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**Ghassan Abukurah presents an idea for a nature center and learning pavilion on the Salona property at the public meeting at Franklin Sherman Elementary on Nov. 17.**



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## Planning a Park at Salona

**Community shares alternative plans for 41 acres of Salona property.**

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

Since 2005, the Fairfax County Park Authority has held a conservation easement on 41 acres of the Salona property in McLean. Now, the Park Authority is trying to figure out what to do with it. After a public meeting Feb. 4, they developed a master plan draft, and they took more input from the community at Franklin Sherman Elementary on Nov. 17.

Dan DuVal, whose parents purchased the property beginning in 1953, currently lives in the house on Salona, and spoke to its tremendous and irreplaceable value.

"In addition to its history, having been a refuge for James Madison during the War of 1812 and as part of Camp Griffin in the Civil War, it represents one of the last remaining examples of a 19th and 20th century farm in the heart of Fairfax," he said. "Because of both its location and rich history, we think Salona offers an unparalleled opportunity to have a place where children and adults can learn about and experience the cultural and natural resources of the site."

The draft plan calls for two natural turf, unlit fields, an agriculture preservation area, a meadow restoration area and a parking lot in the 10-acre section of the property that borders Dolley Madison Boulevard, but most of the public does not seem to be on board with the idea of that kind of development.

"To use Salona for athletic fields and a parking lot is to squander this opportunity and devastate one of the most perfect pieces of undisturbed historic land in McLean," said Trish Butler, a McLean resident.

The easement allows 10 acres for active or passive recreation, two rectangular fields, 100 parking spaces, a playground and picnic area, trails and agricultural uses. It does not allow synthetic turf, lights, cutting of trees and non-agricultural structures.

"On parcels protected by conservation easement, and I've worked on dozens, use is subservient to conservation. This plan has got it backwards," said Beth Chung, who spoke at the meeting on behalf of the McLean Land Conservancy. "Just because a use is permitted does not make it desirable."

Cybill Caldwell, who lives off Buchanan Street, which is where the entrance to the proposed park would be, says the additional traffic on the road would wreak havoc with the neighborhood.

"During rush hour, sometimes you have to sit for more than five minutes to get on [Dolley Madison Boulevard] safely," she said. "With two playing fields



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**The Salona Park Draft Master Plan, as currently constructed. At a Nov. 17 community meeting, many local residents expressed displeasure with the plan, and offered alternatives.**

**"For many of us in the McLean community, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to decide how this beautiful historic property can be preserved."**

**- Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville)**

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## Giving Thanks in McLean

As we celebrate the Thanksgiving Day, the McLean Connection has asked area residents to respond to the following three questions:

- 1) What will you give thanks for this Thanksgiving?
- 2) What are you thankful for living and/or working in McLean?
- 3) What advice would you give to someone looking for more special things to be thankful for here?

Here are the responses, in alphabetical order.



**Jan Auerbach,**  
McLean Rotary Club

1. Every night when I go to bed I am thankful for having a roof over my head, a bed to sleep on, and covers to keep me warm. I remind myself that millions of people in the world do not have such a luxury. I volunteer with the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia and meet with many recent immigrants to the US. When I ask them what they like about living in the US, the most frequent answer is that

it is safe here. We take our safety virtually for granted but, for people who haven't had it, it is a precious commodity. Safety and liberty are so much a part of our society that we almost forget about them. I try to remember to appreciate them and be thankful for them.

2. There are so many people willing to volunteer their time and their money to help others. For example, Stop Hunger Now had 600 volunteers packaging 100,000 meals on Nov. 6, and exceeded its goal of raising \$25,000 to fund the project. People here are willing to help if you give them something specific to do and ask them.

3. Join any nonprofit organization that suits your interest and participate. You will meet great people, feel like you are contributing to your community, and feel good about yourself.

**Debra Bulford's 5th grade class** at Spring Hill ES has written a collective poem about what they appreciate and are thankful for in the town of McLean:

"We are thankful for so many things, but in particular we are thankful for... our parents' forgiving nature and never-ending love and support; our siblings who can be a little annoying, but always have our back; our friends who cheer us up when we are blue; our neighbors who make sure we are safe when we are home; the parks and green space that give us time to play outside and just be kids; but most of all we are thankful for being free."

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**Pictured (from left): top row: Stephanie Long, Sebastian Scott, Jay Walton, Jordan Craig-Kuhn (PE teacher and Patrol Sponsor); middle row: Jackson Coerr, Linda Diaz, Andrew Deegan, Jane Lee; front row: Sarah Stone, Anneka Noe, Maggie Bujor, Lindsey Wenk.**

## Safety Patrols Honored at Churchill Road

To maintain the highest level of safety, the Churchill Road Elementary staff relies on the school's team of 5th and 6th grade AAA Safety Patrols. Whether on the bus, crossing the street, walking in the hallways and outdoor spaces or being dropped off or picked up from Kiss n' Ride, the patrols help keep Churchill students safe at all times. To recognize the patrols for their contributions to the school, 11 students were chosen to be honored as Patrols of the Month.

## Community Meetings on Snow Removal

Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) and staff from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) have organized four meetings in the Dranesville district to explain the updated processes and policies implemented by VDOT since the last snow season, and snow removal plans for the coming season. After the record-breaking snow events of last winter the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and VDOT worked together to identify and address major problems with VDOT's snow clearing process. Some of the planned changes in that process expected to be discussed at the meetings are:

- Increased and more accurate communication with residents;
- Increased communication with plowers including electronic monitoring of snow removal vehicles allowing more accurate status reporting to residents;
- Increased number of plows for neighborhoods;

- Earlier mobilization of plows based on weather forecast, not number of inches on ground;

- Updated "snow maps" (plow's assigned routes) with more accurate markings of "hot spots" (particularly difficult or previously neglected sections of road).

In addition, attendees will have an opportunity to discuss particular problem areas in their communities.

The meetings will be held as follows:

- ❖ Herndon Area, Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m., Lecture Hall - Door 1, Herndon High School, 700 Bennett Street, Herndon.

- ❖ McLean/Arlington Border Area, Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m., Library (Media Center), Chesterbrook Elementary School, 1753 Kirby Rd., McLean.

- ❖ McLean Area, Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m., McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean.

- ❖ Great Falls Area, Co-Sponsored by Great Falls Citizens Association, Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m.

(Snow presentation begins 8:15 to 8:30), Great Falls Grange, 9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls.

For more information contact Julie Ide in Supervisor Foust's office at 703-356-0551 or by email at julie.ide@fairfaxcounty.gov.



**From right, Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski speaks with Mitt Mittendorf and Nancy Harned at his house, during a fundraiser for Carpenter's Shelter, an Alexandria homeless shelter.**

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THE CONNECTION

# Fundraiser to Give Shelter

**Former National Security Advisor, MSNBC co-host hold fundraiser for homeless shelter.**

BY ALEX MCVEIGH

THE CONNECTION

**D**r. Zbigniew Brzezinski and his wife Emilie Benes Brzezinski hosted an event for Carpenter's Shelter, an Alexandria facility that provides shelter and education to the homeless, at their McLean house Friday evening. Their daughter, MSNBC "Morning Joe" co-host Mika Brzezinski, spoke at the event as well.

Carpenter's Shelter opened in 1982 years ago as a simple homeless shelter, and has evolved into an institution that boasts a more than 90 percent success rate, meaning their clients do not return to homelessness.

"Not only do we wish to end the cycle of poverty, but we are determined to trigger a cycle of abundance," said Lissette S. Bishins, executive director of Carpenter's Shelter. "We want everyone who walks in through our doors to move forward in life and never end up homeless again."

In addition to providing a place to stay, Carpenter's Shelter provides transitional services such as educational workshops, transitional housing, meals and other life skills training.

Ralph Boyd, president and CEO of the Freddie Mac Foundation, who works with Carpenter's Shelter, said among the key components the shelter provides are services for children.

"When you change a child's life, it has radiating horizontal qualities to the family and the community, and it has vertical qualities as well, that go on for a child's life," he said. "We want to end homelessness, not manage it, not massage it so it's not as obvious to us."

Boyd called the group's supporters not generous individuals, but "savvy investors, we're investing in lives and communities, which is an investment well worth making now and going forward."

The guests at the event enjoyed dinner, as well as a chance to pick Zbigniew Brzezinski's brain on a



**Lissette S. Bishins, executive director of Carpenter's Shelter, speaks to guests at the Brzezinski house Friday night.**

host of foreign policy matters. He served as National Security Advisor to President Jimmy Carter, and has written many books on international relations, among other topics.

One of the guests was U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8), and he said as the weather gets colder, the needs of homeless individuals increase dramatically.

"When it gets cold, we just throw on a jacket and think 'let's get home, grab a blanket and sit next to the fireplace' and you feel secure," Moran said. "But for those that can't, this is the best time of year to show we're there for them."

Mika Brzezinski said that it was because of the good things the shelter does, it "was very easy to call to make within a busy schedule once I found out about it."

Due to the wide variety of people who end up homeless, Moran said that the success rate the shelter has is even more incredible.

"This organization is there to help children, veterans with PTSD and mental illness, prisoners who have served their time, but get out to find a society and economy that wants nothing to do with them," Moran said. "That they have a 90 percent success is stunning, that they can get people on track to independence and self-sufficiency."

# GIVING THANKS IN MCLEAN



**Del. Barbara Comstock, (R-34)**

"I am thankful to live in a country, a state and a community that is the most free, innovative and generous in the world and to be blessed with a wonderful family and faith. The spirit of voluntary giving to our fellow man and those less fortunate is ingrained in the character of our country, our Commonwealth and our community. We are privileged to live in a community where we see this every day. Thanksgiving is a wonderful holiday that not only unites us with

our families, but unites us with the great heritage of this country and the unique blessings that have been bestowed upon us by the fortitude of our forefathers and the mercy of God. On this day when we join with our families to give thanks, we are particularly blessed by those who serve in the military and thankful to them for protecting our freedoms at great sacrifice to themselves and their families from whom they are separated. May God bless them and may God always bless our great country."

**John W. Foust,  
Dranesville District Supervisor**

1. I am always thankful for my family and friends and for the special opportunities I have been given to serve my community. This year I am especially thankful that some long-time friends and their families and members of our family, including both our sons and my parents, will join my wife and me for a traditional Thanksgiving Day celebration.

2. I am thankful that I live in a great place to raise my family, pursue an interesting career, and work with so many people who are committed to improving our community and making sure it remains great.

3. For most of us, I think it is easy to take our good fortune for granted. To really appreciate how fortunate we are, I believe we



**Judi Hershman,  
RAFTR Communications**

need to realize that many in our community are struggling every day just to find a decent place to live, feed their family, lead a normal life despite poor health or physical or mental disabilities, or facing any number of other very difficult challenges. By supporting and working with non-profit and faith based groups we can help make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate members of our community while also gaining a better appreciation of the special things we have to be thankful for in our own lives.

1. Family, friends, health and a new Congress!

2. McLean is a wondrous place to live and work. My address is within walking distance of all necessities so the epic blizzard 2010, didn't hinder my family much at all!

3. Our library system is a community treasure that is a richly abundant, nationally renowned resource for the informational needs of its users.

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LTC costs top \$75,000 per year per person in 2009.  
- Genworth 2010 Cost of Care Study  
70% of individuals will require long term care services.  
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services – National Clearinghouse for LTC, March 26, 2008  
LTC costs are increasing at twice the rate of inflation.  
- U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2004

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**Rob Jackson,**  
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"I'm thankful for my family (my wife, Jean; daughter, Stephanie; and son, Bob) and the many people I've been able to work with as president of the McLean Citizens Association. I'm grateful for the many people who devote their considerable time and talent to benefit their neighbors and the overall community and our elected officials, who regularly make an effort to work with the MCA, including Congressman Frank Wolf, state senators Janet Howell and Chap Petersen, state delegates Jim Scott and Barbara Comstock, Supervisor John Foust and Chairman Sharon Bulova, and school board representative Janie Strauss. While we don't agree on all of the issues, these good people regularly take the time to listen to the concerns of the MCA and take those views into account when making decisions.

I am especially thankful for the leadership of planning commissioners Walter Alcorn, Ken Lawrence, Jay Donahue and Frank de la Fe, as well as former commis-

sioner Rodney Lusk, who took the recommendation of the Tysons Land Use Task Force, which would have overwhelmed Greater McLean with crushing increases in traffic, overuse of existing infrastructure and huge tax increases for the benefit of a few into a good plan for putting urban density at the four new rail stations and only transitional density beyond, with reasonable triggers that would tie growth in concomitant increases in public facilities. History books will not likely discuss their leadership, but their effort put Tysons back on the right path to potential sustainable growth that could benefit all of us."

**Margi Vanderhye,**  
Former State Delegate



"This Thanksgiving, I am grateful for the large, joyous, four generation celebration we will share at our home. I am particularly thankful that two family members with serious health challenges will be present. I intend to savor their presence among us throughout the day. Family, tradition, continuity, even in the face of change: that's what Thanksgiving means to me."



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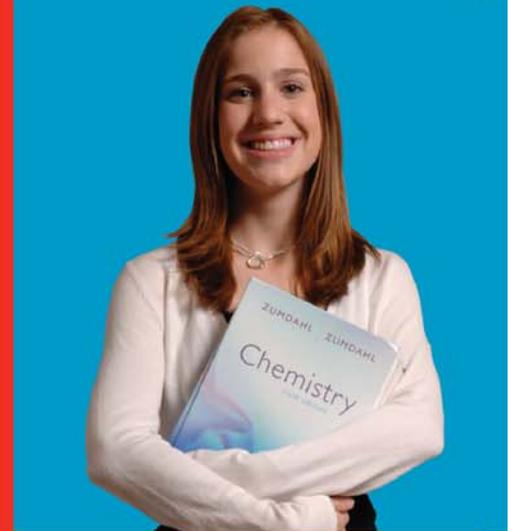
**Churchill Road first graders Ashley Ahn, Kira Lentz, Cameron Parvizian, Atlee Butler, Billy McGowan, Richard Holbrook, Jack Schwartzberg and Edward Wang look on as Principal Hutzel makes his predictions as to which areas of the school will have the most mold.**

## Experimenting at Churchill Road

Churchill Road Elementary first graders have been busy inquiring and exploring the subject of fungi and mold through experimental design. To create their own mold samples using the experimental design process, students took several slices of bread and using proper scientific methodology, proceeded to take the slices of bread around Churchill Road and rub the clean bread on various objects

(their "independent variables"), to see which slices of bread will grow mold first. The children chose as their independent variables principal Donald Hutzel's office doorknob, a cafeteria table, a student desk and the hall water fountain. Students and principal Hutzel made their predictions as to where the mold would show up first and now are awaiting the results of their experiment.

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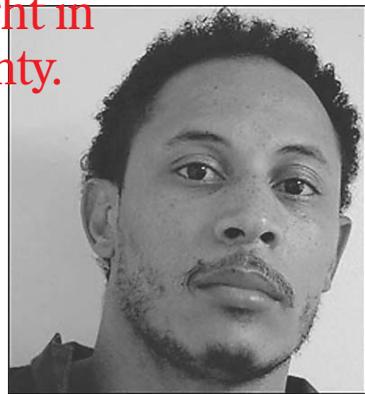
# Suspected Serial Burglar Apprehended

**Suspect in more than 100 burglaries and larcenies caught in Montgomery County.**

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

A man police suspect is responsible for the serial burglaries throughout Northern Virginia and Maryland has been caught by Montgomery County Police. Brad K. Edmonds, 34, of Oxon Hill, Md. was arrested Nov. 17 at approximately 4:30 a.m., after a joint surveillance team from Montgomery and Fairfax Counties witnessed him attempt to break into a residence in Potomac, Md.

The series of burglaries started in Fairfax County on Aug. 24 and spanned across several police districts. The burglar preyed on mostly unlocked houses and parked cars, stealing cash, some personal items and even several firearms. It is estimated more than 100 such burglaries and larcenies took place in Fairfax County since then.



**Brad K. Edmonds**

There were also suspected incidents in Loudoun and Prince Williams Counties.

The crimes has several things in common that alerted police to the possibility of a serial burglar, including the fact that they were nighttime burglaries, while people were home, which McLean district station commander Capt. Steve Thompson called "extremely rare."

Col. David Rohrer, Fairfax County Chief of Police, said that since the suspect had been entering homes while people were

home, it was important to catch the suspect before someone got hurt.

"Nighttime burglaries of occupied homes present heightened risk of safety for the public and propelled this investigation into very high priority operations for the Fairfax County Police Department. I commend our patrol officers and detectives for their dedication to the long sustained hours of work these cases required. I am also grateful to our policing partners, particularly the Montgomery County Police Department, for their collaboration, and to our communities for their patience, cooperation and support during this investigation."

A McLean resident first reported a suspicious vehicle in their neighborhood Nov. 8. Police made a traffic stop, and this first brought Edmonds to police attention, and they were able to link his vehicle to the series of robberies.

Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) hosted a series of public meetings throughout his district during the series of crimes, always urging the public to be vigilant, saying "when we do catch

him, it's going to be because someone saw something and called the police right away."

Detectives followed Edmonds for several nights and mornings before the arrest, finally making their move after watching him break into two vehicles, make a residential burglary and attempt another one. He was apprehended at the intersection of River Road and Falls Road.

Edmonds is currently being held on a \$425,000 bond at the Montgomery County Detention Center. He has been charged with first-degree burglary, attempted first-degree burglary, two counts of malicious destruction of property under \$500, two counts of theft between \$1,000 and \$10,000, two counts of rogue and vagabond, theft under \$1,000, fourth-degree burglary tools, possession of a firearm after a felony conviction, possession of a stolen firearm and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

According to a Fairfax County Police press release, the task force is continuing its investigation and anticipates placing charges against Edmonson in Fairfax County.

**BULLETIN BOARD**

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to [mclean@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:mclean@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday.

**THURSDAY/NOV. 25**

**Beulah Road Al-Anon Group.** 7:30 p.m. at the Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road, Vienna. Practicing the Twelve Steps, welcoming and giving comfort to families of alcoholics, and giving understanding and encouragement to the alcoholic. [revku@cox.net](mailto:revku@cox.net).

**TUESDAY/NOV. 30**

**VTRCC Holiday Mixer.** 5:30 p.m. Weston Tyson's Corner, 7801 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. [www.vtrcc.org](http://www.vtrcc.org).

**Five Wellness Habits that Can Save Your Life:** There are five steps that should not be a secret to any one of us to keep ourselves healthy and well. We will discuss an overview of each. Hosted by The Women's Center - David Levy, Esquire, Surovell Markle Isaacs & Levy PLC, 7 - 9 p.m.,

**WEDNESDAY/DEC. 1**

**Parents and Caregiver Support Group for Special Needs Children.** 7:30 p.m. at Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River turnpike, Fairfax. Meets first Wednesday of each month. Register at 703-537-3040.

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# OPINION

## Shop Locally

Local businesses are invested in community.

While the rest of the world would like to remember small businesses for just one day this year, "small business Saturday," Connection readers know that local businesses are a mainstay of our communities. Locally owned retail shops, services, restaurants depend on vibrant local communities to thrive.

While the economic situation is daunting, even locally where things are much better than nationally, even families who feel financially secure will be more frugal in this holiday season than before the recession. Recently, there is more life in the economy, though, and most local families will shop and give during the next month. Many people have started ahead of the traditional kickoff date for Christmas shopping, the Friday after Thanksgiving. Hanukkah begins Dec. 2.

One way to be sure holiday shopping comes with some holiday spirit is to do a portion of the shopping in some of the area's locally owned stores. There is special holiday ambiance available by shopping in the heart of a town that is decked out for the season.

Small retail shops are part of what defines

any community. Their livelihood depends on the livability and quality of the neighborhoods around them. A small business owner pays attention to every detail in his or her business in a way that no chain can.

Frequently, it is the small retail person who is active in fund raising for local charities, for fire and rescue service, for local schools and in organizing holiday events.

### EDITORIALS

Local retail stores, mom-and-pop stores, face some of the toughest chal-

lenges imaginable right now. The costs of being in business have grown tremendously while revenues are not.

Competition from Big Box stores and the Internet make the holiday shopping season all the more important to locally-owned retailers.

Everyone will do some of their shopping at the mall. In this area, almost everyone will do some shopping via the Internet.

But local shoppers should be sure to save some shopping time and dollars for local stores.

## Remember to Give Locally Too

Remember that people applying for food stamps and seeking help from food banks has more than doubled in the last few years in Northern Virginia. Local charities are scrambling to meet tremendous increased demand for holiday help as well.

Organizations like SHARE of McLean and LINK depend on volunteers and contributions to try to meet the expanding need for food and warm clothes on a daily basis.

Beyond that, organizations stretch to provide the basics for a holiday meal for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners and the hope of pre-

sents for many children who might otherwise not receive a single holiday gift.

There are many ways to give, with some local charities connecting the donor to a specific family to provide a holiday food basket and fulfill some wishes for gifts. Many organizations encourage the donation of gift cards. Every local group seeking to help the needy right now is facing extra demand and needs both volunteer and financial help.

— MARY KIMM,

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### GIVING THANKS IN GREAT FALLS

BY WALT  
LAWRENCE

After attending this Veteran's Day ceremony at the Freedom Memorial in Great Falls, I began to think about all the military veterans who have touched my life. Some of them I knew well and others will forever remain strangers. With Thanksgiving approaching, I feel that I want to give thanks to them for their efforts as I cannot imagine what my life might have been like without them.

Veterans started to come into my life right after I was born in 1940 as my mother's two brothers were in the Navy in World War II and served on destroyers in the Atlantic. My uncles would come to visit us every time their ships came into Boston and they would bring us bacon, coffee or sugar which were in short supply and rationed during the war. While they never talked much about the war, they did describe their horror trying to recover crewmen from ships that had been torpedoed by German submarines in the North Atlantic.

**ONE DAY** my sixth grade teacher, Mrs. Wagoner, introduced a new student teacher, Mr. Stout, who would be with us for the remainder of the year. He was an Army



veteran from World War II and had served in Burma. My eighth grade English class teacher was an Army veteran from the Korean War. He still carried the wounds from the war as his face twitched and his hands trembled continually, but he loved the English language and he certainly passed this passion on to his students. In the tenth grade my math teacher, Mr. Rockford, walked with a severe limp as a result of a leg wound he got while serving in the Army in Korea. A college geography professor of mine, Mr. Schonenburger, was a Navy pilot who flew Catalina Flying Boats in the South Pacific during World War II, and on one occasion said, "I would love to start a University on the Island of Samoa as it is the most beautiful place on earth."

When it came time for me to decide what I should do about my own military service, I decided to join the Navy. I went down to Pensacola, Fla. in November of 1961 to start my training with 65 other guys as Aviation Officer Candidates. After four months of training we got our commissions and then military orders scattered us all to the wind. Many stayed in the Pensacola area to be trained as pilots and navigators. I came to DC to attend a navy intelli-

gence school. In August of 1964, I picked up the paper and read that one of my Pensacola classmates, Ltjg. Richard Sather, had just been shot down and killed off North Vietnam in the Tonkin Gulf incident. Dick was the first Navy pilot killed in the Vietnam War. I have visited his name frequently on the Vietnam Memorial and think about those four months of training together and our one round bout in a boxing ring. A few years ago I located his family and talked at length with his brother who now lives in California. Dick is buried at the Punchbowl National Cemetery in Hawaii.

Eight years ago I traveled to Normandy, France and the Ardennes area of Belgium with my wife, her sister and their father to visit some of the places where their uncle Dave had jumped and fought during World War II. Dave was in the 505 Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 82nd Airborne and made all four jumps with the 82nd during the war, although he was wounded a couple of times. We found the bridge just west of the town of St. Mere-Eglise in Normandy where Dave and thousands of other soldiers jumped the night before D-Day in June 1944. We walked the rows of perfectly aligned tombstones in the beautiful Normandy American Cemetery. We drove to Belgium, and with the help of some very supportive Bel-

gians, found the hillside where Dave's unit was fighting on the morning of Jan. 5, 1945 when he was killed near the town of Garonne during the Battle of the Bulge. Obviously, I never met Dave but I am now a part of his family as I am married to his niece Maria.

**IN 2006**, Maria and I took a leisurely drive across the country to visit family in Oregon. We made a planned stop at Wounded Knee, S.D. on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. This was the site of a massacre of Lakota Sioux Indians in 1890, which has been memorialized in a book and a movie. We went to the cemetery of Wounded Knee, which is nothing like those manicured military resting places of the Punchbowl, Normandy, Arlington, etc. This place sat on a small wind-swept hill where the grasses were all dried and overgrown and the head stones leaned in every direction. But the inscriptions on these stones identified numerous veterans that had served in every war. When I saw these graves I truly realized that military veterans are the same regardless of where they are from, what service uniform they wear, or where they have served. I believe that every veteran has touched each one of us either directly or indirectly and thus I am thankful for all who have served and for all who are currently serving.

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# NEWS

## Salona Alternatives Discussed

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and 100 parking spots, it could be another 10 or 15 minutes just to leave the neighborhood."

While the playing fields are an integral part of the current plan draft, several residents and organizations had completely different plans. Ghassan Abukurah presented an idea on behalf of Green McLean for a nature center and learning pavilion.

"This will speak to the history, ecology and sustainability of this community and is an opportunity to a place of identity for McLean as a whole," Abukurah said. "The alignment with the wind allows for passive cooling, the southern exposure will help with daylight heat, and the site layout allows for an efficient geothermal layout."

Abukurah said the building could be a "net zero cost" building, which would balance energy consumption costs with electricity generated on-site sold back to the grid. There are currently eight net zero buildings in the United States, none of which are in Virginia.

McLean resident Christy Carter, along with several other residents, advocated for a dog park at the property, citing the lack of them nearby.

"For the health and well being of our animals, we feel Salona would be ideal for a dog park," she said. "It's close to downtown, and would be accessible by the walking trails, and it would bring a sense of community to an area that's becoming more of a city and less of a suburban community."

Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) said that it was incumbent on the community to take advantage of the chance to have a say in the future of the historic property.

"I believe we all recognize that Salona is a special and unique property, and we have one shot to get this right," he said. "For many of us in the McLean community, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to decide how this beautiful historic property can be preserved."

**THE PARK AUTHORITY** will be taking public comments until Dec. 20. For more information on the draft plan, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/salona.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/salona.htm). To comment, contact Andy Galusha, project manager, at 703-324-8755, or at [parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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**The Grandsons - General Admission Dance** at the Barns, Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. 8 p.m. The Grandsons return to The Barns joined by special guests Jon Carroll and Derek Hualon. \$16.

**Mary Fahl** at 7 p.m., **We Were Kings, The Blackjacks and Josh Abt and the Regulars** at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

## SATURDAY/NOV. 27

**A Chanticleer Christmas.** 8 p.m. at the George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Traditional carols, sacred works and holiday favorites. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticketholders, begins at 7:15 p.m. on the Center's Grand Tier III. \$24-\$48. Charge at 888-945-2468 or [cfa.gmu.edu](http://cfa.gmu.edu).

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**John Eaton - The Roaring '20s** at the Barns, Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. 7:30 p.m. This signature Eaton performance will salute the timeless works of jazz heroes George Gershwin, Louis Armstrong, and Hoagy Carmichael, with performances of "Stardust," "Rhapsody in Blue," and "Tea for Two," among others. \$25.

**Gillian's Fun Deck and Park Ren Hollow:** A Night When Friends Adopt A Family. 8:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**Moch Pryderi and the Songs of Wales.** 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760-C Walker Road, Great Falls. A six-piece Celtic band. \$15. Reserve at 703-759-3309. [www.oldbrogue.com](http://www.oldbrogue.com).

**"Nutcracker Ballet."** 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Northern Virginia Community College Ernst Theater, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Presented by the Classical Ballet Theatre of Northern Virginia. Tickets \$18-\$22, special pricing available for military families and Girl Scouts. [www.cbntva.org](http://www.cbntva.org) or 703-471-0750.



STEPHANIE GEORGE ART

**Dream (Couple in Trunk with Dog Driving), by Stephanie George. Fleeting Images - Monoprints by Stephanie George are on exhibit at Ramp Gallery as one of the three exhibits presented by the McLean Project for Arts beginning with an opening and reception on Thursday, Dec. 2, 7-9 p.m. at the McLean Community Center.**

## SUNDAY/NOV. 28

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## SATURDAY/DEC. 4

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**Turtle Island String Quartet.** 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. With jazz pianist Cyrus Chestnut and mandolinist Mike Marshall. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins 45 minutes prior to the performance on the Center's Grand Tier III. Tickets \$22-\$44, available at 888-945-2468 or [cfa.gmu.edu](http://cfa.gmu.edu).

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As a result of apparently exceeding a Groundwater Protection Standard, the facility has conducted a Proposal of Presumptive Remedy. The purpose of the public meeting is to acquaint the public with the technical aspects of the proposed corrective measures, and how the facility plans to meet the standards and regulatory requirements. The meeting will identify issues of concern and facilitate communication between The Crippen Companies and the Public.

The public meeting will be held on December 9, 2010, at 1:00 PM, at the referenced location. Comments on the Proposal of Presumptive Remedy will be accepted until 5:00 PM on December 24, 2010.

The Public may view a copy the Proposal of Presumptive Remedy report at the Great Falls Public Library located at 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, Virginia 22066. Comments from the Public are encouraged. All comments must be in writing and be delivered to Mr. Burwin Reed at 3730 Greentree Lane, Dumfries, Virginia 22026.

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**Caroline Doherty as Sugar Plum Fairy, in the 2009 CBT production of the "Nutcracker Ballet." The Classical Ballet Theatre of Northern Virginia presents the "Nutcracker Ballet" on Nov. 27 and Nov. 28 at the Northern Virginia Community College Ernst Theater, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Tickets are \$18-\$22, and special pricing is available for military families and Girl Scouts. [www.cbntva.org](http://www.cbntva.org) or 703-471-0750.**

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## WEDNESDAY/NOV. 24

**Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service.** 7:30 p.m. at the United Christian Parish, 11508 North Shore Drive, Reston. Participants will include leaders of the Shoreshim Community, All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS), Washington Plaza Baptist Church, Community of All People United Church of Christ, United Christian Parish and Reston Interfaith, Virginia Delegate Ken Plum and Fairfax County Supervisor Cathy Hudgins. A social time will follow the service. Open to all. 703-620-3065 or [www.unitedchristianparish.org](http://www.unitedchristianparish.org).

## FRIDAY/NOV. 26

**28th Annual Art and Craft Showcase.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., Vienna. More than eighty local artisans with pottery, fused and stained glass, jewelry, fabric and weavings, photography and more. Admission \$3. [www.nvhg.org](http://www.nvhg.org).

## SATURDAY/NOV. 27

**A Chanticleer Christmas.** 8 p.m. at the George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Traditional carols, sacred works and holiday favorites. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticketholders, begins at 7:15 p.m. on the Center's Grand Tier III. \$24-\$48. Charge at 888-945-2468 or [cfa.gmu.edu](http://cfa.gmu.edu).

**Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols.** 7 p.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church Chapel, 124 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Free, tickets required. 703-938-9050, x135 or [grapevinebooks@viennapres.org](mailto:grapevinebooks@viennapres.org).

**"Nutcracker Ballet."** 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Northern Virginia Community College Ernst Theater, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Presented by the Classical Ballet Theatre of Northern Virginia. Tickets \$18-\$22, special pricing available for military families and Girl Scouts. [www.cbntva.org](http://www.cbntva.org) or 703-471-0750.

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## MONDAY/NOV. 29

**Church Street Holiday Stroll.** 6-9 p.m. along Historic Church St., Vienna. Santa, a petting zoo and roasting marshmallows. Live music. Tour the Caboose, the Knights of Columbus building at 214 Lawyers Road, N.W. and the Vienna Presbyterian Old Chapel. Toys For Tots collection at Encompass Design Build, 211 Mill St., and collection of non-perishable food items for the Committee For Helping Other (CHO) near the stage. 703-938-5187 or [www.historicviennainc.org](http://www.historicviennainc.org).

## THURSDAY/DEC. 2

**Cartoon Johnny Holiday CD Release Show.** 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

## 44th Annual McLean Holiday Homes Tour.

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Holyrood Drive and Countryside Court. Five traditional homes elaborately decorated for the holidays. A sixth house will contain jewelry, art and clothing vendors. Admission \$25-\$30. Proceeds benefit local charities. Tickets available at Mesmeralda's in McLean, Karin's Florist in Vienna, Great Dogs of Great Falls or the Woman's Club at [www.mcleanwc.org](http://www.mcleanwc.org). Kay Burnell at 703-821-9144 or Laura Sheridan at 703-556-0197.

## FRIDAY/DEC. 3

**28th Annual McLean Holiday Crafts Show,** featuring 80 fine American artists from all over the country, will offer pottery, ceramics, jewelry and glass to holiday decor, items for children, gourmet foods, paintings, drawings, photography and more for all your Christmas, Hannukah and New Year's gift shopping. Admission: \$2 adults; \$1 age 13 and younger, good all three days, Friday-Sunday, Dec. 3-5. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue in McLean.

**"Amahl and the Night Visitors."** 8 p.m. at George Mason University Harris Theater, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Gian Carlo Menotti's classic story. \$20 adults, \$15 students and seniors. 888-945-2468 or [cfa.gmu.edu](http://cfa.gmu.edu).

## SATURDAY/DEC. 4

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**Karen Graham and Adrienne Kralick, Manager and Owner of Avenue Beau Sejour art gallery, stand before the painting 'Norma Jean' during the grand opening celebration.**

# Avenue of Arts

## Avenue Beau Sejour opens in Great Falls.

**A**venue Beau Sejour is a dream come true for owner Adrienne J. Kralick.

"I designed Avenue Beau Sejour in the vein of the Impressionist artists in France, where local artists gathered to encourage and support each other," said Kralick.

As a place for artists, art lovers, and friends to gather, she encourages guests to linger to enjoy the artwork, converse in the lounge area or read selections from the gallery's library while enjoying Starbucks coffee and fresh-baked goods from Ann's Kitchen.

Kralick and gallery manager Karen Graham are both artists themselves and take a personal approach to selecting artists to represent.

"In the beginning, I approached artists whose work I admired," said Kralick. "Once the word got out about the gallery, artists began approaching us."

"There was a great turnout for our opening," said Graham, "and we received many compliments from our guests."

Avenue Beau Sejour exhibits the work of local and regional artists. Talent represented includes paintings in all mediums, sculptures and one-of-a-kind jewelry and scarves. Numerous artists represented at the gallery were available to discuss their work and their techniques during the Grand Opening celebration. Guests were also treated to a special one-act performance of "Le Petite Prince" by the Ambassador Theater.

The gallery also offers oil painting classes (group and private), including open studio and live model sessions. Monthly Avenue Artists class member-



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**Avenue Beau Sejour is located at 10135 Colvin Run Road, Suite 100, in Great Falls.**

**"Once the word got out about the gallery, artists began approaching us."**

— Adrienne J. Kralick

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**Paul VI Catholic High School** will host a cheerleading clinic on Saturday, Dec. 4, 10-4 p.m. Campers will learn motions, jumps, cheers, chants, dance, stunts and tumbling and create a short routine for participants to perform at a PVI basketball game. Two age groups: K-3 and 4-8. \$50 per student. Email [pvipanthers@gmail.com](mailto:pvipanthers@gmail.com) to register. Paul VI is located at 10675 Fairfax Blvd in Fairfax.

**Flint Hill Elementary School's Student Council Association** hosts its annual Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the school: 2444 Flint Hill Rd., Vienna. The event features professional crafters, photos with Santa, a book sale, and a "Secret Santa" shop where children can shop for inexpensive gifts. Get your purchases gift wrapped for free as well. Refreshments are available for purchase at the Holiday Cafe and Bake Sale. Contact the school office for further information: 703-242-6100.

# Virginia Cross Country Season Concludes

## Northern Region runners fare well in state championship races.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

Even high school cross country runners from the Northern Region, two girls and five boys, earned top 15 medals at the Virginia State AAA championship meet races, which were held Saturday, Nov. 13 at the Great Meadow course in The Plains.

In the girls' race, the two Northern Region runners to finish among the leaders were Lake Braddock's Sophie Chase and Herndon's Carolyn Hennessey. Chase, a sophomore, finished second overall with a time of seventeen minutes, 41 seconds. She finished right behind Stafford High first place finisher Hannah Lowery (17:41), also a sophomore who barely crossed the finish line ahead of her Bruin rival. Meanwhile, Hennessey, a senior, finished in fourth place overall at 18:16. She finished behind third place Megan Moye of Cosby High (Midlothian), who timed at 18:03.

"It was as good as she could have possibly run," said Herndon coach Pete Sherry, of Hennessey's outing. "It was her best race. Her goal since the beginning of the year was to finish on the top four [at states]."

In the girls' team standings, the top finishers from the Northern Region were Thomas Jefferson High (136 points), Lake Braddock (160), West Potomac (188) and West Springfield (223), who finished in fourth, fifth, seventh and 10th places, respectively. Sixteen teams, in all, participated. Midlothian (104) won the girls' team title, ahead of second place

Maggie Walker (113) of Richmond.

Jefferson's top finishers were Stephanie Marzen (18th place) and Kelly Rogers (26th). Other good races from Northern Region runners came from Dale Lescher (16th place) of West Potomac, Myah Hicks (17th) of Edison, Madison sophomore Anna Stone (20th), Lake Braddock freshman Hannah Christen (21st), Washington-Lee's Isabel Amend (27th), Lake Braddock freshman Katie Roche (31st), West Springfield High's Maddie Wittich (35th), Lee High freshman Bailey Kolonich (36th), and Oakton's Hailey Dougherty (38th).

**IN THE BOYS' AAA RACE,** Annandale High's Ahmed Bile captured the individual title with a winning time of 15:27. The junior finished barely ahead of second place Silas Frantz (15:27) of Douglas Freeman High School in Richmond.

Chantilly High sophomore Sean McGorty finished in fourth place overall at 15:44, ahead of senior and fifth place finisher Sam Rubenking of Lake Braddock (15:45). Lee High's Abraham Jacob, a senior, earned a sixth place standing at 15:47 and Jefferson senior Jonathan Phillips (15:51) took ninth place.

Other top outings at states for local boys' runners came from West Springfield senior Colin Taylor (16th place), Woodson High junior Paul Gates (18th), and South County junior Dylan Miller (30th).

In the boys' team standings, the top finishers from the Northern Region were sixth place West Potomac (173), eighth place Lake Braddock (217), ninth place South Lakes (229) and 10th place Herndon. Midlothian High (46) was the team champion, besting second place Colonial Forge (104) of Stafford.

Lake Braddock's top finishers were Rubenking and Nick Tuck (23rd).

South Lakes' top two finishers were Nick Guarnaccia (21st place) and Will Sickenberger (33rd). Herndon's top runners were Jimmy Luehrs (20th) and Troy Hunsaker (34th).



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Girls runners compete at last Saturday's Virginia State AAA championship race at Great Meadows.

## Great Falls Madrid Captures Richmond Capital Classic Cup

The Great Falls Madrid, a NCSL Div. 2, under 12 boys' soccer team coached by Jose Venegas of Hi Performance (HP) Soccer, competed in the 2010 Richmond Capital Classic Soccer Tournament over the weekend at the new and amazing SportsQuest facilities in Midlothian.

The Madrid brought home the Championship Cup after a stellar outing, going undefeated in four games and shutting out the competition by 10 goals to none. What made the championship run even more impressive was that the Madrid competed a year up in the U13 Boys Superior Division (second highest division) and played 11 versus 11 for the first time ever. (They currently play 8 versus 8).

**THE MADRID** started the tournament with 2-0 win over Shenandoah Valley. The one year difference in age was clearly visible in terms of size. However, the Madrid matched its opponent in

speed and overwhelmed Shenandoah Valley with a possession game that spread the ball over the field.

Next up was the Virginia Beach Rush Swoosh. Once again, the Madrid played outstanding and recorded their second win and shutout with a 5-0 thumping to make it to the semifinals, and an opportunity to play the tournament host Richmond Strikers.

Early Sunday morning, the Madrid and Strikers kicked off and battled for 60 minutes. The Madrid faced the most physical and fastest team of the tournament thus far. The Strikers were much larger, in some cases more than a foot taller than the Madrid players, and speedy. The Madrid, however, was able to score mid-way through the first half and held onto that lead with an incessant stifling defense to gain the win.

Having played three tough, physical games in less than a day, the Madrid next faced their toughest opponent yet - Soccer Organization of Charlottesville Albemarle (SOCA). SOCA won their bracket and beat

Shenandoah Valley in the semifinals to make it to the finals against the Madrid.

### WITH PERFECT WEATHER

and the game being played on the center turf of the facility with video cameras rolling, the Madrid and SOCA squared off. SOCA - aware that it was playing a U12

team - attempted to use its physical superiority to its advantage. However, the Madrid, high off their past three wins and smelling victory, stuck to the game plan that led them to the championship game - to win every contested ball, play possession soccer, spread the field, and execute with precision. The Madrid frustrated SOCA at every turn. Many of the opposing parents couldn't believe the display of soccer from the Madrid



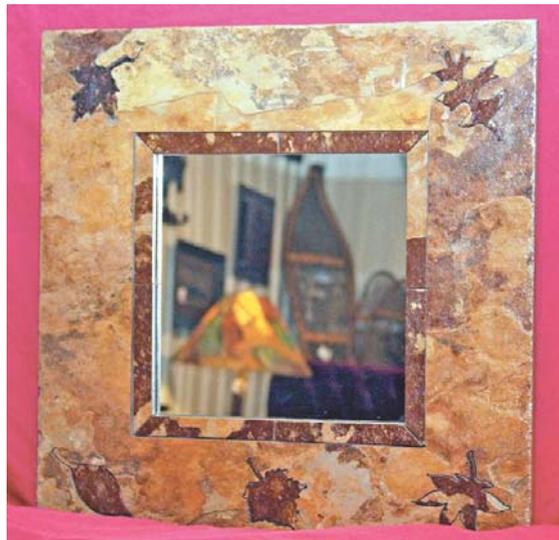
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and how dominant they were over their older, larger opponents. The Madrid went into the half with a 1-0 lead. Midway through the second half, the Madrid made it 2-0 and held the commanding lead until the final whistle blew. Congratulations to all of the players for a job well done.

—KENNETH CUSHING



Tracy Suk Designs, Christmas Ball



Mirror leaves

# Holiday Craft Show Returns to McLean

**M**cLean Community Center's (MCC) annual McLean Holiday Crafts Show will offer shoppers more than Black Friday. Now in its 28th year, the juried show provides an abundance of original, reasonably priced, hand-crafted, American-made goods. The show will be held Friday, Dec. 3 through Sunday, Dec. 5, at MCC, 1234 Ingleside Ave. Show hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 3; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 5. Show admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for children up to age 13, and is good for all three days of the show.

At press time, artisans participating in this year's show include McLean-based designer, Tracy Suk of Tracy Suk Designs (<http://www.tracysuk.com/homedecorations.html>), furniture maker and woodworker Davrill Nash, master papercutter Marie-Helene L. Grabman (<http://www.main.nc.us/openstudio/MHGrabman/>), who will do silhouettes for patrons on request, and Sculptor Yandong Wang, among many others.



Rocking horse

McLean High School and Chantilly High School will perform seasonal favorites throughout the weekend. A variety of entrees, snacks, desserts and beverages will be for sale courtesy of Sweetleaf Restaurant.

Discount admission coupons are available on the Center's Web site: <http://www.mcleancenter.org/special-events/craftshow.asp>. For more information, call the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, or visit: [www.mcleancenter.org/special-events](http://www.mcleancenter.org/special-events).



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Orla Conway as Roxie Hart, center; left to right, Sarah Chapin as Velma Kelly, Mike Breger as Billy Flynn, Allie Rosenbluth as Mary Sunshine, Michael Steiner as Amos Hart and Katherine Laudano as Mama are joined by the entire cast during a rehearsal for Chicago at George C. Marshall High School.

## Marshall High Presents 'Chicago'

Marshall High School presents the Broadway musical "Chicago," based on the true story of a 1924 murder trial, on Dec. 3, 4, 10 and 11 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 5 at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for students and

seniors and \$15 for adults. Tickets are available online at [www.theatreatmarshall.org](http://www.theatreatmarshall.org).

GC Marshall H.S. is located at 7731 Leesburg Pike in Falls Church. For information and reservations call 703-714-5450.



## Making All-Conference Team

Chloe McAuliffe, sophomore member of the Varsity soccer squad and Great Falls resident, was named to the Fall 2010 All-ISL soccer team, one of five Holy Child players to make All-Conference this fall.

## Be a Part of CHILDREN'S (& TEENS') CONNECTION

Every year between Christmas and New Year's, The McLean Connection turns its pages over to the contributions of local students. We are seeking artwork, photography, poetry, opinions, short stories and reflections. We welcome contributions from public schools, private schools and students who are home schooled.

E-mail to: [mclean@connectionnews.com](mailto:mclean@connectionnews.com), or mail (.jpg and text files on disc only) by Dec. 1, to 1606 King St., Alexandria, VA 22314. Please be sure to include the student's name, age, grade, school and town of residence along with each submission. For information, call 703-778-9410.



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# Sharing the Love of Music

Acclaimed pianist Hyun-Mi Chung opens music academy in Vienna.

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

**H**yun-Mi Chung, a classically-trained concert pianist who has recorded all of Beethoven's sonatas, will bring more than 25 years of teaching experience to Vienna when she opens the Elite Piano Academy in December.

On Saturday, Dec. 4, classical music lovers of all ages can meet Chung at an open house at the academy from 1 to 5 p.m. The academy is located at 8230 Boone Blvd. Suite 100A. "I will be there to answer questions, or test students on the piano and give information about piano lessons," she said from her home in Framingham, Mass. She is officially moving to Vienna on Dec. 1st.

Her only requirement of students is that they want to learn. "If they want to learn, then I can teach them, whether I have to explain something one time or 20 times. When I had 70 students, I had 70 different methods of teaching, because everyone learns differently and at their own pace," she said.

She will also teach students of all ages. "I've had students as young as 2, as well as

many mommies and daddies of younger students. There's really no age limit if you want to learn," she said.

"I love music so much, and I always wanted to see my students enjoy music, and when my students smile, then I am happy," she said.

**HER LOVE OF MUSIC** began early. The daughter of a prominent physician in Korea, Chung was just four-years-old when she started classical piano lessons, practicing for several hours each day.

The piano prodigy was soon awarded distinguished prizes, among them first prize in the Honam, Pullma, Pung Moon Competition for Young Pianists. By the time she was 12, she started recording classical piano music, and her debut recital was broadcast throughout her country.

In 1975, at the age of 15, she left Korea to attend the preparatory division of the Juilliard School of Music in New York City, where she earned her bachelor's and master's degree of music. At Juilliard, she studied with well-known pianists Jane Carlson and William Masselos. Later, she attended the master classes given by Pierre

Sancan and had lessons periodically with him in Paris.

By 1991, she was living in Framingham and teaching more than 70 students for six days a week. Although her teaching schedule at her studio in Framingham was hectic, she said that she enjoyed seeing students' appreciation for music blossom. She was also an active concert pianist in New England, performing with Symphony Pro Musica, and doing concerto performances with the Seoul Philharmonic Orchestra, and benefit concerts for the Korean School of New England.

**ABOUT FIVE YEARS AGO**, Chung took a break from teaching students to achieve her personal music dream. "While you're in school, you learn all different styles of music, but after nine years of learning at Juilliard, I had an idea that I wanted to record the entire sonatas of Beethoven," she said, adding:

"After Juilliard, I wanted to leave something for others to enjoy, to express myself through music, and to leave something that



Hyun-Mi Chung

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would last longer than a concert."

She stopped teaching, and started devoting the time she needed to achieve her dream of recording all of Beethoven's 35 piano sonatas, considered by music critics to represent a "magnificent Mount Everest of Music."

In 2007, she finally achieved her dream and completed the recording, becoming the first female pianist to have recorded the entire canon of Beethoven's sonatas.

"I feel content now. It took me longer than I thought to accomplish this, but now I feel like I can go back to teaching music for the pure enjoyment of it," she said.

She chose Vienna for her next move when she played a concert for the National Presbyterian Church in D.C. last June. "I liked the area and Vienna in particular. I am a Christian, and I wanted to find a church home. National Presbyterian Church is a peaceful place for me; (a place) to contemplate God and my music peacefully. I look forward to meeting anyone who shares a love of music in Vienna," she said.

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**The Epiphany United Methodist Church**, 1014 Country Club Drive NE, Vienna, will be having the annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m.- to 3 p.m. There will be a Silent Auction, and available for purchase will be crafts, wreaths, centerpieces, poinsettias, See's Candy, and baked goods. Lunch will be available.

**Centering Prayer offered at St. Dunstan's**, 1830 Kirby Road, McLean, Tuesdays at 7-7:45 p.m. Centering prayer is meditation and contemplative prayer, wordless, trusting, opening of self to the divine presence. Instruction offered. [marjorie.cole@gmail.com](mailto:marjorie.cole@gmail.com).

**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](http://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](http://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](http://www.viennachristianhealingrooms.com).

**Trinity United Methodist Church**, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean, Sunday worship services are at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for adults is at 9:30 a.m. and for children during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Youth Group for grades 7-12 meets Sunday nights, 6 - 7:30 p.m. A 20-minute service of Holy Communion is held each Wednesday at 12 p.m. 703-356-3312 or [umtrinity.org](http://umtrinity.org).

**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](http://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.

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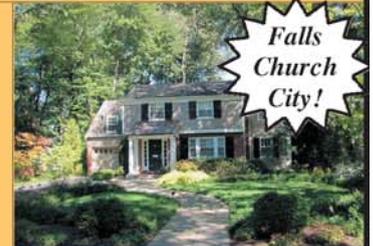
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