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The breakfast room leads into a comfortable family room at 6028 Chesterbrook Road in McLean.



This home at 6028 Chesterbrook Road in McLean will be open for visitors during the Garden Club of Fairfax 2011 tour.

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THE CONNECTION

Harbinger of Spring

The 78th anniversary Historic Garden Week in Virginia.

The Garden Club of Fairfax will host five homes on the 2011 tour in Arlington and McLean. A cross between a ranch and a "A Cape Cod on steroids," designed and constructed by Marvin T. Broyhill for his son, Joel Thomas Broyhill; a modified Craftsman house by BOWA Builders; a brick cottage-rambler, a Tudor Revival Arts and Craft remodeled 1938 home and a French Country home are to be featured.

So far the cool weather is cooperating with extending the bloom time. At the Ceckowski-Christie home, a transformation of the grounds got underway six years ago. And now it boasts an Edgeworth's chrysantha, a *Pyrus communis* Moonglow – Pear, a Mexican buckeye, a *Continus* grace Smoke tree, a Parsley-leaf Hawthorn, Chinese Fringe, a Japanese Snowbell and Cusa dogwoods, Cornell dogwoods, and a walking stick tree.

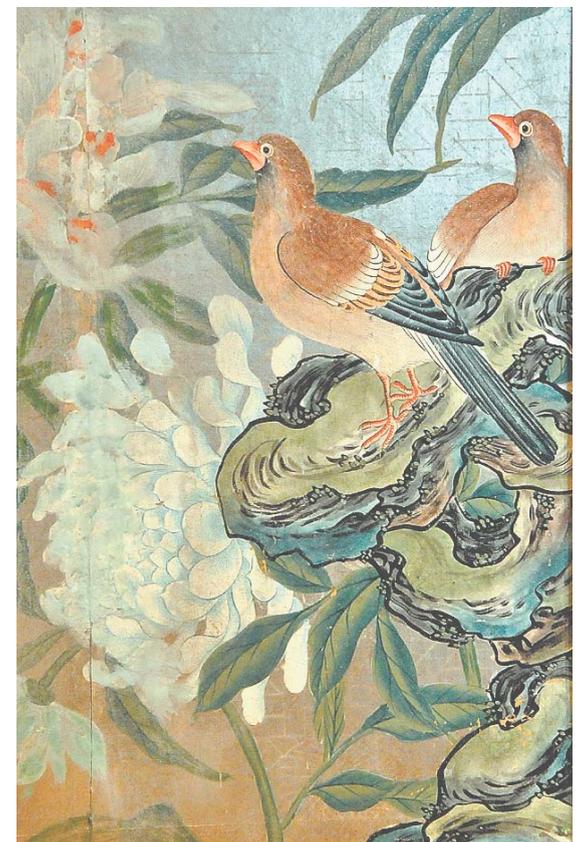
This year's co-chairs Sandra Hunt and Cheryl Freeman of Vienna are working up last minute details on the docent's notes and coordinating the multiple committee assignments. The Fairfax Tour will be held on Tuesday, April 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$20 prior to the tour and \$25 day of tour; they may be purchased online at

www.VAgardenweek.org or locally at participating retailers: Anita Perlut Interiors in Oakton, Burke Florists in the University Mall, Calico Corners on Williamsburg Boulevard, Color Wheel in McLean, Company Flowers in Arlington, Damon Galleries in Vienna, Executive Press in Fairfax, Express Jewelers in the Ballston Mall, Heart in Hand in Clifton, Judy Ryan of Fairfax, Katie's Coffee House in Great Falls, Lemon Twist in Arlington, McLean Cleaners in McLean, Mesmeraldas in McLean, Millie's Dry Cleaning in Arlington, Needlewoman East in Falls Church and the Old Brogue Irish Pub in Great Falls. Tickets may also be purchased with a map and brochure by sending a self-addressed stamped, legal-size envelope along with a check, payable to The Garden Club of Fairfax by April 8 to Mrs. George Whipple, 11508 Yates Ford Road, Fairfax Station, VA 22039, or telephone 703-978-4130. On the day of the tour, tickets may be purchased at the Memorial Baptist Church and at any of the properties open for the tour.

Garden Week in Virginia hosted by the Garden Club of Virginia, the oldest and largest statewide tour in the country. This year 36 tours feature 250 homes, gardens, and historic landmarks during the week of April 16-23.



A sun room looking out to the patio features a whimsical table remade from a damaged French stoneware sculpture of Diana the huntress by Cote Jardin Antiques in Georgetown.



Hand-painted Chinese screens selected by Dorothy Draper for the Greenbrier now cover a wall of storage closets in the hallway.



Located in Franklin Park in McLean, the 2007 French Country home is open for the first time this year for the Historic Garden Week tour.



GOP Women's Club to Hold Annual tea

The Greater McLean Republican Women's Club will be holding its annual tea for prospective members on April 14 from 2-4 p.m. in McLean. Women who are interested in learning more about the Club or becoming a member should call Margaret Roberts at 703-243-1594 for an invitation. Pictured are the 2011 Greater McLean Republican Women's Club Officers with Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34). From left, Bev Christopher, Sara Brady, Charlotte Norwood, Lynn Clancy, Marty Smith, Lou Abbott, Del. Comstock, and Diane Hall.

WEEK IN MCLEAN

Moran Receives Humane Society Honor

U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) was honored by the Humane Society of the U.S. Legislative Fund with their Legislator of the Year award. The award is in recognition of his leadership on the "Truth in Fur Labeling Act" and his work on the House Interior and Environment Appropriations Subcommittee.

"The Humane Society serves as the leading voice for the protection of animals. Their values are my values and it's an honor to receive their recognition," said Rep. Moran. "Powered by the Humane Society and animal lovers across the country, Congress has enacted a number of meaningful pieces of legislation in recent years. These successes are building a foundation of law that I hope will ultimately ensure all animals are treated with respect."

Moran currently serves as the co-chair of the bipartisan Congressional Animal Protection Caucus. During his time in Congress, Representative Moran has led the charge on a number of issues related to the protection of animals.

MCC to Hold Spring Garage Sale

The McLean Community Center will hold its annual Spring Community Garage Sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturday, April 9, at the Business Bank parking garage. Admission is free. The sale will take place inside the garage, which is located at 1451 Dolley Madison Blvd (Route 123), adjacent to J. Gilbert's restaurant.

A wide variety of merchandise will be available at the sale. Household items, including electronics, glassware, clothing, baby items, books, CDs and DVDs will be offered, along with collectibles and antiques. More than 60 sellers will be participating in the sale this year.

For more information, call the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, or visit: <http://www.mcleancenter.org/special-events/springgaragesale.asp>.

Grant for Antique Fire Truck

Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust, Clark Tyler, President, Lewinsville Heights HOA and representatives from Transurban-Fluor will present a check to the McLean Volunteer Fire Department for the maintenance of the station's antique fire truck on Thursday, April 7. The check for \$1,000 is the result of a Community Grant application from the Lewinsville Heights HOA on behalf of the fire station. Tyler cited in his application that critical funds were needed toward the maintenance of the station's antique fire truck. The truck has become an integral part of McLean community social events such as McLean Day, neighborhood picnics and Santa's annual holiday ride through the neighborhoods.

NEWS



This simulation shows the signage drivers will see on Route 66 East as they approach the Beltway, including the new HOT lanes.

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HOT Lanes, Metro Make Progress

Virginia Megaprojects set goals for 2011.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Transportation officials gave an update on the series of construction projects known as the Virginia Megaprojects, such as the I-495 HOT lanes project, as well as the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Thursday at their headquarters. The projects passed several milestones in 2010, but there are many more set for 2011.

The Beltway HOT lanes will add variable cost High Occupancy Toll lanes from Route 95 to just north of the Dulles Toll Road. The project includes adding the two new HOT lanes in each direction, as well as rebuilding almost all of the bridges that cross the Beltway over that stretch.

"We're hoping to make a seamless connection from the Route 95, Route 66 and Dulles Toll Road HOV lanes that has never been there before," said John D. Lynch, Virginia Department of Transportation Regional Transportation Program Manager. "The HOT lanes, in addition to the growth of the Tysons rail will enhance connectivity for everyone in the area."

According to Virginia Megaprojects, the HOT lanes project is about 65 percent complete, with 75 percent of the sound walls completed and "significant progress" made on widening the Beltway from Braddock Road to Gallows Road and from Idylwood Road to Route 7. The major utility relocations have also been completed.

"The overnight lane closures will continue," Lynch said. "We're over the hump, we've got a lot of the steel erected and demolition done, but there's still more to do."

THIS SUMMER, the mainline Beltway will shift to the newly constructed outer lanes in phases. The phases are: Braddock Road to Little River Turnpike, Little River Turnpike to Gallows Road and the W and OD Trail Overpass to Route 7. Once traffic has been shifted to the new lanes, construction on the HOT lanes themselves, as well as the access ramps, will begin.

HOT lanes connections from Westpark Drive and Jones Branch Drive are also expected to be completed

this year. The right exit from Route 7 East to Route 495 North will be permanently closed, instead there will be a new left turn at a traffic signal to get from Route 7 East to Route 495 South.

The second spans of the Gallows Road and Braddock Road bridges are expected to be complete by summer and fall, respectively, and then both exits will get HOT lanes connection ramps. The Little River Turnpike and Arlington Boulevard bridges are expected to be completed by fall as well.

On the Route 495 South near Route 66, overnight lane closures and temporary stoppages of up to an hour will continue as crews install the beams to improve connection from Route 66 West to 495 South. These are expected to begin in late April.

CONSTRUCTION ON DULLES METRORAIL, which is scheduled to open five stations (four in Tysons Corner, one in Reston) in 2013 and six stations (at Reston Parkway, Herndon-Monroe, Route 28, Dulles Airport, Route 606 and Route 772 in Ashburn) in 2016, is about 33 percent complete, according to Virginia Megaprojects.

The stretch from Route 66 to Reston will require two parallel 2,400 tunnels. The mining for the tunnels is complete, and crews are currently working on waterproofing and reinforcements.

Marcia McAllister, communications director for the Dulles Metrorail Project, said that relocating the 21 different utilities in the area are about "99 percent" completed. Work to connect the Orange line to the Silver is also intensifying and the track to the Wiehle Avenue station is already being laid.

"There will be Metro outages over the summer, and as we get closer to 2013, probably between East and West Falls Church," McAllister said. "But the goal for this project is to provide a one-seat ride from Loudoun County and Western Fairfax County into Washington, D.C."

IT IS ESTIMATED that during July and August, there will be possible complete closures of the Beltway. There are eight nights of closure, four per direction, planned, with one direction being closed at a time.

"We're working with VDOT to see if they could be three-lane closures, but we're still not sure about that," McAllister said.

More information can be found at www.vamegaprojects.com.

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Forever Box Unveiled

A Great Falls author and former White House director of media relations Kristin Clark Taylor launches her fourth book.

BY JEAN T. JIANOS
THE CONNECTION

Great Falls resident and author Kristin Clark Taylor credits an older woman from her Detroit neighborhood with forever implanting in her 7-year-old mind the idea that a woman and a black person could serve in the White House, even as President. In her fourth and most recent book, "The Forever Box," Taylor admits that, in 1966, she could picture more black men in the White House than she could picture women of any color. Nonetheless, she became the first woman of color to serve as director of White House media relations when George H.W. Bush was elected President. [The subject of her book, *The First to Speak: A Woman of Color Inside the White House* (New York: Doubleday, 1993)].

IN THE FOREVER BOX, Taylor recalls how the older women in her life introduced the issues of segregation, civil rights and women's rights, as well as slavery and genocide, and why she feels each generation must educate the next on the "dark moments" of history, to inspire confidence to remain positive and achieve solutions. She has saved gifts from those women that represent the hope and balance that they contributed to her childhood.

Barbara Ianniello, a Great Falls neighbor whose children went to school with the Taylor children,

won't be surprised to read that Taylor's parents and childhood mentors shared their life experience and their precious keepsakes with Taylor to instill in her the principles that she embodies — grace, elegance and humility, coupled with confidence and strength.

"I admire her for sharing her perspective," Ianniello says. "She is proud of her heritage, and appreciates where she came from and what she has been able to achieve."

Born in Detroit, Taylor lived in a high-density, inner-city neighborhood but attended a predominantly all-white, private school in an affluent suburb from 1964 through 1974. Taylor writes that the school offered protection from the unrest of the Civil Rights Era and that her experience at the school was unquestionably positive. Perhaps based upon that experience, she and her husband, Lonnie, sent their two children to the private Langley School, near their home in McLean. Her family followed in her grandmother's footsteps by visiting Africa with an African man who taught at the school. The leather purse that her grandmother brought her as a child, and her grandmother's stories, connected Taylor to her African heritage in a tangible way. Now, her son has his own shadow box filled with photos and cherished objects that will forever bring to mind the rites of passage that he experienced in Africa, just as his ancestors had before him.



PHOTO BY JEAN T. JIANOS/THE CONNECTION

Kristin Clark Taylor will be signing copies of 'The Forever Box' at Barnes & Noble in McLean on Saturday, April 23.

TAYLOR MOVED to Washington, D.C. in 1982 to help create and launch USA Today, as a member of the newspaper's Editorial Board, and as a columnist and writer. Like many recent college graduates, she came to the Nation's Capital, "on a leap of faith," first living in the District, then meeting and marrying her husband Lonnie, who grew up in the Washington, D.C. area. They moved to Alexandria, McLean and eventually Great Falls, where they have lived for 15 years. Her preservation of items and lessons from the lives of friends and family in Detroit has allowed her to extend her roots to her own children and the other people who share her life here. She brought along with her, "the ability [and] the desire to weave [her] past, present, and future into one whole cloth." (The Forever Box, p. 110) Taylor will be signing copies of *The Forever Box* at Barnes & Noble in McLean on Saturday, April 23.

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THE COUNTY LINE

Raucous Crowd on Budget

Hundreds turn out to petition loudly on budget.

BY NICHOLAS HORROCK
THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax County Education Association and several parents groups organized a massive demonstration to persuade the Board of Supervisors to provide a \$48.8 million increase in school funds to pay for higher salaries for teachers and full day kindergarten classes for an additional 37 schools.

Though public hearings on the 2012 Fairfax County budget took place over three days last week, the evening of March 29 saw the board chambers packed with a raucous crowd of teachers, parents, children and taxpayer groups that often cheered, jeered and booed as speakers presented expenditure alternatives.

During the course of the evening an estimated 400 persons attended the hearings, packing the chamber and crowding around the lobby of the Government Center. The bulk of attendees were organized by the Fairfax Education Association, a teachers and staff union, and by parent coalitions seeking additional full day kindergarten classes. Dozens of parents brought young children who helped wave both home made signs and placards made up by the FEA.

Smaller groups of opponents to budget increases and the rising cost of schools also were in the board room.

The \$3.8 billion county budget proposed by Fairfax County Executive Anthony H. Griffin barred pay raises for county employees and teachers for another year and proposed a "transfer" of funds to schools of \$1.61 billion, \$48.8 million less than the School Board has sought.

Though the Board of Supervisors cannot directly manage school operations, it can influence them by the amount of taxpayer dollars it provides to Fairfax schools.

Griffin and some members of the Board of Supervisors have said that they do not believe teachers and school employees should receive raises when police, fire and other county employees are not getting salary increases.

THE BATTLE over school costs in Fairfax County is not new. The county school system has often been cited as one of the best in the United States and a key factor in why thousands of people have chosen to live in Fairfax.

Michael Hairston, president of the FEA, told the supervisors that members of his association "are the people who make Fairfax public schools work." The school system has some 23,000 employees in 197 schools and centers in the county. Hairston said that

it is the prize-winning Fairfax schools system that is the reason thousands of families choose to live in Fairfax County, "just ask any real estate agent." He said the proposed budget level "does not recognize growth in school enrollment" and that the resulting large class sizes make it impossible for teachers to do their best job.

"Without quality people, you cannot develop quality programs," he said. If the supervisors fail to support a larger money transfer to schools, he said "the people with the most to lose are our children."

School Board vice chairman Brad Center, who delivered an address on behalf of Kathy Smith, the chairman, said "this is not a factory line where we are producing cars or iPads, these are children, and it takes a committed staff to take care of them." He showed a promotional film which gave a sense of the diversity of skills from teachers, to nurses, to dieticians and librarians who are needed to operate the 175,000 student school system.

The school's diversity both in ethnic terms and in language is significant. Only 47 per cent of the student body list themselves as white and 18 percent are Hispanic or Asian. Students speak scores of different languages.

Nevertheless, during the recent years of drops in home values and losses in tax revenues, the Board of Supervisors is under increasing pressure to limit money for schools and to ask harder questions about the school system's operations.

Jody Bennett, a political activist who lives in the Hunter Mill section of the county, told the supervisors she is "troubled that the FCPS's approach is to use parents and this board (supervisors) to solve their budget issues when they 53 per cent of the county's budget."

She said that the schools have consistently sought increases in their budget share while often recording surpluses in their budgets at the end of the years. She said that she found it curious that the school board underscored the vital importance of providing 37 additional schools with full day kindergarten programs when it could not find the money in a \$2.3 billion budget.

LATER IN AN INTERVIEW, she said that court cases over Clifton elementary school and other issues developed evidence that failing to renovate Clifton instead of closing it may have been to hide from the Board of Supervisors the fact that the schools did not need \$155 million a year for a capital construction program.

Fairfax schools' size has come up in other context.

Caroline Hemenway, who appeared before the supervisors, on behalf of reexamining the school's "zero tolerance" discipline program, said in an interview that some parents have come to wonder whether a 175,000 student system is too big and too impersonal. Fairfax is the largest school system in Virginia and the 12th largest in the United States.

daughter of Derek Linden.

Matthew Thomas Valcourt of McLean has been named to the fall 2010 high list at Episcopal High School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery T. Valcourt.

Rebecca Flynn of McLean has been named to the fall 2010 dean's list at Fairfield University of Fairfield, Conn. Flynn is a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences.

graduated from Radford University at the end of the fall semester. The daughter of Donna Alligood earned a bachelor of science in psychology.

Victoria Avvacumova of McLean has graduated from Illinois Central College.

Lara Linden of McLean has been named to the fall 2010 dean's list with high distinction at Grove City College of Grove City, Pa. The 2007 Washington Christian Academy graduate is the



Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34) congratulates newly promoted Eagle Scouts.

John Martins, Andrew Azzam Receive Eagle Scout Ranking

An Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony took place on Saturday, March 5, at Trinity Methodist Church in McLean. John Martins and Andrew Azzam, members of Troop 869 throughout all the boy scout ranks, most recently received the ranking of Eagle Scout. Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34) was in attendance and awarded the boys a special commendation in recognition of attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. She also awarded them with a flag of Virginia that was flown over the State Capital in Richmond.

Also in attendance were former scout masters David Brandt, Mike Alexander, Scott Jenkins, Tom Kiess, Jon Etherton, Richard Meyers, John Christian, Mrs. Traci Fisher and Dr. Tom Kiess. Martins' eagle project was constructing an all-season handicapped-accessible



From left, John Martins and Andrew Azzam.

fire pit with benches at Turner Farm in Great Falls Virginia and Azzam designed and solicited donations for installation of two flagstone walkways at Churchill Road Elementary School in McLean.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

THURSDAY/APRIL 7

Alternative House, The Abused and Homeless Children's Refuge Open Door Event. 3 p.m. Learn about issues facing young people in the community and get an overview of the House's history, programs and services. Talk with the Executive Director, a Board member and staff, and take a tour of the Emergency Shelter for Teens. 703-506-9191 or gina_cocomello@thealternativehouse.org.
Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group. 10 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. 703-281-9515.

FRIDAY/APRIL 8

Inova Blood Drive. 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Langley High School, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Sponsored by the Langley Science Honor Society. Contact mary.landis@fcps.edu or Kalden1@aol.com for appointments, walk-ins welcome.

SATURDAY/APRIL 9

McLean Pedestrian Task Force: Walkabout McLean. 9 p.m. Meet at Star Nut Gourmet, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Walk along Pommit Run, investigate some byways in and around McLean Center. Cancelled in case of rain or muddy stream valley conditions. 703-356-1852.
The Smart Split. 10 a.m. McLean Government Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Legal aspects of separation and divorce. \$50, \$40 members. Support group available. www.thewomenscenter.org or 703-281-2657.
McLean Drama Company Auditions. 2-6 p.m. Alden Theatre Rehearsal Hall, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Auditions for the upcoming 7th Anniversary Celebration program, a series of original plays. Bring a bio, head shot and monologue. www.mcleandramacompany.org.
McLean Community Center Spring Community Garage Sale. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Business Bank parking garage, 1451 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. A wide variety of merchandise from more than 60 sellers. 703-790-0123, TTY 711.

SCHOOL NOTES

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

Franklin Sherman Elementary's 6th Grade is presenting "Seussical Jr." on Thursday, April 7, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. & Friday, April 8, at 7 p.m. at Franklin Sherman Elementary, 6630 Brawner Street in McLean. This musical production is open to all ages, admission is free.

Ashley Ann Alligood of McLean

FAITH

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

Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd. in McLean, has announced their Holy Week schedule. Contact the church at 703-356-3312 or www.umtrinity.org.

❖ **April 17, Palm Sunday.** 8:30 a.m. Casual Worship, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages, 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship and 10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School.

❖ **April 20, Wednesday Communion.** 12 p.m. in the Chapel.

❖ **April 21, Maundy Thursday.** 7:30 p.m. Celebration with footwashing in the Chapel.

❖ **April 22, Good Friday.** 7:30 p.m. Members of Chesterbook UMC and Charles Wesley UMC with Pastors Kathleene Card and Candace Martin will join us in the Trinity Sanctuary.

❖ **April 24, Easter.** 8:30 a.m. Casual Worship, 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School and 11:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt.

Faith and Reasoning 101

will be on April 16 at 6 p.m. at Pulcinella Restaurant, 6852 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. The dinner will be \$25, and the topic is "Did Jesus Really Die On The Cross And Come Back to Life 3 Days Later?" Contact Will Gaines at 703-564-9129 or rsvp@faithandreason101.com.

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.

The Adult Choir of Epiphany United Methodist Church, 1014 Country Club Drive in Vienna, is presenting an Easter Cantata on Sunday, April 17 at 11 a.m. 703-938-3494 or office@epiphanyumc.com.

Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. in Vienna, presents the 12-week program "Passages," for those experiencing the pain of separation or divorce. The DivorceCare series meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Cost of materials \$20, scholarships available. 703-938-9050 or Passages@ViennaPres.org.



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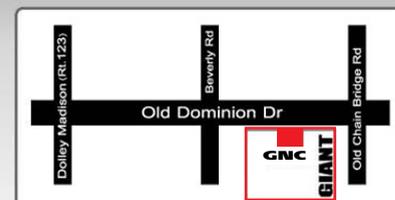
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OPINION

Simply Disappointing

Sad to report that proposed General Assembly districts are not an April Fool's joke.

By the time the Connection is delivered to homes and businesses this week, there is a good chance that how you vote and who you can vote for will have changed. No one will have consulted you about this.

Virginia's every-10-year, hyper-partisan process of drawing political districts is in rare form this year. It's all the more disappointing since two years ago, there appeared to be developing consensus that this process should be approached in the best interests of voters.

Instead, the Democrats in control of the Virginia Senate and the Republicans in control of the Virginia House of Delegates have created a nearly obscene mess without even lip service to providing effective representation.

Proposed changes in districts split communities, localities, counties and even precincts and homeowners associations. The City of Alexandria will likely now have three state senators. Arlington, which could be represented by a single state senator in a compact and highly effective district, could instead have as many as three Senate districts within its boundaries. Arlington's primary senate seat, District 31, will now snake along the Potomac River through McLean and Great Falls and actually encompassing part of Sterling, covering three counties in a densely populated area that begs for compact districts.

This means residents of McLean and Great

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Falls will likely be represented in the Virginia Senate by someone from Arlington, who will try to understand the complexities of three very different counties. The change shifts Janet Howell's district 32 to the west, leaving thousands of residents to get to know new candidates who will likely be focused on other areas first.

Mount Vernon, a highly diverse community, will also have its senate representation split, likely resulting over time in half being represented by someone from the City of Alexandria and half represented by someone from Prince William County, neither with the grasp of community needs that a Mount Vernon centered district would allow.

George Barker's district 39 scoops up parts of Prince William, the least densely populated parts of Fairfax County in Clifton and Fairfax Station, then takes a turn through densely populated Lorton, Newington and Franconia before poking its head into the City of Alexandria. This certainly does not comprise a "community of interest."

If Democratic voters were wealth, this would be the plan to spread the wealth around. Whether that will actually be effective for the Democrats in retaining seats is dubious. We've seen numerous examples of seats specifically drawn to benefit particular candidates or party that fail to hold up.

There are almost as many examples as there are senate seats in Northern Virginia.

There are similar problems with the Republican drawn delegate seats, but the smaller districts make for more compact districts, with the problems a bit harder to cherry pick.

Every seat in the General Assembly will be up for reelection in a few months, with August primaries and caucuses and November general election, which is one reason this process is happening with so little citizen scrutiny. Proposed boundaries will have been public for only a few days, and will be voted on and approved by the end of the week. Homeowners Association presidents who might object to having their neighborhood split won't have time to react, for example.

Is there hope to circumvent the madness for 10 years from now?

It really is time to give control of the redistricting process to an authority that will not consider voting patterns or incumbency, but instead will focus on what will create more effective representation.

Keeping communities of interest together is key. That means not splitting jurisdictions, creating compact shapes, minimizing the distance from one end to the other of populous districts.

But it's unlikely that the winners of the coming elections will be that interested in the project. After all, they will be the beneficiaries of the current flawed process.

It's time for a constitutional amendment that would save us from districts shaped like boa constrictors and clawed dragons a decade from now.

— MARY KIMM,

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Our Take on Redistricting

BY SEN. RICHARD SASLAW &
SEN. MARY MARGARET
WHIPPLE

COMMENTARY

Many, if not most, Virginians if asked would say they support some kind of non-partisan redistricting process to determine our state's political boundaries. Political experts and the media have touted the benefits of this concept nationally and across the Commonwealth.

However, that is not the system that Virginia operates under now. The Democratic-controlled Virginia Senate passed legislation the last four years to establish a bipartisan commission to oversee the redistricting process in a fair and non-partisan manner. These bills have all been killed by the Republican-controlled House of Delegates.

What we have been able to do is craft a redistricting plan that

meets the criteria for redistricting as established by the 1965 Voting Rights Act, and the U.S. Constitution and Virginia Constitutions. These criteria include but are not limited to, making sure districts are near the same size, do not dilute racial or ethnic minority voting strength, are compact and contiguous, and maintain communities of interest.

Drafting a map that meets these criteria isn't a simple or easy task.

Virginia is one of the first states to undertake the once-a-decade redistricting process because of our election schedule. Senate map makers had one month since receiving the final U.S. Census data to study maps, analyze the data, and redraw political boundaries in order to submit plans to the U.S. Department of Justice for approval. The Justice Department

has 60 days from the date of submission to approve the plan.

Dramatic shifts in Virginia's population required significant changes in district lines. Northern Virginia experienced massive population growth over the last decade especially in Loudoun and western Prince William counties. This resulted in Northern Virginia gaining an additional Senate seat while population changes in other parts of the state resulted in Hampton Roads and Southwest Virginia losing one Senate district.

Although time constraints have made the redistricting process very challenging, we believe our plan fully complies with all applicable federal and state legal requirements. Our bill will be introduced and debated during a special redistricting session which begins on April 4.

Some critics have claimed that our map is an extreme partisan

gerrymander; however under our plan, Gov. McDonnell (R) carried 28 of 40 districts — or 70 percent of the proposed Senate districts. There are 17 districts in the proposed Senate map that the Republican candidates for Governor carried in 2005 and 2009. There are only 12 districts the Democratic candidates for governor carried in both those elections. The remaining 11 districts voted for the Democratic candidate for Governor in 2005 and for the Republican candidate in 2009.

Overall, Senate Democrats are proud of what we've been able to accomplish in a short time. There is still a lot of work to be done before the General Assembly passes redistricting legislation. We hope you will take a look at our plan and tell us what you think at <http://redistricting.dls.virginia.gov/2010/>.

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SPRING FUN & ENTERTAINMENT

Tu-An Truong, Kate Fraser and Via Tovig in 'Family Stab.'

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TIM HIGGINS



Talent Shines at Saxon Stage

One act plays at Langley High.

Talent shone Friday night as Langley High School presented student-directed one act plays. With 50 students involved, from actors to writers to a behind the scenes production crew, weeks of hard work was put on display in front of an audience.

For Theater Arts chair and long time drama teacher, Phyllis Jaffe, it's also a chance to take a break from her director's chair and see what the students may not have revealed in the structure of the classroom or adult navigated play rehearsals.

"I love to see them discover the power of their own creativity when giving them the opportunity to direct. A number of the one acts are student-written and they're wonderful and outrageous. I love it when

they look at me and say, 'now I understand what you go through,'" said Jaffe.

Eight one-acts later, the audience ran the gamut of emotions. The theater filled with uproarious laughter as the audience followed Cupid's track record in "Cupid's Arrow," yet all turned silent during the dramatic "Bang, Bang, You're Dead," a piece focused on the consequences of school violence. For those who chose to make Friday night at Langley, "date night," "Grilled Cheese and Chocolate Milk" which brought a couple back to the same restaurant through each stage of their relationship, was sure to please.

—SAMANTHA SIMONE



Jordan Moeller, Jay Mamana, Vanessa Strahan and Erick Pike in 'Self Defence Against Fresh Fruit.'



Jay Mamana and Tess Higgins in 'Finding the Sun.'

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\$10/\$8 McLean district residents

This is a charming retelling of the Cinderella story featuring the legends of Plum Blossom (China), Vasilisa (Russia) and Broken Wing (Native America).

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\$12/\$8 McLean district residents

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Sign up now for our half-day (ages 4-6) and full-day (ages 5-9) Spring Break Camps or for OFTC's Spring Break Trips for 5th-8th graders.

The McLean Community Center
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703-790-0123, TTY: 711
www.mcleancenter.org

ENTERTAINMENT



The National Concert Band of America, founded in 1974 by former military band members, will perform at the Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St., N.E. in Vienna on Sunday, April 10 at 3 p.m. The program will include Emparata Overture, Four Scottish Dances, Pilatus: Mountain of Dragons and American Elegy, plus the marches and patriotic music for which the group has become known. Music Director, Melvin Kessler, Lt. Cmdr. USN (Ret.) will conduct the family-friendly program. www.americantowns.com.

Send announcements to mclean@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit www.connectionnewspapers.com

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 6

Ezra Furman & The Harpoons, Tristen and The Apache Relay. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

The Fine Art of Organizing. 7 p.m. McLean Project for the Arts, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Professional organizer Kim Mihalik will sharing tips and discuss the importance of color, texture and composition in creating organized spaces. Refreshments and a short talk about MPA. \$10. Reservations required at info@mpaart.org.

THURSDAY/APRIL 7

Hot Club of Cowtown. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

Basic Birding Course: Lecture and Field Trip. 7 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike Great Falls. Basic birding techniques. \$20, free if you join ASNV for \$15. 703-438-6008 or info@audubonva.org.

"The Shadow Box." 7:30 p.m. James Lee Community Center, 2855 Annandale Road, Fall Church. The Providence Players of Fairfax, directed by Barbara Gertzog. One day in the life of three families, each with a family member living with terminal illness. \$18 adults, \$15 seniors and youth. providenceplayers@cox.net or 703-425-6782.

Birds of Prey. 4 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. In celebration of the Vote 2011 Wings Great Falls, learn about birds of prey from the Raptor Conservancy of Virginia. Ages 6-12. 703-757-8560.

"Once Upon A Mattress". 7:30 p.m. Thoreau Middle School, 2505 Cedar Lane, Vienna. Musical comedy based on the story "The Princess and the Pea". \$5. ThoreauDrama@gmail.com.

FRIDAY/APRIL 8

"The Glass Menagerie" by Tennessee Williams. 8 p.m. 1st Stage Theater, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean. \$15-\$25. 703-854-1856 or www.1ststageysons.org.

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Steak and Shrimp Dinner. 5:45-8 p.m. American Legion Post 180, Downstairs Hall, 330 N. Center St., Vienna. Steak \$12, shrimp \$8, salad and dessert included. Public welcome. vamember@aol.com.

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Russian National Ballet Theatre: "Romeo and Juliet." 8 p.m. George Mason University's Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. With choreography by Petipa and music by Tchaikovsky. Based on Shakespeare's classic tale of star-crossed lovers and family hatreds. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins 45 minutes prior to the performance on the Center's Grand Tier III. Tickets \$27-\$54. Youth through grade 12, half price when accompanied by an adult. Charge at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

Friends of Vale Schoolhouse Community Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. 3124 Fox Mill Road, Oakton. Household and children's items, small furniture, collectibles, books and more. Proceeds benefit the preservation of the 1884 Vale Schoolhouse. 703-620-2650.

"Over Here, Over There": the 2011 Band Aid Ball. 6 p.m. Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Drive, McLean. Entertainment by Swing Command: The George Carroll Dance Band. Three-course dinner, dancing, silent and live auctions. Black tie optional. Proceeds benefit CrossLink International, a 501c3 non-profit that distributes medical provisions. Tickets \$175. www.crosslinkinternational.net or 703-534-5465.

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SUNDAY/APRIL 10

Columbian Singer Juanes. 7 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets are \$39-\$125, available at www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. Accessible seating is available for patrons with disabilities by calling 703-993-3035. www.patriotcenter.com.

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Bicentennial Celebration at Colvin Run Mill. 12-3 p.m. Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Free tours of the mill and miller's house, costumed military reenactors, corn shelling and grinding, a blacksmith at his forge, old-fashioned games and more. Local dignitaries will be on hand for a short ceremony at 1 p.m. 709-759-2771 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/crm.

Amadeus Orchestra. 4 p.m. Saint Francis Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Respighi's "Ancient Airs and Dances", Debussy's "Sacred and Profane Dances", Mozart's "Symphony No. 25 in G Minor, K.

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McLean Community Center 2011 Governing Board Election

The Governing Board and staff of the McLean Community Center strongly encourage all qualified residents to vote **for members of the McLean Community Center 2011-2012 Governing Board**. Your vote sends a very important message of your support of the Center's programs and services.

When & Where:

Vote between the hours of **10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.** at the McLean Day 2011 festival on **Saturday, May 21**, at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Rd.

Requirements to Vote:

1. You must be a resident of the McLean Community Center tax district (Dranesville Small District #1); however, you need not be registered to vote in the general election.
2. You must be at least 18 years old to vote for an adult candidate.
3. You must be 15 through 17 years old to vote for a youth candidate. Youth voters may vote for a candidate from each of the two school districts.
4. You must bring identification and proof of residency, such as a driver's license or student ID. If you do not have identification, you may sign a sworn statement.

Absentee Voting:

Want to vote, but can't make it to the McLean Day festival on May 21? Vote by absentee ballot! Call the Center or send a request by E-mail to "elections@mcleancenter.org" to have a ballot package sent to your home. Or, stop by the Center and pick up an absentee ballot package, which will be available beginning **Monday, April 11**. Completed absentee ballot applications and ballots must be received by 5 p.m. on **Wednesday, May 18**, to be counted.

Write-in candidates are allowed.

Write-in candidates must have at least 10 votes from 10 residents of the Center's tax district in order to have their votes counted. For youth write-in candidates, the 10 votes must come from teens who live within the same high school boundary area as the candidate.

Meet the Candidates

Adult Candidates—Three Positions Open



SEAN A. DUNN

McLean Community Center is a valuable resource of which we should all be proud. I have represented the community on the Governing Board for six years now. As chairman for two years and treasurer for two years, I've supported or introduced three successive tax rate reductions, maintained a healthy vigilance on MCC expenses in conjunction with supportive MCC staff, and improved budget oversight reporting. With other Board members, I've explored options for a gym at Spring Hill, evaluated a downtown McLean presence, and supported MPA's Artfest. I'm seeking another term to assist as MCC continues to modernize its community presence.



DAVID (BUCKY) MORRIS

I am a long-time resident of McLean, growing up and attending Chesterbrook Elementary in the 70s. I have been very active in running and coaching McLean Youth Lacrosse for the past 15 years. I believe that my many hours of dedicated volunteer service to McLean youth will greatly benefit the MCC Governing Board as it carries out the many responsibilities in guiding all the MCC programs and facilities. All individuals living in the tax district should benefit from the many programs and facilities that the MCC has to offer and I will do my best to further enhance these services.



CHAD QUINN

I am a small business owner and resident of McLean since 1998. All of my three daughters benefit greatly from their access to the MCC. I want to work with the MCC Board to ensure that the Center continues to grow and thrive, bringing educational opportunities to even greater numbers of people in McLean. Wise management of MCC's finances and strategic planning going forward are key to doing this. Giving my time to this Board position is my way of giving back in a way that directly benefits my own family and many others in this community. (www.votechadquinn.com)



RISA E. SANDERS

The MCC has played a vital role in my family's life since moving here 15 years ago. As Secretary of the MCC Board, and Chair of the Communications Committee, I have consistently voted to reduce the tax rate, create a facility relevant for the 21st century, am a strong supporter of the Alden Theatre and expansion of performing arts in McLean, preservation of the teen center, and increased programming to meet our residents' interest in topics of local and national affairs. It would be my honor to have the opportunity to serve a second term. Thank you for your vote!

Youth Candidates—Two Positions Open

McLean High School Area



MAGGIE HIMPLER

My name is Maggie Himpler. I am 15 years old and a sophomore at Oakcrest School. I have lived in McLean my whole life. I have always been involved in community sports, MCC theatre activities, volunteer projects and getting to know people in the community. I think I am capable of this responsibility and feel ready to take on the job of serving my community by sharing ideas, concerns, and interests as a board member of the Community Center. I am eager to have the opportunity of representing my peers in the coming year ahead.

Langley High School Area



CHRISTY MEYER

I am a junior at Langley High School where I play varsity volleyball, dive and belong to several honor societies. I also have participated in McLean Youth Sports, playing soccer and basketball since first grade, and have enjoyed numerous volunteer opportunities, working at the Claude Moore Colonial Farm and volunteering at Sunrise Living Center. If elected, I will ensure that the MCC's diverse and rewarding opportunities remain, particularly for students. I would welcome the chance to represent your interests as the Langley representative on the MCC Governing Board and to bring my creative ideas and work ethic to the position.



AISHA SAMAILA

Community involvement is of the greatest importance to any institution. It provides the foundation for connections between its members and also adds to its members' experiences. My life experiences have shaped me into a hard-working student who cares for community. Where we all live, it should be a responsibility to be an active part of the community. During my high school experience I've found courses that captured my interest along with numerous organizations. As a junior, I am involved in Langley High School's district champion Debate and Forensics Club, Multicultural and International Club, Robotics Club and Muslim Student Association.



ALEXANDER SOLTANY

I am in ninth grade at St. Albans School in Washington, D.C. and live within the Langley High School district. I have won several academic and citizenship awards at St. Albans. I have also been an active member of the McLean community as a Boy Scout and as a participant in McLean Youth sports teams. I would like to serve on the Board to give back to my wonderful community and to help make it better. I wish to make more people aware of what McLean has to offer and to encourage them to be more involved in the community.



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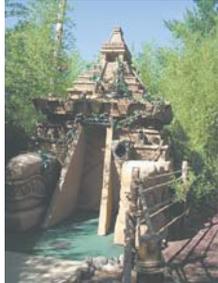
Spring Fun: Hitting the Links

As the weather warms, the area's many golf courses, practice facilities and driving ranges offer great opportunities. From rookies to scratch golfers, from youth to adult, there are options for everyone. From a nationally recognized course at Laurel Hill, to a beginner's delight at the Par 3 at Burke Lake Park, to putt-putt that ranges from cartoonish to difficult, there are plenty of greens to approach.

By **Alex McVeigh**/The Connection

A WOODY'S GOLF

Celebrating 30 years, Woody's features a full driving range and "The Perils of the Lost Jungle," an 18-hole mini-golf course that features animatronic animals, which reflect owner Woody FitzHugh's creativity. The course has been ranked nationwide as one of the best mini-golf courses, and was recognized by Newsweek in 2007. The shop offers video swing analysis and custom club fitting, as well as other services.
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703-430-8337



B GOLF PARK AT HUNTER MILL

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1627 Hunter Mill Road, Vienna,
703-759-5664



C TOP GOLF

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6625 South Van Dorn Street, Alexandria,
703-924-2600.



D HERNDON CENTENNIAL GOLF COURSE

The 18-hole, Par 71 course in Herndon was designed by Tom Clark, one of the most prolific golf-course designers in the area. It also features a driving range with grass and mat stations, an 11,000 square foot putting green, chipping area and practice bunker. The course has been recognized as one of



E RESTON NATIONAL GOLF COURSE

Located just off Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston National Golf Course is currently redoing the bunkers in response to customer feedback, and are about halfway finished. Home to the Mid-Atlantic's only Nike Golf Learning Center, lessons, clinics and camps are open to golfers of all skill levels. They also feature a

full driving range and putting and chipping greens. Reston National also participates in the Capital Area Golf Membership, which allows members to play at reduced rates at four other local courses.
11875 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston,
703-620-9333



F LAUREL HILL GOLF CLUB

This 18-hole course was designed by Bill Love, who said his objective was to let the natural beauty of the property dictate the character of the course. Bud Key of the Teetime Golf Press said the course "occupies 280 acres and takes advantage of the site's outstanding features and views of the historic prison compound. Bar none, it rivals any course you'll play in Northern Virginia." Classes for beginners, intermediate and women are available.
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703-493-8849

G BURKE LAKE GOLF COURSE

This 18-hole Par 3 offers a chance for golfers of all skill levels to hone their skills. Located on the 888 acre Burke Lake Park, the course features a lighted driving range, a practice bunker and an 8,000 square foot putting green. Private and group lessons are offered, as well as a Junior Golf Program. A current special offers nine holes for \$10, 18 holes for \$15, Mondays through Thursdays after 2:30, excluding holidays. Nearby Burke Lake Park also has an 18-hole mini-golf course.
7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station,
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NEWS

The 2010 winners of the McLean Citizens Association's Teen Character Award are recognized for their work at McLean Day last year. This year nominations are being taken until April 23.



PHOTO BY JAN AUERBACH

Building, Bringing Out Character

Teen Character Award seeks to recognize those who work behind the scenes.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The McLean Citizens Association is seeking nominations for their annual Outstanding Character Award for Teenagers. The goal is to recognize local teenagers that help their community in ways that might not be so obvious.

"We're looking for teens that go above and beyond. Not because it's a service hour requirement or because it will look good on a college application, but because it helps someone out," said Jan Auerbach, one of the coordinators for this year's award.

The award was first handed out in 1995 to a teen who spent time caring for the elderly members of his family. Past winners have served in such places as Powhatan Nursing Home, Lift Me Up!, the Lewinsville Senior Center, Spirit Open Equestrian, McLean Youth Basketball, Reston Hospital Center, Fairfax Nursing Center, So Others May Eat and Wolf Trap Farm park.

"This isn't a competition, as many applicants as we get who qualify will be given the award," Auerbach said.

LAST YEAR eight teens were awarded for their efforts. One winner, Keyan Momeni, then a senior at McLean High School, decided he wanted to spend more time with his grandmother, who was living alone at a senior housing community in Centreville.

"He started asking his brother or his brother's friends to drop him off at his grandmother's house every Saturday morning, and pick him up in the af-

ternoons," wrote his mother on his nomination form. "During that time, he would take her out for walks, help her run errands and sometimes go out to eat. As a direct result of these visits, his grandmother, whose Type 2 diabetes and hypertension is caused by obesity, was encouraged to start a diet and keep up the walking which Keyan inspired. She has lost enough weight that she has been able to decrease her medications."

In 2009, McLean High School senior Chloe Yazdani was recognized for volunteering at the Lewinsville Senior Center, teaching seniors Spanish, planning their holiday party and updating the center's databank among other things.

Her counselor, Cynthia Coogan wrote "Chloe's work at the Lewinsville Senior Center really defines her. In fact, it has helped her decide to study gerontology in college. The benefit to those who spend time with Chloe is having a sense of really being cared for and not one of the forgotten elderly."

Auerbach says she knows there are students out there doing work, but they're hard to identify.

"The issue isn't that the kids aren't doing work out there, it's just people don't know about them," she said. "We'd like to change that."

CANDIDATES must be nominated by two adults, only one of which can be a parent. A nomination consists of about 100 words describing how the candidate meets the criteria. Nomination forms can be downloaded at www.mcleancitizens.org. They should be sent to the McLean Citizens Association, P.O. Box 273, McLean, VA 22101, and be postmarked no later than April 23. The award certificates will be presented May 21 at McLean Day.

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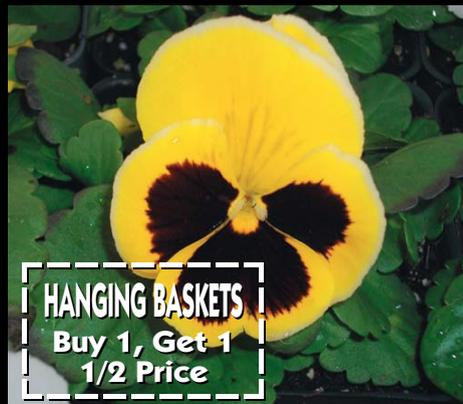
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Spring Fun: Brunch

Celebrate spring with a weekend meal on the town.

By Julia O'Donoghue/The Connection



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This upscale steakhouse offers an omelette bar, lobster mac n' cheese and hand-carved tenderloin at their Sunday brunch. The meal is family friendly, though a variety of adult beverages — prosecco, mimosas and bellinis — are also offered. Adults pay \$22, with an extra charge for alcohol. Children between ages 5-12 are \$11. Brunch is offered on Sundays only, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. 6930 Old Dominion Drive, McLean, Va. 22101; 703-893-1034.

CLYDE'S

This Washington area institution offers a special Sunday brunch menu. Both kitchens produce Chesapeake Bay Rockfish and Eggs Chesapeake — a twist on Eggs Benedict where a crab cake is used instead of Canadian bacon. Clyde's brunch is Sunday only, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 8332 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, Va. 22182; 703-734-1901 and 11905 Market Street, Reston, Va. 20190; 703-787-6601.



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Amphora has two 24-hour branches, Amphora Restaurant in Vienna and Amphora Diner in Herndon. Both locations have large menus with over 350 items, including 10 different types of "benedict" dishes. First opened in Vienna 35 years ago, Amphora serves breakfast at all times of day and night. It is also a affordable option with most breakfast dishes costing \$6-\$12. Amphora Restaurant is open 24 hours per day, 365 days per year and is located at 377 Maple Ave. West, Vienna, Va. 22180; 703-938-7877. Amphora Diner is also open 24 hours per day, 365 per year and is located at 1151 Elden Street, Herndon Va. 20170; 703-925-0900.



BAZIN'S ON CHURCH

Chef Patrick Bazin makes contemporary American food in this upscale Vienna restaurant he owns with his wife Julie. The brunch menu includes porcini risotto balls stuffed with fresh mozzarella, bananas foster french toast and a maple-pecan tart with salted caramel ice cream. The brunch drink list includes Bloody Marys and a variety of champagne cocktails; six speciality teas. Bazin's charges \$12-\$20 for an entree during brunch and \$8-\$10 for cocktail. The restaurant serves brunch on Sunday only from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bazin's is located at 111 Church Street, Vienna, Va. 22180; 703-255-7212.



BRIX AMERICAN BISTRO

Owner Ashwani Ahluwalia was the executive chef at River Bend Country Club and general manager of The Tavern in Great Falls before opening the Brix. With a small outdoor patio, the restaurant gives diners a chance to enjoy brunch outside in the nice spring weather. Ahluwalia said he will be tweaking the brunch menu in the coming weeks but, for now, it includes dishes like a belgian waffle with warm maple syrup, corned beef hash and steak and eggs. Prices range from \$7 to \$16 for an entree. Bloody Marys and Mimosas cost \$5. Sundays only from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. 1025-1 Seneca Road, Great Falls, Va. 22066; 703-433-9050.



L' AUBERGE CHEZ FRANCOIS

Though it does not technically serve brunch, L' Auberge Chez Francois offers a six-course lunch menu on Sundays from noon until 3 p.m. Located on six acres off a remote road in Great Falls, this French restaurant is considered one of the best in the entire region. The "Sunday lunch" menu includes a puff pastry tart with warm cheese and caramelized; braised chicken in a creamy Riesling white wine sauce with mushrooms and noodles; and rabbit with seasonal vegetables and candied chestnuts. The price of the meal varies from \$37 - \$49. Reservations are required. L'Auberge Chez Francois is located at 332 Springvale Road, Great Falls, Va. 22066; 703-759-3800.

CAFE MONTMARTRE

This casual French restaurant has a sprawling patio that allows diners to look out over Lake Anne in Reston while enjoying a Mimosa on sunny, weekend afternoons. Cafe Montmartre offers a special brunch special that includes the patron's choice of a entree, dessert and juice or a Mimosa for \$18. Restaurant dishes include four different types of quiche, scrambled eggs with french sausage and chocolate mousse. There are also snails sauteed with white wine sauce, grilled New York strip steak and pan seared trout with lemon sauce on the menu. Cafe Montmartre serves brunch on Saturday 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. It is located at 1625 Washington Plaza N. Reston, Va. 20190. 703-904-8080.



COMMUNITY CANTEEN

Located in the Reston Town Center, this cafe features simple, homemade food with a small patio and indoor dining area. It is attached to the french bistro, Mon Ami Gabi, located next door.

The restaurant features a yogurt bar, with patrons can add homemade muesli, fresh fruit, dried cherries, walnuts, brown sugar and compotes. There is also a build-your-own omelette option, oatmeal quiche, waffle and breakfast burrito on the menu. The cafe is open for breakfast and brunch from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. It also serves breakfast from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. during the week. Most meals cost between \$3.95 - \$7.95. Community Canteen is located at 11950 Democracy Drive, Reston, Va. 20190; 703-707-9442.



THE BAGEL CAFE

This independently owned restaurant is a New York-style bagel shop and delicatessen. The Bagel Cafe offers homemade Matzoh ball soups, oversized black & white cookies and whitefish salad. The three-egg omelets go from

"Russian" (grilled potatoes, sour cream and green onion) to "New Orleans" (spicy sausage, cajun rice and cheddar cheese.) They are served with a buttered bagel and home fries. Bagel Cafe meals run from \$3.09-\$7.29. The restaurant is open from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. seven days per week. It is located at 300 Elden Street, Herndon, Va. 20170. 703-318-7555.



WAFFLE KING'S VIRGINIA KITCHEN

Lincoln and Julie Kruger took over this local diner — which is approximately 40 years old — from Julie's father. The restaurant has traditional diner breakfast options, including freshly squeezed orange juice, chocolate chip waffles, country fried steaks, reuben sandwiches, fresh banana pancakes, and chili. Virginia Kitchen's entrees range from \$4.40-\$6.25. The restaurant's is open from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. and is located at 450 Elden Street, Herndon, Va. 20170; 703-471-0808.

NEWS

22 Great Falls Artists To Highlight Festival

High-end artworks and gifts to go on sale this weekend.

The Fifth Annual Great Falls Spring Art Festival and Sale, a showcase for local art "Made in Great Falls," will be held this weekend, April 9 and 10, at the Village Green Day School, 790 Walker Road from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The festival features sale of pottery, paintings, jewelry, photography, layered paper, handbags, quilts, walking sticks and other work created by 22 artist members of Great Falls Studios, a network of artists based in Great Falls. More than a quarter of the participants have never shown before at the festival, adding new and unusual creativity to the event.

"We have two art sales each year that have become annual staples of Great Falls cultural life, and this should be the best ever," said Linda Jones, a watercolor painter who has organized the event on behalf of Great Falls Studios. "You can find wonderful gifts

at lower price points on up to major paintings priced way below what you would have to pay at area galleries."

Great Falls has more than 90 working artists. Most work out of home studios but display their creations locally at the two sales, plus at an annual tour of home studios held each October in Great Falls.

Visitors who come on Saturday are eligible to win drawings for two \$50 "Art Bucks" prizes which can be used on Sunday toward purchase of any work on sale. Visitors can also treat the festival as a polling place to vote for the Great Falls village bird in an ongoing village-wide election sponsored by Great Falls Studios and eleven other community groups to select a symbol to represent Great Falls. The bird election recognizes a long history in the United States of using art and photography to promote conservation of wildlife and wild places. Voters, selected at random, can win locally made mugs as well as other prizes just for casting a ballot.

A portion of proceeds from the sale will be given to the host venue, the Village Green Day School. The funds will be used to support the development of art education at the school, which serves pre-school-age children.



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MCC Honors Volunteers

Peggy Johnson and Nancy Gralla receive the 2010 H. Gordon Randall Outstanding Volunteer awards.

The McLean Community Center's 7th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Reception was held on Sunday, March 27, in the Community Hall. At the Mexican-themed fiesta, the Center's many volunteers were treated to live music by Mariachi Los Amigos, giveaways, piñatas and a catered luncheon by Picante, The Real Taco Restaurant of Chantilly.

McLean Community Center is located at 1234 Ingleside Ave. in McLean.

The 2010 H. Gordon Randall Outstanding Volunteer awards were presented to Peggy Johnson and Nancy Gralla for their volunteer contributions to McLean Community Center programs.

Johnson was nominated by MCC public information officer Sabrina Anwah. Over the more than two years Johnson has volunteered, she has created and maintained systems for archiving Center media coverage, event photographs, news releases and financial documents. In addition, she has provided backup support for the Center's reception desk, worked with the Special Events staff to set up McLean Day and greeted patrons and supported staff at a variety of events and activities. Johnson is the daughter of long-time Center volunteer Lou Linden, who won the Center's Outstanding Volunteer Award for 2004.

Gralla was nominated by MCC instruction and tour programs director Margaret Shea. In the more than three years Gralla has volunteered, she has become the public face of the Center's dance programs and youth and family events for countless students and parents. She coordinates and briefs volunteers



McLean Community Center Governing Board Chairman David Sanders with the family of 2010 H. Gordon Randall Outstanding Volunteer award winner Nancy Gralla (inset), Nancy's husband, Andrew, and children, Victoria and David, and MCC Volunteer Coordinator Peggy Moore. Nancy Gralla was unable to attend the reception.



McLean Community Center Governing Board Chairman David Sanders with 2010 H. Gordon Randall Outstanding Volunteer award winner Peggy Johnson and MCC Volunteer Coordinator Peggy Moore.

on their duties, sets up volunteer schedules and arranges phone trees for specific events. Each year for class performances and demonstra-

tions, she has coordinated load-in, set-up, usher assignments, backstage help, a sewing crew and volunteers for clean-up.

VIEWPOINTS

Teens Having Fun: What is your favorite way to have fun this spring in the area?

—MONIKA BAPNA



Sam Kwong, 10th Grade, Marshall High School

"I usually play basketball with some friends around the Vienna area. I have a lot of friends from there so I go there a lot."



Chacet Rostodha, 11th Grade, Marshall High School

"When the weather gets warmer I bike a lot. My house is right off the W&OD bike trail and I go there with my friends."



Trisha Reyes, 10th Grade, Marshall High School

"My family has this tradition of going to Great Falls every spring. We love going there during spring because it's really pretty."



Joe Robinson, 10th Grade, Marshall High School

"I play basketball with my friends in the Olney Park in Pimmit Hills. It's really nice and a lot of people go there."



Carly Taylor, 11th Grade, Marshall High School

"I am a huge biking fan. My whole family goes to the W&OD trail and we bike almost every day in spring."



Mia Razak, 10th Grade, Varsha Bhatt, 9th, Marshall High School

"I go to the Tysons Corner Mall with my friends. I love the mall and sometimes in really good weather we even walk there, so it's a lot of fun."



Jimmy Parks, 9th Grade, Marshall High School

"I go skateboarding with my friends around Vienna and the Tysons Corner area. I am really glad that spring is here because the weather is going to be warm and nice."

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REVIEW

'The Glass Menagerie' of Their Own

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

With a clarity illuminated by glowing candlelight, 1st Stage found a way to make the oft produced "The Glass Menagerie" its own. Under director Dawn McAndrew's quiet touch, Tennessee Williams' 1944 "memory" play of family illusions and "truth" finds its mark. With deliberate pacing and delicate modest staging, the audience settles in at eye-contact distance as the characters unburden their secrets.

This "Glass Menagerie" is accomplished without unneeded theatrical trickery. The haunting lingering cadence of Tennessee Williams' words are the key component. His words are lifted upwards and then float about by the heat of real candles' glow. The final vexing "good bye" then pierces the heart of the audience.

The storyline is about a family led by an overbearing Mother; a woman of faded beauty abandoned by a now invisible husband living a life at "long distance." The family consists of a shy daughter with a limp that makes her feel unattractive and a son Tom. Tom narrates the play from a distance in time, looking back at himself as the son in the very midst of the family turbulence. The time is just before World War II and sometime after.

Lucas Beck as son Tom is the centerpiece propelling this production. Cut-off and disconnected from himself from his always at hand Mother, he seeks escape. With genuine mannerisms of annoyance emphasizing his aching words Beck gives the production its dreamy quality. His naturalistic delivery, without bombast is exceedingly watchable.

Elizabeth Pierotti as the Mother deserves special kudos for her performance; she took on the roll only in the past week. With an almost worn delivery, she used her expressive features to bring subtle behavior in view as she fluttered about the



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The Glass Menagerie

Where and When: 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean. March 25-April 17, 2011. Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 & 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets: \$15-\$25. Call 703-854-1856 or visit: www.1stStageTysons.org.

Leigh Patton and Lucas Beck in the 1st Stage production of 'The Glass Menagerie.'

stage reminding her children of her past life as a "Southern Belle."

Leigh Patton as daughter Laura is at first almost invisible on stage; pitifully unadorned, playing with the ends of her hair. She grows into someone with deeper layers as the production progresses. David Winkler is Jim, Laura's Gentleman Caller. In his moments late in Act 2, he provides a sweet sensitivity as he tries to help Laura see her inner and outer beauty.

There is an accomplished sentimentality to the set design by Jim Alexander with tiny glass figurines out front, an empty picture frame of the invisible husband and many shadows. Magical flickering candles that illuminate at the end are a fitting, lovely touch.

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"Cinderella: The World's Favorite Fairy Tale." 3 p.m. Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. A retelling of the Cinderella story featuring the legends of Plum Blossom (China), Vasilisa (Russia) and Broken Wing

(Native America). Ages 6 and up. \$10, \$8 residents. www.mcleancenter.org.

National Concert Band of America. 3 p.m. Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St., N.E., Vienna. The Emparata Overture, Four Scottish Dances, Pilatus: Mountain of Dragons and American Elegy, plus marches and patriotic music. With Music Director, Melvin Kessler, Lt. Cmdr. USN (Ret.). www.americantowns.com.

MONDAY/APRIL 11

Mambo Sauce and The Movement. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

TUESDAY/APRIL 12

Iris Divine, Division, TimeLord and Death Penalty. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

Printmaking Workshop. 4 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Create art with

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Money Matters. 7:15 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Monthly group discussion focuses on personal finance and investing. Adults. 703-242-4020.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 13

Jesse Winchester and Neema. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

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SCHOOLS

Langley High Choirs Triumph at Heritage Festival

The Langley Choirs gave stellar performances at the Heritage Music Festival competition in Orlando held March 24-26, bringing home five trophies and four gold plaques in total. The Heritage Festival is an adjudicated competition with nationally renowned judges. The Concert Choir, Madrigals, Women's Chamber Choir, and Women's Select Choir all received first place gold plaques and superior ratings for their performances. The Madrigals received the Top Choral Group trophy for the highest choir score of the competition, scoring a nearly perfect 98 out of 100. One judge described their performance as "fabulous" and commented that they "sounded too good to be a high school choir." The Concert Choir, Madrigals and Women's Chamber Choir all received Adjudicator's Award trophies for their performances by earning a score of 95 or higher. Langley also won a Festival Sweepstakes trophy, which is given to schools that enter two or more choral groups and receive the highest scores in two categories. Women's Chamber Choir soloist Sarah Larkworthy of McLean received a Maestro Award trophy recognizing her outstanding performance in a solo. The Langley Choral department is under the direction of Dr. Mac Lambert.



The Langley Madrigals returning triumphantly with their three trophies and gold plaque for their performance at the Heritage Festival. Back Row (from left): Tu-An Truong, Cameran Alavi, Zack Gray, Craig McKenzie, Nate Bremer, Jesse Levine, Alex Obolensky, Matt Goudreau and Brian Niu; Middle Row: Sonia Zell, Rachel Street, Caitie Simpson, Paulina Drucker, Hillary Benjamin, Lauren Fernandez; Front Row: Mark Paulson, Donya Mossadeghi, Nicole Kang, Allison Fleegal, Anna Jaeger, Isabel Hefner. Missing: Stephanie Anderson

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More Things I Know, Sort Of



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

While I'm discussing problems (see last week's column titled, "What It Is I Do Know"), let me tell you something else I know – and sort of understand: not admitting – to myself, that I may have worsening symptoms which indicate that the semi, symptom-free honeymoon I've been on since my treatment began two years ago is taking a turn for the worse – which it's not (so I say, ergo the problem). My thinking is, if I don't admit to it, it's not really happening (sort of like George Costanza's advice to Jerry Seinfeld on how to beat a lie detector test: "It's not a lie if you believe it").

As asymptomatic as I've been, generally speaking/comparatively speaking, I'm always looking for a sign that might portend trouble, health-wise. My oncologist has answered my "How will I know?" questions with a simple explanation: "Any change or worsening of symptoms, a persistent cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, please call." Logically then, if I'm not experiencing these kinds of symptoms/changes then I'm not slipping away; "slipping" refers to the "slippery slope" reference a few columns ago.

And let's be honest here: my diagnosis, stage IV lung cancer, is hardly the 24-hour flu. It's not going away. It's not getting better. It is, as my oncologist said way back when: "Incurable." He "can treat me, but he can't cure me." Consequently, every day where I don't feel a worsening/change of symptoms is one day closer to the day when I will. I don't know that this is an absolute fact, but stage IV lung cancer survivors are fairly rare. In fact, when we specifically asked my oncologist, after he gave us my 13-month to two-year prognosis, what percentage of lung cancer patients survive beyond two years, his answer was that the percentage was in the low single digits, and as for five years, his answer was "Zero percent." Not emphatically, mind you, but rather convincingly. Then he added: "Could you be the first? Absolutely!"

Hearing that then and continuing to live with it now (25 months post-diagnosis/-prognosis), is the basis for the underlying mental challenges I endure every day. As a long-time salesman, I can characterize my thought process with two well-worn sales adages: "Waiting for the other shoe to drop;" meaning, something bad/discouraging is ultimately going to happen and, "Every no is one step closer to a yes;" meaning, results are just a matter of time, sort of. As the son of a salesman, having grown up in the world of sales and spent my entire adult career as a salesman, I am sensitive to and clearly effected by, these extremely familiar expressions/explanations.

I am not a fatalist, though. Nor am I a pessimist. And I'm not morbid about my rather less than favorable health circumstances. I am a realist, though. And my real approach, given my personality and career choices is: to not accept the reality of my circumstances, think positively and hope that somehow, that combination will win the day (and the night, and the month, year, decade, etc.). Nevertheless, it's impossible to ignore the underlying facts. And occasionally, they are overwhelming and probably the cause for my incessant need to arrange, interpret and clutter those facts/feelings in the confusing and haphazard manner that I do in order to not be driven completely insane by them.

Still, if I were to be really honest here, I'd have to say that my initial diagnosis, given that I'm a lifelong non-smoker, was plain bad luck; and that my most recent, much-better-than-predicted, life expectancy/quality of life, has been just the opposite: good luck. Whether – and how – control or mental fortitude (or diet and exercise) played a role in any of it, I'll never know. And how much longer can I go on not knowing? That's something I definitely don't know. That much I do know.

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Highlanders Unbeaten Through First Five Soccer Games

Memorable comeback versus Centreville boys is season highlight thus far.

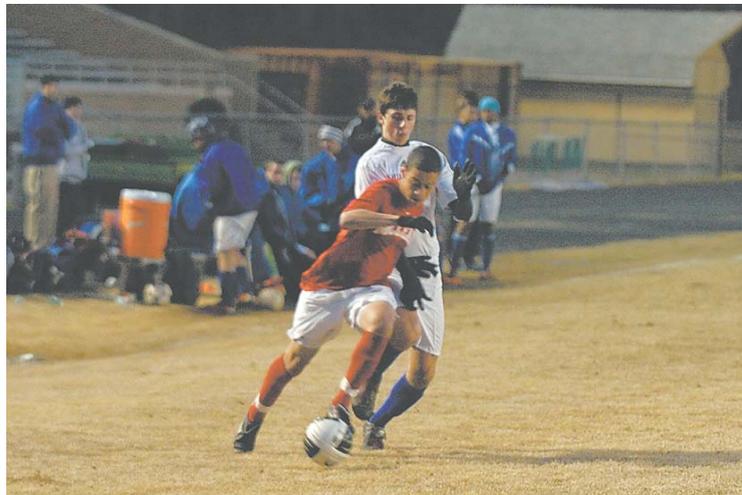
BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

This year's McLean High boys' soccer team, the defending Liberty District champion and Northern Region runner-up, is continuing its strong play over the early portion of the spring season.

While the Highlanders lost eight starters from last year's outstanding team, McLean still has a good nucleus of experienced players in its line-up to go along with talented, lesser experienced varsity teammates who are seeing more playing time than they did a year ago.

"They just work hard, listen and do well in school," said McLean coach Mike Anderson, who loves the make-up of this year's squad, just as he did last year's Highlanders. "They perform well on the field and don't get angry with one another."

If this year's McLean squad (3-0-2) was ever going to have a chance to get down on themselves, it would have been during their dramatic non-district home game against Centreville High on March 23. The Highlanders fell behind 4-0 that night before, somehow, rallying back for a 5-5 tie. Anderson was most impressed with the fact that his players kept working hard and playing as a team even after falling into the huge deficit.



McLean, in red, had its hands full against South Lakes last Friday night in Reston, but defeated the Seahawks for their third win of the season.

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McLean trailed 2-0 at halftime and gave up two more scores early in the second half. So, 10 minutes into that latter half, the Highlanders still trailed 4-0. But the home team then caught fire, scoring three consecutive goals to get within 4-3. The guest Wildcats, however, then answered with a score from star player Conner Coward to go ahead 5-3 with 13 minutes remaining. But McLean's fortitude remained and the team scored two times over the following six minutes to tie the score at 5-5. Thereafter, over the next couple of minutes, McLean nearly scored a go-ahead sixth goal but twice saw shots hit off the post.

Ultimately, with five minutes left, the contest was stopped because of lightening.

"I don't think I've ever seen that at any level," said Anderson, of the come-from-behind game that ended in a deadlock. "In that game against Centreville, I saw a lot of character. I saw a lot of boys turn into young men. They assumed responsibility [upon falling behind] and didn't get down on each

other."

McLean's other tie game came a week earlier in a 2-2 affair at Westfield High. The Highlanders forced overtime in that game when Rafi Enriquez, a senior midfielder and team captain, found the net with three minutes left in regulation to tie the score.

"That was probably our worst game of the season against a really good Westfield team," said Anderson.

McLean's wins have come over visiting Wakefield, 5-0, in the season opener on March 14; at Marshall, 5-1, in the Highlanders' Liberty District opener on March 22; and at district opponent South Lakes, 2-0, last Friday, April 1.

ANDERSON SAID his team has received solid leadership from team captains Rafi Enriquez, junior midfielder Michael Russo, junior goalie Robbie Maffei, and senior midfielder Nadr Sobhani. Enriquez, Russo and Maffei have been team captains throughout the season, while Sobhani was

named as a fourth team captain earlier this week by Anderson.

The coach waits a while into a season to see what player deserves to be named a fourth captain. This spring, it was Sobhani, a youngster who was cut from the squad last year but gave it another try this season. He not only made this year's varsity, but has displayed a tremendous attitude and enthusiasm that has proved contagious.

"He's a fantastic kid," said Anderson. "He's verbal, takes instructions well and has really stepped up the last two games. He's got a great attitude and energy."

Meanwhile, Anderson's other team captains have also shined. Enriquez, who played left back position the previous three years, has moved and played good ball at center midfield this season. Enriquez is set to play the sport at the college level at Bucknell University (Pa.) next year.

Russo, an exceptionally talented player, has made a verbal commitment to play at the University of Central Florida (Orlando), one of the top programs in the nation. Russo, Anderson said, has the tools and make-up to one day play the sport professionally if he desires. Along with playing for McLean, Russo is team captain for U-17 DC United, one of the top youth teams in the country.

Maffei, meanwhile, is playing well in the net for the Highlanders. He made a spectacular save in the win over the Seahawks on Friday.

McLean was scheduled to play just one game this week, that coming on Tuesday, April 5 against visiting Oakton. Next week, the Highlanders will play district home games against Madison on Monday night, April 11, and Jefferson on Wednesday night, April 13. Both games will start at 7.

SPORTS NOTES

The McLean High boys' tennis team defeated Madison, 6-3, on Monday March 28 at McLean, improving the Highlanders' record to 3-1 as the Warhawks dropped to 2-2 in Liberty District play for the season.

Madison won individual matches at No. 1 and No. 3 singles. At No. 1, Madison senior Dan Sablik was a 10-3 winner over sophomore Nik Padmanabhan. At No. 3, John Adam defeated Highlander Charlie Roco, 10-7.

Madison's other win came at No. 3 doubles where Alex Russell and Aaron Plymack teamed up to get by Zach Spahr and KC Kristian, 8-6.

For McLean, No. 2 singles player Kayvon Mobarakeh defeated Ho Joon Choi, 10-4; No. 4 Ahmed Skaljic defeated Matt Bosco, 10-2; No. 5 Bing Waid beat John Nothaft, 10-7; and No. 6 Zach Spahr beat Will Lowther, 10-4.

In doubles, McLean's No. 1 team of Nik Padmanabhan and Kayvon Mobarakeh defeated Dan Sablik and John Adam, 10-7; and the Highlanders' No. 2 team of Big Waid and Ahmed Skaljic defeated Ho

Joon Choi and John Nothaft, 10-6.

Local boxer Jimmy Lange (35-4-2 record, 24 knockouts), who earned his most recent victory on March 12, is headed back to Hollywood, Calif., where he was a former star on the hit TV series, 'The Contender.'

Lange, the NABA U.S. Super Welterweight Champion, will fight actor Mario Lopez, a former actor on the TV series, 'Saved by The Bell,' in a three-round celebrity exhibition bout at the Sports L.A.'s KO Cancer charity event on Wednesday, April 6 at the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills.

"I'm honored to be part of such a worthy cause and help raise money and awareness for the City of Hope," said Lange, a Great Falls resident. "I look forward to stepping into the ring with Mario to see what he's got. I just hope that the referee doesn't need to step in to give Mario time to be 'saved by the bell.'"

City of Hope is one of 40 national Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer centers.

Lange appeared on the first season of the NBC reality boxing show, 'The Contender,'

in 2005 where he developed a loyal following. While he lost in week eight, viewers voted him back as a "Fan Favorite" and he won his return bout. Since his reality show appearance, Lange has captured the WBC's USNBC and Continental America's 154-pound titles while averaging 5,000 hometown fans at the Patriot Center in Fairfax.

Breakaway Sport (McLean) is holding specialized clinics, focusing on weightlifting and field throwing sports, this summer for young athletes. Breakaway Sport co-owner Jeff Teach will serve as lead instructor for both clinics. A NSCA-CSCS and USAW Level-1 weightlifting certified coach, Teach is a former resident athlete at the US Olympic Training Center for weightlifting, and is a two-time All-American and four-time Big Ten Champion in the shot put. Camps will run in two-week intervals, meeting for one hour every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Each six-hour session will cover proper weightlifting techniques, progressions, and programming that will make any athlete better. Space is limited to six athletes per session to ensure

quality instruction. The following sessions will be held: Session 1 (June 20-July 1); Session 2 (July 11-22); Session 3 (July 25-Aug. 5); and Session 4 (Aug. 15-26). Each two-week weightlifting session costs \$120 per person, with discounts available for participation in multiple clinics.

Meanwhile, Breakaway Sport's throwing clinics will hone the technical skills and provide the proper techniques for shot put, spin and glide, and discus. There will be four, two-week sessions held on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 90 minutes at a time. Space is limited to six athletes per session. The schedule will be as follows: Session 1 (June 21, 23, 28 and 30); Session 2 (July 12, 14, 19, and 21); Session 3 (July 26 and 28; Aug. 2 and 4); and Session 4 (Aug. 16, 18, 23 and 25). Each two-week throwing session costs \$150 per person.

Clinic sessions will be held at the Breakaway Sport facility at 1524 Spring Hill Road, Unit F, in McLean. To register, email BreakawaySport at info@breakawaysport.com or call 703-388-2848.



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