Dranesville District told residents at that meeting that the pole was in "proposal stage, no decision has been made."

Since then, a decision has been made that the pole would not be installed on Longfellow property. On Oct. 1, Longfellow Principal Carole Kihm wrote a letter to parents, guardians, teachers and staff.

"Due to the lack of support within the community, we have asked that the ... application to place a telecommunications facility at Longfellow Middle School be withdrawn," she wrote.

Milestone CEO Len Forkas confirmed that the application has been withdrawn, saying "Milestone and ATT withdrew its application at the request of county leadership. I can't say what's next for improving coverage at that location."

THE PRIMARY IMPETUS for the county and school behind the construction of the tower would have been the money paid by Milestone for the use of the property.

Longfellow would have received a one-time payment of \$25,000 with the installation of the tower and an annual income of 40 percent of revenue from the cell phone carriers.

"The school will face additional deficits to our funding, and we are hoping that the community will compensate for this by contributing to our technology and instructional needs," said Kihm in her letter.

For parents who were concerned about the effect the tower would have on children's health, property values and aesthetics in the neighborhood, the money wasn't worth it.

"After the one-time payment, the amount of money the school would receive equals to about \$7 per student," said John Duffy, who lives nearby. "If it's a matter of fundraising, we want to know how we can join and raise money for the school, there are people here that have money."

While parents were concerned about the amount of radio frequency radiation emitted by the towers, and the long-term health effects it could have, Matt Butcher, vice president of engineering and development for SiteSafe, a firm that provides compliance solutions for wireless carriers, says their tests have not come up with any results indicating the towers cause harm.

"We tested five school in the area, and the levels of RF were less than .01 percent maximum, which is what you get from a Wi-Fi setup at home," Butcher said.

THE INTERNATIONAL SAFETY standard for RF is 50 times less than what could cause harm, and the RF emitted from the towers are 1,000 times lower than that standard.

NEWS

Weekend Closings On Chain Bridge Road

Inner Loop Beltway bridge coming down, Chain Bridge Road closed this weekend.

For the second time in the last six months, Route 123 will be shut down at the Beltway. The I-495 northbound overpass at Route 123 is being demolished as part of the I-495 HOT lanes project. This time, the overpass for the inner loop is being replaced with a new wider bridge that will handle the Beltway lanes.

Inner loop traffic was shifted Tuesday, Oct. 12 to the left over Route 123. Starting on Friday night, Oct. 15, traffic leaving the Tysons Corner shopping areas to McLean will be detoured from Route 123 north to I-495 south to Route 7 and back to I-495 north to continue on Route 123 north. Traffic heading to Tysons from McLean will be directed to use I-495 north to Georgetown Pike (Route 193) to I-495 south back to Route 123 south. Motorists should expect delays around the Route 123/I-495 interchange and on Georgetown Pike and Route 7. Police will be onsite to direct traffic. VDOT urges motorists famil-

iar with the area to use alternate routes.

There is a long-term closure connected with this part of the HOT Lanes project, and this is the ramp from Route 123 north to the inner loop, I-495 north. For up to two years, motorists will need to merge to the left on northbound Route 123 and turn left at a new traffic signal just before Capital One to the beltway. Traffic merging onto I-495 North from Route 123 South will now yield to traffic taking the new signalized left turn onto I-495 north. Motorists should expect additional delays in this area during peak travel times.

In early June, this process was completed for the outer loop, and the whole thing was captured on a time lapse camera, and can be seen at <http://www.vamegaprojects.com/about-megaprojects/i495-hot-lanes/route-123-interchange-improvements/>

For further information about this closure and Virginia Megaprojects, please visit Vamegaprojects.com.

BULLETIN BOARD

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TUESDAY/OCT. 19

McLean Branch of the American Association of University Women Meeting. 7 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Judy Feder, a professor of public policy and a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress, will speak on women and politics in the upcoming election. All are welcome. 703-847-3195 or www.mcleanaauw.org.

THURSDAY/OCT. 21

Safe Community Coalition Fall Community Conversation. 7:30 p.m. at Cooper Middle School, 977 Balls Hill Road, McLean. A presentation on the parental dilemma of underage drinking with Ralph Hingson, Sc.D., M.P.H., from the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism and the National Institutes of Health. 703-371-5995.

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October: Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Early detection still means self-exams, doctor exams and mammograms.

If you are a woman with no family history of breast cancer, chances are you heard the chatter that resulted from the report on mammograms and self-exams from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force about a year ago with one ear. For many women, the message delivered was that it doesn't matter so much that you've missed the time for your next mammogram, or that checking your own breasts is really a waste of time.

Whatever the recommendations for women in general, remember that there is just one person in charge of your healthcare, and that person is you. If you have a family history of breast cancer, it is never too early to talk to your doctor about how to approach your preventative care. All women age 40 or over should talk with a doctor experienced in breast health about when to begin screening mammograms and how often to have them. When it comes to what is best for your breasts, knowing your own breasts and what feels normal is a low-tech, low-cost measure.

In 2008, more than 182,000 U.S. women were newly diagnosed with breast cancer, and more than 40,000 women's deaths resulted from breast cancer. There are also significant disparities along economic and ethnic differences. For example, the 5-year breast cancer survival rate is 69 percent for black women, compared with 85 percent for white women.

Nevertheless, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force came out with recommendations

at the end of 2009 that women have mammograms every other year beginning at age 50, and recommended against teaching women to do breast self exams. The recommendations were rejected by many doctors who specialize in breast health.

In particular, the recommendations against breast self exams were based on studies of more than 388,000 women in Russia and China. In comparing breast self-examination with no intervention, the studies found no difference in breast cancer mortality between the groups, (587 deaths in total). The women who were taught breast self exam in these studies had almost twice as many biopsies (3,406) with benign results than did the women in the control group (1,856). The reviewers' conclusion: "At present, breast self-examination cannot be recommended."

It's true that unnecessary biopsies are not a positive outcome. But you have to ask yourself whether you think population based studies of women in Russia and China should determine whether you should check your own breasts.

In January, 2009, I found a lump in my breast that I knew immediately was not normal. A coworker's diagnosis of breast cancer had prompted me to have an overdue mammogram seven months before I found the lump, and that mammogram was perfectly normal. The mammogram after I found the lump showed the difference, a glowing spot that led the ra-

diologist to say he would be "very concerned." The biopsy of the lump confirmed the concern, I had an early but aggressive breast cancer. Like most women who are diagnosed with breast cancer, I had no family history of it.

My treatment, which included removing the tumor, and undergoing chemotherapy and radiation, wrapped up eight months later, just more than a year ago. I had excellent care; I'm cancer free. I don't object to being called a survivor, but I don't think of myself that way. I'm a woman who was treated for breast cancer, and that's behind me now.

Most days, it doesn't cross my mind. (Yes, there is an extensive protocol of follow-up that I follow.)

But I can tell you that if I did not find that lump, if I waited two years for my next mammogram, my outcome would very likely have been different.

So I share my experience during breast cancer awareness month and in the weeks leading up to the Komen Race for the Cure in June, not because the experience defines me, but because I know how easy it is to put off a mammogram, how easy it is to miss months of self-checks, and because I know, early detection really can save lives. Your life.

My life.

Building awareness and funds for screening and treating women who otherwise might not have access to care is another important outcome of breast cancer awareness month. A woman's race or economic status in the United States should not affect her chances of surviving breast cancer, but they do.

MARY KIMM,

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Operation Medicine Cabinet Cleanout Is Oct. 18-23

BY TOM COOK

Help our community by monitoring and properly disposing of your unused or expired medications. Doing this prevents accidental poisoning or abuse by others, and protects the environment. Disposal is free, convenient and confidential. From Oct. 18-23, drop off unused medications (only medications in liquid or pill form can be dropped off - no needles or pressurized canisters will be accepted) at eight local police stations anytime during that week.

The police stations are Fair Oaks District Station, Sully, Franconia, Mason, McLean, Mount Vernon, Reston and West Springfield.

The 2008 Fairfax County Youth Survey indicates that approximately 3,100 high school students abused prescription drugs and/or over the counter medications in the 30 days prior to being sur-

veyed.

The broad availability of prescription drugs via the medicine cabinet, the internet and physicians as well as the misconceptions of their safety add to the problem of prescription drug abuse.

Read the material provided with all prescribed medications to understand the safe use and any possible risks.

Take an inventory and identify expired and unused medication. Keep medicines in their original container. This will help identify the contents if they are accidentally ingested. Cross out your name and prescription number for safety.

If you must dispose of medicines without dropping them off at a disposal center, follow these instructions: For pills, add some salt water to start dissolving them. For liquids, add something inedible like cat litter, dirt or ash. Seal the container and secure with duct or packing tape. Put the container in

the trash as close to pickup time as possible. Do not put into the recycling bin.

The partners in the 2010 Operation Medicine Cabinet Cleanout campaign are Fairfax County Community Services Board, CVS Pharmacy and Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, Health Department, Police Department, Fire and Rescue Department, Water Department and Division of Solid Waste Collection and Recycling; Giant Foods, Harris Teeter, Safeway, Rite-Aid, Walgreens, Wegmans, Unified Prevention Coalition of Fairfax County Public Schools and the Fairfax County Office of Public Private Partnerships. For more information, call Bharati Patel at 703-704-6046 or go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb/prevention.

The author is the Region IV Prevention Supervisor, Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR MPA Thanks Community

To the Editor:

On behalf of the McLean Project for the Arts (MPA), I would like to thank the McLean community for its ongoing support of MPAartfest. The 4th annual MPAartfest held on Sunday, Oct. 3, brought 42 juried artists, live music performances, local children's art, art education and delicious refreshments to McLean Central Park for the enjoyment of more than 4,000 local residents. It was a wonderful day that fulfilled MPA's goal of "connecting art and community."

MPAartfest was successful thanks to our volunteers, sponsors and the many community organizations which provided funding and countless hours of service to make MPAartfest possible. MPA is indebted to the McLean Community Center and the Fairfax County Park Authority, MPAartfest Event Partners for 2010. They are among the McLean community's most

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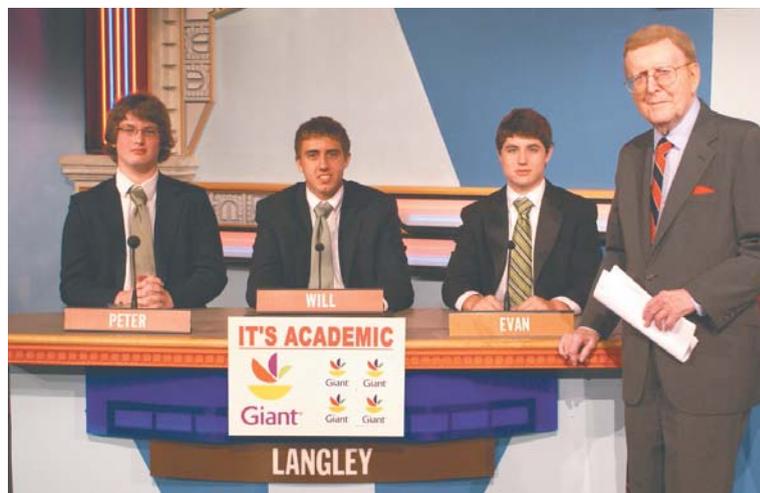
SCHOOLS

Langley High Triumphs on It's Academic

A team of students from Langley High School defeated teams from Gar-Field High School of Woodbridge and Bishop Ireton High School of Alexandria on It's Academic, the nation's foremost high school quiz program. The match was aired Saturday, Oct. 9, at 11 a.m., on NBC4, Channel 4.

The Langley team consists of Captain Will Mannon, Evan Schwed, and Peter Nance. Their faculty coach, Leah Puhlick, was honored last year by being selected as the It's Academic Coach of the Year. The Langley team will return later in the season for a playoff match.

It's Academic has been recognized by the Guinness Book of Records as "the world's longest-running television quiz program," and is now celebrating its 50th year on the air. Mac McGarry is the long-time host of It's Academic.



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NEWS



Debra Woolfolk, Karla Barnes, Woman's Club President Marianne Polito, Amy Beam, and Melissa Pinder

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LAURA SHERIDAN

Woman's Club Awards Scholarships to Local Students

At its Oct. 5 meeting, members of the Woman's Club of McLean were introduced to the two winners of its annual Catherine Hart Scholarship of \$1,000 each to two George Mason University students. The award, designated for women students at George Mason or Northern Virginia Community College who are reentering the work force, went to Amy Beam and Melissa Pinder, each of whom is studying and working part-time. Beam is pursuing a graduate degree in information technology after a 20-year absence from the work place. Pinder is an undergraduate business management

major and works at a Fairfax law firm, where she is an administrative assistant controlling the firm's data base.

Also speaking at the meeting were Assistant Principal Debra Woolfolk and Reading Specialist Karla Barnes of Falls Church's Lemon Road Elementary School in McLean. They thanked the club for their support of the reading program at Lemon Road. The Woman's Club rewards the participants in the Summer Reading Challenge, and members act as "reading buddies" with students at the school.

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Pictured outside their classroom are Cheryl Bamdad's 5th graders releasing one of their Monarch butterflies. Back row: Mason Liddell, Alex Dacey, Evan Chang, Nicole Liebler, Gloria Kwun, Claire Mullery Sean Senft, Helen Chambers, Shreya Ramesh, Ellie Leffler, Chris Jiang, Diya Kallam, Kimberly Zhou, Nour Khachemoune, Jackson Coerr, Jack Dunne, Max Ward, Cliff Lin, Madeline Crippen, Karina Holbrook, and Michael Kim. Seated: Isabella Tice, Jack Clark, Akhil Goel.

Releasing Butterflies at Churchill Road

Churchill Road Elementary School's 5th grade classes, led by teacher Cheryl Bamdad, have released over a dozen monarch butterflies this fall, which were collected as caterpillars earlier this fall from the Churchill Road milkweed garden. The children have researched the life cycle, habitat and

migration habits of these insects. The 5th graders are also writing stories about the monarch butterflies' 3,000 mile migration to various sites in Mexico. The students have enjoyed the integrated studies and are already making plans to expand the school's milkweed garden in the spring.

FAITH

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

The Antioch Christian Church of Vienna, 1860 Beulah Road in Vienna, is hosting a Revival with the theme "A Love Worth Sharing" with evangelists Charles and Beverly Massegee. Community Appreciation Dinner 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 17, Children's night with illusionist and ventriloquist 6 p.m. on Monday Oct. 18, and youth pizza party with an illusionist 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 19. Beverly Massegee will be leading music each evening with the Antioch Chancel Choir. www.antiochdoc.org or 703-938-6753.

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.

Vienna Assembly of God has a ministry to children on Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. at the corner of Center N and Ayr Hill Avenue, N.E. Children's Church on Sundays also available. 703-938-7736 or www.ViennaAG.com.

Vienna Christian Healing Rooms, every Saturday, 1-5 p.m., at 8200 Bell Lane. A team of Christians is available to anyone requesting prayer. Free and open to the public. 703-698-9779 or www.viennachristianhealingrooms.com.

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NEWS

McLean Woman Appears in 'DC Housewives'

Mary Schmidt Amons of McLean is a cast member of the series "DC Housewives," which first aired on the Bravo network on Aug. 7.

A homemaker and a mother of five, she has called McLean her home for more than twenty-nine years since her family moved here from Arlington in 1971. In 1994 she met her husband Rich and they moved to Langley Farms. In 2010 she was chosen to become a cast member in the nation's capital first housewives series titled "DC Housewives." She has been filmed in various locations in the McLean community. She is involved with the McLean projects for arts and the McLean community center. Her next appearance in the "DC Housewives" is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 14.



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Here's What's Happening at MCC

Fall Class Registration

Open a world of new possibilities by learning something new. MCC is offering a wide variety of exciting classes this fall—one of them is sure to be perfect for you!

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Saturday, Oct. 16, 11 a.m.–5 p.m.
Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Rd

Free Admission

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Sunday, Oct. 17, 3 p.m.

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Great Falls Studios Tour This Weekend

Potter Barbara Gatterdam uses a mirror with her potter's wheel to observe the back side of a piece she is throwing. The Seventh Annual Great Falls Studios Tour will be 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 16 and Sunday, Oct. 17. Drive through Great Falls to meet 48 artists in 27 home-based studios and other venues, including Great Falls Community Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike. Pick up a map and directory of artists at the library or download at www.GreatFallsStudios.com. Tour is family friendly. Watch art demonstrations, explore studios and buy art.

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John Lithgow: Stories by Heart. 8
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**Claude Moore Colonial Farm
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9330.

**25th Anniversary of Tysons-
Pimmit Regional Library.** 10
a.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library,
7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church.
Join the staff and Friends of the
Library in celebrating. 703-790-8088.

Finding the Source of Pimmit Run.
10:30 a.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional
Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls
Church. Join Steve Dryden of Fairfax
Trails & Streams for a walk around
the headwaters of Pimmit Run, and
learn the source of the stream near
Gallows Road. 703-790-8088.

"Waiting in The Wings" 7:30 p.m.
James Lee Community Center
Theater, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls
Church. Noel Coward's comedy about
a dilapidated charity home for aged
actresses. Providenceplayers@cox.net
or 703-425-6782.

McLean Pet Expo. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at
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SUNDAY/OCT. 17

Seventh Annual Great Falls Studios Tour. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Drive through Great Falls to meet 48 artists in 27 home-based studios and other venues, including Great Falls Community Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike. Pick up a map and directory of artists at the library or download at www.GreatFallsStudios.com. Family friendly. Watch art demonstrations, explore studios and buy art.

Live Jazz. 3 p.m. at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Road, SW, Vienna. Virginia vocalist Nancy Scimone and the Red Bird Jazz Band with guitarist Steve Herberman, bassist Victor Dvoskin and drummer Frank Russo. All proceeds benefit the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. 703-281-0538 or office@scov.org.

The Virginia Opera: Verdi's "Rigoletto." 2:30 p.m. at George Mason University Center For The Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$48-\$98. 888-945-2468 or www.tickets.com.

Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Bingo. 7 p.m. at the VVFD, 400 Center St. South, Vienna. Games held

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Patrick Henry Book Sale. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. All proceeds benefit the library. Sponsored by the Friends of the Patrick Henry Library. FPHL@cox.net or 703-938-0405.

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McMorrow. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

Amadeus Concerts: Domingo-Cafritz Young Artists. 4 p.m. at St. Luke Catholic Church, 7100 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Classical music. \$25, age 17 and under free. Tickets available at the door or online at www.amadeusconcerts.com.

Yosi & the Superdads. 3 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Children's music. \$12, \$8 district residents. www.mcleancenter.org.

Recital for Strings and Piano. 5 p.m. at Oakton Church of the Brethren, 10025 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Violinist Tyler Sieh, cellist Christine Choi, violinist Mari Washington and pianist Sophia Kim Cook perform Sonata in D major, op. 78 by Brahms; Sonata for Cello and Piano by Debussy; and Serenade in C major, op. 10 by von Dohnányi. Free admission, donations accepted. 703-281-4411 or www.oaktonbrethren.org.

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MONDAY/OCT. 18

Noel Paul Stookey. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Activist, artist, and founding member of the folk trio Peter, Paul & Mary. \$25. 1-877-WOLFTRAP or www.wolftrap.org.

Smile Smile, Keegan Corbey and My Glorious Mess. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

Preschool Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Stories, fingerplays and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-757-8560.

TUESDAY/OCT. 19

Langley High School Choral Department Concert. 7:30 p.m. at Langley High School, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Free, public invited. All choirs in the department will be performing. GendellC@aol.com.

Susan Cowsill. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

Mystery Book Discussion. 6:30 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Join the mystery book discussion group. Call for title. Adults. 703-790-8088.



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- Tysons Corner traffic heading to McLean will be directed to I-495 South to Route 7.
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LETTERS

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valuable resources.

In total, more than 150 volunteers planned and worked the event alongside MPA's small group of paid staff members. The McLean Community Foundation sponsored the Children's ArtWalk, an exhibition of more than 170 works by school children from 17 McLean public and private elementary schools. The McLean Orchestra, the McLean Symphony,

the Potomac School and Scott Ramminger and the Crawstickers contributed fantastic musical performances throughout the day. The New Dominion Women's Club organized the Children's Art Tent, where hundreds of children made nature-inspired scratch drawings, and the Woman's Club of McLean staffed the volunteer tent. Montessori School of McLean provided shuttle bus transportation, and the Rotary Club of McLean and Greater McLean Chamber of

Commerce provided volunteers. Again this year, the Boy Scouts camped overnight to protect the park, and local teens volunteered to fulfill community service requirements.

We offer special thanks to MPAartfest Honorary Chairs, Dranesville Supervisor John Foust and Dr. Marilyn Jerome, who offered their leadership, energy and time to build awareness of MPAartfest in the community. We are grateful to Ali and Farzaneh Sadaat, who so generously hosted the MPAartfest Soiree fundraiser in their beautiful McLean home to benefit MPA programs and exhibitions.

We acknowledge the local press, the McLean police, the firefighters' EMT crew and our many sponsors listed on www.mpaart.org, which enable MPA to provide this free event to the public, and allowing the artists to keep 100 percent of their sales.

Thank you McLean! Visit us at the MPA galleries in the McLean Community Center. We look forward to seeing you at MPAartfest next year!

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 In execution of a Deed of Trust from Mehmet Gobuluk and E. Nurdan Gobuluk, dated January 31, 2007, and recorded February 2, 2007, in Deed Book 19100 at page 1287 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on
Friday, October 22, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.
 the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:
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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
 6801 Wilson Boulevard, Falls Church, Virginia 22044. Legal Description: All of that certain lot and parcel of land, together with all buildings and improvements now or hereafter constructed thereon, and appurtenances thereto belonging, located and situate in the County of Arlington, Commonwealth of Virginia, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on the Northwesterly right-of-way line of Old Wilson Boulevard, variable width right-of-way, point of beginning being a corner common to the property of James E. Koons; thence running with the line common to Koons N 42 degrees 13' 26"W 177.12 feet to a corner common to Koons; thence running with the line common to Koons N 35 degrees 24' 34" E 98.00 feet to a corner common to Koons in the line of Parcel "C", Subdivision of the land of Capital Properties, Inc.; thence running with the line common to Parcel "C" S 32 degrees 57' 26" E 197.25 feet to a corner common to Parcel "C"; thence running with the line common to Parcel "C", in part, and continuing with the Northwesterly right-of-way line of Old Wilson Boulevard S 43 degrees 27' 24" W 31.07 to a point; thence continuing with the Northwesterly right-of-way line of Old Wilson Boulevard S 45 degrees 52' 24" W 33.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing 14,671 square feet or 0.3368 acres. Tax Map Id No. 53-218-008. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated May 27, 2005, and recorded at Deed Book 3848, Page 1280 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Arlington, Virginia, with an original principal balance of \$1,300,000.00, the holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust having appointed as Substitute Trustee RICHARD F. MACDOWELL, Jr., and BHAVIK D. PATEL by Appointment of Substitute Trustee dated May 14, 2010, recorded in Deed Book 4364, Page 258, acknowledged and delivered, default having occurred under the terms of the Deed of Trust, and at the written request of the party secured thereby, the Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the entrance of the Circuit Court for the County of Arlington, 1425 North Courthouse Road, Arlington, Virginia 22101, on October 19, 2010 at 10:00 AM. The property will be sold in AS IS CONDITION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, AND SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, liens and encumbrances of record affecting same, if any. **TERMS OF SALE:** Cash. A bidder's deposit of \$40,000.00, in cash or certified check payable to the Substitute Trustee shall be required of the successful bidder at the time of sale before the bidding will be closed. The balance of the purchase price will be due within thirty (30) days of sale. **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER.** In the event of default by the successful bidder, the deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Trustee's fee, and the property resold at the successful bidder's risk and expense. All risk of loss shall be on the successful bidder at the time such bid is accepted and the contract of sale executed. Neither the Substitute Trustee, nor any other party, guarantees or covenants to deliver or obtain possession of the premises for any purchaser. The Substitute Trustee reserves the right to reject all bids, extend the time to receive bids, withdraw the property from sale, waive or modify the deposit requirement, and/or extend the period of time for settlement. Should the Substitute Trustee be unable, for any reason, in its sole discretion, to convey marketable title, the successful bidder's sole remedy in law or equity shall be the return of his deposit. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect. Written notice of this Trustee's Sale, as required by Section 55-59.1 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, has been sent to the property owners as their addresses appear in the records of the noteholder, and to all parties prescribed therein. Additional terms of sale will be announced at the sale. RICHARD F. MACDOWELL, Jr. and BHAVIK D. PATEL, Substitute Trustee, 10500 Sager Avenue, Suite F, Fairfax, Va. 22030 (703) 591-1336 FOR INFORMATION CONTACT THE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE or MacDOWELL & ASSOCIATES, P.C., Counsel for Trustee, 10500 Sager Ave., Suite F, Fairfax, VA 22030 (703) 591-1336.

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Melissa Klopfer and RP Kale

RP Kale and Melissa Klopfer Married

RP Kale and Melissa Klopfer were married July 24 at Fort Story, Virginia Beach. The bride was given away in marriage by her nephew and U.S. Naval Aviator, Lt. Matthew P. Klopfer. Mr. Joshua Kale of Taylors, S.C., son of the groom, served as Best Man. Friend of the Bride, Chaplain Gerald Sherbourne, USA, served as officiant. The couple was happy to welcome family and close friends from Atlanta, Northern Virginia, Michigan and overseas on their special day. A fun Parisian-themed reception was held after the ceremony at the Bay Front Club, at East Beach in Norfolk.

The bride is a graduate of Langley High School in McLean and received a Bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina and a Master's Degree in School Administration from San Diego State University. Melissa retired this summer from the Department of Defense Dependent Schools after serving more than 28 years abroad and stateside, as a teacher, Assistant Principal and Principal. Being able to do a job that she loved while serving her country at the

same time, Melissa enjoyed her postings in Italy, Turkey, Portugal, Japan and Korea. Melissa was the 2005 National Distinguished Principal of the Year, and is currently a full time doctoral student, enjoying a full scholarship for her studies after being selected by the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) as an NAESP Fellow. During her exciting career, Melissa also earned the coveted Patriotic Service Medal and was the Federal Women's Program Manager of the Year.

The groom is from Charlotte, N.C. Upon graduating from Garinger High School, R.P. joined the United States Marine Corps and proudly served for more than 26 years. Retiring in 1993, as a LDO Major, Mr. Kale served in the Pacific (where he and Melissa met) and deployed to South West Asia in 1990 in support of Desert Shield and Desert Storm. The groom is currently President of Kalerunning.com.

The bride and groom will honeymoon this fall in Paris and in the south of France, birthplace of Mr. Kale. The couple will reside in Chesapeake, Va.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

FRIDAY/OCT. 15

VTRCC Brown Bag University. 11:30 a.m. at Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, 8300 Boone Blvd. # 450, Vienna. Free. info@vtrcc.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 16

Langley High School Choral Department Carwash Fundraiser. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Great Falls Exxon Station, at the intersection of Georgetown Pike and Walker Road. Proceeds benefit all choirs at LHS. The students will be washing cars in return for donations. 703-404-5502.

Community Shredding Day. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at 8133 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. Rain or shine. Residents can bring outdated personal documents to the on-site shredding service. There will be a collection of canned goods to benefit Food for Others in Fairfax (www.foodforothers.org) as well as old cell phones to benefit Cell Phones for Soldiers (www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com).

Speak Up for a Child. 11 a.m. at the Fairfax CASA office, 4103 Chain Bridge Rd., Fairfax. Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates

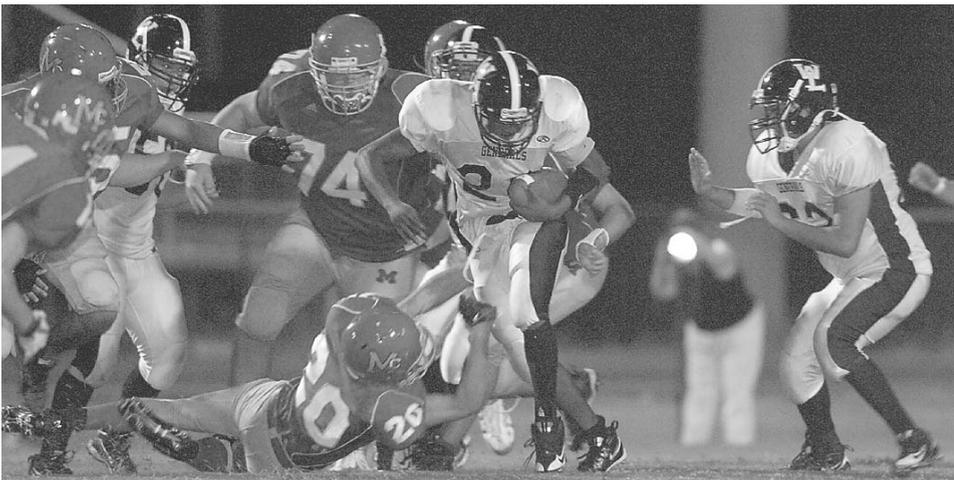
(CASA) is hosting an information session for those who would like to learn more about advocating for abused or neglected children. 703-273-3526 ext. 22 or email:ekosarin@casafairfax.org.

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.

How to Audition for a Stage Show. 4 p.m. at The School of Theatrical Dance, Great Falls Village Center. Free theater workshop for actors, singers and dancers ages 6-18. Reservations required at 703-790-9050 or StarshineTheater@aol.com.

MONDAY/OCT. 18

Virginia Tech Graduate School Information Session. 5 p.m. at 7054 Haycock Road, Room 214, Falls Church. Explore more than 45 certificate, master's, and doctorate programs in the metro DC area. Classes are held at campuses in West Falls Church and Alexandria. 703-538-8327 or gssoc@nvc.vt.edu.



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McLean will look to improve to 7-0 when it travels to Marshall High this Friday night. Here, Stephen Bush (20), a junior linebacker, grabs the legs of an opposing running back. No. 74 for McLean in the background is sophomore defensive lineman Burke Bartow.



Langley junior Austin Vasiliadis (5) makes a play with the ball during the Saxons' recent win at Fairfax. Langley is on a four-game win streak.

Football Teams Preparing for Final Month

McLean still unbeaten while South Lakes, Oakton and Langley are all experiencing fine seasons.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

With four weeks remaining in the regular season of the Northern Region high school football schedule, numerous local teams have positioned themselves nicely to put together winning seasons and qualify for the upcoming region playoffs in November.

Both McLean (6-0) and Langley (4-2)

High Schools improved their Liberty District records to 3-0 with wins last Friday night. The unbeaten Highlanders were 28-7 winners over visiting Jefferson while the Saxons soundly defeated guest team Marshall, 49-0.

Langley, under coach John Howerton, is riding a four game win streak after starting the season 0-2. The Saxons will play at winless Jefferson this Friday night before having to take on region power Stone Bridge (6-0) the following week (Friday, Oct. 22) on the road in Ashburn.

McLean, under coach Jim Patrick, will look to stay unbeaten when it travels to Marshall to take on the Statesmen this Friday. The turnaround from a winless team two years ago in 2008 to being undefeated through six weeks this season is simply amazing. But the Highlanders play sound football on both sides of the line of scrimmage and are stellar in special teams as well. They will meet host Stone Bridge in

week nine on Oct. 29 before closing the regular season the following week at Langley on Nov. 5.

Also putting together a wonderful season is South Lakes (5-1), which rebounded from its first loss of the season two weeks ago to McLean by defeating winless Madison, 22-16, last Friday night in Vienna. The Seahawks, under coach Andy Hill, will be playing at Fairfax this Friday night with a chance to surpass last year's five win season under former coach John Ellenberger.

Madison, a perennial playoff team, is rebuilding this season. The Warhawks, over their past four games, have played their opponents tough in close losses to Langley, 29-28 in overtime, McLean, 24-22, Fairfax, 21-14, and the Seahawks. Madison has a tough task over the next two games against region stalwarts Stone Bridge this Friday night at home and 5-1 Robinson Oct. 22 on the road. But the Warhawks will close up the season with district games against less

daunting opponents in Jefferson on Oct. 29 at home, and at Marshall Nov. 5. Madison will not go through the season winless.

Another Vienna-area team, Oakton, lost its first game last Friday night - falling to a solid Westfield High (4-2) team in a Concorde District road game, 21-14. The Cougars, who have been outstanding this season at 5-1, will host Herndon (1-5) this Friday night. Going into the game with the Bulldogs last week, the Cougars had defeated all of its opponents - Madison, West Springfield, T.C. Williams, Annandale and Edison.

Herndon has had a difficult re-building season under veteran coach Joe Sheaffer. Since a week one win over Jefferson, the Hornets have lost five straight. They will play at Oakton this Friday night before coming home the following week to celebrate homecoming with a Saturday afternoon, 1 o'clock meeting versus non-region opponent Loudoun Valley.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

Great Falls boxer Jimmy Lange (33-4-2, 23 knockouts) will battle Joe Wyatt (23-1, 15 KOs) for the North American Boxing Association's (NABA) vacant 154-pound U.S. title in the main event fight at George Mason University's Patriot Center on Saturday, Nov. 6. The all-star undercard will include top regional competitors such as Fairfax welterweight Todd 'White Lightning' Wilson (8-0, 2 KOs); the 'Bolivian Queen,' Jennifer Salinas (11-2, 4 KOs), of Manassas; Chantilly middleweight Zain 'Tiger' Shah (3-0, 2 KOs); and a middleweight matchup between Brandon Quarles (2-0) of Alexandria and Lawrence Jones (3-2-2, 1 KO) of Chantilly. Doors will open at 6 p.m. with the first fight set for 7. Tickets can be purchased through Ticketmaster by logging onto www.ticketmaster.com, or

calling phone charge at 703-573-SEAT. For more information, visit www.jimmylangeboxing.com.

Marshall High School has announced the hiring of Ann Jopke as its new head swim coach. Coach Jopke brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Statesmen swim program. She has been assisting on the collegiate level at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse the past two years. Prior to that, she worked with the Curl Burke Swim Club and the Northern Virginia Swim League. Coach Jopke is a teacher in the Fairfax County Public School system and currently coaches for Curl Burke in Alexandria. Marshall High School and the surrounding community are excited about the upcoming season with Coach Jopke leading the Statesmen program.

Langley High School placed second in the AAA Northern Region golf championship. Team members, from left: Jack Sandusky, Chris Brugge, Matt Disalvo, Edric Wung, Will Byrne, Coach Al Berg, Joe Sompson, and Sam Walsh.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL K. BOHN



Langley Golf Earns State Bid

BY MICHAEL K. BOHN
THE CONNECTION

Langley High School's golf team qualified for the Virginia AAA state tournament by finishing second at the Northern Region championship on October 6. Freshman Edric Wung led the Saxons with a two-day score of 76-

71-147. Wung also took the silver medal in individual play.

"In my fifteen years, this has been one of the best seasons ever," Langley coach Al Berg said afterward. "The team won four tournaments, and broke all of the team scoring records in districts. We're really looking forward to states."

SCHOOLS

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Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) presented Congressional Awards to the following local students in recognition of their community service projects:

- ❖ **Kelsie Mietla** of Herndon, Congressional Award Gold Medal, University of Virginia;

- ❖ **Lea Mulder** of McLean, Congressional Award Bronze Medal, Langley High School;

- ❖ **Andy Crump** of Herndon, Congressional Award Bronze Medal, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology;

- ❖ **Jane Willner** of McLean, Congressional Award Silver Medal, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology.

To earn the Congressional Award, young people must set and achieve goals in voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness and expedition/exploration.

Cameran Alavi, Hilary Benjamin, Paulina Drucker, and Matthew Goudreau of Langley High School have been selected to perform in the 2010 Virginia Honors Choir, at the Virginia Music Educators Association (VMEA)

convention Nov. 20 in Norfolk.

Anthony Hayden Salazar of McLean, age 9, received honorable mention in the May 2010 Cricket League poetry competition. For this contest, each entrant was asked to submit an original poem about something in the sky. His poem "Eternal Sorrow" is available at www.cricketmagkids.com/contests.

William Chapman of Great Falls has completed the Freedom Alliance Military Leadership Academy. The Academy is a summer camp based on the curriculum of the U.S. Army, and introduces students to positive role models, teaches them leadership skills, and tests their resolve through mental and physical challenges.

Vienna Elementary School just finished a total renovation of the building and will hold a dedication 10 a.m. on Oct. 15. There will be a short program and ribbon cutting ceremony. It is also Grandparents Day at the school, so many grandparents will be in attendance. Vienna Public School, a two-story, wood frame structure, opened in 1872. The building faced a dirt road referred to as School Street, later called Center Street.



PHOTO BY UNA HIGGINS

Car Wash in Support of Langley High Theatre

Langley High School Theatre Honor Society (THS) students held a car wash Oct. 9 at the Great Falls Exxon to benefit SSOC, "Saxon Stage ON Cue," Langley HS' parent booster group supporting the theatre arts. Students washed cars from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and would like to thank the Great Falls-McLean community for their donations. Funds raised will support the theatre arts department at Langley High School.

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The Steering Commission that helped organize and run the Model UN conference on drug trafficking at Marshall High. From left: Ali Amirghassemi, Assistant Deputy Secretary General for Policy; Janani Kumar, Security Chair; Olivia Baskerville, Secretary General; Philip Grudier, Secretary General; Millie Mittal, Registration co-chair; Anita Palmer, Registration co-chair; Bryan Rubagumya, Sales Assistant; Brian Potter, Deputy Secretary General for Policy; Zuhayr Ahmed, Assistant Deputy Secretary General for Policy.

Global Debate at Local School

Model UN at Marshall High addresses drug trafficking.

BY SEAN MCCALLEY
 THE CONNECTION

On Oct. 24, the United Nations will celebrate its 55th anniversary. Marshall High School recently held its own Model United Nations conference on Saturday, Oct. 2, and students as far away as Oklahoma City and Texas attended to discuss the issue of drug trafficking.

“I started doing educational simulations when I was 8 years old,” said Anthony Hogan, a guest speaker from San Francisco, who trained students during the first half of the daylong event. “I represented a group of coal miners in a local government. Ever since then, I was hooked.”

Now in its seventh year, Marshall High School has hosted Model UN seminars and conferences for local schools.

Tom Brannan, an International Baccalaureate teacher at the school and key faculty sponsor, related the history of the event as evolutionary. “It started to educate only Marshall students at first,” he said. “But we eventually realized that it could benefit any interested student, so we opened it up to other schools in the area.”

ONLY 250 STUDENTS are allowed to attend, and for the first time students from as far as Texas and Oklahoma signed up for the day. Other students attending trav-



Olivia Baskerville and Philip Grudier served as the Secretary Generals. During the Model UN session at Marshall High.

eled from Fairfax, Stafford, and Maryland to enjoy the training and competition.

Supported by dedicated volunteers, the Marshall conference relied upon the efforts of a wide range of people. “Secretary Generals” Olivia Baskerville and Philip Grudier oversaw the arrival of speakers, the movement of students from seminar to seminar, and handled the “press release” to The Connection.

“We keep the whole thing very organized,” said Grudier, as his walkie-talkie buzzed with an announcement about the arrival of judges from the University of Virginia.

“This really serves as a training module,” said Baskerville. Moving from speaker to speaker, students learn many different skills that are important to working in the United Nations. Tom Brannan taught groups how to draft resolutions per actual UN standards,

while Susan Cumberek held a seminar on position papers.

“We teach the kids the essential tools needed to participate in the United Nations,” said Brannan.

Each school that had student representatives was designated as an individual country. For example, Lake Braddock High School was South Africa, and its students had to research the status, viewpoint, and needs as related to the overall UN theme of the day. On Saturday, the countries were gathered to discuss and draft resolutions on drug trafficking and proliferation.

“We want other countries to see the benefit of raising different types of crops,” said delegate Johnathon Hoyns, a Marshall student representing the United States. “We want to draft agricultural resolutions because we think it can seriously reduce crime and

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Model UN Meets at Marshall High

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drug smuggling, which is very expensive.”

LATER, Hoyns will debate with Elliott Armitage, a delegate from Ecuador and a student from Oklahoma City. “We need money from the US to prevent drug runners from bringing drugs into our country. It’s a big problem because we’re in between Peru and Columbia, which are the largest drug producing countries in South America.”

In the actual MUN conference, students practice their diplomatic skills to try and draft resolutions that cater to their country’s particular needs. They are judged by visiting students from the University of Virginia, who award them based on their speaking skills, argument validity, and preparation.

“It’s all about getting them out of their own frame of reference,” said Kirk Marchland, a teacher from the Beddow School in Maryland. By encouraging students to look at global issues from a non-



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Students participate in Tom Brannan’s seminar on how to draft a UN resolution.

local perspective, they build empathy and a broader frame of reference for their own experiences.

Teachers from each school work as sponsors, and function as the UN authority group.

One of the perks of the MUN at Marshall is the food. “We have a

culinary program here at the school,” said Secretary General Baskerville. “Chef uses the kitchen to prepare food for the entire event.”

“It’s a great community event,” said Security Chairwoman Janini Kumar.

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