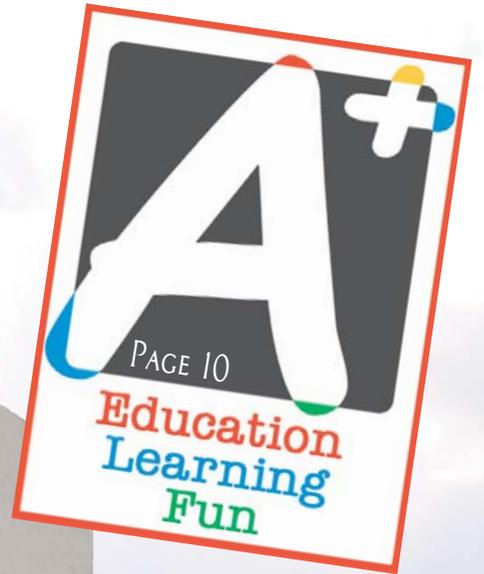


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Park Enthusiasts Honored

Great Falls residents recognized with annual awards.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax County Park Authority has recognized three Great Falls residents for their contributions to their community. Charles and Jacque Olin, who have lived in Great Falls for more than 40 years, were awarded this year's Elly Doyle Park Service Award.

The Olins have been instrumental in creating the Observatory Park at Turner Farm, as well as founding the Analemma Society in 1998, which aims to further understanding and appreciation of science through astronomy.

"I was living in London in 1950 when I became infatuated with astronomy," Charles Olin said. "I used to go on the rooftops with a friend that had a powerful camera and just examine the sky."

Jacque Olin, who has also served as president of the Great Falls Historical Society, says she is still motivated by curiosity about the natural world.

"The curiosity is a huge part of what motivates me, and it is always driving me to learn new things, even now," she said. "We want to stimulate that curiosity by making it easy to learn."

The park contains a former Nike missile and plane tracking radar. In the early 1990s, the Defense Mapping Agency was considering handing the property over for parkland, and the Great Falls Citizens Association held a meeting to discuss the possibilities.

"They were looking for ideas, and I raised my hand and said, 'How about an observatory to teach astronomy to kids?'" Charles Olin said.

Though the Olins are receiving the award for almost 20 years of service to the Park Authority, their focus is primarily on the future of the park. Through the Analemma Society, they are hoping to create an international sundial garden (featuring sundial designs from around the world), a cosmic ray detector, a radio telescope and a roll-top observatory, which will have retractable openings in the roof.

A central feature to the park will be a replica of the famous sundial that is located at the Umayyad



Charles and Jacque Olin of Great Falls were awarded the Elly Doyle Park Service Award by the Fairfax County Park Authority for their work at Observatory Park.



Stella Koch, center, was awarded the Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award by the Fairfax County Park Authority for her efforts furthering stewardship around the community.

Mosque in Damascus. As Charles Olin said, "it's going to be a real hands-on park."

They are already working with the Thomas Jefferson and Herndon High School astronomy departments and Fairfax County Public Schools to give students access to the telescope by programming it remotely from their classrooms. "Great Falls has great potential here and it's important to see it developed," said Jacque Olin. "The technical facilities here are unlike anything else in the Park Authority, and we need to take advantage of that."

The annual Elly Doyle award recognizes individuals and organizations for their outstanding volunteer service to the Park Authority. It is named after former board member Ellamae Doyle, and was established in 1988.

For more information on the Analemma Society, visit

www.analemma.org.

STELLA KOCH was also honored by the Fairfax County Park Authority with the 2011 Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award. The award is named for the late Sally B. Ormsby, and recognizes individuals whose "actions embody the spirit and values of stewardship and result in tangible benefits to the environment and the community," according to the Park Authority.

Koch chairs the county's Environmental Quality Advisory Council, which is a citizen body that advises the Board of Supervisors.

She is also a founding member of the Fairfax League of Conservation Voters, which measures candidates for public office on their environmental stances, and she also created the Fairfax Environmental Network.

Koch also organizes stream cleanups sponsored by the Alice Ferguson foundation, where volunteers pick up trash and debris from local stream valleys.

"I think when you actually get people out to the streams and they clean up and see the area they're cleaning, it really helps to foster stewardship of the area," Koch said during an April cleanup of Difficult Run. "They start to see the area in new light and really take ownership."

She serves as the co-chair of the Great Falls Citizens Association's Environment, Parks and Trails committee. According to the press release announcing Koch as the winner, "through her ceaseless passion and energy for environmental issues, as well as her deep political, managerial and scientific skills, Koch continues to shape and guide stewardship initiatives throughout Fairfax County."

All awards will be given out Nov. 18 in a Fairfax County Park Authority ceremony.



Tour Co-Chairman Kay Burnell, Club President Ginny Sandahl, and special guest Caroline Evans Van Wagoner.

McLean Woman's Club Holds Annual Kickoff Tea

The Woman's Club of McLean held its annual "Christmas in August" Kickoff Tea on Thursday, Aug. 11, to preview its 45th Holiday Homes Tour in early December. This year's tour will feature homes in Evans Farm village, which was created about 10 years ago from the 24-acre Evans Farm, well-known to McLean residents at its location between Dolley Madison Boulevard (Route 123) and Chain Bridge Road.

Club members specially welcomed Caroline Van Wagoner, daughter of Ruth and Bayard Evans, former owner of Evans Farm. Members were also pleased that Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) attended the event. Foust and his wife, Dr. Marilyn Jerome, are longtime supporters of the Woman's Club and offered their house for the Holiday Homes Tour in 2009. Other guests at the tea were the owners of three of the homes on this year's tour, owners of homes featured on past tours and Marcia Twomey, of the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce. The tea was held at the McLean house of Col. Ray L. Burnell and Kathlyn Burnell, a Woman's Club member and one of this year's tour co-chairmen. The tour in December 2011 will feature four large houses in Evans Farm decorated for the holidays and highlighting family life in McLean. A fifth structure, known as "the old stone house" and dating from the original farm, will also be

on display. A "Chinese auction," in which visitors can purchase chances on a variety of merchandise and services, will be another attraction. Further, visitors may be able to purchase last-minute holiday decorations and gifts. There will probably be Christmas music in or around the homes.

Woman's Club members have been working on preparations since February, when they began soliciting advertisements for the tour brochure. Additional efforts over the summer included selection of the homes, brochure preparation, publicity arrangements and plans for decoration.

All proceeds will be donated to local charities and nonprofit organizations, such as Share, Inc., Alternative House, the McLean Project for the Arts (The Children's Outreach), Claude Moore Colonial Farm, the McLean Volunteer Fire Department, Fisher House and the McLean Symphony, as well as used for scholarships and education. The tour will take place on Thursday, Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets will be available in early October at local businesses including Mesmeralda's Gifts of McLean, Karin's Florist of Vienna and Great Dogs of Great Falls. They may also be ordered on the website for the Woman's Club of McLean, www.mcleanwc.org, or be obtained at one of the homes on the tour.

— LAURA SHERIDAN



From left: Tour Co-Chairman Kay Burnell, District Supervisor John Foust, and Tour Co-Chairman Rosemarie Lazo

FAITH NOTES

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

Alliance Church Centre, 12113 Vale Road in Oakton, will hold its Vacation Bible School Aug. 24-26 from 8:45 a.m.-1 p.m. The Sonsurf Beach Bash will have Bible stories, crafts, skits, games, songs, snacks and more for nursery school-6th grade. 703-264-1273 or 703-795-8801.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, a United Methodist church at 2351 Hunter Mill Road in Vienna, will begin its "Champions of the Faith" series on Sunday, Aug. 28, in the 10 a.m. worship service.

The "Champion the Dream" event will be on the anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s 1963 "I Have a Dream" speech, the same day the Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial is to be unveiled. Wesley Theological Seminary Professor of Urban Ministry Fred D. Smith, PhD, will lead the 9 a.m. Sunday school class then deliver a sermon at 10 a.m. on the "Beloved Community," the Biblical theme adopted by the civil

rights movement. www.GoodShepherdVA.com.

Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, 9201 Leesburg Pike in Vienna, has a 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service through Sept 4. Beginning Sept. 11 Worship is 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., and Youth Fellowship at 6 p.m. September study groups are Monday night's 'Companions in Christ', and Tuesday 10 a.m. Bible Study.

Bell Choir practice is Wednesday at 7 p.m. and choir practice at 8 p.m.

Call 703-759-3722 to register for PreSchool and Mother's Day Out. 703-759-3508.

Christ the King Lutheran Church, 10550 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls, will mark the beginning of the Sunday School year for all ages on Rally Day, Sunday Sept. 11. To celebrate, the Church will host a Rally Day BBQ on the front lawn following the 11 a.m. service.

Members and visitors are invited to join in the fun, including burgers and dogs and all the fixings. www.gflutheran.org.

Thanksgiving in July at St. Dunstan's

SHARE, the non-profit, non-sectarian relief group based in McLean, finds the summer months to be the most challenging of the year for keeping food available for the needy in the area. Under the leadership of Outreach Committee members, pictured from left to right Rev. Anna Scherer, Joan Morton, Pat Moore and Elizabeth Lee, St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, 1830 Kirby Rd., McLean stepped up and ran a Thanksgiving in July food drive that resulted in several hundred pounds of food, as well as cash donations, for SHARE.



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OBITUARY

A Lifetime of Preservation

William M. Busey, DVM, PHD, 1932-2011, dies.

BY KATHLEEN MURPHY
PRESIDENT/GREAT FALLS
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William M. Busey

The Great Falls community marks, with sadness, the passing of Bill Busey, husband of Betty Busey, and Lifelong Member of the Great Falls Historical Society.

A doctor of veterinary medicine and a veterinary pathologist, Bill Busey stands among the finest of pioneering entrepreneurs: Initially launching Experimental Pathology Laboratories, Inc. (EPL, Inc.) along with his partner in 1971 (now a world leader in the field), he then pioneered the procedures, approaches, and protocols for properly preserving and maintaining biomaterials and related scientific data, then launching the corporate entity, EPL Pathology Archives, Inc. in 1978 - today a worldwide leader in providing trusted bio-repository services.

Although that would be a sufficient contribution to society in anyone's book, Bill's business endeavors were only part of Bill's life story.

Bill Busey also stands among those who not only appreciate, but also have taken tangible steps to preserve the history and heritage of our local area. Bill and Betty purchased their 4-acre home, then "condemned," in 1973, two years after starting their own business. Bill referred to their home as the house that he "can't live in" and "can't get rid of." Rather than knocking down the wreck, they got to know and appreciate its historical significance.

The original 180 acres are said to have been given to the Sanders family by Lord Byran Fairfax family in 1810, and Fairfax and his good friend, George Washington are reported to have hunted from the lodge.

The more they came to know the previous owners and the iterations of lives that had resided therein, their desire to preserve its integrity grew. They began by renovating the main house, originally con-

structed circa 1780-1790. Performing the necessary research to trace the historic roots, line of ownership, and significance of the architectural features, they published a book on their beloved "Kenmore" - named after the local post office more than a century ago. They added onto the house to adapt it to their life-style requirements, while preserving the historic features of the central house.

Over 45 years, Bill's precise character delighted in his hobby of hunting for, collecting and repairing historic clocks. That interest took him to further study at the School of Horology where he became a professional in clock repair. Most recently he ensured the preservation of his collection by adding a wing onto the house exclusively as a museum to curate his clock collection.

Here's to Bill, who marked his path with preservation gestures that future generations are certain to appreciate: preserver of scientific bio-materials; preserver of our area's historic "Kenmore" residence listed on the Fairfax County List of Historic Resources; preserver of historic time-pieces; preserver of many iterations of a red pick-up truck; and most of all, preserver of a warm and loving family and abundant circle of treasured friends. Dear Bill, your engaging presence and deep honoring of the past will be dearly missed, and fondly remembered.

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Government can lead the fight to end homelessness, but success achieved with community partners.

BY U.S. REP. GERRY
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The following guest editorial is part of special edition of the Connection Newspapers on the topic of Ending Homelessness. Read more at www.connectionnewspapers.com/.

As the nation's economy continues to struggle, we should find hope in one recent bit of news reported by Fairfax County: The local homeless population declined 15.6 percent during the last four years despite the worst economic recession since the 1930s.

While the growth in the homeless population has slowed nationally, Fairfax County is one of the few localities to actually reduce the rate of homelessness, and this success is the product of a years-long effort by Fairfax County and its community partners.

When I was first elected chair-

man of the Board of Supervisors in 2003, there was growing concern about the increase in the local homeless population. Particularly alarming was the fact that 60 percent of homeless adults in families already were employed. It highlighted the need to address the shrinking number of affordable housing units.

Knowing government could not tackle these challenges alone, we convened separate community summits to devise action plans to preserve affordable housing and to prevent homelessness. The results were innovative partnerships with the non-profit, faith and business communities that yielded positive results, among them the preservation of more than 2,200 affordable housing units, which doubled our initial goal.

Given the success of this program and the benefits it has pro-

vided to Fairfax families and our entire community, I believe the county should reconsider its decision to scale it back.

Another part of that success story is the 10-year plan we adopted to prevent and end homelessness and the hiring of a coordinator to oversee all local efforts to

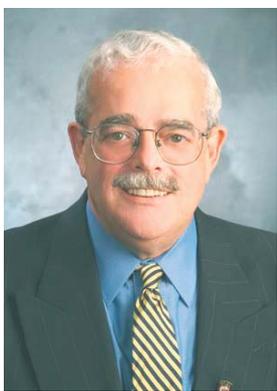
assist the homeless. One important element of that plan is the annual hypothermia program, in partnership with local churches, which provides warm meals and temporary shelter for those most at-risk. It also helps provide vital medical and mental health support services in a stable environment, supplementing the mobile medical outreach we initiated to reach the chronically homeless.

Last year alone, the county's Housing Opportunities Support Teams helped prevent nearly 900 people from becoming homeless. These efforts keep families off the street and they are cost-effective. At the federal level, I've sponsored legislation in the U.S. of Representatives to replicate the Fairfax model with the aim of preventing homelessness for all Americans.

Even in a region as fortunate as Northern Virginia, which has weathered the recession better than most metropolitan areas, there continue to be tremendous needs. I wish I could bring some of my colleagues from Congress to Fairfax to witness the value of these investments firsthand. As you know, we are in the midst of an important national debate about how much the federal government ought to be supporting such community efforts. There are some in Congress, who have proposed eliminating funding for a program that provides assistance to homeless veterans. I have fought this proposal on the House floor and will continue to do so because our veterans deserve better.

As we learned in Fairfax, government alone cannot solve the problem, but it can play a critical role in convening the private sector, non-profits, educators and other community partners to address the serious challenges we face. And as the recent data on homelessness shows, those efforts are making real progress and benefiting our entire community.

Gerald E. Connolly represents the 11th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives and served 14 years on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, including five as chairman.



FILE PHOTO
U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Chief Justice Remembered

To the Editor:

Recently, I attended the last meeting of the Commission on Mental Health Law Reform. I was filled with mixed emotions: pride in all we had accomplished, disappointment that the Commission was ending when there is still so much to do, and deep grief that the courageous man who created it has died so young.

Since 2006 the Commission has been meeting regularly and making major changes in how we treat persons with mental illness who come in contact with the law. Every branch of state government has been deeply involved. We changed the whole system for the better.

The Commission was the idea of Virginia Chief Justice Leroy Hassell. He was outraged by how poorly the legal system responded to mentally ill persons. Shackling was not uncommon and many conditions in the jails and prisons seemed barbaric to him. The sys-

tems that dealt with mental health were disjointed and severely underfunded. Far too many people were in front of judges mainly because they were not receiving needed treatment.

Justice Hassell and I were allies in this endeavor from the beginning. He came to my home in 2005 and we strategized how to address the issues. He knew that there would be those who said the courts had no business involving themselves and that he was overstepping his authority. I knew that without all branches of government working together there would be no real progress and encouraged him to proceed.

As expected, many legislators attacked the Commission idea and Justice Hassell personally. He refused to yield and put the whole weight of the court system behind it. We began deliberations with extensive work groups. Everything from civil commitment procedures to transporting persons with mental illness to treatment

delivery was under review. Recommendations for improvements were hammered out.

And, then, the terrible tragedy of Virginia Tech happened. Overnight, the work we had been doing so quietly was suddenly viewed as very important. We increased the pace of our efforts.

Over the next three years we totally overhauled the system. I am very proud to have been the chief Senate patron of almost all the legislation that the Commission wrote. Virtually all the bills passed. Had the economy not deteriorated, I believe we would have been able to make significant investments in our system. Unfor-

tunately, those investments have not happened.

Over a year ago it became obvious that the Chief Justice was very ill. He continued his support for our work despite his illness. I know he took pride in the accomplishments of his Commission. Tragically he died before our job was finished.

I remain committed to improving how Virginia treats persons with mental illness. But it will be more difficult without the leadership and friendship of Chief Justice Leroy Hassell.

Sen. Janet Howell
(D-32)

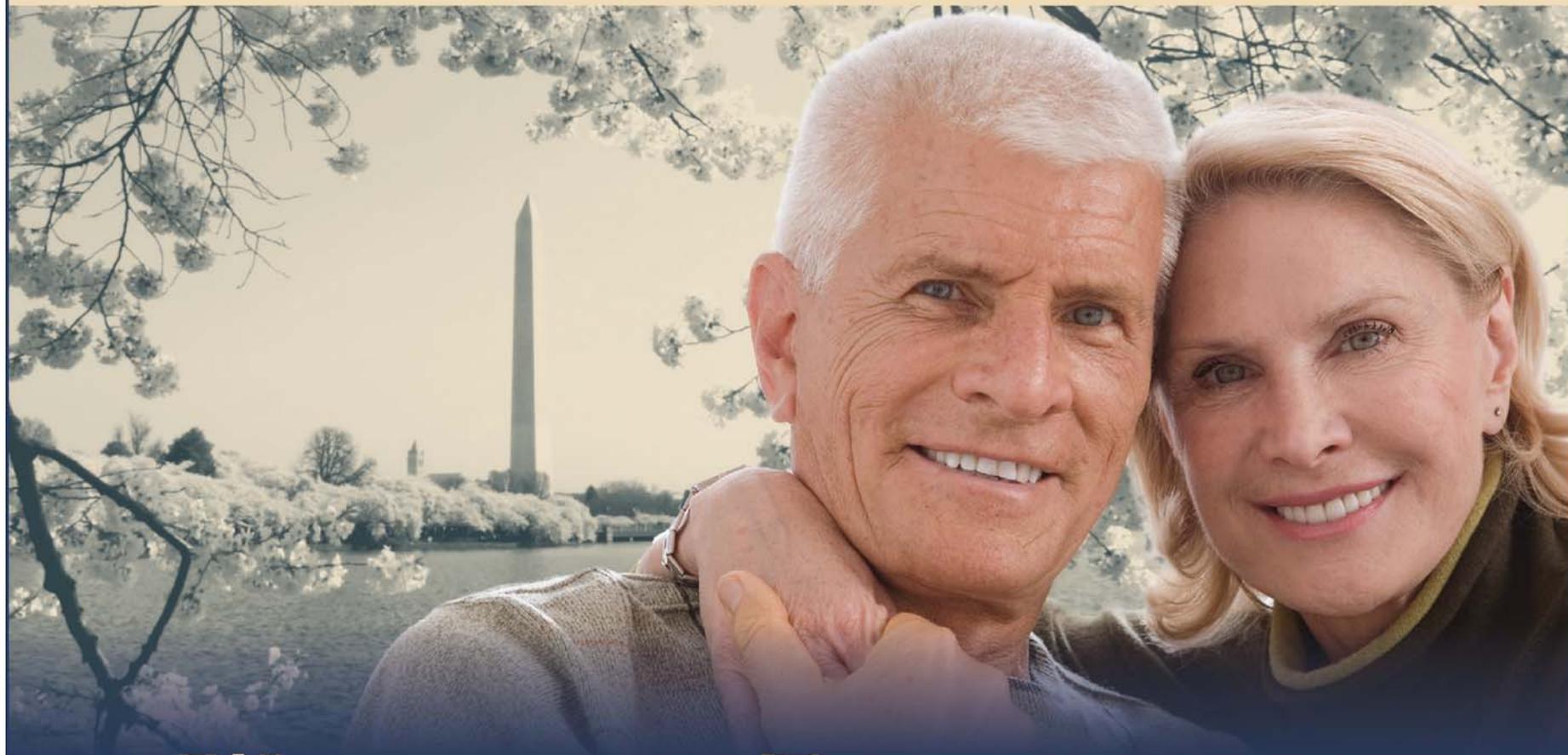
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Residents who wish to speak at the Public Hearing are asked to call 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, to be placed on the speakers' list. Copies of the draft budget proposal will be available during the committee meeting and public hearing.

Written comments may be delivered to the Center's address shown below, marked "Attention: Executive Director," or sent by email to 2013budget@mcleancenter.org. Written comments must be received prior to the Governing Board meeting, which starts at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 27.

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Kate Lyn Broom, 11th grader at McLean High School, and Marc Rosen of Bethesda, having fun with an improv game.



Jeanne Harrison, Director of the Traveling Players Ensemble, is presented with flowers after the summer festival; this summer's last performance for most of the campers. "I love the children," she said of the campers. "I will miss them."

Theater in the Great Outdoors

BY LORI BAKER
THE CONNECTION

It's hard to say what's most remarkable about the Traveling Players Ensemble program. First-time visitors may notice signs of the previous night's campout — small piles of backpacks and rolled up tents, flattened-out grass and smoothed-over campsites. Or perhaps it's the small groups of middle- and high-school campers spread about the campus, practicing lines and cracking each other up with their improv interpretations that makes it special.

But above all, the one thing that stands out is the confidence and contentment in every one of the campers, qualities that do not come naturally to teens and preteens. In fact, this was one of the reasons that Jeanne Harrison, Producing Artistic Director of the Traveling Players Ensemble, founded the program nine years ago.

Harrison is a self-described camper who loves the outdoors. She is a dramatic arts professional who has taught at numerous colleges, and high schools. She has also taught at the Folger Shakespeare Library, Interlochen, and in DC public schools. The Traveling Players Ensemble is the product of her two passions: theater and the outdoors.

"Bringing the kids outdoors allows us the opportunity to teach them very black and white skills, packing, camping, setting up tents...If you teach them those skills you give them confidence," Harrison said. "If you give them confidence, you can attack things more boldly."

"It's a unique theater experience unlike any other," said fourth year camper and rising 9th grader at Langley High



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School, Christopher Baughman. Baughman has been involved in theater for nine years, and is currently working on his 10th play. "The camp has incredibly good theater instruction," he said. "All the counselors help one-on-one with character and physicalization."

THE CAMP, based at the Madeira School, is a drama camp for rising 6th through 12th graders who love the outdoors. Through-out the summer, the 100-or-so children who attend one of the camp sessions, are broken into various groups or ensembles, and learn from experienced professionals. The Traveling Players Ensemble is a nonprofit organization that relies solely on grants, contributions and registration fees for its operations.

The training is serious, but the mood is fun. Harrison hires only professional directors and designers. And she calls it the "most challenging program in the D.C. area." Students learn a lot with the 1-to-4 instructor-to-student ratio.

McLean High School junior, Kate Lyn Broom, has been acting for several years. She has performed in other shows. But it's the outdoor

McLean resident Christopher Baughman (bottom left) takes a break with other members of his ensemble group. From left - from top: Ryan Fields, Jeremy Pryzb, Christian Osbourne, Christopher Baughman, Justin Smilan, and Patrick Joy.

Harrison explained that historically a lot of theater happened around campfires, in the "cloak of darkness. It's a place in which people tell stories in safety."

Sometimes the children camp off-site, when the performance takes place farther from the school. They have performed at Shenandoah National Park, Douthat State Park, and Lime Kiln Theater in Lexington, Va., just to name a few. They have performed at Colonial Williamsburg, and have also performed at a Retirement Home, South Gate community Center in Reston, and Children's Inn at NIH.

Tess McCabe, a junior at Bishop Ireton in Alexandria talked about sliding down a natural rock waterfall the day before. "The people and things you do are very special here."

THE MID-AUGUST summer festival marked the last day of camp for most of the children. The ensemble groups performed three classical comic plays; Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors," Flaminio Scala's "The Tragic Events," and Moliere's "Sganarelle." The children were well-prepared for the plays, and the performances were enjoyed by the audience and the campers themselves. "It's a really great time," said Christopher Baughman. "There's always some fun to be had."

Tonya and Edwin Fields, parents of George Mason High School 10th-grader, Ryan Fields, along with Ryan's sister Shelby, were watching the end-of-summer performance. Tonya felt sure that Ryan would return to the camp next year. "His favorite thing about the program is the people," Tonya said. "I've seen him grow as a result of this camp."

ENTERTAINMENT

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WEDNESDAY/AUG. 17

Chris Botti. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. American jazz trumpeter. \$42 in-house, \$25 lawn. www.wolftrap.org.

THURSDAY/AUG. 18

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. Wild Swans by Jung Chang. Adults. 703-242-4020.

Lights and Matches are Tools for Grownups Only. 2 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. A puppet show presented by the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. Participants will each receive a helmet, activity book and parent brochure. Ages 3 1/2-7 with adult. 703-790-8088.

Paul Anka. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Singer/songwriter. \$48 in-house, \$25 lawn. www.wolftrap.org.

FRIDAY/AUG. 19

Jammin Java's Mid-Atlantic Band Battle 5: Finals. 8 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.

Writing Group. 11 a.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Freewriting. 703-790-8088.

Gipsy Kings. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Flamenco guitarists and singers from the Reyes and Baliardo families. \$42 in-house, \$25 lawn. www.wolftrap.org.

SATURDAY/AUG. 20

DC Fest with Michael W. Smith and Steven Curtis Chapman. 3 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Also with Kutless, Big Daddy Weave, Matthew West, Sidewalk Prophets and Jonny Diaz. Tickets \$15-\$99, available at www.ticketmaster.com and 703-573-SEAT. www.patriotcenter.com.

The Grandsons. 5 p.m. Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Free. 703-288-9505.

Big O and Dukes Live. 9:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association, Inc. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Horticultural tips, information, techniques and advice. 703-293-6227.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Horticultural tips and strategies. 703-242-4020.

Plant Clinic. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Masters Gardeners from the Fairfax County Cooperative Extension answer your gardening questions. Adults. 703-790-8088.

Summer Movies at the Library! 1 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Call for title. Ages 16 and up. 703-790-8088.

Gipsy Kings. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Flamenco guitarists and singers from the Reyes and Baliardo families. \$42 in-house, \$25 lawn. www.wolftrap.org.

SUNDAY/AUG. 21

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 180 Breakfast Buffet. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. 330 Center St. N., Vienna. Adults \$7, children \$3. Omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon and more. Open to the public. 703-625-5736.

Colonial Tobacco Harvest. 1-4 p.m. Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Help the Colonial Farm Family clean the leaves, and watch how they cut and split the stems. Help gather the cut plants and hang them on tobacco sticks to cure. \$3 adults, \$2 children and senior citizens. Complimentary admission with Farm membership. Free parking. Weather permitting. www.1771.org.

MONDAY/AUG. 22

Game On Afternoon Edition. 3:30 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Test your prowess at our Wii Mario Kart or Wii Super Smashbros. Brawl Tournament. Age 6-16.

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

TUESDAY/AUG. 23

English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-293-6227.

One-on-One Computer Tutoring. 2 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Learn the basics of the Internet, Word and Excel. Adults. 703-242-4020.

Conversations with the Director. 7:30 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Meet Sam Clay, Director of Fairfax County Public Library, and share your view of what the future should hold for our library system. Adults. 703-242-4020.

Personalized Internet Training. 2:30 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. A 45-minute 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/AUG. 24

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.

Summer Party. 2 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Celebrate the end of the Summer Reading Program. Bring a t-shirt to decorate and enjoy refreshments. All ages. 703-790-8088.

THURSDAY/AUG. 25

An Evening with The Greencards. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.
Patrick Henry Book Club. 1 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. "Alphabet Juice" by Roy Blount, Jr. Adults. 703-938-0405.

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Clockwise from back, Vanya Barrer, seventh grader of Cooper Middle School; Takehiro Mochizuku, seventh grader of Longfellow; Bryan Bedell, sixth grader of Spring Hill Elementary; and Bradley Kim, sixth grader of Spring Hill Elementary prepare to play one of their concert pieces.



PHOTOS BY LORI BAKER

‘Messy Monday’ at McLean Strings Camp

BY LORI BAKER
THE CONNECTION

It's not often that an audience sees a monster playing classical music. But for those who are part of the Music masters Summer Strings Camp, it's a normal part of the program.

“Messy Monday” is one of the themes for the 10-day string orchestra camp. The camp, directed by Ruth Donahue, is a fun way for students with at least one year of experience to learn many different types of music. They learn everything from classical to rock. On “Messy Mondays,” they dress in crazy costumes and make-up to rehearse.

Donahue has been running the camp for 30 years. This year's camp had 49 campers. Donahue enjoys the camp as much as the students do. “One of the joys of teaching kids this age is everything is exciting to them,” she said.

Sixth grade violinist Sarah Champness enjoys the music and the other camp activities. “I love the kickball games. That's my favorite part,” she said.

Though having fun in their monster costumes and silly get-ups, they were busily preparing for their final concert, which would be held the next night. The students' sense of pride is as buoyant as that of the camp director. And it is a well-earned pride. “They are all enthusiastic,” said Donahue. “It makes them better players. They are learning music at harder levels. It a challenge for the kids.”

Fifth grader Kendall Smith of Kent Gardens Elementary school waits for her cue to play. The campers enjoy the ‘Messy Monday’ theme, which gives them a chance to wear crazy costumes and accessories.



Violinists Karina Atkins, sixth grader from Westbriar Elementary and Anna Nguyen, fifth grader of Spring Hill Elementary, have learned new pieces in the Summer Strings Camp.



James Shen and Delaney Bond, both fifth graders from Spring Hill Elementary, concentrate on a challenging piece. Behind them are violinists Terry Keffer, Bryan Zhao and Griffin Hover.

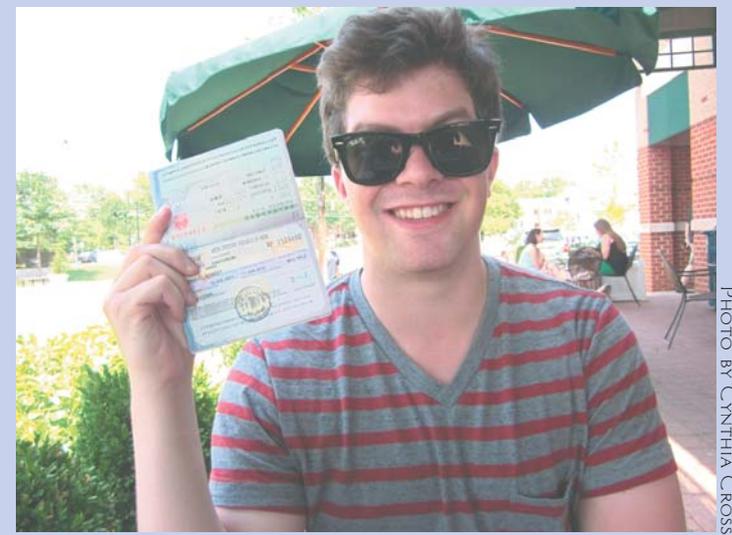


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Samuel Faktorow will visit 14 countries in 111 days, beginning in Morocco and including Ghana, South Africa, Mauritius, India, Malaysia, Vietnam, China, Japan, Costa Rica and Cuba.

Local Student Prepares For Semester at Sea

BY CYNTHIA CROSS
THE CONNECTION

For most area college students, the first stop on campus this fall will be their dorm, the college bookstore or a friend's apartment. For Samuel Faktorow, Great Falls resident and a junior at Colorado College in Colorado Springs, this semester's first stop will be a camel ride and mosque visit in Morocco. Faktorow, a 2009 graduate of Langley High School, will be circumnavigating the globe with the Institute for Shipboard Education's Semester at Sea program. Faktorow will visit 14 countries in 111 days, beginning in Morocco and including Ghana, South Africa, Mauritius, India, Malaysia, Vietnam, China, Japan, Costa Rica and Cuba.

Faktorow first heard about the Semester at Sea program from his older sister, who participated in it several years ago as a student at the University of Denver. He recalls how the journey changed her worldview. “I definitely saw a difference in my sister,” he said. “I think it elevated her sense of what it is to be part of the world rather than just this country.” Then 16 and a sophomore at Langley, he resolved to experience it himself.

Faktorow will join approximately 500 other students aboard the “MV Explorer,” a cruise ship converted into a “floating campus,” which will leave from Montreal on Aug. 26. Students will take classes aboard the ship to fulfill their semester's course requirement — including one mandatory

class titled “Global Studies” — and will venture out on excursions of their choosing at all 14 ports of call. In Morocco, for example, Faktorow plans a camel trek in Marrakesh and a visit to the massive Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca. He will stay with a family for three days in the small village of Senase, Ghana; will do a service project in a South African township; and plans to visit Robben Island, Cape Town, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned. The excursions are meant to reinforce the trip's theme of “globalization and change” by allowing students to see globalization from the perspective of each country they visit. “My understanding,” says Faktorow, “is that the ship is a place awash in thought and provocative discussion about all the things that people are seeing and experiencing. It's not like, ‘Oh we're going to Morocco one day and we're going to forget about it the next.’ There is apparently a lot of lively discussion among the students.”

The trip will include some famous tourist destinations — Faktorow expects to see the Taj Mahal and the Great Wall of China, for example — but his goal for the voyage is not sightseeing, but rather personal growth. “We as Americans have a narrow viewpoint and that's not how I want to be,” he says. “I've never been to a Muslim country.

I've never been to a Third World country. I've never seen the kind of poverty that I'm going to see in India. That's what makes you grow. That's what I hope to accomplish from this trip.”

At-large School Board Race: One To Watch

Issues, candidates, activists converge to create closely watched race.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Debates over discipline, boundaries, budgets, standardized tests and sleep have generated Fairfax County's most closely watched and contested School Board race in the board's 19-year history.

"Is this an outrageously large slate of candidates? Yes," said Susan Jennings, Fairfax County's coordinator for candidate services since 1994. "I haven't seen this much interest since 1995, when we had our first School Board elections. That was very chaotic."

Of the 12 School Board seats, six are up for grabs, including three at-large seats. The only at-large incumbent running for reelection is Iryong Moon, who served three terms on the board, including a stint as the board's chair in 2006. Incumbents who will not seek reelection include Stu Gibson (Hunter Mill), Tessie Wilson (Braddock), Brad Center (Lee), Tina Hone (At-large), Jim Raney (At-large) and Liz Bradsher (Springfield).

"When you have that many vacancies, you get more people interested in throwing their hat in the ring," Jennings said.

As of Monday, Aug. 8, 11 candi-

dates are running for the at-large seats, and the top three vote-getters on Nov. 8 will serve a 4-year term, with an annual salary of \$20,000. They are Maria Allen, Jeannie H. Armstrong, Sheree Brown-Kaplan, Catherine Clark, Christina M. Guthrie, Lin-Dai Y. Kendall, Lolitta Mancheno-Smoak, Ryan L. McElveen, Irylong Moon, Steven Stuban and Ted Velkoff.

TRYING TO PIN DOWN exactly who is running — or not running — is not that easy, Jennings said. Potential candidates have until Aug. 23 to declare his or her candidacy.

"It's tricky this time of year. Anything can happen in the next few weeks, and it probably will," Jennings said. "The first thing I want to do is help keep them out of trouble (in the filing process)," Jennings said.

But the filing process has not been a major issue this election cycle. In addition to the heated rhetoric over the issues, drama over the candidates themselves has sharpened the focus on this race.

In the past month, several candidates have withdrawn, including Bradsher, who ignited a firestorm of debate over her support for the closing of the Clifton Elementary School. In June, she said she was considering a bid for an at-large seat, instead of running for her seat in the Springfield District. According to Jennings, as of Monday, Aug. 8, she has not filed the necessary paperwork for the at-large seat.

Although the School Board is officially a nonpartisan office, candidates actively seek endorsement by the county's Republican or

"When I was running four years ago, people were concerned about taxes, transportation. ... But there's also a lot of anger [about the schools] now."

— Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield)

Democratic committees. No one has been elected without backing from one of the major political parties, but many say that could change this year.

On July 1, at-large candidate Charisse Espy Glassman, who was endorsed by the Fairfax County Democratic Committee on May 24, withdrew from race, citing personal reasons. It later came to light that Glassman, the niece of former U.S. Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy, was charged with assault and possession of a prohibited weapon after the Jan. 24 incident in the District of Columbia, according to D.C. Superior Court records.

Currently Moon, Velkoff and McElveen have the Democratic Party's endorsement.

When Glassman withdrew, Armstrong, a newcomer for an at-large seat, announced that she would seek the Democratic endorsement. After McElveen was chosen, Armstrong sent out a news release on Aug. 1 saying that she had filed an appeal to the endorse-

ment vote, citing "multiple problems and irregularities with the endorsement election process."

According to the release, her appeal was filed with the three Democratic Congressional District chairs for the congressional districts in Fairfax County and the Virginia Democratic Party. The Congressional District chairs or their appointees will hear the appeal pursuant to the Virginia Democratic Party Plan, the rules of the Democratic Party in Virginia.

On July 20, the Fairfax County Republican Committee handed down three at-large endorsements. The endorsed candidates are Mancheno-Smoak, Kendall and Brown-Kaplan.

"It is critical that those serious contenders for the School Board have the drive to assure that the impressive gains that Fairfax has achieved not be devalued or diminished," said Janet Olescek, who served one term on the School Board from 2004-08 as an at-large member. "Strong schools are necessary to continue to attract jobs, and maintain our excellent property values."

Fairfax County Public Schools, the 11th largest school district in the nation with an estimated 177,629 students, operates on a \$2.2 billion budget, which is larger than the education budget of nearly 15 states. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors sets the tax rate for the school system; the School Board allocated funding. The total county transfer to support school operating and debt service is \$1.77 billion or 52.5 percent of total county disbursements.

Pat Herrity (R-Springfield), a member of the Board of Supervisors, said that he's hearing a lot of

anger from his constituents about the school system and the School Board.

"On the School Board race, I think there is enough anger on these issues that the bottom of the ticket races will drive some of the voter turnout," Herrity said.

"That [anger] wasn't there when I was running four years ago. Four years ago, people were concerned about taxes, transportation, they were concerned about suburban neighborhoods, boarding houses, and those concerns are still there. But there's also a lot of anger [about the schools] now," Herrity said. Herrity added that voters have voiced concerns to him about a variety of issues, including parental notification, the southwestern boundary study, the closing of Clifton Elementary, all-day kindergarten and what some call an inflexible disciplinary process.

MANY PARENTS AND SCHOOL ADVOCATES blamed FCPS' rigid discipline policies when two students committed suicide. Josh Anderson, of South Lakes High School, took his life in March 2009; and Nick Stuban, called a "model student" at W.T. Woodson High School, committed suicide on Jan. 20.

Since his son's death, Steve Stuban and his wife Sandy, who is battling Lou Gehrig's disease, have become advocates for reforming the school system's disciplinary process. With the support of many parents and friends, Stuban said he was also motivated to seek an at-large seat on the School Board.

"There are a lot of issues out there. It's going to be an interesting race, to say the least," Herrity said.

SCHOOL NOTES

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

Marie Ellen Bernier of Great Falls has graduated with a bachelor of science in nursing from Radford University.

Mary C. Moran of Great Falls has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at Fairfield University of Fairfield, Ct.

Julianne North of Great Falls received a Denison Alumni Scholarship at Denison University for approximately one-quarter to one-third of tuition, based on academic achievement, leadership and personal merit.

Jessica Lauren Reber of Great Falls has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at Washington University John M. Olin School of Business in St. Louis.

Gregory R. Epreman of McLean has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at Bucknell

University of Lewisburg, Pa. The 2008 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School is the son of Jeffrey and Annette Epreman.

Kelsey P. Linebaugh of McLean has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at Bucknell University of Lewisburg, Pa. The 2008 graduate of the Madeira School is the daughter of Craig Linebaugh and Cheryl Person.

Kendall Larsen of McLean has been named to the spring 2011 dean's honor list at California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, Calif. Larsen is majoring in liberal studies.

Emily Lubin of McLean has been inducted into Sigma Phi Omega from the sociology and gerontology department at Miami University of Oxford, Ohio.

Six McLean residents have graduated from Boston University of Boston, Ma. Receiving degrees were **Hannah E. Choi**, master of music in string performance; **Tribbie D. Nassikas**, bachelor of arts in history of art and architecture; **Molly I.**

McNerney, bachelor of arts in sociology; **Carol S. Issa**, bachelor of science in communication, cum laude; **Daniel H. Segal**, bachelor of arts in psychology; and **Allison E. Flaherty**, bachelor of science in special education.

Emma M. Rocks of McLean has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at the University of Vermont in Burlington. She is a senior studio art major.

Jillian Moynihan of McLean has graduated from Villanova University of Villanova, Pa.

Felicia Marwa of McLean has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at the University of Massachusetts, Boston.

Kelly MacKenzie Phelan of McLean has received a bachelor of arts degree cum laude from Miami University of Oxford, Ohio. She was also named to the spring 2011 dean's list.

Leonore Chappell of McLean has received a

bachelor of arts in psychology and Spanish from Southern Methodist University of Dallas, Tx.

McLean residents **Emily Abigail Lubin** and **David Edmund VanHoven** have received a bachelor of arts from Miami University of Oxford, Ohio.

Claire Rita O'Connor of McLean has graduated with a bachelor of science in business from Miami University of Oxford, Ohio.

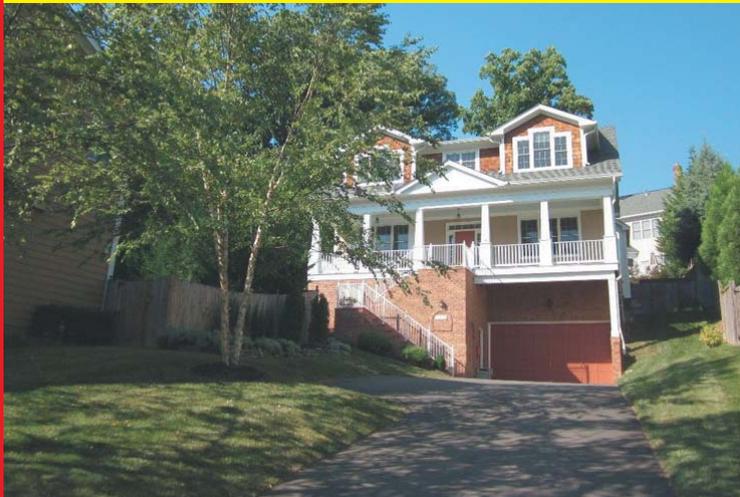
Gurden Batra of McLean has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Ga.

Gabriel Corrochano of McLean was selected to attend the French Academy at the Governor's School in Lexington, Va. The Potomac School student is the son of Mariela Buendia-Corrochano.

Ashley Martin of McLean has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at Loyola University Maryland.

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Registration Begins for MCC Fall Classes

The McLean Community Center (MCC) will open registration for its fall session classes, events and activities soon. Residents of Small District One A-Dranesville, who pay a special real estate tax to fund the Center, can begin registering on Monday, Aug. 22; all others can begin registering on Monday, Aug. 29. The Center is located at 1234 Ingleside Ave.

MCC is offering a wide range of classes for adults, teens and children this fall.

Children's classes include a new art class, Tell a Tale, in which students will learn to create picture books. Image Tomorrow computer classes are being offered at the Center for the first time. Instructors from Play, Click, Learn will lead classes structured to each child's academic and technical abilities. Outdoor Adventure fishing trips by Fish & Explore are new offerings for children as are Thimble 'n' Thread sewing classes.

The Alden Theatre is offering a new series of theatre workshops for children as well on the topics of Stage Makeup, Puppets, Juggling and How to Audition.

These one-time workshops are two hours or less in length and allow children to learn a new skill without making a long-term commitment.

Teenagers who have interest in writing can take advantage of The Writer's Center Creative Writing for Teens, a new offering. Other teen classes offered this fall include Drawing: Learning from Masters, and other safety, outdoor adventure and technical theatre classes.

A new adult art class, Color in Interiors, will teach students how to prepare a cohesive color palette in their homes.



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Monitoring Today's Teen Technology helps adults learn about new technologies and offers advice and provides resources for monitoring teen use of these products. By popular demand, the Center has added a Zumba class on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning and a new series of enrichment classes, including Meditation for Everyone. Sing to your Baby@ creators Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer are presenting a music class for new and/or expecting parents in October. In addition, The Writer's Center returns to MCC with several new classes this fall including Introduction to Poetry, Playing with Point of View and Writing about Animals.

For more information, call the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711. For a full listing of MCC fall classes, visit: <http://www.mcleancenter.org/classes-trips/classes.asp>.

WEEK IN GREAT FALLS

Deer Management Program to Start in September

The 2011-2012 Fairfax County Deer Management Program will run from September 2011 through March 2012. The Deer Management Program utilizes all three population control methods currently permitted by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries — archery, managed hunts and sharpshooting. The sharpshooting and managed hunts will be conducted at selected park sites throughout the county.

Public information meetings for the archery portion will be held in each district where the selected parks are located. Those interested may visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/animals for de-

tailed information and dates and locations of those meeting places. Last year's program recorded a harvest of 815 deer, the largest on record since the deer management program began in January 1998. Sharpshooting operations conducted at 15 parks yielded 226 deer. Managed hunts were conducted at four parks with a yield of 137 deer. The Archery program was conducted at 11 parks with a yield of 452 deer. More information about the Fairfax County Deer Management Program is available on the Fairfax County website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/animals/wildlife/management/deer-management.htm

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Great Falls Milan Wins Cardinal's Cup

This past weekend, the Great Falls U10 Milan boys soccer team (blue and white combined team of 12) participated in the 8th Annual Cardinal's cup in Centreville. The team won the Championship in the U10 Boys Division on Aug. 14. Pictured with their First Place medals are, bottom row, Michael Djorup, Aidan Kenny, Sebastian Conlon, Samuel Buroker, Jad Kanaan, Charlie Schaar, Diego Morandi; Top: Coach Jose Urquizo, Will Rissing, Andrew Daniel, Patrick Ffrench, Rex Kerrigan, Aidan Stein. Great Falls Milan bested the following teams: Herndon Red (5-0), CYA Cesena Primavera (9-1), SYA Cardinals White (3-2) – semi-finals; and PWSI White (5-3) – finals.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

Langley's Golf Team placed first in the team competition at ServPro Invitational at Twin Lakes (299-281=580) to win for the 2nd straight year. Chantilly placed 2nd (299-290=589). Langley also had 3 individuals in the top 5: Will Byrne won the individual medalist (71-68=139); Chris Brugge tied for 3rd (78-66=144) and Matt DiSalvo placed 5th (75-71=146). Brugge's 2nd round of 66 was the low round of the tournament.

At the Dominion Country Club League (DCCL) All-Star swim meet held at Westwood Country Club in Vienna two weeks ago, the following RiverBend swimmers won gold medals: Will Koeppen (50-meters free and 25-fly), Davis Riffe (25-breaststroke), Olivia McDonnell (25-breaststroke), Emma Grassi (50-breaststroke), Haley Smith (25-fly), Micaela Grassi (50-fly), and Connor Smith (100-IM).

In addition, the following StingRays also posted top six times at All-Star finals: Ryan Bond, Carter Bennett, Jake Trautwein, Jack Hall, Thomas Youngkin, Devlin Wesolowski, Eliza Pastore, Anna Phillips, Olivia Elkas, Lauren Bell, Tommy Rogers, John Youngkin, Andrew Blankingship, Ryan Windus, Luke Bennett, Julian Villacorta, Grant Youngkin, Michael Djorup, Maggie Duff, Anna Takis, Natalie Peele, Charlotte Bell, Amanda Maruca and Delany Bond.

Will Koeppen broke both a league and team record in 50-meters fly with a time of 16.25, and Micaela Grassi lowered two team records in the 50-free and 50-back events with times of 30.07 and 34.24, respectively.

The McLean Marlins set eight new team records and two new Northern Virginia Swim League (NVSL) records at the

NVSL Div. 1 Championships held two weeks ago at McLean Hamlet pool.

Isabella Rongione set a team record in the 11-12 girls 50-meter butterfly with a time of 31.86, beating the previous record of 32.00 set in 1974 by Kathy McQuaid. Rongione also set a new team record in the 11-12 girls 100-Individual Medley with a time of 1:11.86, beating the previous record of 1:13.00, also set by Kathy McQuaid in 1974.

JJ Horsfield set a new team record in the 8-under boys 25-butterfly with a time of 18.34, besting his own record set earlier in the season. In the 11-12 boys 50-breaststroke, Timothy Wu set a new team record with a time of 36.36, beating the record set last year by Henry Brooks. Stephen Seliskar set two new team records: in the 15-18 boys 50-backstroke with a time of 26.96, beating his own record set last year; and in the 15-18 boys 100-Individual Medley with a time of 1:00.28, beating his own record set last year.

Finally, Andrew Seliskar set two new team and NVSL records in the 13-14 boys 50-butterfly with a time of 26.40, and in the 13-14 boys 100-Individual Medley with a time of 1:00.29.

McLean Youth Soccer (MYS) fall 2011 registration has begun on MYS' website at www.mcleansoccer.org for all returning and new families. MYS offers various programs for children ages 4 thru 18 including Recreation, Travel, McLean Premier Soccer, Travel, U5 for Pre-K players, and TOP Soccer for children with special needs.

The season will begin the week of Sept. 12 and extend thru mid-November. Please contact the MYS Club Administrator at admin@mcleansoccer.org for more infor-

mation or call the MYS Office at 703- 506-8068.

Great Falls resident and former 'Contender' reality TV show star Jimmy Lange (36-4-2, 24 knockouts) will headline his 13th boxing show at the Patriot Center with a 10-round contest, opponent to be determined, on Saturday, Sept. 10.

A pair of undefeated Northern Virginia prospects, Fairfax welterweight Todd 'White Lightning' Wilson (10-0, 4 knockouts) and junior middleweight Zain 'Tiger' Shah (5-0, 3 knockouts) of Chantilly, will be on the evening's box card with six-round contests.

Wilson, a former collegiate champion at Virginia Military Institute (VMI), saw his last fight stopped prematurely at the end of the third round when opponent Dean White was disqualified for excessive holding and hitting after the bell. Wilson, who fights out of the Annandale Boxing Club, will face former Florida State USA titlist Raymond Betancourt (8-6) of West Palm Beach, FL.

Shah, who trains out of LA Boxing's Reston gymnasium, will take on Baltimore's Julius Kennedy (7-2-1). Shah won a close decision against Omar Sims last year in Fairfax. Earlier this year, Shaw won by technical knockout over Tevin Parker for his fifth win.

Also on the Lange ticket will be LA Boxing trainer Lawrence Jones (3-5-2, 1 knockout) of Reston, who will make his fourth Patriot Center appearance when he takes on Jose Felix (10-9-2) of Richmond Hill, Ga. in a six-round contest.

Jones, who lost a split decision to Todd Eriksson earlier this year, has gone 1-1-1 in front of his hometown supporters in Fairfax.



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