

Notes of Friendship at McLean High

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McLean High School senior, Emily Jung, was the featured pianist for the Concerto in A Major for Piano and Orchestra, Op 16 Movement by Edvard Grieg during the annual 2011 German-American Exchange Concert in McLean on June 3.

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From left, Laura Throckmorton and Elizabeth Shea of SpeakerBox Communications, of McLean, Kathy Albarado of Helios Human Resources and John Remy of Jackson Lewis at the fifth annual Apollo awards at the McLean Hilton June 1. SpeakerBox won the award for emerging business.



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Businesses Receive Apollo Awards

Fifth annual ceremony honors companies with superior employee culture.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Representatives from 20 local companies gathered at the McLean Hilton June 1 as finalists for the Helios Human Resources annual Apollo Awards. The award was created by Helios founder, president and CEO Kathy Albarado in order to recognize businesses with superior employee interaction programs.

"The Apollo is the only award that I know that truly provides an objective, third-party evaluation of employee development programs," said Doug Layman, principal of Arve Capital and a past Apollo award winner. "It is the only award that provides an ongoing forum for best practices."

This is the fifth year of the Apollo awards, and Albarado said this year they tried to focus on organizations that not only promote employee welfare from within their company, but also make an effort to better the community around them.

"Employers are developing and enhancing leadership skills through organized community outreach and supporting philanthropic causes. They're encouraging employees to become people of influence," she said. "The finalists this year are showing us how they accomplish this in their own workplaces."

SpeakerBox Communications, based in McLean, won the Apollo award for emerging business. The public relations firm focuses on developing, educating and mentoring their employees, and as a result, more than half of their company has been there for five years.

"Our team has evolved in the last couple years into a key outreach program," said Lisa Throckmorton, executive vice president of SpeakerBox. "Our team participates in the community, they volunteer and it really benefits our culture."

The small company winner was Rose Financial Services of Rockville, Md. A past winner, they have developed a comprehensive employee training program called RFS University. Employees complete more than 40 training modules in order to learn how to best serve their clients.

"The effort that our team has put in has been incredible, what we've been able to develop," said Ted Rose, president, CEO and founder. "It has helped our new employees get up to speed faster and more ef-

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From left, Kathy Albarado of Helios Human Resources, Eleni Antoniou of High Performance Technologies, Inc. of Reston, and John Remy of Jackson Lewis at the fifth annual Apollo awards at the McLean Hilton June 1. High Performance Technologies, Inc. won the award for medium business.



Child Porn Charges: Three Months Jail

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

In March, Joshua Gessler was convicted of six sexual offenses — one, involving a 15-year-old Centreville girl. On May 27, in Fairfax County Circuit Court, he was sentenced to three months in jail.

Gessler, 41, of McLean, was also placed on probation, must pay \$1,000 to a fund for victims of sexual abuse and must register as a sex offender. But Judge Jane Roush declined to impose further penalties.

Knowing that he's lost his job as a corporate and securities attorney and has been humiliated in front of family, friends and former business associates, Roush said, "I think he's fallen about as far as he can fall and has been punished as much as he can be."



Gessler

Things began unraveling for Gessler in May 2010, when Fairfax County police launched an in-depth investigation into the girl's whereabouts after she was reported as a runaway. During the course of the investigation, detectives linked Gessler to her through a series of online interactions.

Police arrested him, Aug. 9, 2010, and detectives charged him with five counts of possession of child pornography and one count of production of child pornography. They said he and the girl had met in person and he took photos of a sexual nature and transmitted them electronically.

Then, following further investigation by detectives with the Child Exploitation Unit, on Sept. 16, 2010, police charged Gessler with 10 additional counts of possession of child pornography. The grand jury indicted him in January on all 16 charges and, on March 28 in Circuit Court, he pleaded guilty to six offenses and the other 10 charges were dropped.

Gessler entered guilty pleas to five counts of possession of child pornography. His charge of production of child pornog-

raphy was reduced to contributing to the delinquency of a minor — a misdemeanor — and he pleaded guilty to it, too.

He returned for sentencing May 27, and Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Leah Tarrantino was the first to speak. "Mr. Gessler was living two, distinct lives — an attorney, husband and father, and also a sexual deviant," she said. "He had extensive and numerous images of pornography of both adults and children."

She said Gessler also kept "meticulous records" of his

sexual encounters, took photos of the girl and sent them to her. "He is so obsessed with sex that the age of the person doesn't matter to him," said Tarrantino. "He has no sexual filter, and [his] sexual deviance puts the youth of our community at

risk."

Defense attorney Peter Greenspun said his client has had "significant, mental-health issues for a long time, but the great news is that it's all treatable." He said the victim told Gessler she was of age, and her "manner, speech and presentation" led him to believe her.

Regarding the pornography found in Gessler's home, Greenspun said Gessler hadn't looked at it in years. "Police found box after box with dust on them. The images were on old discs, but there was nothing in the home to view them on. They'd been there 15-20 years; his obsession was collecting and cataloging them."

Gessler then stood and addressed the court. "What I did was wrong — and even more so with the victim in this case," he said. "I betrayed the trust of my family, friends and colleagues, and especially my wife. I behaved recklessly and with a catastrophic lack of judgment."

Nonetheless, he said, "I'm not a monster. I have problems — I've been a mess for a long time — but I was able to mask them. But I've been in therapy for

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Volunteers Building Together

Booz Allen Hamilton and more than 50 volunteers – most of them from the Washington, D.C. offices of Booz Allen Hamilton — were on hand on Saturday, April 30, at the home of a D.C. resident participating in a National Rebuilding Together Day. A home known to house up to 10 family members, received a major, eco-friendly refurbishment – carpentry, painting, gardening, cleaning and more – via the work that volunteers put in.

Rebuilding Together, in partnership with volunteers, donors and organizations, revitalizes homes and neighborhoods for low-income homeowners and communities in need, especially the elderly, disabled, families, and veterans, helping them to live in warmth, safety and independence.

The effort promoted a “green way” of doing business, with 90 percent of the volunteers carpooling to the event or using public transportation; all of the



Andrew Richmond (left), Consultant, and Tal Aviv, (right), Senior Consultant, both aligned to Booz Allen Hamilton's McLean office participated in National Rebuilding Together Day event.

broken windows replaced with EPA certified windows; all of the paint reused from previous projects; the items in the trash and recycling bins were sorted for

proper disposal and reuse; the homeowner given a sustainability packet with tips for how she could make small changes to be more energy efficient and eco-friendly.

Gessler Sentenced to Three Months

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seven months and have begun to confront these problems. I've learned their root and how to deal with them. Although I've destroyed my career, I have many abilities and personal capital, and I believe I can still have a productive future.”

Reiterating how much Gessler had already lost, Judge Roush said the worst things for him were “being fired from your job, being publicly humiliated and having to turn in your law license in three jurisdictions.”

“The sexual activity with a 15-year-old girl in the woods is the most troubling aspect of this, to me, yet that's a misdemeanor,” continued Roush. “Still, regarding the felony pornography charges,

it's not a victimless crime. Maybe some child in Eastern Europe is being kidnapped now to produce pornography because there's a market for it.”

“I behaved recklessly and with a catastrophic lack of judgment.”

— Joshua Gessler, convicted sex offender

She then sentenced Gessler to two years in prison, suspending one year and nine months, for each pornography charge, plus the misdemeanor, and ran the sentences concurrently, for a total of three months to serve. She also placed him on two years active

probation, including polygraph testing, and ordered him to undergo sex-offender evaluation and treatment.

Gessler must also continue his mental-health treatment and comply with any additional mental-health treatment recommended by the probation department. He is to register as a sex offender and pay \$1,000 to the sexual-abuse victims' fund. In addition, a sample of his DNA has already been entered into the Virginia database of convicted felons.

Before his arrest, Gessler was a corporate and securities attorney with the law firm of Arnold & Porter in McLean. He obtained his law degree in 2000 from GMU, where he was an adjunct professor from 2007-2009.

CRIME REPORT

Activities reported by the McLean police department through June 3.

BURGLARY

A woman burglarized an acquaintance's home in the 2700 block of Cedar Lane around 1:35 p.m. on Sunday, May 29. An investigation determined the suspect entered the 24-year-old man's home, caused damage inside and stole money.

LARCENIES

1400 block of Balls Hill Road. Wallet stolen from business.
1900 block of Chain Bridge Road. Cell phone stolen from business.

Elmwood Drive/Johnson Road.

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1900 block of Griffith Road. Bicycle stolen from residence.

7000 block of Haycock Road. License plates stolen from vehicle.

8000 block of Leesburg Pike. Sunglasses stolen from business.

8300 block of Leesburg Pike. Beer stolen from business.

1500 block of Lincoln Way. Jacket stolen from vehicle.

8200 block of Old Courthouse Road. Computer and tools stolen from vehicle.

2200 block of Pimmit Run Lane. Tools stolen from vehicle.

8000 block of Tysons Corner Center.

Jewelry stolen from business.

Activities reported by the Fair Oaks police department through June 3.

ATEMPTED ROBBERY

A 74-year-old woman was the victim of an attempted robbery on Thursday, May 26 around 9 a.m. in the 13800 block of Rembrandt Way. The suspect displayed a knife. He was described as black, between 14 and 16 years old, about 5 feet 7 inches and 105 pounds and was riding a black, low-set bicycle. The victim was not injured.

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Companies Honored for 'Employee Culture'

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fectively.”

High Performance Technologies, Inc. (HPTI), based in Reston, took home the award for the medium-sized business. The company has created what they call the “Career Highway,” which they say helps provide employees a roadmap to their future development.

“Our senior leadership sets the tone, and it’s one of respect for our people, and one that helps people genuinely care about what they do” said Eleni Antoniou, HR director for HPTI. “That sets the ton for our success in human resources and at HPTI in general.”


Washington, D.C. based Edelman, a public relations firm, won the prize for large business. They have an internal education system designed to keep their employees updated on evolving trends such as social media at their own pace. They also have a Global Fellow Program, which sends employees to emerging global markets. This was Edelman’s second time winning the award.

“It’s meaning to us is exponential,” said Peter Segall, Edelman’s Washington, D.C. general manager. “Thirteen years ago, there were 60 people in the Washington office and HR stood for the first two letters of a piece of legislation in the House of Representatives. Today we have over 250 people in the Washington office.”

Helios also presented the Opa Award to Pariveda Solutions, for what Albarado called “innovation and sustained community impact.” This was the first year of the award, which was awarded to Pariveda for the framework of employee interaction they have created, which includes required community service.

The ceremony also launched the official release of Helios HR’s new book “Building a Culture of Intention: Visionary CEOs Define Organizational Culture.” The book contains stories from past and present Apollo award winners about the evolution of their business practices that have led to recognition. The book is available online at www.amazon.com.


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Graduating 'Butterflies'

The Madeira School Class of 2012 promises 'great things.'

BY CYNTHIA CROSS
THE CONNECTION

The 83 girls of The Madeira School's Class of 2011 graduated under a cloudless blue sky on Friday, June 3, entering the school's "cathedral in the woods" - the picturesque section of campus reserved for the annual commencement - with nervous excitement and exiting with joy, relief and diplomas in hand.

Olivia Boyle, elected as Senior Class speaker by her classmates, talked about the transformative environment of Madeira, in which girls "enter as freshman like an unformed egg and emerge as seniors like beautiful butterflies." "I know this class will do great things," she said. "Our colors are too beautiful to be ignored."

The commencement address was delivered by Andrea Powell, President and Co-Founder of FAIR Fund, a D.C.-based non-profit organization dedicated to preventing human trafficking and abuse of women

and children worldwide. Powell, who has worked closely with several Madeira student interns at FAIR Fund, discussed the young Syrian girl she met years ago who inspired her to found FAIR Fund. The girl was a slave, forced to become the fourth wife of a much older man to pay a debt owed by her father. Powell befriended the girl and looked for her later but could find no trace that she had ever lived. "I decided then that I didn't want to live in a world where a girl could simply disappear," she said. Inspired, she founded FAIR Fund with little knowledge, experience or skills. "But I did have the inspiration," she said, "and that was the difference."

"The doors are wide open to you right now," she told the graduates. "You are strong and empowered. I would like to challenge you to create a world where more girls have the chances that you have."

Addressing her first graduating class, Pilar Cabeza de Vaca, Madeira's new Head of School, told the girls to ask themselves what role they want to play in the world. "You are women coming of age at a time when you can take on leadership positions," she said. "You have the power and I know you have the will." Among several pieces of advice she offered to the graduates after leaving "the picket fences of Madeira," she encouraged them to "enjoy every minute of every day...Keep the joy of discovery alive within yourself. And be happy."



Hannah Wheelwright, Kristen Bishof, Brenna Healy, Elise Ablin, Lani Galloway

Madeira Graduates Discuss Next Step, Plans for the Future

—CYNTHIA CROSS



Lauren Belayneh, Olivia Boyle

Olivia Boyle, Greensburg, Pa.

Boyle, Senior Class speaker, is the second in her family to graduate from Madeira; her sister graduated in 2009. Boyle will study culture and communication at Ithaca College in the fall after spending the summer in Chicago living with her sisters and "hoping to find a job." Long term, Boyle hopes to "make a difference in the world, using media to connect different countries and cultures."

Lauren Belayneh, Alexandria, Va.

Belayneh, who was President of Madeira's Model UN Club, will study neuroscience and political science at the University of Pittsburgh in the fall. "I'm still in shock" she said about graduating from Madeira. "I can't believe we're really leaving!"

Ashley Odai-Afotey, Olney, Md.

Odai-Afotey will be working at an ophthalmologist's office this summer and will go to Cornell University in the fall where she will major in biology. She will pursue a career in medicine, an interest she developed through Madeira's co-curriculum program, which allowed her to intern for an epidemiologist at National Institutes of Health.



Katie Sotos and Ashley Odai-Afotey

Katie Sotos, Potomac, Md.

Sotos will travel to Italy for five weeks this summer, where she will take a studio art course through a Madeira-Landon School program. She will attend Colgate University in the fall and will study biology with a minor in French or musical theatre, a hobby she "fell in love with" at Madeira. Katie wants to be a veterinarian. "That has been my life's goal since I was three," she says.

NEWS

Langley High Crew Raises \$1,200 for Breast Cancer Awareness

Thanks to senior rower Max Heilbrunn, the Langley High School crew team rowed for a cure to breast cancer this spring. Max found information about Row for the Cure and brought the organization to the attention of his team. He inspired his teammates to help him raise money for breast cancer awareness.

Row for the Cure is a foundation designed to help promote breast cancer awareness among the rowing world and is affiliated with the Susan G. Komen foundation, which is one of the largest breast cancer awareness foundations in the world.

The Langley athletes were able



Max Heilbrunn and fellow rowers are being congratulated for their efforts by Matt Ragone, Langley HS principal, Mike Lehmann, Men's rowing coach and Marian McKee, LCBC President.

to raise nearly \$1,200 for this cause.

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OPINION

Still Time To Be a Candidate

And also time to register to vote, primary election day is Aug. 23.

Have you considered running for office? There are quite a few slots open for both major parties in the coming election, and even if you want to seek your party's nomination you have until June 15 to get yourself on the ballot. The primary election is Aug. 23; the general election is Nov. 8, this year.

In Virginia, all 100 seats in the House of Delegates and 40 seats in the State Senate are up for election on Nov. 8, 2011, along with the Sheriff and Commonwealth's Attorney in each jurisdiction, and many local offices as well.

This all comes before any presidential contest. That election is in November 2012. But the news has been about President Obama seeking to raise \$1 billion (seriously?) for his reelection campaign and a colorfully expanding and contracting Republican field (seriously).

Long before then, voters in Virginia will make some very serious state and local choices that likely will have more impact on the quality of schools, property values, traffic and transit choices, public safety and all around quality of life than will the presidential race that looms in 2012.

This is the first election since redistricting, and many Northern Virginia voters will find that they are in a new House of Delegates or state Senate district, and that it takes time to get to know a new set of candidates.

In Fairfax County, where the public schools consume more than half the budget of the entire county, a majority of current school board members have chosen not to seek reelection. Intense issues, including disciplinary policy, school start times, broad and qualitative approaches to course offerings, administrative costs and much more are at stake.

Candidates for school board, a non-partisan office, have until Aug. 23 to file their candidacy. This is one reason that it seemed unfortunate for Fairfax County Democrats to scramble to endorse school board candidates last month, throwing some established procedures out the window literally in the

EDITORIAL

11th hour in the process. In other races, the primary is really the general election. For example, state senate districts 30 and 31 that represent parts of Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax, have long-time incumbents Patsy Ticer (30) and Mary Margaret Whipple (31) retiring. A multi-candidate battle for the Democratic primary in each could predict the November results in these heavily Democratic districts.

Even though redistricting has made District 31 nearly 10 percent more Republican according to the Virginia Public Access Project, www.vpap.org, the new district still voted just 44 percent for Gov. McDonnell in the last elec-

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FOR PARTY CANDIDATES, the payment/filing deadline is 5 p.m., Wednesday, June 15. **NON-PARTY CANDIDATES** have until primary election day, Tuesday, Aug. 23, to declare their candidacy.

TO VOTE

Primary Election Day, Tuesday, Aug. 23
General Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 8
The deadline to register for the Aug. 23 primary is Monday, Aug. 1.
Monday, Oct. 17 is the deadline to register to vote or update one's address for the Nov. 8 General Election.

tion. The previously compact district centered in Arlington now stretches all the way to Sterling. Huge swaths of McLean and Great Falls, long in District 32, will now find themselves in District 31.

Similarly, District 30 is nearly 5 percent more Republican, but voted just 41 percent for Gov. McDonnell. The district now stretches down into Mount Vernon, encompassing areas previously in District 36.

These are just a few examples of why it's time to tune in to the local elections.

We invite your suggestions, questions and contributions. The Connection will print letters to the editor, some columns from candidates, announcements of debates, stories and profiles and more in the coming months.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An Open Letter on Rail to Dulles

To The Honorable Ray LaHood,
Secretary, U. S. Department of Transportation

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I want to thank you for taking time to involve yourself in the growing Dulles Metrorail line construction debacle. It is clear that something is terribly wrong with this program as the total cost for the effort has skyrocketed from \$2.5 billion in 2004 according to the final Environmental Impact Statement to more than \$6.3 billion today. This two and one-half fold increase includes the one billion dollar, forty percent increase in the cost of Phase 2 from \$2.5 billion to \$3.5 billion dropped on us last October.

If, as reported in the press, you have asked the several parties to the Dulles Metrorail effort to find a way to cut the costs of the effort, that is a vital first step. Building an above ground station at Dulles airport rather than an underground one may be part of that answer, but it will only reduce the recent unsubstantiated one billion

dollar increase by one-third at best. I believe it is important to understand quite specifically how these cost estimates—especially for Phase 2—grew so quickly and astronomically. Otherwise, after whatever accommodation may be made under your leadership, the costs may inexplicably balloon again. That may require a comprehensive audit, as called for by area Congressman Frank Wolf, whether conducted by DOT, GAO, or another expert, disinterested party.

From a northern Virginia resident's perspective, the current financing arrangement for Dulles Metrorail construction is even more outrageous, however. As it stands now, Dulles Toll Road (DTR) users would pay the majority (56 percent) of the Metrorail line's cost, seeing their current \$2 full toll fare increase in 2040 to \$14.25 with TIFIA and \$19.75 without TIFIA per the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA). That's approximately a three- to five-fold increase in DTR fares in real terms. Why would anyone pay \$7-\$10 to use the DTR today? It is the kind of toll increase that will see a large volume of regional traffic divert to

local roads, clogging local streets, undermining DTR revenues (and MWAA debt service), and increasing state and local transportation costs for improvements and maintenance. In short, the allocation of Metrorail costs is so outlandish as to be unworkable.

While DTR users may rightfully pay a share of the construction costs to help ensure full use of the Metrorail line, there are several additional options for sharing these costs.

❖ The Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority (WMATA), which will collect revenues from operating the Dulles Metrorail line, is not a party to the financing agreement nor obligated to pay any of its construction costs. That's unprecedented in WMATA experience. Why isn't WMATA paying for a share of the line's construction?

❖ Dulles International Airport Access Highway (DIAAH) users do not pay any tolls to drive all the way from I-66 or I-495 to the airport. Once Dulles Metrorail is constructed, the DIAAH should be treated like a "HOT" lane and users charged the same or higher toll as DTR users for their express ac-

cess to/from the airport. Moreover, these tolls would be a constructive way to ensure day-long use of the Dulles Metrorail line. Why is this important funding source not on the table?

❖ MWAA is currently responsible for paying just 4.1 percent of the total cost of the line out of its airport revenues—about \$260 million—which is a small fraction of the \$589 million to \$1.22 billion it estimates it will cost to build the line and station at the airport under its three options. Why isn't MWAA responsible for covering all the costs of building that portion of the line that will benefit MWAA, its airline passengers, and its employees? Why should local jurisdictions and DTR users pay for the bulk of a capability that little serves them?

I appreciate that these are difficult issues, but both the growing total cost of the Dulles Metrorail line and the irresponsible and unworkable allocation of those costs are a deep concern to me and my fellow Restonians.

Terry Maynard

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SCHOOLS

Preparing Garden for New Plants

Eagle Scout candidate William Newton organized a project to prepare Churchill Road Elementary School's milkweed garden for new plantings. William, members of his troop, and several parents spent a Saturday afternoon preparing the garden for the soon-to-arrive plants. Cheryl Bamdad's fifth graders spent an afternoon the following week weeding parts of the garden and planting the milkweed seedlings. The milkweed is a food source for the Monarch butterflies that second and fifth graders will raise and release next fall.



Members of Boy Scout Troop 869 along with some parents, help prepare Churchill Road's milkweed garden for new plants. Pictured from left are Jose Ochoa and Jeff Kipers (parents), Will Baxley, John Baxley (parent), Nathaniel Kipers, David Todd, William Todd, Christopher Haley, Jackson Coerr, Eagle Scout candidate William Newton, Michael Haley and Jay Sebastian (parent).

PHOTOS BY KIM MORAN



Churchill Road fifth graders in Cheryl Bamdad's class take advantage of the newly prepared milkweed garden to plant milkweed seedlings. Pictured from left are Mason Liddell, Michael Kim, Diya Kallam and Alex Dacey.



PHOTO BY PEGGY PRIDEMORE

Scholarship recipient Orla Conway (second from left) is pictured with the The Dunn Loring Woods Civic Association Scholarship Committee members Kathy Arpa, Eleanor McCann and Ken Quincey.

Orla Conway Wins Scholarship

On May 17, Orla Conway, a senior at George C. Marshall High School, received a scholarship from the 2011 Dunn Loring Woods Civic Association Scholarship Program. The scholarship was created for graduating seniors with parents & households providing information including awards, activities, community service, and examination scores. Additionally students submitted an essay reflecting on "how living in Va-DC-Md area has helped them pursue their goals." Orla Conway will

use this scholarship towards attending the Berklee College of Music in Boston this fall. Orla Conway has garnered both VHSL and Cappie awards for theater and was inducted into "The Statesman of The 21st Century" Hall of Fame. Her performances on stage at Marshall include: Peter Pan, Company, Reflex Action, City of Angels and most recently the roll of Roxy Hart in "Chicago." Conway's professional performances include "A Christmas Carol" at Ford Theater, 2005 and "Les Miserables" at Wolf Trap in 2008.

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Junior Jessica Bumsted of the Langley Women's Chamber Choir performs a solo during a medley from "The Princess and the Frog" June 3 during the Langley Choral Spring Show, "A Salute to Disney."

Langley senior and Madrigals member Zack Gray prepares to surprise his mother Cyndi with a bouquet of flowers at the conclusion of the Langley Chorus Spring Show June 3. Cyndi Gray served as co-president of the Langley Choral Guild for the 2010-11 school year.

Langley Performs 'A Salute to Disney'

Spring show finishes successful 2010-11 school year, says farewell to 26 graduating seniors.

By ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The Langley Chorus presented "A Salute to Disney" June 2 and 3, which included selected Disney favorites and also served as a final performance for 26 Langley seniors before their graduation.

"Choir was like my family in high school," said senior Colleen Cofer. "I remember when we were in Orlando performing as the Women's Chamber Choir, and we did really well, and I looked at my friend Abby, and she was crying because she realized I was senior and it would be my last trip, and then I started crying too."

Freshman Paul Hefner, preparing for his first spring show as a member of the Langley Chorus, said he was impressed watching the seniors prepare for the show.

"They really know what's going on, and they're better than even I expected," he said. "It's very impressive what this group can put together, and it was a lot more work and thought going into this performance than I thought."

Six different choirs comprising more than 100 students performed during the show and many students are part of multiple choirs. The Treble Choir, Women's Treble Choir, Concert Choir, Women's Chamber Choir, Madrigals and Voicemale groups all performed. Dr. Mac Lambert, director of Choral Activities at Langley, said they hoped to present a show to appeal to



Members of Langley High School's Chorus perform "Zip-A-Dee-Dee-Dah" June 3 as part of the "Salute to Disney" Spring show.

music lovers of all kinds.

"We have six different choirs, so it's a matter of seeing what's published and available and then finding the right voicing for each piece," Lambert said. "These are songs that a lot of students were

films such as "Newsies" and "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" and more pop works such as Elton John's "Lion King," Phil Collins's "Tarzan" and 2008's "Camp Rock." Songs from 2009's "The Princess and the Frog" provided a jazzy, New Orleans feel, while "Aida" added a splash of Broadway.

"We try a little bit to recreate the stories with the costumes, but also trying to just present the music to the audience," Lambert said.

The show played over two nights, which is the usual for the spring show, but Lambert said there was one thing that was unusual about this year.

"Almost every medley had a solo, and we had the most auditions, and they were so good, we ended up double casting, one for each night, so we could get them all in."

Sophomore John Higgins said while he was familiar with many of the numbers being performed, putting them together as a chorus was a very different experience.

"It sounds a lot easier than it actually is," he said. "When you hear the songs, you're used to the melody just being there, but as a chorus, we have to create different harmonies to make it sound right."

Students helped choreograph some of the numbers, which senior Zack Gray said was a very rewarding process.

"I had a dream about how I wanted it all to look, and I got up right away and wrote it all down on paper," said Gray, who choreographed the Tarzan medley. "It was a lot of fun to then

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WEDNESDAY/JUNE 8

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

Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. '60s doo-wop. \$25-\$45. www.wolftrap.org.

THURSDAY/JUNE 9

Ted Vigil: A Tribute to John Denver. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

"Jack and the Bean-Stalk." 12 noon 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tyson's Corner. With an irreverent Cow, a crafty, bean-peddling Stranger and a saucy Hen What Lays the Golden Eggs. Tickets \$15 at www.1ststage.com or 703-854-1856.

Art about Art. 7:30 p.m. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St. N.W., Vienna. Artist and children's book illustrator Jonathan Linton, who will demonstrate principals of design. Free. 703-319-3971 or www.ViennaArtsociety.org.

The Levon Helm Band with moe. 7:30 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Folk music. \$25-\$45. www.wolftrap.org.

FRIDAY/JUNE 10

"By Jeeves." 8 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tyson's Corner. A musical inspired by the P. G. Wodehouse stories of Bertie Wooster and Jeeves. \$30 adults, \$15 students. 703-854-1856 or www.1ststage.com.

Alte Kameraden. 7 p.m. Old Town Plaza, 3955 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. Gemütlichkeit festmusik. Weather permitting. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and a picnic basket. Free. 703-757-0220 or www.fairfaxband.org.

Marcy Playground and Shayka Boyz at 7 p.m., followed by **Those Darlins and Natural Child** at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

English Conversation Group. 10 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. English conversation group. Adults. 703-938-0405.

Pokemon League. 3 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Learn and play. Age 5-18. 703-938-0405.

SATURDAY/JUNE 11

"By Jeeves." 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tyson's Corner. A musical inspired by the P. G. Wodehouse stories of Bertie Wooster and Jeeves. \$30 adults, \$15 students. 703-854-1856 or www.1ststage.com.

"Jack and the Bean-Stalk." 12 noon and 6 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tyson's Corner. With an irreverent Cow, a crafty, bean-peddling Stranger and a saucy Hen What Lays the Golden Eggs. Tickets \$15 at www.1ststage.com or 703-854-1856.

No Better Off. 5 p.m. Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Free. 703-288-9505.

Natalie York and Rob & Maggie Ulmer at 7 p.m., followed by **Fight The Lion, Cerca Trova and Playground Etiquette** at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

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"Under the Influence" is a solo exhibit of photographs by Terri Parent, on display through June 30 at the Artists Atelier Gallery, 1144 Walker Road, Suite H in Great Falls. parent.terri@gmail.com.

Historic Vienna, Inc. Used Book Sale. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Freeman House, 131 Church St. N.E., Vienna. Fiction, non-fiction, biography, business, sports, cookbooks, religion, Civil War history and more. 703-938-5187 or www.historicviennainc.org.

The Go-Go's Ladies Gone Wild Tour with The Dollyrots. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Pop-rock. \$25-\$42. www.wolftrap.org.

Tour of the Potomac Valley Native Plant Collection. 2 p.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Observe and learn from the native plant collection. 703-255-3631.

Bright Eyes with M. Ward and Dawes. 7 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Indie music. \$28-\$32. www.wolftrap.org.

Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association, Inc. 10 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Horticultural tips, information, techniques and advice to home gardeners. Adults. 703-293-6227.

Author Jyoti Sondhi. 1 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Jyoti discusses her book, *Lighting the Lamp Within*. Adults. 703-293-6227.

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Plant Clinic hosted by the Master Gardeners. 10 a.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Gardening questions. Adults. 703-790-8088.

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Sean Chyun & The Deceivers. 6 p.m. Concerts on the Green, Great Falls Village Center, Great Falls. Rock. www.gfvcca.com/concerts.

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"The Armed Man, A Mass for Peace." 4 p.m. Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. N.E., Vienna. With the Music Ministry, Sanctuary Choir, and members of the Oratorio Society of Virginia. Pre-concert lecture at 3:30 p.m. Free. 703-938-9050 or www.viennapres.org/ministries/music/events.

Mill Run Dulcimer Band Concert. 2 p.m. Colvin Run Mill Barn, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. 703-759-2771.

Indigo Girls with The Shadowboxers. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Folk music. \$25-\$42. www.wolftrap.org.

MONDAY/JUNE 13

The Duke Robillard Band. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

TUESDAY/JUNE 14

"Jack and the Bean-Stalk." 12 noon, 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tyson's Corner. With an irreverent Cow, a crafty, bean-peddling Stranger and a saucy Hen What Lays the Golden Eggs. Tickets \$15 at www.1ststage.com or 703-854-1856.

Matt Duke, Rosi Golan and Hope Waits. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Woof, and Paws - Read to a Dog. 4 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Sign up to read with a reading therapy dog. Age 6-12 with adult. 703-938-0405.

English Conversation. 10:30 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. English practice for non-native speakers. Adults. 703-242-4020.

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.

Personalized Internet Training. 2:30 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. A 45-minute Internet training session with a technology volunteer. Call for appointment. Adults. 703-790-8088.

Practice Your English. 6:30 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-790-8088.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 15

Red Wanting Blue, Riley Etheridge, Jr. and Tiger Darrow. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Book Discussion Group. 10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Call for title. Adults. 703-757-8560.

Lunch Bunnies. 12 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place,

Oakton. Bring a blanket and lunch, enjoy stories. Birth-5 with adult. 703-242-4020.

One-on-One Computer Tutoring. 3 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Learn the basics of the Internet, Word and Excel. Adults. 703-242-4020.

Model Investment Club of Northern Virginia. 7 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. New visitors welcome. Adults. 703-790-8088.

THURSDAY/JUNE 16

"Jack and the Bean-Stalk." 12 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tyson's Corner. With an irreverent Cow, a crafty, bean-peddling Stranger and a saucy Hen What Lays the Golden Eggs. Tickets \$15 at www.1ststage.com or 703-854-1856.

Author Norman Polnar. 7:30 p.m. Chapter 227, Vietnam Veterans of America Inc. at Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane, Cedar Lane Shopping Center, Vienna. Polnar, a naval analyst and author, will discuss his book, "Project Azorian: The CIA and the Raising of the K-129," analyzing the CIA's partially successful recovery of a sunken Russian nuclear missile submarine. General public invited. Free admission. 703-255-0353 or www.vva227.org.

Company of Thieves, Empires and Sleeper Agent. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Afternoon Reading Group. 1 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Half the Sky by Nicholas Kristof. Adults. 703-293-6227.

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

Book Discussion. 7 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Those Who Save Us by Jenna Blum. Adults. 703-242-4020.

FRIDAY/JUNE 17

Civil War Encampment and Reenactment of the 1861 Battle of Vienna. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. A wide range of commemorative activities will take place in the area surrounding the Vienna Community Center, the site of the 1861 Battle of Vienna. This battle was the first time a train was used tactically in warfare in American history. The main encampment will begin set-up on Friday, June 17th near the community center. Activities will include period music by Evergreen Shade starting at 7 p.m. and storytelling of the Battle of Vienna by historian Jim Lewis on a projection screen at 7:30 p.m. These free events are at the Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Encampment activities and demonstrations will take place all day culminating with the reenactment of the Battle of Vienna at 6 p.m. With the 5th Regiment ANV and 17th Virginia Infantry Regiment, Company G. Free. 703-255-6356.

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The Kennedys. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Fairfax Saxophone Quartet. 7:30 p.m. Old Town Plaza, 3955 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. Classic jazz. Weather permitting. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and a picnic basket. Free. 703-757-0220 or www.fairfaxband.org.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Farewell Show at Langley High

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try and explain the vision I saw in my head, tell it to people and see them put together. And honestly, it came out even better than I could have imagined."

Lori Taylor, who was one of the accompanists during the performance, said she enjoyed the diverse song selection in the show.

"It's great to be able to move from show tunes to jazz to pop, and in a contemporary way," said Taylor, who has been accompanying the Langley choir for the past five years. "The kids certainly work harder, but the energy they use really comes out in the production. Doc [Lambert] is great at making them work to reach the best of their abilities, and this is one of the most focused groups I've ever played with."

Before the finale, which was "Just One Dream" from the "Golden Dream" attraction at Disney's California Adventure, a brief video was shown onstage where the graduating seniors spoke about their dreams and goals for the next phase of their life.

Jane Abraham, co-president of the Langley Choral Guild, a parent organization that supports the Langley Chorus, presented Lambert with a token of appreciation



PHOTO BY ALEX McVEIGH/THE CONNECTION

Langley senior Betsy Abraham sings a solo during a medley from "The Princess and the Frog" June 3 during the Langley Chorus "A Salute to Disney" spring show.

for his years of service to Langley. She presented him with a letter from Governor Bob McDonnell thanking him for his accomplishments and dedication to the Langley Chorus.

The show wrapped up another successful season for the Langley Chorus. They traveled to Orlando, Fla. in March for the Heritage Music Festival and the Concert Choir, Madrigals, Women's Chamber Choir and Women's Select Choir all received first place awards. The Madrigals received the highest score of the competition, with a 98 out of 100.

Lambert also had a bit of magic working for him during the performance. A big Harry Potter fan, his students had gone to the Harry Potter world at Universal Studios while in Orlando this Spring and purchased him a replica of

Dumbledore's wand, which he used to conduct the show. Before the finale, he also donned a wizard's robe to conduct the final number.

The number would be the final one performed by 26 Langley seniors who were participating in their final show. Many of them have been members of the chorus for all four years of high school.

"It's sad to see them go, and every year I think 'how in the world will the junior class take their place?' but they always come back and do it," he said. "It's a little bittersweet, because over their time here, they've really learned how to sing and perform at a high level."

More information on the Langley Chorus can be found at <http://www.langleychorus.com>

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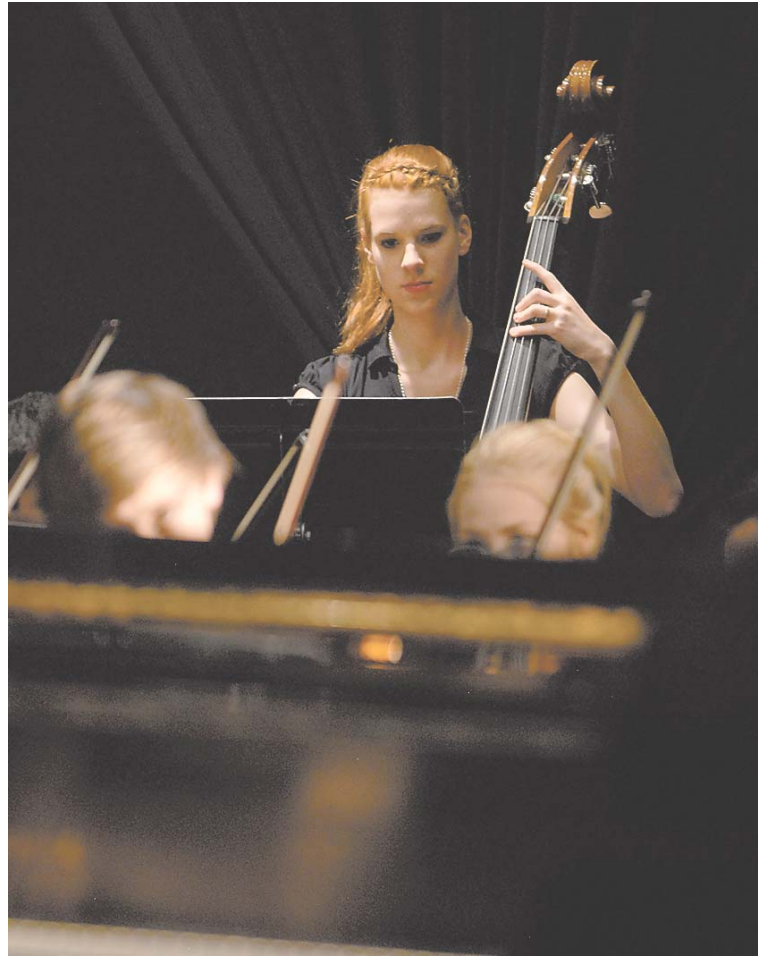
NEWS



Udo Monks, director of the Detmold Jugendorchester, directs the opening piece of the 2011 German-American Exchange Concert at McLean High School on June 3. The orchestra was a combination of German students from Christian-Dietrich-Grabbe Gymnasium in Detmold, Germany and of the McLean High School Chamber Orchestra.



McLean Orchestra members Michael Anthony and Brian Roy play their parts during the 2011 German-American Exchange Concert in McLean on June 3.



Pia-Marlen Halling was one of 40 students from the Detmold Jugendorchester that traveled to McLean High School for the annual German-American Exchange Concert that takes place between the two schools each year.

SCHOOL NOTES

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

Michael Shipley of McLean has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at Emory & Henry College.

Katherine Kies of McLean was awarded the Joseph Drown Foundation award at Cornell University of Ithaca, N.Y. The \$15,000 prize is awarded to a graduating senior in the School of Hotel Administration who demonstrates outstanding academics, entrepreneurial spirit and community involvement.

George Mahaney-Walter of McLean has received a bachelor of arts in psychology from the University of Rochester. Mahaney-Walter was previously awarded a Kauffman Entrepreneurial Year scholarship, and is owner of Free Play Fitness, Inc. The 2006 graduate of Langley High School is the son of Mary Claire Mahaney and Herb Walter.

Daria Hafner of McLean has been awarded the Jefferson Davis Award at Bowdoin College of Brunswick, Maine. The Langley High School graduate is majoring in government and history.

Olivia Grady of McLean has graduated with bachelor of arts degrees in political science and economics from Rice University of Houston, Tx.

Gillian Eiserman of McLean has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at Bridgewater College of Bridgewater Va. Eiserman is a sophomore majoring in business administration and computer science.

Omeed Assefi of McLean has graduated from Trinity College in Hartford, Ct. He studied public policy and law.

Jessica Donnell of McLean has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at Hope College of Holland, Mi. She is the daughter of Charles and Janice Donnell.

Kathryn Anwyll of McLean has graduated with a bachelor of arts in history from McDaniel College of Westminster, Md.

Boyd P. Fahringer of McLean has earned a doctoral degree from The University of Scranton, Scranton, Pa.

Samantha Case of McLean has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at Denison University of Granville, Oh.

McLean residents **Robert Bensinger** and **Lindsay Freedman** have been invited to join Phi Beta Kappa at Indiana University College of Arts and Sciences of Bloomington, In.

Marisa Hoffman of McLean has received a bachelor of arts in political science with a minor in psychology from Syracuse University. She is a 2007 graduate of Langley High School.

Tyler Stilwell of McLean has received a bachelor of arts in economics from Connecticut College of New London, Ct.

Scott Sanderson of McLean has received a bachelor of arts in philosophy from Connecticut College of New London, Ct.

Notes of Friendship at McLean High

Viola player Ansgar Theis, a member of the Detmold Jugendorchester from Detmold, Germany, warms-up in the hallways of McLean High School prior to the annual 2011 German-American Exchange Concert in McLean on June 3.



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PHOTOS BY CHRISTOPHER MUDD/THE CONNECTION

Ryan Miller and his family enjoying the warm weather and music at Palladium Civic Place Green. "We come a few times every summer and love it. I like the mix of music from rock and roll to jazz," said Miller. From left, Krista Miller with husband Ryan, and their two children, Landon and Elisabeth Miller.



Monica Patel and her son Arjun. "We love the concerts. I bring my kids to come and hang out, we come all the time," said Patel.

Summer Concerts Kick Off

Mclean grooved out to Billy T's Time Machine at the Palladium Civic Place Green, located at the corner of Laughlin and Lowell Avenue, early afternoon this past Saturday. The concert was the first of four to be held at the Civic Place Green this month. Billy T's Time Machine plays a variety of rock and roll, jazz, blues and country music from the forties to the sixties. The group is made up of four musicians: lead vocalist and guitar player Jerry Perman, piano player Bill Thompson, drummer Peter Falcone, and his son and bass player – "Pete" Falcone. Billy T's Time Machine has played at the Civic Place Green before. "This is our fourth time playing here and we are going to play once more this summer. We love coming here," said Jerry Perman. The crowd got an energy-filled show from a polished group that has been playing together for three years. They opened up with "Miss Ann" by Johnny Winter, and then went on to cover hits such as Credence Clearwater Revival's "Bad Moon Rising" and the Cars "Let the Good Times Roll."

"These guys are great," said Carla Freyvogel. "A central destination in McLean is missing so anything that promotes people gathering for music, sports, whatever it may be is a great thing."

On June 11, the group "No Better Off" will be performing at the Civic Place Green from 5-7 p.m. On June 18, "The Grandsons" perform, and the Barbra Martin Duo will wrap up the month of June with a concert on the 25th.

— CHRISTOPHER MUDD



Billy T's Time Machine performs at Palladium Civic Place Green in McLean Saturday: back row, from left, Pete Falcone on bass, Peter Falcone on drums. Front row, vocals Jerry Perman, and Bill Thompson on the piano.



Cathy and Bill Colglazier (with their dog Carl). "We really love coming down here. It's great on any given Saturday or Sunday it can be really crowded. It has a great European feel to it," said Cathy Colglazier

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McLean Softball Finishes Region Runner-Up

Highlanders won states last year after suffering same regional fate.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The McLean softball team was anything but distraught after losing the Northern Region softball final on June 3 at Madison High School.

After all, the Highlanders had been here before — and everything turned out great.

Westfield defeated McLean, 4-3, to win the region championship on Friday. The Bulldogs scored the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning on a walk-off hit by sophomore Caitlin Rudy, leaving McLean as the region runner-up for the second straight season.

After last year's loss to Madison in the region final, McLean regrouped and won three straight games en route to the state championship. After Friday's loss, the Highlanders discussed what they accomplished last season.

"If we can love each other for one more week and play good ball, I think we can do what we did last year," head coach Maurice Tawil said. "No tears [after Friday's loss]. We don't have a lot of that on this team. We went into a little swoon last year when we lost a very difficult [region championship] game. It took a little while to pick us back up and I just asked them that I don't want to repeat that. I want to come back and practice hard and try to win three games, just like we did last year.

"We have some experience to draw on."

On Friday, McLean overcame a pair of one-run deficits before tying the score at 3-3 in the sixth inning. Westfield was in position to regain the lead in the bottom half, but McLean center fielder Mary Spulak threw out Jessica McNamara at home plate when the Bulldog shortstop attempted to tag up on a fly ball.

Westfield catcher Lexi Scoville led off the bottom of the seventh with a single. Courtesy runner Courtney Mecimore advanced to second a sacrifice bunt and Rudy drove her in with a hit to the gap in left-center.

"We threw a girl out from center field and she's one of the fastest girls in the region," Tawil said. "We threw a girl out on a suicide squeeze [in the third inning]. Our defense was pretty good. We took away two runs for them. We caught up twice. I'm very, very proud of the way we played. ...

"We said all along if we're going to lose a game, let them win it. They came in and got a pure base hit [in the seventh], moved her over with a bunt, got another pure base hit in the gap — there's not much you can do about that. Not much my pitcher can do about that — she might want that pitch back — but



McLean senior Jamie Bell bats against Westfield during the Northern Region final on June 3 at Madison High School. Bell pitched a perfect game against South County during the semifinals on June 1.

no shame is losing like that."

After falling behind 1-0, McLean scored a pair of runs in the third inning to take its only lead of the game. Pitcher Jamie Bell led off the frame with a double and third baseman Jessie Straub tied the score two batters later with a sacrifice fly. Right fielder Allison Wilhelm then gave the Highlanders the lead with a solo home run to left-center.

Bell suffered the loss for McLean, but it was the senior's dominance in the circle during the semifinals that helped the Highlanders advance to the state tournament. Bell threw a perfect game against South County during a 4-0 victory on June 1 at Robinson Secondary School.

"She was just outstanding," Tawil said of Bell's effort against the Stallions. "They're a good team, they were playing very good. She has a no-quit attitude. She's the most fierce competitor that you ever want to see. We got into some jams [on Friday] and you saw how she bore down. ... She's been fantastic. If we're going to lose, we're going to lose with her ... [pitching] that way."

McLean traveled to Chesapeake to face Hickory in the opening round of the state tournament on June 7, after The Connection's deadline.



McLean's Andrea Romness (right) shields Woodson player Erin Havard from the ball during Friday's region finals contest held at Madison High School. The Highlanders reached the finals by defeating Centreville in a semifinals game. To read about that game, go to connectionnewspapers.com, and go to McLean sports.

Highlander Girls Fall in Finals to Woodson, 1-0

Cavaliers' early goal in soccer region title game holds up.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

One goal turned out to be enough for the W.T. Woodson High girls' soccer team in its 1-0 Northern Region tournament title game victory over talented and determined McLean High last Friday, June 3. The finals contest was played on a brilliant, late spring night at James Madison High School in Vienna.

Both Woodson (14-2-3) and McLean (14-4-2) were scheduled to compete at this week's eight-team state AAA tournament.

In the region title match, a Woodson first half goal by Erin Havard within the first six-and-a-half minutes of the game held up in the Cavaliers' shutout victory. On the goal, Havard, a senior midfielder, received a pass from her left from teammate Brett Thomas. Then, from the left wing area of the field, Havard sent a solid, lofting shot off her left foot high into the right side of the McLean net from 30 yards out.

"Brett passed it to me and I one-touched it [to gain control]," said Havard, who is right-footed but scored the key goal with her left foot. "I hit it like I normally do - I like getting power on my shots. It looked like the goalie really reached for it."

The ball went in and the Cavaliers had the early game momentum.

Late in the contest, the action was especially riveting over the final 15 minutes as both Woodson and McLean made rush after rush towards the opposing goal.

"The game was pretty well matched," said Havard. "They'd go down the field and we'd come right back. It was back and forth. I held my breath [down the stretch] but I had confidence we'd hold on."

McLean's Kristina Bettner described the game as a "dog fight."

"Both teams played as hard as they could," said Bettner. "They got the early goal. I think this is one of the few games where we were down [on the scoreboard]. So it was a different mentality [being behind]. At first it was devastating. But then we calmed down."

Both teams made strong runs with the ball but only the one goal was scored over the 80 minutes of play. Most of McLean's shots on goal came on medium- to long-range shots which Woodson senior goalie Marlee Stynchula was able to corral.

Havard never really thought her early goal would be the only score of the game, but it was.

"At that point, no," she said. "It was so early in the game."

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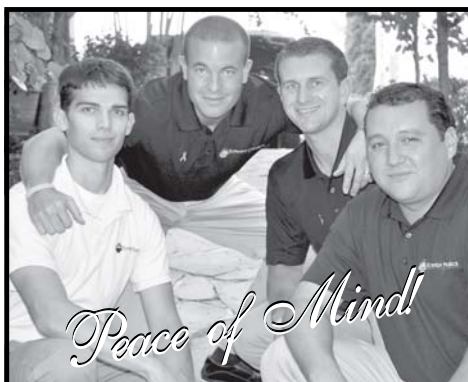
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TO ZOIE AVA AUSTIN

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Money for Something

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



But what exactly? And how much of it shall I spend? And what if I need it later for some cancer-related, at-home expense that I don't have now? As well as I'm doing, do I assume that my future is as asymptomatic and as relatively normal – all things considered for a stage IV lung cancer patient who's been told his disease is "incurable but treatable" – as it has been, generally speaking? And while I'm speaking generally, why should I, of all people, not suffer the same fate as so many other terminal patients who have preceded me have while battling their own incurable diseases? I don't suppose I should, which is why I'm feeling that spending money like there's no tomorrow, or at least a non-cancer-affected tomorrow, expense-wise, is not a reasonable assumption and prudent course of planning/budgeting. I realize I have beaten the odds so far, 27 months post diagnosis; still, I don't believe I'm a great long-term investment.

Nevertheless, "Tomorrow is another day," as Scarlet O'Hara so famously said at the end of the Oscar-awarded, "Gone With The Wind," exhibiting the same indomitable spirit which had carried her through the Civil War and part of Reconstruction, as well the four-hour movie made of Margaret Mitchell's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel. But tomorrow – for me, may be the end of the beginning or the beginning of the end – of budget control, should my cancer move and/or grow and reassert itself. And if that happens, it's likely going to cost some money; unexpectedly if I don't plan for it, and probably over budget even if I do plan for it – even though I have health insurance (reimbursements and all being what they are). Damned if I do and damned if I don't is the thought that reverberates around in my head. How does one plan for the previously unthinkable? How does one live free and die without prepaying (especially if they don't live in New Hampshire)?

But if I don't live like I'm not dying, then surely I will die unhappily – and before my time. I don't exactly want to hasten my death by acting the fastidious fool: getting my things in order for a tidy transition for my loved ones. Where's the future in that? My problem however, is the present. How do I live normally today (as if not diagnosed with a terminal disease)? How do I back-burner an underlying problem (lung cancer), the likes of which have rarely been "back-burnered"? How do I ignore the thing that I need to be (in my head, anyway) most responsible for paying attention to? Moreover, how do I deny the reality that overlaps (I didn't say consumes) my life from the minute I wake up in the morning (and sort of check myself for symptoms, changes), to the second when my brain finally shuts down at night and enables my body to have some much-needed and well-deserved non-cancer-focused rest?

How do I then allocate the precious financial resources available to me to smooth out this incredibly unexpected turn of unfortunate events? Do I try to ease my conscience and spend money to live more joyously today ("Damn the torpedoes!") or do I attempt to manage today and spend money as judiciously as possible so that my subconscious won't nag at me about how ill-prepared I am for tomorrow's inevitable demise? It's a paradox – for me, whose resolution would certainly enhance the quality of my remaining life. The dilemma is, to do so is completely contrary to my nature and what I consider common sense. Then again, being diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer at 54 – after having never smoked cigarettes, wasn't exactly part of the plan either.

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THE COUNTY LINE Split in the Rail?

NEWS ANALYSIS

With local burden of rail expanding, economic pressures and political pressures lead to flash point.

By NICHOLAS HORROCK
THE CONNECTION

Part two of a two part series.

Like the Pentagon, Dulles International Airport and Reagan National Airport have been major engines of economic growth in Northern Virginia, transforming farmland into cities with massive office complexes and almost endless suburban communities stretching to the West Virginia line and south to the Richmond suburbs.

The result contributed to several of the richest counties in the United States. The region has been buffered against more serious economic downturn by the federal government and the vast private industry attracted here to serve it.

For most of their history, these engines were delivered to Virginia free - without major local tax investment. Over the last five decades, they have brought millions of well paid jobs to Virginia and created, in spite of recent troubles, one of the richest housing markets in the world.

The economic boom ironically created the critical traffic glut that was the impetus for the Dulles Toll Road and the airport rail line.

Until the opening of the Dulles Toll Road in 1984, there were no toll roads in Northern Virginia, no toll bridges and a major subway system built in large part by federal dollars. The original Metro system was built with 90 percent federal funding, 10 percent local. In 1979, additional expansion required 25 per cent from local funds with 75 percent federal participation. The last 13.5 miles was completed with federal paying 63 percent and local governments paying 37 percent.

THE DULLES CORRIDOR RAILWAY marks the first time that the Northern Virginia taxpayer has been asked to pay a significant portion of this public utility.

Now relatively suddenly, the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority's handling of the rail project is being called into question and U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) has introduced a bill that would allow the removal of members of MWAA's board plus allow the Virginia governor to appoint enough members to virtually overpower Washington and Maryland delegations.

On the surface the cause would seem to be that MWAA selected a plan for Phase 2 that will cost \$325 million more than a competing plan.

But beneath the surface there are other

issues afoot.

Wolf's bill clearly is designed to carry out a political objective along with public policy changes. Though he does not mention her by name, Wolf wants to allow McDonnell to remove Mame Reiley, a prominent Virginia Democrat (party fundraiser, member of the Democratic National Committee from Virginia and campaign manager for Rep. Jim Moran (D-8), who was appointed by then Gov. Mark Warner. Reiley chaired the committee which recommended the costlier airport Metro station and has firmly rejected the notion that the MWAA should back down.

The second target of Wolf's bill is a Republican chestnut. He and other Republicans in local government like Pat Herrity on the Fairfax Board of Supervisors want the project to drop the "project labor agreement" which was in force in Phase 1 and which requires union organized labor on the project.

Many federal projects use union labor, but local Virginia contractors have "right to work rules" and hire only nonunion employees.

Wolf's public statements persistently refer to his experience in congress looking into the notorious Boston "Big Dig" project where costs skyrocketed from \$2 billion plus to \$22 billion. He says he sees the danger of runaway costs here.

"Success of the rail to Dulles and to Loudoun County is critical to the future economy of the entire region."

— Leo Schefer, chairman of the Washington Airports Task Force

Wolf claims that the MWAA worked well for 25 years and often mentions his role in setting it up, but he said he believes "continued success is now threatened by a board of directors that has lost sight of its primary mission of serving airport passengers and residents of surrounding communities."

It is not likely that as Wolf's bill is drawn it can pass in a Senate dominated by the Democrats with the two Virginia senators from the Democratic Party.

The MWAA's response was muted: "The legislation proposed is concerning because of the proposal's potential impact on our organization and its mission. The Airports Authority has worked closely with Congressman Wolf for more than 20 years and continues to try to address his concerns and is cooperating fully with the upcoming federal audit requested by the Congressman."

Meanwhile, Charles Snelling, the chairman of the MWAA, has suggested all parties meet to see if they can find a solution.

Last week, U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood met with MWAA board mem-

bers and local politicians to resolve some of the conflict.

OTHER FACTORS in this controversy may be at work as well. Fairfax County, which bears 16.1 percent of the cost of the project and Loudoun which must pay 4.8 percent, have felt the economic tightening of the past three years. Fairfax has stopped raises for employees and cut its budget three years in row. Loudoun too has had to trim though it is still the fastest growing county in the country.

When Fairfax Board of Supervisor members said they were "outraged" to learn of the decision to put the airport station underground, it was a reaction sharpened by current downturn.

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors last month voted to see what the impact would be if Loudoun pulled out of the rail project, partly precipitating the emergency meeting with LaHood.

When Mame Reiley defends the underground station, she does so on the critical need for Dulles to meet the growing competition of the Thurgood Marshall Baltimore-Washington International Airport.

There is also a critical need for completion of the rail line and the modernization of Dulles airport.

Leo Schefer chairman of the Washington Airports Task Force agreed that "improving passenger conditions is critical" at Dulles.

Though his organization opposes the underground station at the airport, he said a survey by his group believes that there is \$500 million to \$800 million in estimated costs that could be trimmed from Phase 2. One would be the underground station at the airport, saving \$325 to \$330 million and instead using weather protection for passengers and a baggage service that would move luggage right on to planes.

But he said getting agreements with Loudoun and Fairfax to build and manage parking garages could save \$100 to \$200 million and working out a "cost effective" rail yard with the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority which will run the railway could save another \$50 million.

Schefer stressed that getting the rail project right was crucial. "Success of the rail to Dulles and to Loudoun County is critical to the future economy of the entire region," he said. "The rail is going to open up the Dulles Corridor to the rest of the region," he said. "Dulles is one of the fastest-growing labor markets in the region but it's impractical for many people in D.C. that are semi-skilled or unskilled to get jobs in Dulles because work at the airport is shift work. The Metro will open up D.C. to jobs in the airport," he said.

"A lot of employers are attracted to our region by the federal government but where they locate is driven by the ability to reach the international gateway to Dulles," he continued. "The greater accessibility of Dulles to all parts of the region, the greater the ability to diversify the wealth and the growth through the region."

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