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Kayla Delta (left) and Hannah Haas of team Kent Gardens help each other pin their bibs on their shirts before the May 15 Girls on the Run 5k that they are about to run at the George Mason University Fairfax Campus.

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From left, Mount Vernon District Station Commander Capt. Randy Joyce, Officer Dan Ferreira and Fairfax County Police Chief Col. David Rohrer at the 20th annual awards for Excellence in Community Service and Public Safety at the Tysons Westpark Hotel in McLean May 13. Ferreira was recognized for arresting 56 drunk or impaired drivers in 2010.

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Keeping County Streets Safe

Eleven officers recognized for combating impaired driving.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Eleven officers from the Fairfax County Police Department were recognized May 13 as part of 52 officers over 18 Virginia departments for their efforts in getting intoxicated drivers off the streets. The 20th annual awards for Excellence in Community Service and Public Safety was hosted at the Tysons Westpark Hotel by the Fairfax Alcohol Safety Action Program and Mothers Against Drunk Drivers.

"We're here to say thank you to our law enforcement community, but also to remember the victims," said Elwood Jones, director of the Fairfax Alcohol Safety Action Program. The program began as a pilot program in 1972, and now there are 24 local programs throughout the state.

COL. DAVID ROHRER, Fairfax County Police Chief, said the 11 patrol officers recognized from Fairfax County combined for almost 20 percent of the 2,976 arrests in the county for drunk or impaired driving in 2010.

"With hundreds of officers we have on patrol and related field operations, that's a pretty incredible percentage that 11 officers account for almost 20 percent of those arrests, and I applaud each of them," Rohrer said. "But I've been with the department since 1980, and the fact that we're still making 3,000 arrests a year for DUI, the fact that we have that many drunk drivers on our roads, and we know from lots and lots of studies how many go undetected, is troubling. The fact that we're still doing this, we're still working so hard to protect lives and property is troubling in some ways. I applaud what they've done, but we must maintain our focus."

Garth L. Wheeler, director of the Virginia Department of Criminal Services, said from 2001 to 2009 alcohol related crashes were down "substantially all over Northern Virginia." He also said within the past year there has been a 22 percent reduction in alcohol related fatalities. He credited organizations such as MADD and ASAP for their work in spreading awareness of drunk driving, as well as the officers in the field.

Top Cops

The following Fairfax County Police Officers were recognized for their efforts getting drunk and impaired drivers off the streets in 2010 at the 20th annual awards for Excellence in Community Service and Public Safety.

- ❖ Officer Dan Ferreira, Mount Vernon District, 56 arrests
- ❖ Police Officer First Class Nicholas Pyzowski, Mount Vernon District, 41 arrests
- ❖ Police Officer First Class Daniel Spital, Mount Vernon District, 59 arrests
- ❖ Police Officer First Class Ali Sepehri, McLean District, 42 arrests
- ❖ Officer Andrew Counter, Mason District, 35 arrests
- ❖ Police Officer First Class Vince Vella, Mason District, 77 arrests
- ❖ Police Officer First Class Luis Martinez, Fair Oaks District, 30 arrests
- ❖ Police Officer First Class Michael Comer, Franconia District, 30 arrests
- ❖ Police Officer First Class Alfredo Cerna, Franconia District, 30 arrests
- ❖ Police Officer First Class Silvana Masood, Sully District, 43 arrests
- ❖ Officer Joseph Woloszyn, Sully District, 78 arrests

"Even though the situations officers sometimes encounter are stressful and dangerous, and the people they encounter are under stress, they're confused or angry and can take those emotions out on these officers," Wheeler said. "The demands are high and the rewards are typically few. However, these officers are not doing this for the rewards, they're performing their duties for a cause."

SEVERAL OF THE 52 officers from around the region weren't able to show up for the awards because they had been on duty the night before, and several were still processing their arrests. Noreen Dinndorf, a senior victim advocate with Mothers Against Drunk Driving of Northern Virginia, called it an example of the work police officers put in around the clock to stop drunk drivers.

"We appreciate the time, effort, paperwork and handling of the evidence that goes into making a DUI arrest," Dinndorf said. "In addition to helping stop DUIs, MADD has a role in helping victims. Because we need to stop a speeding driver before she crashes and kills her passenger, stopping the impaired driver before he crashes into a mother of two, leaving her an amputee. They all have suffered, and we're always appreciative of efforts to stop that suffering from happening."

While the officers present were commended for their efforts getting impaired drivers off the streets where they pose numerous hazards to other drivers, Rohrer called for an alternative to calling the drivers impaired.

"I find the term 'impaired driving' too soft," Rohrer said. "To me, it's deadly driving."

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From left, Merritt Green, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce, Scott McSween, president and COO of Burke and Herbert Bank, Faraz Siddiqui, Burke and Herbert McLean branch manager, Marcia Twomey, president of the GMCC, Hunt Burke, chairman and CEO of Burke and Herbert Bank, Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34) and Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) cut the ribbon at the new Burke and Herbert Bank May 12 in McLean.

Burke and Herbert Branches Out

Oldest Virginia bank opens McLean branch.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Since 1852, Burke and Herbert Bank has been serving the Northern Virginia Community, and they finally came to McLean this year, cutting the ribbon on their 24th branch Thursday, May 12. The branch, located at 6705 Whittier Ave. in McLean, welcomed community and business officials for a breakfast and networking opportunity before cutting the ribbon.

"We've been eyeing McLean for years looking for a good spot, and now we're really excited to be here, and we plan to be for the long run," said Hunt Burke, chairman and CEO of Burke and Herbert and the fifth generation of his family to run the bank. "We've already had hundreds of customers that banked with us in Alexandria follow us to McLean."

Burke and Herbert is the oldest bank in Virginia, and Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34), who attended the ribbon cutting, said it's a mix of "old-fashioned business sense, customer service and the best of modern technology" that has led to their success."

The branch opened to customers about two months ago, and Branch Manager Faraz Siddiqui says it has been a positive experience so far.

"Whatever we can do to help, whether it's banking, business or financial needs, we're here," he said.

Scott McSween, president and COO of Burke and Herbert said the bank is "delighted to be here, and we've already gotten quite a warm welcome, and we're hoping to enjoy the same success we've had in other markets."

Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) also attended the ribbon cutting, and said it has been a long time coming.

"I've seen the name around since I moved here, and I think they came to the right place. McLean is a great place to do business," he said. "It's a special place, and I think Burke and Herbert coming here makes it even better."

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— Branch Manager
Faraz Siddiqui

NEWS

Bulova Launches Campaign for Second Term

May 15 event draws regional Democratic Party power players.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Democratic power players rallied around Fairfax County Board of Supervisor's Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) Sunday, May 15, as she kicked off her campaign for a second term.

Terry McAuliffe, former gubernatorial candidate and chairman of the Democratic National Committee, U.S. Rep. Gerald Connolly (D-11), Del. Mark Keam (D-35), State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34), and the seven Democrats on the Board of Supervisors gathered with 200 other supporters at the Mason Inn on the campus of George Mason University in Fairfax. The message of the day: Bulova is a strong leader who, despite the economic free-fall of the past few years, has preserved Fairfax County's status as the best place to live with an A-plus school system and progressive transpor-

tation plans.

McAuliffe got a loud round of applause and cheers when he bounded onto the stage and said, "Let's hear it for Sharon Bulova, the greatest chairman in our history." "She has been a great leader," McAuliffe told the crowd, noting that Bulova has sustained the county's status as a vibrant economic center. McAuliffe announced that he and other partners recently purchased the shuttered International Paper Plant in Franklin, Va. "We put our headquarters here because of Sharon Bulova. She is good for business, and she's the leader for the future."

WHILE THE MASON INN was decorated like a political rally with dozens of signs and slogans, the kick-off had the feel of a family reunion cum political roast.

"I'm here to complain about my assessment," Connolly said, to laughter as he took the stage to introduce Bulova, who succeeded

Connolly as chairman in 2009. He received mock jeers when he called McAuliffe, "the state's greatest new-car salesman," referring to McAuliffe's quest to find a site for an electric vehicle factory that could create 3,000 to 5,000 jobs. Bulova took the stage to rousing cheers, chants and applause. The longtime supervisor and community leader was relaxed and conversational. She introduced her family members, including her father, sister, grandchildren and son, Del. David Bulova (D-37), and she talked about the importance of her personal relationships with supporters. Known for being consensus-driven, Sharon Bulova called up the other Democratic members of the board to stand with her during her speech. "My remarks will take exactly 8 minutes, unless you interrupt me with loud applause," she said, before listing the challenges and accomplishments she has overseen as chairman. "There is much that we can be proud of," Sharon Bulova said. "Throughout this term, our board has worked with

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Power players in the Democratic party, including former gubernatorial candidate Terry McAuliffe, turned out on Sunday, May 15, at the Mason Inn on the campus of George Mason University to support Sharon Bulova as she kicked off her campaign for a second term as chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

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Bulova Kicks Off Campaign

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"Our board has worked together as a team," she said, pointing to accomplishments achieved with each Democratic board member.

"With Supervisors Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), John Foust (D-Darnesville) and Linda Smyth (D-Providence), we have adopted an exciting new Comprehensive Plan for Tysons Corner and have advancing rail through Tysons to Reston," Sharon Bulova said. She also highlighted her work with Hudgins on affordable housing and the homeless problem. "[Cathy] and I serve on the Governing Board to Prevent and

End Homelessness and are proud of this board's efforts to provide a roof over the heads of those most in need, and workforce housing for younger, entry level, and lower income, employees so that people who work here can also live here," she said. She ended her remarks by saying that "continuity matters." "To maintain our excel-

"To maintain our excellence it is important that we never stop peddling."

— Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large)

lence it is important that we never stop peddling. There is work yet to do. I look forward to working with our Fairfax County community as we provide more lifestyle choices for our current and future generations, compact, walkable and transit oriented communities," she said. Lauded as an advocate

for important regional issues, supporters pointed to her experience as chair of the board's budget committee will be invaluable in navigating the fiscal crisis. "She knows how to manage a budget like nobody else," said Sandra Klassen, co-chair of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee and co-chair of its National Affairs group. "She shows masterful judgment on many issues, and she takes care of the community."

WHEN ASKED how she would define herself politically, Sharon Bulova said "I'd say I am a fiscal conservative with a social conscience." A resident of Northern Virginia for 45 years, Sharon Bulova became active in local government in the 1980s, first serving as president of the Kings Park West Civic Association, and then becoming the Braddock District supervisor, a position she held for 21 years before being elected Board of Supervisors chairman in 2009. She faces Republican challenger Spike Williams in the general election on Nov. 8.

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'The Arts for Healing' to Help Guatemalans

Amidst beautiful art and music at the home of Richard and Mary Kelly, nearly 150 dignitaries, local celebrities and other individuals gathered on April 30 to raise money for life-changing surgeries and related health care services for underserved communities in Guatemala. The evening—known as “The Arts for Healing”—collected \$100,000 for Partner for Surgery, a McLean-based nonprofit organization that provides medical care to more than 25,000 Guatemalans and has facilitated over 7,000 surgeries since 2001. The event celebrated the accomplishments of the 10-year-old nonprofit organization and its founders Frank and Todd Peterson.

“Every night in Guatemala children and young mothers are dying from entirely treatable medical conditions and malnutrition,” said Brian Carome, Director of U.S. Operations for Partner for Surgery. “The wonderful people who attended ‘The Arts for Healing’ fundraiser are most surely saving lives with their generosity. We are deeply grateful.”

Guatemala Ambassador to the U.S. Francisco Villagrán de León and his wife, Donna Eberwine, were the evening’s special guests, along with award-winning Washington Post reporter Del Quentin Wilber and his wife, Linda Sullivan, a correspondent for National Public Radio.

Wilber autographed copies of his new book—“Rawhide Down: The Near Assassination of Ronald Reagan”—which provides a compelling, tick-tock recounting of the day in 1981 that President Reagan became the first U.S. president to survive an assassination attempt. Also signing copies of the book was Partner for Surgery board member Joseph Giordano, M.D., who led the George Washington University Hospital trauma team that saved President Reagan’s life.

In addition to serving on the Partner for



From left, Guatemalan Ambassador to the United States and Partner for Surgery Board member Francisco Villagrán de León, the Ambassador's wife Donna Eberwine and Partner for Surgery Founder and President Frank Peterson.

Surgery board, Dr. Giordano volunteers with Partner for Surgery to organize visits by surgical team to Guatemala. He was joined by Denise Sullivan, RN, MSN, one of the nurses that tended to President Reagan after he was shot. Sullivan also volunteers her time with Partner for Surgery, providing medical and surgical care in Guatemala.

As part of the fundraiser, guests were treated to tours of Richard and Mary Kelly’s home, which features the art of the Kelly Collection of American Illustration. It is among the most extensive private collections of paintings and drawings from the Golden Age of American illustration in the U.S. commissioned for books and magazines during the Golden Age (1880-1930s). The evening also featured a string quartet conducted by Matthew Martz, of the Student Symphonic Orchestra of Fairfax.

“The Arts for Healing” corporate sponsors included Van Scyoc Associates, Van Scyoc Kelly PLLC, BOWA and Capitol Tax Partners. Long-time Partner for Surgery supporter H. Stuart Van Scyoc, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Van Scyoc Companies, emceed the event. Carome, along with Patricia Van Scyoc, served as co-chairs.

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From left, Partner for Surgery supporter Stu Van Scyoc, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Van Scyoc Companies, Partner for Surgery Board Member Robert Hahne and Partner for Surgery Board Member Ed Butler.

NEWS

Supervisors Approve Control Room

BY NICHOLAS HORROCK
THE CONNECTION

In a rare move, the Fairfax Board of Supervisors overrode the Planning Commission and West Fall Church residents Tuesday, May 10, to approve the construction of a control room for the so-called Silver Line subway to Dulles International Airport.

The board voted six to four to approve the control room over the angry objections of local residents and Supervisor John Foust (Dranesville).

It was an argument by Supervisor Catherine Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) which won the day.

In addition to her board duties, Hudgins is the chairman of the

board of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority, one of the applicants in this matter. In another case last month, she and others are being sued over alleged conflicts of interest for their votes in WMATA application for an eastern Fairfax construction project.

THE LINE is being built by the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority. On Jan. 18, 2007, the Fairfax County Planning Commission approved an application to place the control room adjacent to an existing power substation near the intersection of Fisher Avenue and Great Falls Street.

In early 2011, four years later, MWAA said that "site constraints at the previously approved location

were recognized," and it picked a site several hundred feet away on the Virginia Department of Transportation right-of-way that was closer to the homes along Fisher Avenue. The new site would require the removal of trees screening the control room. The TCR facility would be 551 square feet, 12 feet in height and surrounded by a 15-foot screening wall.

The MWAA went before the Planning Commission and ask to get approval for the new site. Residents of this West Falls Church community sharply opposed the new site and the change of plans. They testified that the power station was, as one resident put it "bad enough" and that it has become covered with graffiti and a loitering place for "illicit activity."

A 6-4 vote overrides Planning Commission, area residents.

They argued that the control room does not conform to the county master plan for that area.

On April 6, 2011, the Planning Commission denied the application by a vote of six to 3 with two abstentions.

MWAA came before the Board of Supervisors last month to appeal the Planning Commission ruling. Its witnesses testified that it had already done a great deal of site and utility preparation for the new site and to shift back now would delay the Silver Line project as much as six months.

Under the design build contract, the contractor is allowed to charge as much as \$300,000 per day for delay caused by WMAA or other contracting parties.

ONE OF THOSE PARTIES is Fairfax County which is responsible for 16.1 percent of the current cost estimate or \$1,078,167.

In an angry statement, John Foust, Dranesville supervisor, charged that the delay estimates and the costs are "bogus."

But Hudgins, Hunter Mill supervisor, came up with an alternative motion. She rejected all arguments about MWAA's behavior. The issue, she said, is whether they are entitled to approval under the rules of the county. She said they were. Supervisors John Cook, Jack Herrity, Penelope Gross, Michael Frey, and Sharon Bulova voted with her. Supervisors Linda Smyth, Jeff McKay and Gerry Hyland voted with Foust.

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OPINION

Reminder on Preparedness

While images of most natural emergencies — hurricanes, floods, tornadoes — seem remote from the D.C. suburbs, last month more than a dozen tornadoes touched down in our area.

Many households in our area have suffered through multiple-day power outages related to snowstorms and thunderstorms.

Virginia's annual hurricane preparedness sales tax holiday is next week, May 25-31, 2011. During this seven-day period, purchases of "hurricane and emergency preparedness equipment" will be exempt from the Virginia sales tax.

As long as they cost \$60 or less each, items including batteries, flashlights, tarps, rope, duct tape, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, bottled water, first aid kits, and many others,

will be tax-free. Portable generators priced at \$1,000 or less are also included.

This is one of three tax holidays in Virginia; a three-day sales tax holiday for school supplies and clothing begins on the first Friday in August, and the four-day holiday for Energy Star qualified products is in mid-October.

For good information on emergency preparation, see www.readyvirginia.gov; for details on the sales tax holidays, see www.tax.virginia.gov.

EDITORIALS

Father's Day Photo Gallery, and More

Father's Day is Sunday, June 19, and once again the Connection will publish a gallery of Father's Day photos.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Is 'Being in Black' A Liability?

To the Editor:

I thank Mr. Plaskow for his high praise of the MCC and am delighted that he and his family enjoy the many wonderful programs and events the MCC provides ["New Blood on the MCC Board," McLean Connection, May 11-17, 2011]. I also applaud Mr. Plaskow's interest in the board election. Healthy competition is good for the process. However, Mr. Plaskow's position that new board leadership is needed, despite his satisfaction, and his support for a candidate who has never attended a board or a committee meeting, despite the fact they are all open to the public, is curious.

Mr. Plaskow's statement that new leadership is needed seems based upon the fact that the MCC has accumulated a surplus. This implies that being "in the black" is a liability. Careful, prudent management and policy oversight, coupled with the prior boom in the real estate market, led to this positive outcome, despite the fact that we have voted to reduce the tax rate the past several years in order to lessen further accumulation. This is all public information.

My fellow Board members and I have been actively engaged in discussions regarding an expansion into "downtown McLean" to provide more services and a more accessible community gathering place, and I have worked diligently the past three years to also explore the community's desire for greater recreational space. These are sizable endeavors that require considerable funds and need to be entered into with thorough and deliberate care.

The MCC is totally self-funded by the residents. It cannot rely on Fairfax County government if our roof needs to be replaced, our HVAC systems fail, or we have a fire. We must maintain a significant reserve as we are completely self-funded. All of our staff, programs, and events, are paid for from the special assessment, and that is why our community events (like the Langley Fireworks, etc.) and many others, are free, and why ticket fees for the theatre are considered rather modest, and we hold the line as well on class tuition.

We would all be hard pressed to name another county entity that is operating so well, and that has been able to expand programming, maintain the facility in the excellent condition our residents expect, make improvements that now enable nationally known performers to agree to perform at the Alden, provide facility improvements to keep pace with 21st century demands in an aging building, saved jobs and avoided layoffs during the recent economic crisis, and provide the programs Mr. Plaskow's family enjoys.

Twice a year the Board holds special meetings for the sole purpose of the public attending and expressing their views on the budget and on programs. These are well advertised. Most years, there are never more than two residents who attend. The chairs sit empty. My committee recently completed a comprehensive, randomized, telephonic resident survey and an overwhelming majority of residents are pleased with the direction of the Center, saying it is meeting the needs of their families and the community, "Very well" or "Well." We also asked what the community desires rela-

tive to the surplus and there is strong interest in several capital expansion options. GMU is preparing a detailed interpretive report that will be available to everyone. We will also include focus groups and enlist more community input, as we always do, before decisions of this scope are reached.

I am very proud of the work I have done in my first term and am eager to see more of that work completed which is why I am running for re-election, and I am proud of the work my colleagues on the board have done as well.

Risa Sanders
McLean

Chilled to the Bone In Washington Summer

To the Editor:

May is the start of summer in the Washington region, so I have to remind myself now to take a warm jacket with me wherever I go. Regardless of the weather outside, I can count on getting chilled to the bone in stores, restaurants and office buildings, where blasting the air conditioning seems to be sacred to the season. Is there a business manual somewhere that says customers demand temperatures suited to the supermarket dairy case?

Restaurants are the worst offenders. The waiters and busboys keep warm bustling about, and don't seem to notice that diners stop to put on their suit jackets when entering. (Did they think summer brought a sudden interest in formality that's lacking the

Send in photos in jpeg format as soon as possible, including the full names of all the people in the picture, hometowns, the approximate date and location the picture was taken, the ages of the children and sentence or two about the people and/or event.

PROMS AND ... While Connection photographers and writers will likely attend some proms as schedules permit, we also urge parents and students to document their proms (or alternative activities) and send in photos in jpeg format, and also including who, what, where, when and why.

We're also interested in other events at your school, church, synagogue or mosque, milestone events, etc.

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SCHOOLS

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

Kelly Martins of Langley High School, won the third place award of \$1,000 in Environmental Management for "The Effect of E. crassipes on the Nitrate and Ammonia Levels from Sewage Treatment Waste Water" at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, held last week in Los Angeles. Martins also won a \$15,000 scholarship, renewable annually, to the Florida Institute of Technology.

The application deadline for the summer round of admissions for Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) for the class of 2015 (ninth grade) is Wednesday, June 1. Only public and private school eighth grade students who moved into a participating school district (the counties of Fairfax, Fauquier, Arlington, Loudoun, or Prince William or the City of Falls Church) after Sept. 30, 2010, may apply at this time. June 1 is a firm deadline to which no exceptions will be made for any reason. Applications must be received no later than June 1. Students applying during the summer round must already have completed Algebra 1 during eighth grade. Additional information regarding eligibility and residency requirements for applicants can be found at www.TJAdmissions.org. All applicants must take the TJ Admissions Test on Monday, June 6. Applications are available at the Thomas Jefferson Admissions Office, 8115 Gatehouse Road, Suite 2600, Falls Church. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, contact the TJHSST Admission Office at 571-423-3770.

Three McLean residents have been awarded National Merit Corporate Scholarships:

♦ **Natalie Kim** of the Potomac School of McLean has been awarded a National Merit George Watts Hill Scholarship. Probable career field is English/media.

♦ **Kelly M. Rogers** of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology has been awarded a National Merit SAIC Scholarship. Probable career field is kinesiology/exercise physiology.

♦ **Abigail X. Xu** of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology has been awarded a National Merit Northrup Grumman Scholarship. Probable career field is law.

LETTERS

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edy, it's tragedy, and it turns out we're the villains.

So the time for shivering in silence is over. Arise, ye suffering masses, and speak out against oppressive and wasteful air conditioning wherever and whenever it assaults you! And as for you restaurant owners and building managers, consider that you can save big on your A/C bill while you take credit for being greener.

The world will be better off if we stop making human popsicles in the summer time. Surely we have nothing to lose but our sweaters.

Ivy Main
McLean

The writer is the Vice Chair of the Virginia Chapter of the Sierra Club

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Here's What's Happening at MCC

Summer Class Registration

Began **May 16**, for district residents
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MCC is offering an exciting assortment of classes, community events, youth activities and visual and performing arts programs from May through August. Jump in!

Summer's Sensational!

Camp Registration is Ongoing

Your children can pick their own adventures this summer. MCC offers a wide variety of special interest camp programs for all ages.

Travel and Adventure Film Series *Discovering the Dutch*

Wednesday, May 18, 7:30 p.m.
\$10/\$8 district residents

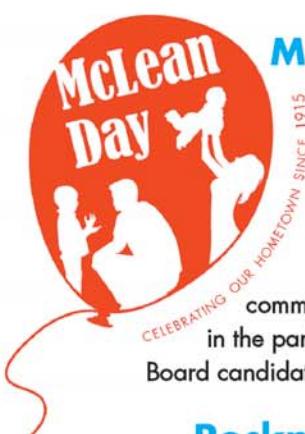
Journey beyond the tulips, windmills and gabled houses into the fascinating stories of Dutch history.

James C. Macdonald Arts Scholarship Final Competition

Friday, May 20, 8 p.m.

Free admission

Local high school musicians will compete for awards.



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McLean Day 2011
Saturday, May 21
11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Lewinsville Park
Free admission**

Come out and enjoy the community's biggest annual party in the park. Vote for MCC Governing Board candidates from 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Rocknoceros
Sunday, May 22, 3 p.m.
\$12/\$8 district residents

From Tin Pan Alley to the shores of Jamaica, Rocknoceros hops from genre to genre like a toad on summer asphalt. For ages 4+.

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Lewinsville Park provides a perfect setting for the McLean Day: Celebrating Our Hometown festival.

Party in the Park

McLean Day 2011: Celebrating Our Hometown, Saturday, May 21, at Lewinsville Park.

Large amusement rides, live entertainment and festival treats are just a few of the energizing attractions at the McLean Community Center's (MCC) annual springtime "party in the park." MCC Governing Board and staff members cordially invite Dranesville Small Tax District #1 residents and their guests to McLean Day 2011: Celebrating Our Hometown. The festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Saturday, May 21, at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road. Admission is free.

Exciting New Bands Onstage

The House Stage at McLean Day offers a rich variety of entertainment for patrons of all ages. This year's offerings include performances by guitar legend Tom Principato, "Rockabilly" band Four Star Combo, the animal act, Mutts Gone Nuts, and dance performances by students of the Center's Joy of Dance classes. The McLean Citizens Association will present its annual Teen Character Award, as well.

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New this year! Games 2U of Huntingtown, Md., is bringing new field games, such as laser tag, hamster ball, a candy canon and "booger" wars to capture the young folks' attention. Reithoffer Shows adds the Orbiter to its exciting line-up of large carnival rides. Full Tilt, The Ring of Fire, Pharaoh's Fury, The Gravitron and bumper car rides return for the fourth year in a row. Ticket sales for the

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WEDNESDAY/MAY 18

Empty Bowls Fundraiser. 5-8 p.m. McLean High School, 1633 David Road, McLean. Attendees will get a ceramic bowl to fill with ice cream. Proceeds benefit Stop Hunger Now. Sponsored by the Interact Club, Key Club, National Art Honor Society, Student Government Association and PTA. \$10. awtaylor@fcps.edu.

THURSDAY/MAY 19

9th Annual "Tips for a Cure" Guest Bartender Night. 6:30-11 p.m. The Tavern at Great Falls, 9835 Georgetown Pike Great Falls. Proceeds benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. BEhrensaal@aol.com.

Book Discussion Group. 7:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Call for title. Adults. 703-757-8560.

"Les Misérables." 7 p.m. Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, 6560 Braddock Road Alexandria. Imprisoned for stealing a loaf of bread, Jean Valjean becomes an honest man and mayor of a prosperous town, but violates his parole. Snacks inspired by the musical sold before and after the show. \$10. makhatheres@fcps.edu.

Oak Marr Recreation Center. 3200 Germantown Road, Oakton. 703-281-6501.

Vienna Choral Society. 7:30 p.m. Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. N.E., Vienna. 175 voices from VCS and the choruses of Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockville and Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, performing Clif Hardin's Requiem, Peter Knight's "You Are The New Day," the Navajo prayer inspired "Now I Walk In Beauty" and more. A portion of the proceeds benefits the non-profit Washington Home and Community Homes, serving those with issues of aging and chronic or terminal illness. Tickets \$15-\$35. www.viennachoralsociety.org/jeeves.

Paperweight Collectors' Association Dealers' Fair. 12-5 p.m. Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Drive in McLean. Make purchases or have a paperweights identified and valued. \$5 admission fee. Free lecture, "A Paperweight Primer," for new collectors at 1:30 p.m. 703-847-5000 or www.paperweight.org.org.

Tea Tasting Seminar. 1:30 p.m. Great Falls Foundation For The Arts, 1144 Walker Road, Great Falls. Green teas discussed and sampled. \$30. Registration required at Laurie@greatfallsteagarden.com or 703-757-6209.

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What The Future Holds

By JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Sarah Locke applied to Howard University, George Mason University and a few other colleges. In the end, however, she just couldn't see herself going anywhere besides The United States Military Academy, better known as West Point.

"I also looked into R.O.T.C. or enlisting but this seemed like a better deal to me. I like the structure," said Locke.

West Point is not for the faint of heart. The academy is highly competitive, with just a 12.65 percent acceptance rate.

Out of the 1,300 people who start out each academy class, only 1,000 or so will make it through the four-year program, according to its website.

Just 10 days after her graduation from high school, Locke will have to report on June 27 for the beginning of Cadet Basic Training at West Point, also called "Beast Barracks."

Women tend to outnumber men in higher education, but West Point is an exception to that rule. Females usually make up just 15 percent of the cadets in each class, according to the academy's website.

Locke said she was inspired by her mother, an African American who was among the first 62 women to graduate from West Point in 1980.

Pat Walker Locke was already in the U.S. Army as an enlisted soldier when West Point opened its doors to women in the late 1970s. At the time, Pat Locke — who was from inner city Detroit — had never heard of West Point, but her battalion leader had encouraged her to apply for a slot at the school.

"There are more women there now than when we were there ... and people are trying to help you instead of keep you out," said Pat Locke, who is extremely pleased to see her own daughter attending the service academy.

"She was so excited. She was running around the house dancing when I got the letter," said Sarah Locke, who attends Mount Vernon High School.

NORTHERN VIRGINIA typically sends a large cohort of students to the military service academies each year.

Virginia's 11th congressional district, which includes Fairfax and Prince William counties, had 49

2011 University of Virginia Acceptances By High School

The following data are based on information provided by the University of Virginia's Office of Institutional Assessment, Fairfax County Public Schools, Arlington County Public Schools and the City of Alexandria.



School	Number of Students Accepted To UVa.	Number of Seniors (April 2011)	Percentage of Seniors Accepted To UVa.
Thomas Jefferson High School	223	425	52.4%
H.B. Woodlawn High School	16	93	17.2%
McLean High School	50	406	12.3%
James Madison High School	53	454	11.6%
South Lakes High School	37	357	10.3%
Marshall High School	25	286	8.7%
Lake Braddock Secondary School	51	588	8.7%
Langley High School	41	487	8.4%
Oakton High School	44	532	8.2%
Robinson Secondary School	50	624	8.0%
Fairfax High School	39	496	7.8%
Centreville High School	39	507	7.7%
Washington-Lee High School	33	431	7.6%
West Potomac High School	32	422	7.5%
Yorktown High School	31	444	6.9%
West Springfield High School	32	525	6.1%
South County Secondary School	25	442	5.6%
Chantilly High School	32	587	5.4%
Westfield High School	35	669	5.2%
Herndon High School	21	450	4.6%
T.C. Williams High School	29	632	4.5%
Lee High School	18	399	4.5%
Edison High School	16	370	4.3%
Annandale High School	23	557	4.1%
Wakefield High School	12	291	4.1%
Hayfield High School	16	443	3.6%
Mount Vernon High School	6	346	1.7%
Falls Church High School	5	300	1.6%
Stuart High School	0	305	0%
Woodson High School	0*	449	0%*

* The University of Virginia sent data to The Connection Newspapers that indicated no students were accepted into as freshman into its undergraduate program from Woodson High School this year. Members of the Woodson community have said this is not the case, pointing to at least six students who have reported they will attend the school in the fall.

students accepted to academies in 2011, the most of any congressional district in the country. Virginia's 10th congressional district, which includes northern and western Fairfax County, ranked second in the number of students attending military academies next year.

Several of the students attending one of the academies next year have a family connection to the military already.

"I was influenced by my dad, who is over in Iraq right now," said Jason Ko, a Robinson Secondary School senior who will be attending West Point next year.

Students pursue college and careers after high school.

University (32 percent) have comparable admission rates.

STILL, several Northern Virginia families complain about their children's ability to get admitted to the commonwealth's top tier schools. At three Fairfax high schools, fewer than 10 students were admitted to UVa. this year, according to data released by the university.

Yet UVa.'s own data also shows

that students applying from Northern Virginia localities were accepted at higher rate than average. The school acceptance rate for applications from Fairfax County (45 percent), Arlington County (43.1), City of Alexandria (40.1 percent) and the City of Fairfax (39.5 percent) was much more generous than the normal 32 percent.

In fact, it is often the next tier of Virginia public schools where students face more trouble getting accepted than average applicant.

For example in 2009, Fairfax County Public Schools reported that the school system's graduates were often accepted at a lower rate than the average applicant to George Mason University (59.5/63.3), James Madison University (50.2/59.3) and Virginia Tech (51.1/66.7).

One reason that the Northern Virginia community may perceive a shortage of slots at the commonwealth's most selective college, UVa., is because a large share of the students admitted come from one school, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology.

Nearly 18 percent of all the students admitted to UVa. from Fairfax and Arlington this year attend Thomas Jefferson. The university accepted 223 Jefferson students into its freshman class next year, which is more than half of the number of students in Jefferson's 425-person senior class. The next largest cohort of accepted students came from the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School in Richmond, where 75 seniors were admitted. Madison High School in Vienna was next, with 53 students.

A fair number of Jefferson graduates choose to attend UVa. Ninety-three students in the 2010 freshman class came from Jefferson, according to the university.

But some parents believe

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BULLETIN BOARD

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Screening of "Race to Nowhere." 7 p.m. Saint Luke Catholic School, 7005 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Tickets are \$10, available at www.Racetonowhere.com.

FRIDAY/MAY 20

McLean Art Society. 10 a.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. With Linda Maldonado, an experimental artist working with acrylics and collage. 703-790-0123.

SATURDAY/MAY 21

Election of 2011-2012 MCC Governing Board Members. 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The board provides oversight and guidance for MCC programs and facilities, including the Alden Theatre and the Old Firehouse Teen Center. 703-790-0123, TTY 711.

Safe Community Coalition Prescription Medicine Collection. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Dispose of unused or expired medications and participate in a prescription medicine safety awareness campaign. 703-371-5995 or www.safecommunitycoalition.net.

TUESDAY/MAY 24

Sierra Club Great Falls Group Meeting. 7 p.m. McLean

Government Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Stella Koch will talk about stormwater, how runoff after rainfall gathers pollutants such as fertilizers, pesticides, motor oil, and heavy metals, and the Fairfax County Watershed Plans. 703-757-9518.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 25

Guiding Eyes for the Blind Pre-Placement Orientation Classes.

7 p.m. Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Part St., Vienna. First of a series of four weekly orientation classes for local volunteers interested in becoming puppy raisers. Space is limited. Reserve at kholcm@verizon.net.

Peer Support Group for Survivors of Clergy Abuse. 6:30 p.m. Tysons Pimmit Hills Regional Library, 7684 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Co-sponsored by the Northern Virginia affiliate of Voice of the Faithful, meetings last Wednesday of every month. Free. 703-538-6128.

THURSDAY/MAY 26

McLean Citizens Association Annual Meeting. 7:30 p.m.

McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. With Fairfax County Executive Anthony Griffin. mca@neoterica.com.

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group. 6:30 p.m. Sunrise of McLean, 8315 Turning Leaf Lane, McLean. 703-902-8102.

SATURDAY/MAY 28

Tai Chi. 8 a.m. Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean. Instructed by Maria Spearman. Free. 703-288-9505.

ENTERTAINMENT

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18th Century Spring Market Fair.

11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Period music, quoits and other games, children's puppet theater. Blacksmith, plant vendor, seamstress, millinery and stillatory stands. See Farm family and community members in character and costume. Adults \$6, age 3-12, seniors \$3. www.1771.org or 703-903-9330.

20th Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival.

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Reston Town Center, 12001 Market St., Reston. With over 220 artists, showcasing works in ceramics, decorative fibers, drawing and pastels, furniture, glass, jewelry, leather, metal, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture, wood and more. Children's Art Tent, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free admission. www.northernvirginiafineartsfestival.org.

Traveling Players Open Mic Night for Teens.

5:30 p.m. The Old Firehouse Teen Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. The evening begins at 5:30 with an improvisation jam showcasing Traveling Players Ensemble's spring improv classes, with high-energy improv games and scenes. Open mic begins at 7 p.m. Free and open to the public. www.travelingplayers.org or 703-987-1712.

MONDAY/MAY 23

A Madhatter's Mommy & Me Tea Party.

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Pursuing College, Careers

FROM PAGE 12

Jefferson students are also more likely to get into other prestigious schools that it is difficult for students from base high schools to access.

From 2005-2009, Fairfax schools sent approximately 100 of its students to Ivy League universities every year, less than one percent of the number of seniors than normally apply to college.

Out-of-State Decisions

Despite the strong reputation of the Virginia's public universities, many Northern Virginia students still decide to go out of state for school.

Fairfax graduates who are going outside the commonwealth tend to stay close by, according to a school system report.

The popular destinations for seniors include Pennsylvania, North Carolina and New York in 2008 and 2009. West Virginia University (95 students), Pennsylvania State University (73 students) and East Carolina University were the most popular out of the state schools two years ago.

Some Fairfax seniors may also need to go outside of Virginia to get what they need. For example, one of the most popular out-of-state schools for Fairfax residents is Brigham Young University, the flagship college of the Mormon Church in Utah.

Forgoing College Altogether

Several students also decided a four-year college is not the right choice for them, even in a highly-educated community like Northern Virginia.

Beth Clapsaddle is one of the 30 percent of Fairfax County students that has decided to pursue an associate's degree instead of a traditional four-year college. She has won two scholarships to the New York Conservatory for the Dramatic Arts, where most of her classmates will either have already attended college or worked professional in the performing arts world already.

"I know it sounds silly but I really want to be on Saturday Night Live. I want to become part of Second City in Chicago," said Clapsaddle, who has been active in the theater and music departments at West Springfield High School.

The New York City-based program will take two years, during which Clapsaddle will live on her own, since there are no student dorms connected to the conservatory.

The high school senior said her parents have been surprisingly supportive of her decision to forego college, though it may have helped that she landed a scholarship to a well-known prestigious arts program.

"I told them that I would really be excited to go away to college," she said.

High School Is The End of The Line

Though Northern Virginia has a higher-than-average rate of students attending four-year and two-year college programs, there are also a fair number of students for whom education stops after high school.

"I want all kids who can excel to the highest level to get to highest level but not all of our students are going to go to college," said School Board Member Brad Center (Lee). Center said one of his own son's is considering going into automobile repair, which would require some more school but not college-level coursework.

"I do want all kids to get some kind of education after k-12 but it doesn't need to be college," said Center.

Yet students who are Black or Hispanic in Northern Virginia are much more likely to graduate high school with "no plans" for further education — including trade school or apprenticeship programs.

While only 11.7 percent of all Arlington County students graduate high school with no plans, 17.4 percent of its Black students and 18.6 percent of its Hispanic students fall into that category. And only 38 percent of Hispanic students and 53 percent of Black students that graduated from Arlington high schools last year planned to attend a four-year college.

In Fairfax County, the situation is similar. Eleven percent of Hispanic students and 7.3 percent of Black students who graduate from high school have "no plans" for pursuing higher education. Hispanic (26.5 percent) and Black (48.1 percent) students are also far less likely to be attending a four-year university or college.



PHOTOS BY DEB COBB/THE CONNECTION

The girls from Kent Gardens Elementary School and their 'buddy runners' are charged and ready to go for the May 15 Girls on the Run of Northern Virginia 5K at George Mason University. Pictured, in no particular order are: Alaannah Bhanji, Sereena Bhanji, Kayla Delta, Piper Gaudet, Hannah Haas, Alexa Jordan, Yasmina Khartami, Rachel Kirby, Caroline Klotz, Kara Macatuno, Emma Meehan, Hannah Meehan, Sarah Meehan, Isabella Proietti-Fehrenbach, Audrey Saliba, Sami Schneider, Hasti Sohrabi, Dabney Stuart, Eliza Stuart, Itzel Trejo-Hernandez, Katherine Walker, Madeline Walker, and Samantha Wayne. This represents only a portion of the 52-member team. Coaches: Aliceson Johnson, Caitlin Murphy, Tricia Root, Kristin Wilhelm and Caitlin Pyne.

Girl Power!

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE CONNECTION

Months of training paid off as thousands of young girls from throughout the region — accompanied by running buddies, parents and friends — took to the streets of George Mason University May 15 for the Girls on the Run of Northern Virginia 5K race.

"This is an incredible event," said celebrity chef Spike Mendelsohn, who ran the race alongside 7,500 other participants. "There is such a happy vibe here and it's exciting to be a part of it."

Also participating in the race, which drew an additional 2,600 spectators to the GMU campus, were local politicians and dignitaries.

GOTR of Northern Virginia is a nonprofit organization that uses running as a mentoring tool to educate young girls on self-esteem and healthy eating and lifestyle choices. The 10-week program, which currently serves more than 6,500 girls in 200 schools, combines lessons that help adolescent girls in grades 3 through 8 build confidence and develop healthy lifestyles with training for a 5K race.

"These amazing girls are the future powerhouses of our nation," said Mendelsohn, who works closely with First Lady Michelle

Polly Myers and daughter Dabney Stuart are a little less than one mile into the Girls on the Run of Northern Virginia 5K at George Mason University's Fairfax campus on May 15th. Stuart runs for Team Kent Gardens.

Girls on the Run 5K celebrates healthy eating, fitness.

Obama and the Let's Move healthy eating initiative in schools. "We need to start teaching healthy eating and lifestyle choices at a young age and this organization perfectly complements that."

The 3.1-mile race, sponsored by United Healthcare, Inova Hospital, Verizon, Running Brooke, Washington Gas and George Mason University, ended with a finish line festival that included rock music provided by Studio Rock of Northern Virginia, hair coloring and healthy food and training booths.

"This gives a whole new meaning to the term 'running for office,'" laughed Del. David Bulova (D-37) following the race. "I wish everyone could experience this because there is nothing more inspiring than seeing what these young girls have accomplished out here today."

For more information on Girls on the Run, visit www.girlsontherunofnova.org.



HOME SALES

In April 2011, 85 homes sold between \$4,250,000-\$102,000 in the McLean and Falls Church area. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$4,250,000-\$700,000 range. For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

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1123 LITTON LN	7	6..	2 ..	MCLEAN	\$2,875,000	Detached	1.02	DOWNSCREST
1942 VIRGINIA AVE	6	6..	1 ..	MCLEAN	\$2,228,774	Detached	0.50	FRANKLIN PARK
1338 POTOMAC SCHOOL RD	6	3..	1 ..	MCLEAN	\$1,775,000	Detached	3.13	MCLEAN
6189 ADELINE DR	5	4..	1 ..	MCLEAN	\$1,684,655	Detached	0.30	HASTINGS ESTATES
1001 SAVILLE LN	5	2..	3 ..	MCLEAN	\$1,679,500	Detached	2.69	DOWNSCREST
1401 WOODHURST BLVD	6	6..	1 ..	MCLEAN	\$1,625,000	Detached	0.68	SMC MCLEAN HUNDRED
640 RIVERCREST DR	5	7..	2 ..	MCLEAN	\$1,560,000	Detached	0.56	RIVER OAKS
626 BOYLE LN	3	3..	0 ..	MCLEAN	\$1,500,000	Detached	3.85	RIVINUS
1490 EVANS FARM DR	5	4..	1 ..	MCLEAN	\$1,450,000	Townhouse ..	0.09	EVANS FARM
6216 KILCULLEN DR	6	4..	1 ..	MCLEAN	\$1,351,000	Detached	0.58	MCINTOSH MANOR OLDE CHES
906 COUNTRYSIDE CT	5	3..	1 ..	MCLEAN	\$1,350,000	Detached	0.92	COUNTRYSIDE
1355 WINDY HILL RD	5	4..	1 ..	MCLEAN	\$1,350,000	Detached	0.75	WINDY HILL
904 PEACOCK STATION RD	4	4..	0 ..	MCLEAN	\$1,220,000	Detached	2.00	OVERVIEW
1121 DUCHESS DR	4	3..	2 ..	MCLEAN	\$1,215,000	Detached	0.65	MC LEAN CHASE
1509 HIGHWOOD DR	4	3..	1 ..	MCLEAN	\$1,149,000	Detached	0.34	CHAIN BRIDGE FOREST
1341 KIRBY RD	4	3..	2 ..	MCLEAN	\$1,070,000	Detached	0.43	KIRBY WOODS
1715 ESQUIRE LN	4	3..	1 ..	MCLEAN	\$1,050,000	Detached	0.30	DIVINE LANDING
8432 WELLER AVE	5	3..	1 ..	MCLEAN	\$1,050,000	Detached	0.59	WOODHAVEN
6320 KELLOGG DR	5	4..	1 ..	MCLEAN	\$1,035,000	Detached	0.30	POTOMAC HILLS
5802 CHAIN BRIDGE FOREST CT	5	3..	0 ..	MCLEAN	\$1,030,000	Detached	0.32	CHAIN BRIDGE FOREST
911 SWINKS MILL RD	4	4..	0 ..	MCLEAN	\$1,025,000	Detached	0.87	SWINKS MILL
1000 NORTHWOODS TRL	5	3..	1 ..	MCLEAN	\$1,020,000	Detached	0.49	MC LEAN COUNTRY ESTATES
1826 BRIAR RIDGE CT	5	3..	0 ..	MCLEAN	\$1,015,000	Detached	0.36	BRIAR RIDGE
1716 FOREST LN	5	4..	0 ..	MCLEAN	\$965,000	Detached	0.36	BRIGGS AND HOOPERS
1453 LABURNUM ST	5	3..	0 ..	MCLEAN	\$950,000	Detached	0.38	CHESTERBROOK WOODS
6279 PARK RD	5	3..	1 ..	MCLEAN	\$940,000	Detached	0.53	CHESTERBROOK
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1601 COLONIAL HILLS DR	3	3..	1 ..	MC LEAN	\$810,000	Townhouse ..	0.04	HUNTING RIDGE
1332 LESSARD LN	3	3..	2 ..	MCLEAN	\$788,000	Townhouse ..	0.03	MCLEAN CREST
1401 MCLEAN MEWS CT	3	3..	2 ..	MCLEAN	\$775,000	Townhouse ..	0.12	MC LEAN MEWS
2120 ROCKINGHAM ST	3	2..	1 ..	MCLEAN	\$775,000	Detached	0.40	FRANKLIN PARK
1214 MERCHANT LN	3	2..	1 ..	MCLEAN	\$770,000	Detached	0.58	CLEARVIEW MANOR
7736 MARTHA'S LN	5	3..	1 ..	FALLS CHURCH	\$765,000	Detached	0.25MARTHAS WAY
1911 YOUNGBLOOD ST	5	3..	1 ..	MCLEAN	\$760,000	Detached	0.26	KENT GARDENS
1327 LAWSON LN	3	3..	2 ..	MCLEAN	\$760,000	Townhouse ..	0.03	MCLEAN CREST
6184 HARDY DR	5	3..	0 ..	MCLEAN	\$742,000	Detached	0.29	POTOMAC HILLS
6929 HECTOR RD	4	3..	0 ..	MCLEAN	\$737,000	Detached	0.25	BROYHILL LANGLEY ESTATES
1930 POWHATAN ST	5	3..	0 ..	FALLS CHURCH	\$733,000	Detached	0.26	MARLBOROUGH
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SPORTS

Headed in the Right Direction

First round district tournament opponents Marshall and Madison High have made steady boys' soccer progress this spring.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

When Bill Bak learned he had not been chosen as the new Marshall High boys' soccer coach this past offseason, he shrugged it off and focused on his other soccer endeavors which include working with collegiate, high school and youth teams.

But when Marshall's first choice as head coach informed the school he would, in fact, not be able to devote his time to leading the Statesmen's program, Bak was contacted and asked to take over as head coach - just three days before practices were set to start up.

Bak, who has been coaching soccer for over 20 years, accepted the offer and stepped right in as head coach. The transition as the new Marshall coach - Marshall's third head coach in less than a year - went well, according to Bak who has led the Statesmen through a tough season record wise (4-8-1) but a successful one nonetheless as the Statesmen have showed good improvement and good team unity.

Marshall was scheduled to host a first round Liberty District playoff game versus Madison earlier this week on Monday, May 16, at its own Jimmy Miller Stadium. Evening time lightening flashes, however, prevented the postseason contest between the No. 4-seed Statesmen and No. 5 Warhawks from taking place. It was re-scheduled for the following day.

Bak said the biggest challenge he had in taking over the Marshall varsity boys was convincing them that there would be stability from the new coaching staff and its leadership. The team had struggled through a winless 2010 season, going 0-12..

"I felt for the kids because I was their third coach in less than a year," said Bak. "I knew [another coaching change] was going to be difficult for them. The first thing I had to get the guys [to buy into] was that this was a new regime with a new outlook and we were going in a new direction."

Bak said the varsity team has moved in the right direction this season. He also likes the way the Marshall JV team, under coach Shane Kellogg, has played. The Statesmen JVers were 2-4-6 this season and showed competitiveness as well as aggressive play and a determination to play hard from start to finish, all of which bode well for the varsity program's future.

Coach Bak has tried to implement a winning mindset into his varsity team's players. After going without a win last year, the team has needed some strong encouragement and convincing that things could be different this spring. And four wins, following none in 2010, is certainly an improvement. But Bak said that winning games has not been the biggest priority this season.

"There was an understanding early on [with the team] that improvement was the key, not necessarily wins and losses," said Bak. "All in all, we're going in the right direction. We're trying to get the guys to realize that winning is an option. It's just been a matter of getting the guys to realize this is a whole new program."

Bak, prior to accepting the position as head coach, had studied the recent history of the Marshall program, both its varsity and JV teams, and was left with a strong belief that he could help turn the tide even though the Statesmen had struggled over the last several years. It certainly appears that Marshall soccer, although still getting its feet underneath itself, is showing some steady progression.

Marshall's first win this season, a 2-1 non-district home win over T.C. Williams on March 24, came in its fourth game on its schedule. The Statesmen's other victories have come over Fairfax, 1-0, in a district road game on March 30; over district opponent and guest Jefferson, 3-1, on April 8; and over cross-town rival and visitor Madison, 2-1 in overtime, in the regular season finale last week, Tuesday, May 10.

Some of Marshall's top players this season have been junior defender Brian Szymanski, senior defender Julian Smith, senior midfielder/forward Dylan Goodale, junior midfielder Hotaka Shiomi, and goalies Basheer Al-Kakhan, a junior, and senior David Yearney.

In the win over Madison to close the regular season, Statesmen goals came from Shiomi and Goodale (game-winner). Szymanski recorded an assist in the victory.

MADISON HIGH BOYS' SOCCER, meanwhile, has been under the solid guidance of second year coach Travis Beardall. The Warhawks, who were 6-6-1 last year, are currently 5-7-1 going into the postseason. Madison has played solid soccer for the most part. Scoring goals, however, has been a problem. The Warhawks have scored more than one goal in only three of their games.

"We've actually played good soccer overall, but we've had problems finishing [offensive rushes]," said Beardall. "We've played good possession soccer."

Madison, after losing its season opener to visiting non-district opponent Robinson, 1-0, on March 16, won contests against host Falls Church, 4-3, on March 18, and visiting Liberty District opponent Fairfax, 3-0, on March 22. But a difficult five-game losing streak followed, which included setbacks to Vienna-area rival Oakton as well as district rivals Langley and McLean. Most of the games during that stretch were close, with the exception being a 3-0 district home loss to Stone Bridge on April 1.

Madison got back into the win column on April 15 when it defeated T.C. Williams, 1-0. In their next game, the Warhawks played district opponent Jefferson to a scoreless tie at home on April 29. They then continued a string of four games without a loss with wins at district foe South Lakes, 1-0, on May 3, and home versus non-district opponent Annandale, 5-3, on May 5.

"We started off the season good, then hit a shaky [spell] in the middle of the season," said Madison senior defender Abass Darab, who recently earned First Team All-District accolades. "But we ended with a strong finish. All of us have played together a long time and know how to play tough soccer. We have dominated in possession [of the ball]."

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The Langley High girls' tennis team captured the Liberty District regular season title two weeks ago by defeating district guest Jefferson, 7-2, on Thursday, May 5. The Saxons finished 13-1 during the regular season. Langley, coached by Sara Vincent, competed in Liberty District tournament action last week and is taking part in the Northern Region team tournament this week, beginning Wednesday, May 18. A year ago, Langley finished second in the region behind McLean.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

Madison High boys' tennis player Dan Sablik won the Liberty District singles championship last Thursday, May 12, defeating Jefferson No. 4 seed Stephen Hu, 6-3, 6-1, in the finals at Lewinsville Park in McLean. Sablik was the tournament's No. 2 seed. Bran-

don Lee of Langley finished third by default in the boys' singles event.

In the district girls' singles finals, top-seed Megumi Chen of McLean defeated No. 2 Rena Liu of Jefferson, 6-2, 6-0. Anna Pelak of McLean finished third by defeating Kitty Branche of Langley, 8-4.



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The McLean High crew program, shown here at last week's states regatta meet, captured four gold medals at the prestigious postseason event held at Sandy Run Regional Park.



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The Langley High boys' lacrosse team captured its fourth straight Liberty District tournament title last Thursday, May 12. The Saxons, in the finals contest played at Marshall High School, defeated the Madison Warhawks, 12-4. Langley (13-2) was set to begin play in the Northern Region tournament this week with a home game versus T.C. Williams on Tuesday, May 17.

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Notice of Availability: Draft Environmental Assessment,
Pentagon Sentry Program

Agency: Department of Defense

Public Comment Period: May 11 – May 25, 2011

Summary: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 USC 4321 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and Department of Defense Instruction 4715.9, Washington Headquarters Services has prepared and issued a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the construction of new Secure Access Lane (SAL), Metro Entrance Facility (MEF), and Corridor 8 (COR8) Screening Facilities on the Pentagon Reservation.

The overall purpose of the Proposed Action is to provide permanent, efficient, and appropriately sized facilities to support the Pentagon Force Protection Agency's (PFPA) security screening and vehicle inspection procedures at the Reservation. Construction of new facilities is necessary because the existing security screening and vehicle inspection procedures are performed in temporary, prefabricated facilities that are undersized and are not architecturally consistent with other buildings on the Pentagon Reservation. The Proposed Action would address this issue by constructing new screening facilities at the SAL, MEF, and COR8 pedestrian access point. A No-Action Alternative was also considered, whereby PFPA security screening operations would continue to be conducted in temporary, prefabricated facilities.

The Proposed Action would have the potential for minor, long-term impacts to architectural resources, stormwater runoff, greenhouse gas emissions, vegetation, topography, and infrastructure and utilities. The No-Action Alternative would not result in any environmental impacts.

Based on the Draft EA, the proposed project is not expected to result in any significant adverse effects or impacts on the natural or human environment. It is anticipated that this EA will result in a Finding of No Significant Impact for the Proposed Action.

Where Draft EA May Be Reviewed:
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NEWS



Chef Gregory Webb



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Making McLean a Destination

McLean's 1910 restaurant offers good food and good time.

By CYNTHIA CROSS
THE CONNECTION

If you've lived in McLean for any length of time, you've no doubt heard residents deplore the scarcity of good restaurants in the community. Locals often compare McLean's dining options with those of neighboring suburbs like Bethesda and Arlington and feel that McLean comes up short.

Enter George Kapetanakis and Gregory Webb, owner and executive chef, respectively, of McLean 1910, which opened in downtown McLean just after Thanksgiving last year. If Kapetanakis and Webb are successful in their mission, 1910 will have an answer for McLean residents looking for more interesting and better quality local eateries. "We're striving to be a destination restaurant," says Webb. "I think we can perform well enough to bring people in from McLean and beyond."

FROM THE BEGINNING, 1910's focus has been local. The restaurant's name commemorates the year the trolley from Rosslyn to Great Falls added a stop at Chain Bridge

Road, the event that most consider the official beginning of McLean. Kapetanakis, whose family has owned the venerable McLean Family Restaurant since his uncles bought it in 1969, has for years had his eye on the space formerly occupied by the Three Pigs, which had been serving barbecue and ribs for decades. "I always liked this location," he says. "At first I thought I could improve on Three Pigs' barbecue. But then I thought, 'What if I tried something different, something McLean really needs – upscale cooking with a casual atmosphere.' I thought that would be the right thing for McLean."

Webb, who began his career as a line cook in Washington, D.C. and has spent the last two decades working in a wide array of fine kitchens in New York City, New Orleans, Houston, and Mexico City, creates all dishes from scratch. He grinds his own spices and cures his own bacon and prepares all desserts and soups on the premises. His new spring menu features a wide variety of seafood as well as ribs, steak, salads and sandwiches, but Webb's vegetables, according to the chef, are often the star. "Across the board people talk about our vegetable treatments," he says. "Our baby carrots, Swiss chard, Beefsteak tomatoes, French beans – they all serve as the base of my plate."

Webb understands the need for more high quality cuisine in McLean. "I think McLean is kind of an enclave," he says. "For whatever reason I don't know a lot of

people who drive into McLean for the restaurants." He sees the need for what he terms "high casual American fare," i.e., regionally based food presentations focusing on high quality local ingredients. Webb thinks 1910 could be the catalyst for a new wave of high quality restaurants in McLean. "I'd love to see us involved in the promotion of McLean generally. A good restaurant brings a buzz."

CUSTOMERS DINING for lunch at 1910 on a recent Friday seemed to see the same potential. Kelly Wagner and Krista Osikowicz live in Alexandria but were trying 1910 for the first time because they heard "the food is great." And Reynolds and Virginia Young, who live in Arlington and were back at 1910 after trying it for the first time during the winter, said "We were here in McLean casting about for a restaurant and remembered our meal during an Arlington power outage a few months ago. We thought, 'That was a great lunch.'" Their second lunch at 1910 – shrimp and scallop salad from Chef Webb's new spring menu, was "excellent." "This place is becoming an item," Reynolds said.

Kapetanakis too would be happy if McLean 1910 spurred the growth of quality cuisine in McLean. But mostly, he wants to serve 1910 customers well. "I want to see our customers happy," he says. "When they leave I want to hear them say, 'I had a good meal and a good time.'"

Vienna. A pot luck dinner begins at 6 p.m. followed by the bell performance. www.andrewchapelumc.org or 703-759-3509.

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