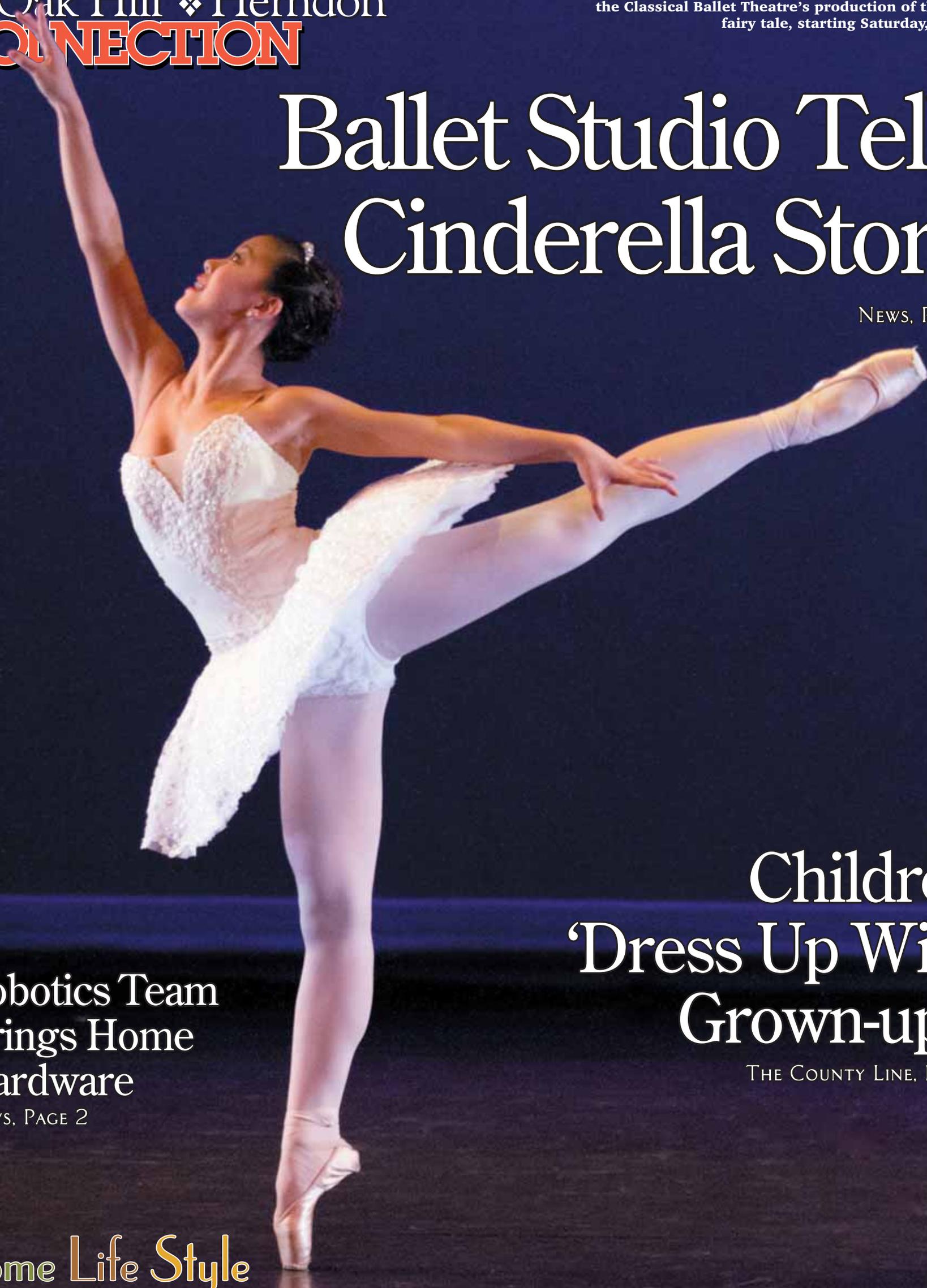


Dancer Grace Cho will play the part of Cinderella in the Classical Ballet Theatre's production of the classic fairy tale, starting Saturday, April 13.

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Robotics Team Brings Home Hardware

After Washington, D.C. regionals, Herndon High School Robotics team competes in St. Louis.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The Herndon High School Robotics team gained several accolades at the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) regional robotics competition, punching their ticket for the world championships in St. Louis, Mo., this month.

Each January the national competition kicks off with a description of the tasks the team's robot must perform. This year's required the robot to throw Frisbees and climb a metal pyramid. The more accurate the throws and the higher the robot can climb on the pyramid, the more points they receive.

"It's pretty daunting, especially the climbing portion. These are heavy robots and there's not much for them to hold onto," said team member Matthew Lee. "We fo-



PHOTO BY ALEX MCVEIGH/THE CONNECTION

The Herndon High School Robotics team, pictured at an outreach event last year, will compete in a championship event in St. Louis this month.

cused more on shooting the Frisbees and playing defense against other teams."

THE TEAM had a rough showing in the first regional competition of the season.

"We did a regional competition in Raleigh, N.C., and it became apparent that we had a

few things to fix," Lee said. "That gave us a great opportunity to do what we needed to do to prepare for the regional competition in Washington, D.C."

Abigail Ackerman, the team captain, said they took away several specific fixes from the Raleigh competition.

"We took about 30 pounds off the robot, and upgraded the intake hopper for the Frisbees," she said. "It didn't work so well in the first competition, and if the discs came in upside down it wouldn't work at all."

The team also worked on refining the robot's accuracy.

"Part of our changes between Raleigh and D.C. was to play around with the shooting mechanism to increase accuracy," said sophomore Danny Vedova, the team's co-captain. "We figured after making the fixes we'd be in for at least a top 10 finish in D.C."

The team finished second place out of 59 teams at the Washington, D.C. competition. Last year at the St. Louis event the team finished 44th out of their division of 100 teams.

"We're hoping for better this year," Ackerman said. "We usually try to do two regionals every year, and a national event every other year, but with our award getting us a spot in St. Louis we've got a third event."

The team also took home the Engineering Inspiration Award for their outreach efforts in the local community and beyond. They sponsor a team in Israel, sending batteries and other supplies.

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Filmmaker Turns Camera on Reston Rebekah Wingert-Jabi wins Peabody Award, begins work on documentary about Reston.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Rebekah Wingert-Jabi has lived all across the world. She moved to Reston as a child, attended college in Minnesota and California, studied abroad in China and lived in the Middle East. She became interested in still photography at a young age, and while in China she got a video camera and became fascinated with the idea of moving images.

Those moving images, recorded by Wingert-Jabi, won her a Peabody Award this year. Her film "My Neighbourhood" tells the story of a Palestinian teenager in East Jerusalem dealing with forcible eviction by Israelis.

"When I started following these evictions in 2008, three families were being evicted. Everyone I talked to was telling me about this extremely talented young man, only 11 years old, who was writing about his experiences," she said. "He eventually came up to me with his camera and started asking me questions. Eventually I was able to turn my camera on him."

The Peabody Awards are given to recognize outstanding achievements in electronic media. Notable winners include Bob Hope, Charles Kuralt, Walter Cronkite, Jim Henson and more. The awards committee called the film an "honest, hopeful documentary."

WINGERT-JABI and her co-director Julia Bacha tell in a 25-minute film the story of the young man, Mohammed El Kurd, as well as two Jewish residents of Jerusalem who start a grassroots effort to stop the evictions.

She spent time between 2009 and 2012 filming



Reston filmmaker Rebekah Wingert-Jabi recently won a Peabody Award for her film about a neighborhood in East Jerusalem. Her current project is a film about Reston.

"My Neighbourhood," eventually compiling more than 150 hours.

"The first eviction took place in November 2008, and it sent a shockwave through the community. Everyone was afraid of a domino effect, that it would create a legal precedent," Wingert-Jabi said. "These evictions were very traumatic, in the middle of the night these men and women were taken from their home only to watch, hours later, as another family moved in."

The film had its world premiere at the TriBeCa Film Festival in April 2012, and since then it has been shown around the world, in colleges, high school, places of worship and even before European Parliament.

Wingert-Jabi moved back to Reston about four years ago, and it immediately became apparent

to her that Reston was a special place.

"The further away I got from Reston, the more I realized how special it was. I never found the combination of factors I could find right here," she said. "The whole process making 'My Neighbourhood' made me reflect on what makes a community. How was the Reston community built? Do we still have it today? Are we losing it?"

Those are the questions she's trying to answer in her next film, which will tell the story of Reston's first 50 years, and plans for its future.

"This is a perfect time to make a film about Reston, a point to look at how we started, and how we're moving forward," Wingert-Jabi said. "The coming of Metro, the future of the golf course and the village centers, it's all going to define what we are over the next 50 years."

AS A FILMMAKER, Wingert-Jabi is very appreciative of the fact that she has access to many primary sources, including founder Robert Simon, as well as members of the early staff, designers of Reston Town Center and more.

"When I was growing up I heard the name Bob Simon a lot, but I didn't know about the principles he founded the community with, or the vision he created," she said. "An exceptional part of this experience has been talking with him and getting that information. Seeing his passion for life, for people, has been a great experience."

Wingert-Jabi said the process has been an exercise in blending her own experiences with the pulse of the community around her.

"I'm investigating my own questions about Reston, questions I think a lot of Restonians have as well. The challenge is capturing outside views as well, and bringing those to a broader audience, people around the

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Mohammed El Kurd, a Palestinian teenager and one of the primary characters in filmmaker Rebekah Wingert-Jabi's Peabody Award-winning film, "My Neighborhood."



PHOTO BY LARRY MARLER

Herndon-Reston FISH honors the 2013 Star Fish: (from left) Peggy LeReche, Claire Dessart and Kay Walter.

Recognized for Helping Others

Community members to be honored at FISH Fling on April 20.

At the FISH (Friendly, Instant, Sympathetic Help) Fling Gala and Fundraiser, Reston and Herndon's "Star Fish" will be honored. The Star Fish are women whose volunteer work enables the volunteer, non-sectarian, non-profit to meet needs like requests for rent, transportation to medical appointments, help with furniture, utilities, medical items (including prescriptions) and other short term emergency needs.

FISH, which works closely with social workers from Fairfax County, local hospitals and other nonprofit organizations, gets much of their funding from the gala, scheduled this year for Saturday, April 20, at the Crowne Plaza Dulles Hotel in Herndon.

The women to become Star Fish are:

❖ Claire Dessart, a Bargain Loft volunteer since 2009, who works two to three regular shifts per week and is always willing to come in as a sub, even at the last minute. She loves working for FISH and encourages everyone to shop at The Bargain Loft.

❖ Kay Walter, who volunteers for the FISH Family Assistance Program and also drives people

to their medical appointments. She has volunteered for FISH for five years and is always ready to help whenever called by the program coordinators. Kay says, "FISH is a perfect volunteer opportunity for me because I can do my phone assistance from home." She likes that FISH provides a unique service: Friendly, Instant, Sympathetic Help for neighbors in need.

❖ Peggy LeReche has also been a volunteer for five years and currently serves on the Board of Directors. She also coordinates the FISH Financial Workshops. Peggy's mother volunteered years ago at The Bargain Loft, and her volunteer work at FISH helps Peggy continue her mother's legacy. Even though Peggy works full time for Dominion Power, she finds time to help neighbors in need.

The FISH Fling is open to the community, and welcomes local residents and organizations to support the event through purchasing tickets to the event or becoming a sponsor. For more information or reservations for this year's eighth annual FISH Fling, email FISH at FISH@HerndonRestonFISH.org or visit their website, www.herndonrestonfish.org.

THE COUNTY LINE



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Dr. Tehreem Butt, who started Family Dentistry of Fairfax in 2008, received the Dr. Jorge Arnoldson Award for his “compassion and willingness to provide free dental services to children in need.” He attended the gala with his wife and children. (From left) Amna Tehreem, a student at George Mason University, Dr. Tehreem Butt, wife Naima Tehreem, Labibah Tehreem, a sophomore at Centreville High School, and Zukhruf, 14, a freshman at CHS.

Children ‘Dress Up With Grown-ups’

Medical Care for Children Partnerships funds medical, dental care for children of uninsured working families in Fairfax County.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Men donned tuxedos; women wore glittering formal dresses, and children dressed in their cotillion finest.

But stuffiness was not invited to this black-tie gala.

As MC Andrew laid down hip-hop, old school and swinging Sinatra tunes, dozens of children and their parents danced and partied at the annual “Dress Up with Grown-ups Gala,” hosted by the Medical Care for Children Partnerships (MCCP) at the Mason Inn Saturday night, April 6.

Former Redskin player Charles Mann, the master of ceremonies, and Dr. Angel Cabrera, president of George Mason University, welcomed 250 guests to the annual fundraiser, which included many Northern Virginia business leaders and local legislators.

“Children’s health is our mission, and children are a special part of our celebration tonight,” said Alan Harbitter, president of the MCCP Foundation Board of Directors.

“We really want everyone to have a fun and memorable time.”

Judging from the laughter and smiles on the dance floor, they did.

Although the gala was a child-centered celebration—featuring a magician, caricaturist and fire truck—the MCCP Foundation has a serious mission.

THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP funds healthcare for the children of uninsured working families in Fairfax County. MCCP-eligible children, many of whom are immigrants, have working parents who don’t have access to health insurance and whose incomes are too high for Medicaid but too low for adequate, regular healthcare. For a family of four in Fairfax County, the annual income level cut-off is about \$55,000, said MCCP Executive Director Margery Leveen Sher.

“We want these children to have the care that any other child has,” Sher said. “It’s a great cost savings for the community, because without MCCP, they would go to the emergency room, and probably be a lot sicker and need more care. We are often the last safety net.”

Sher said the nonprofit foundation currently provides medical and dental care to approximately 2,500 uninsured children in low-income families in Fairfax County, and last year spent \$172,000 on children’s dental care alone. She said approximately \$600 covers the dental care needs for one child, and estimates about 9,000 children need the help of MCCP.

The MCCP Foundation also marked a milestone at the gala: providing \$1 million in healthcare costs to Fairfax County’s children of low income, uninsured families.

“I like the combination of corporations, healthcare providers and public entities coming together to provide a leveraged model for taking care of the healthcare needs of Fairfax County’s working poor. ... It’s an enriching, rewarding, innovative organization,” MCCP Foundation board member Harry Klaff said.

Partners of MCCP include Fairfax County government, corporations and individual financial supporters. Kaiser Permanente and 300 doctors and dentists provide low or no-cost care to MCCP children. Sher said Fairfax County provides case management for families, and support that includes transportation, language assistance and help accessing specialty care.

“MCCP is a unique partnership between healthcare service providers, like Kaiser Permanente, the county and the foundation that



Aubrey Beasley, 4, dances with her mom, Jessica Tadlock of Fairfax, during the MCCP “Dress Up with Grown-ups Gala,” held Saturday, April 6, at the Mason Inn on the Campus of George Mason University.

fills a critical need in our county—health and dental care for children that would not otherwise have access to it,” said Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield), who attended the event with his wife Nancy.

Herrity said MCCP “has a special place in my heart” because of his father’s involvement in its formation more than 25 years ago. “It is a great example of personal and corporate responsibility and giving.”

ONE OF THE EVENING’S HIGHLIGHTS was the presentation of the Dr. Jorge Arnoldson memorial award. Arnoldson, a pediatrician who passed away in 2009, was one of the original doctors of the MCCP program in 1988. The award is given to a person who embodies Dr. Arnoldson’s credo that “giving is a matter of conscience.”

Dr. Tehreem Butt, of Fairfax Family Dentistry, received the award.

“Dr. Butt has provided a welcoming dental home to our children for many years, and he is always willing to provide care in an emergency,” Harbitter said. “He always treats our children just like other patients in his practice, with kindness and compassion.”

“I like to see children smile,” Butt said as he accepted his award. “I want to help them stay out of pain. When they come to my office, sometimes they are kicking and screaming, but they leave happy. That’s the best part of my profession.”

Born and raised in Lahore, Pakistan, Butt attended dentistry school at the Nishtar Medical College in Multan. In 1986, he emigrated to the United States and completed a two-year dental program at New York University. In 2007, he and his family moved to Centreville, and he opened his Fairfax practice in 2008.

“Since then I have had the pleasure of treating children referred by MCCP. This experience has given a totally new meaning to my dental profession,” Butt said. “To me, children are the most beautiful creatures of God and there is nothing comparable to being able to give them a healthy and happy smile.”

Event sponsors included: Kaiser Permanente, Jones Lang LaSalle, Quest Diagnostics, INOVA, ICF International, Reston Hospital Center, and CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield.

To find out more about MCCP and how to support it, visit mccpfoundation.org.

Camera Captures 'Pulse of Reston'

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world who want to learn why Reston has had such an impact on the concept of a suburb," she said. "It's tough to put these visions in a narrative form, to give them context and perspective."

Wingert-Jabi will be filming at this week's Founder's Day celebrations, as well as public events throughout the year, including the opening of Metro. The film will have a sneak preview on April 5, 2014, the 50th anniversary of Reston and Simon's 100th birthday.

The film is still searching for sponsors, which so

far include the Reston Community Center, Reston Association and the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce. Wingert-Jabi estimated around two-thirds of the film's budget has been raised, but they are still looking for more community support. Donations can be made to the Reston Historic Trust, which is a registered 501(c)3, and primary sponsor of the film.

They are also looking for interns and volunteers to transcribe interviews. A website with more information will launch Saturday, April 13, and can be found at www.therestonfilm.com.

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OPINION

Voting Again

Every year is election year in Virginia, and it's a bit much.

The most hotly contested race for statewide office in Virginia, the Republican contest for lieutenant governor, will be decided at a statewide convention on May 18. That's about a month from now.

A statewide Democratic primary will take place June 11.

On Nov. 5, all eyes will turn to Virginia to follow the conclusion of a fascinating race for governor. Democrat Terry McAuliffe will face Republican Ken Cuccinelli in a contest that will appeal to more conservative Republicans and more liberal Democrats.

The race will feature massive efforts to turn out the vote. Mailboxes will fill up with glossy mailers. Airwaves will no doubt reflect the election.

Wait, didn't we just do this?

Yes, but in 2013, Virginia will choose governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, and all 100 members of the House of Delegates. Arlington voters will also elect one member to the county board and one member to the school board. City of Alexandria voters will also elect a commonwealth's attorney and sheriff.

And it won't be simple.

Right now it appears that there are seven Republican candidates, two Democratic candidates and an Independent Green candidate running for lieutenant governor.

Republicans will choose from their seven candidates at a statewide convention on May

18. Here are the names of the seven: Jeannemarie Devolites Davis (R), former state senator and wife of former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis; E.W. Jackson Sr. (R); L. Scott Lingamfelter (R), state delegate; Steve Martin (R), state senator; Jeff McWaters (R), state senator; Pete Snyder (R); Corey Stewart (R), Prince William County Board chair, and Susan Stimpson (R), Stafford County Board chair.

Democrats will choose a candidate for lieutenant governor in the statewide primary on June 11; candidates are Aneesh Chopra (D) and state Sen. Ralph Northam (D).

Two Republicans and two Democrats appear to be running for attorney general: Democrats Justin Fairfax and state Sen. Mark Herring would face off in

the June 11 primary. Republicans would choose between candidates Del. Rob Bell (R) and state Sen. Mark Obenshain (R) at the state-wide convention May 18.

Town of Vienna voters will elect three members of its town council on May 7.

Virginia has a General Election every year on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November; that's Nov. 5, this year. Federal offices are elected in even-numbered years. State and local offices are elected in odd-numbered years. If primaries are called by the political parties, they are held on the second Tuesday in June; that's June 11, this year.

This is a formula for election fatigue, alternating record voter turnout with tepid voter

turnout. Realigning Virginia's election calendar so that the critical statewide races took place in presidential election years would increase voter participation, although this change is not simple and not likely.

The Virginia General Assembly voted this year to impose much more stringent voter identification requirements starting in July 2014, an unnecessary step that suppresses the votes of poor, elderly and minority voters. Instead, they should fund an annual mailing to all registered voters that summarizes what and who will be on the ballot. This would increase the integrity of elections, giving all voters a chance to arrive at the polls informed and engaged.

Here are some good sources for information on upcoming elections:

Virginia State Board of Elections, <http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/>.

Virginia Public Access Project, <http://www.vpap.org/candidates?display=state>.

Fairfax County Board of Elections, <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/ecalendar.htm>.

Alexandria Board of Elections, <http://www.alexandriava.gov/Elections>.

Arlington Board of Elections, <http://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/VoterRegistration/VoterRegistrationMain.aspx>.

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EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Alarmed by School Names

To the Editor:

Am I the only one alarmed by the presence of high schools named after confederate leaders? After our nation's long and divisive war, symbols of bigotry abound; this, however, is only amplified as a problem when the symbol is a high school.

To be clear, the "War of Northern Aggression" (as it is ridiculously called in some areas), and Virginia's part in it, are things to be ashamed of, not to glorify. Forcibly legitimizing treasonous villains, and allowing our children to be the recipient of our preposter-

ous revisionism is wrong.

For example: The following high schools should be changing their names immediately:

Robert E Lee High School
JEB Stuart High School
Fairfax High School (Rebels)
Stonewall Jackson High School

To erroneously fight your country is wrong. To erroneously fight your country for your right to enslave is worse. To glorify those who have erroneously fought their country for their right to enslave is the worst thing we could be doing.

Kiran Hampton
Great Falls

A Photo ID: Victory for Voters

To the Editor:

The voters of Virginia won a great victory when Governor McDonnell signed SB 1256, which changes Virginia's law to require a recent photo ID as the only acceptable identification for voting. Thus, a positive identification can now be made with a visual check to verify that the person coming to vote is actually who he claims to be. The existing law allows a number of passive identifiers such as a voter registration card or even a utility bill which proves nothing other than that the person has in his possession a piece of paper with a name and address on it. The person's identity is not verified.

Voters across the commonwealth now can be assured that their individual vote will not be nullified by a fraudulent vote. Opponents of this bill will argue that there is no evidence of fraudulent voting and thus SB 1256 attempts to solve a problem that does not exist. However, when non-verifiable identification is al-

lowed, it is virtually impossible to identify and convict fraudulent voters except in the most flagrant of cases where multiple votes are proven to be cast by a single voter or where the person attempting to vote is clearly known not to be the voter listed in the registration book.

Photo identification has become a necessary requirement for many of our routine daily activities. Yet, somehow opponents of this bill believe that proving our identity to exercise our constitutional right to vote is less important than proving our identity before boarding an airplane or cashing a check at a bank or donating blood. Since the new law provides for free photo IDs to be issued to those few without one, it is meaningless to claim that requiring a photo ID for voting will disenfranchise various groups such as the poor, the elderly and minority groups. In fact, studies from other states have shown just the opposite result. Voter registration and turnout have actually increased within these groups after enactment of a photo ID law.

Anne Damon
Fairfax

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NEWS

Robotics Team Goes to World Championships

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Students also designed a coloring book and created a book of poetry as part of their outreach efforts.

"We're not among the most flashy teams in the competitions, but the students focus a lot on their different outreach activities, which makes a big impact," said Heidi Foster, one of the team's mentors. "It's part of FIRST's efforts to change the culture, to make STEM activities as popular as sports, and with the books we're trying to appeal to students who are interested in arts and literature."

Foster said one of the judges in Washington, D.C. told the presenter that the designers of the coloring book should "stop what you're doing and enroll in art school right now."

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— Heidi Foster, one of the team's mentors

ONCE THE COMPETITION in St. Louis is over, the team will turn to preparing for its annual outreach events. They have an annual display at the Herndon Festival, will be at the Herndon Relay for Life the weekend after the festival and are looking into setting up a display at the Friday Night Live concert series this summer. They also participated in the Halloween Air and Scare event at the Udvar-Hazy Center last October and participated in the Shuttle Discovery arrival ceremony last April.

The World Championships will take place from April 25 to 27. The team is still seeking sponsorships to fund their trip. For information about sponsorships, email Lee at matthew.james.lee703@gmail.com.

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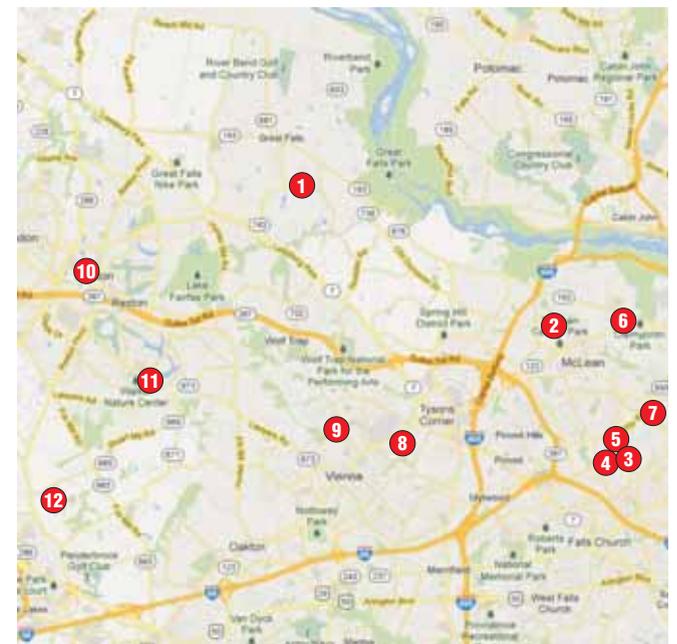
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PHOTO BY CASE DESIGN/REMODELING, INC.

Case Design/Remodeling, Inc., created a two-story entertainment room with a bar, heated flooring and stonewall adjacent to the new garage, which features a bedroom, bath and office space above it.

Remodeling in Reston

Local homeowners and designers create ideal entertainment space.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

When the homeowners of a Reston colonial home decided to turn a breezeway that connected their main house into a detached two-car garage,

their first thoughts were relaxation and entertainment. The primary concern of the design team they hired was combining safety and style.

"The main challenge on this project was framing the cathedral ceiling over the sunroom, given that it is about 24 feet up. Doing that well and safely is a true testament to our team," said Bruce Case, president of Case Design/Remodeling, Inc., who designed and built the project.

The homeowners' original goal was to build a detached garage with a breezeway that connected to the main house. Once construction was underway, the project expanded and the space above the garage became a living space with a bathroom. The breezeway became an open,

two-story sunroom with a bar and powder room.

The homeowners decided to transform the space between the home and the garage into a guest suite that was ideal for hosting guests. The result also includes a two-story entertainment room with a bar.

"The breezeway turned into a sunroom and then blossomed from there," says Sean McIarty, senior project manager at Case Design/Remodeling, Inc. "The garage is now the man cave, while the space above the garage includes a bedroom, bathroom, office for him and art studio for her. The studio leads to a deck with a cabana below."

The main level of the addition houses a horseshoe-shaped bar, sitting room with heated stone flooring, waterfall feature and clerestory windows that overlook the pool. The manufactured stone wall leads to an arched window that opens to a landing above the garage and into the new guest quarters.

"The 28-foot-high ceiling made this project interesting," adds Case carpenter Tom Barber, who, along with carpenter David Frock, worked on the project over the course of four months.

The bar area includes a commercial refrigerator, two televisions and pool access. "The house is deceiving on the outside," said Barber. "The colonial facade masks the extraordinary, Italian-inspired interiors with this gracious new entertainment wing."

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Historic Garden Week is scheduled for April 20-27 and will include sites in Alexandria and Fairfax County.

Virginia Historic Garden Week Celebrates 80th Anniversary

Celebration raises money to restore and preserve Virginia's historic landmarks.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Virginia will be in bloom later this month when more than 250 of the state's picturesque gardens, homes and historic landmarks open to the public for Historic Garden Week. The statewide event, which is in its 80th year and runs April 20-27, includes sites in the City of Alexandria and Fairfax County.

"Virginia is especially beautiful during Historic Garden Week," said Lynn McCashin, executive director of the Garden Club of Virginia, which sponsors the statewide house and garden tour. "Every year is different, and this one is extra special because of the anniversary."

Karen Cauthen Miller, Historic Garden Week state director, says the event will feature approximately 32 separate tours throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. The event raises money to restore and preserve Virginia's historic landmarks.

"Historic Garden Week has transformed the landscape of Virginia over its 80-year history. It's really an incredible accomplishment," said Miller. "One-hundred percent of proceeds go

to the restoration and preservation of the state's most important public properties. The list is a who's who of any place your kids would visit on a school fieldtrip. We restored the Bowling Green at Mount Vernon with funding from the Historic Garden Week, for example."

Miller added that Historic Garden Week is the largest ongoing volunteer effort in Virginia and is put on by 3,400 volunteers who work year-round.

"The restorations are of such a scale that they require the combined efforts of all 47 clubs that make up the Garden Club of Virginia. In Northern Virginia alone, the projects that have benefited from Historic Garden Week include Mount Vernon and Green Springs, the state's only Beatrix Farrand garden," said Anne Geddy Cross, chairwoman of Historic Garden Week.

There are 78 special events throughout the commonwealth of Virginia planned during the weeklong celebration. In Alexandria, for example, those who purchase tickets to the Old Town Alexandria tour will also have admission fees to George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens waived on April 20.

Ticket prices for Historic Garden Week vary. For a tour schedule and ticket information, visit www.vagardenweek.org.



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THURSDAY/APRIL 11

Brian Quenton Thorne and Francis Conlon. 2:15-3:30 p.m., at Center Stage, Reston Community Center Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. The tenor and pianist collaborate on works of well-known composers and lyricists; the fourth in a series of seven free Thursday afternoon "Meet the Artists" concerts. 703-503-3384 or www.ollu.gmu.edu.

Used Book Sale. 9 a.m.-9 p.m., at the Falls Church Community Centre, 223 Little Falls Street, Falls Church. The Falls Church Area American Association of University Women (AAUW) is holding its 37th annual Used Book Sale. More than 40,000 books for browsing and buying. Most books priced at \$3 or less. Proceeds benefit AAUW's scholarship programs. 703-534-5345.



"Night Sparks," by Ryan Dunn

FRIDAY/APRIL 12

Empty Bowls Fundraiser. 5:30-8 p.m., at Floris United Methodist Church, 13600 Frying Pan Road, Herndon. A dinner of soup, bread, beverage and dessert and a bowl handcrafted by a local potter; proceeds go to hunger relief in Northern Virginia. \$20 donation minimum. 703-665-9334 or emptybowls@givingcircleofhope.org.

SATURDAY/APRIL 13

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Founder's Day 2013. Noon to 4 p.m., at Reston Museum at Lake Anne Plaza, 1639 Washington Plaza N., Reston. Celebrate Reston's 49th and Reston founder Robert E. Simon, Jr.'s 99th birthday; live music, selection from the upcoming performance of Xandau by South Lakes High School Theatre Arts Department, a 1:30 p.m. third annual Founder's Day Hunt and birthday cupcakes at 1 p.m. are among the festivities. 703-709-7700 or www.restonmuseum.org.

Vinifera's World Tour. 6-10 p.m., at Vinifera Wine Bar & Bistro, 11750 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. Guests have the opportunity to sample national treasures such as traditional Spanish tapas, paella cooked in a 3-foot wide paella pan, Portuguese favorite caldo verde and much more;

Fine Art Photography Competition Showcases Finalists

The work of 35 finalists in the 2013 Fine Art Photography Competition goes up in the Fine Art Photography exhibit, opening Tuesday, April 23, and up through May 26. The 35 were selected from 76 photographers submitting over 200 entries; juror Barry Schmetter announces winners during the Opening Reception and Awards Ceremony on Saturday, April 27, from 7 to 9 p.m. at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. www.artspaceherndon.com.

wine to complement each dish and sangria with fresh fruit available. Without wine: \$50; with wine: \$75. <http://www.viniferabistro.com>.

Mind, Heart, Vision" Artist Reception. 7-9 p.m., at Post Gallery, ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. This juried exhibit features the art of the students and teachers from Herndon High School. 703-956-6590 or www.artspaceherndon.org.

featuring music of all genres; light refreshments served. \$3 for Reston residents; \$6 non-residents. www.RestonCommunityCenter.com.

Tom Paxton. 8 p.m., at The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road Vienna. Folk singer/songwriter Tom Paxton will headline at The Barns, showcasing his insightful lyrics and earnest tunes. \$24. 1-877-WOLFTRAP or www.wolftrap.org.

SUNDAY/APRIL 14

The Frying Pan Spring Meeting House. 2-4 p.m., at 2615 Centreville Road, Herndon. This is an opportunity to learn about the historic battles and famous people, like Colonel John Singleton Mosby and J.E.B. Stuart. It is also a chance to shake hands and talk with re-enactors from the "Black Horse Calvary" and Fourth Virginia Regiment and hear about the Emancipation Proclamation and the back military experience. 703-437-9101.

Sunday Afternoon Dances. 2:30-4:30 p.m., at RCC Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Dance and/or socialize at an afternoon

MONDAY/APRIL 15

NARFE Dulles Chapter 1241 Luncheon Meeting. 11:30 a.m., at Amphora Diner, 1151 Elden St., Herndon. Delegate James LeMunyon (R-67) gives his perspective on the General Assembly session. RSVP. 703-435-3523.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 17

Taste of Herndon High School and the World. 6-9 p.m., at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. A festival of food featuring tastes from every continent (except Antarctica and Australia—as of yet) prepared by parents with contributions from local ethnic restaurants; no children. \$10. www.fcps.edu/HerndonHS/.

BULLETIN BOARD

MONDAY/APRIL 15

Reston Planning and Zoning Committee. 7:30 p.m., at North County Government Center in the Community Room, 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. A presentation on environmentally friendly school design practices and discussion on the Wiehle-Reston East Metro Station Access, with Patty Nicoson and Bill Penniman, providing insight from the perspective of the Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force. 703-579-7525 or 703-638-7555.

SATURDAY/APRIL 20

South Lakes Band on the Run 5K and Fun Run. 8:30 a.m., at South Lakes High School, 11400 S Lakes Drive, Reston. Join the first annual South Lakes Band on the

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

Run for the benefit of the SLHS band program. Team and individual registrations are accepted for the 5K. Fun Run available for kids under 12, and all Fun Run participant will earn a medal. Post-race refreshments provided. Registration required. \$15-\$40. <http://pracing.racebx.com/> or 571-239-6541.

Overcoming Anxiety and Depression. 10-11:30 a.m., at Unitarian Universalist Church, 1625 Wiehle Ave., Reston. Practical advice from Buddhist teachings to help reduce the anxiety and depression that can come from living in a fast-paced, high pressure world. \$12. 202-986-2257 or www.meditation-dc.org.

Food for Homeless. 2:30 p.m., 11500 Leesburg Pike, Herndon. The Dranesville Church of the Brethren will be helping the Salvation Army

provide the food to the homeless in DC. Bagged lunches will be prepared at the church and then taken to DC to distribute. 703-430-7872 or dcoffice@aol.com.

SUNDAY/MAY 5

Rescue Reston Spring into Action Rally. 5-10 p.m., at Hidden Creek Country Club, 1711 Clubhouse Road, Reston. Join fellow Rescuers to eat, drink, bid on silent auction items to raise money to save Reston's open space. Silent Auction will provide financial support to Rescue Reston's attorneys to present a written statement before the hearing at the Board of Zoning Appeals hearing. \$65. RSVP required. 571-205-8874 or www.RescueReston.org/events.



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SPORTS



Zachary Deker (4) and the South Lakes boys' soccer team beat Mount Vernon 1-0 on Monday night.



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South Lakes senior Elvin Arbaiza, left, and Mount Vernon's Erik Rodriguez go for the ball during Monday's game at Mount Vernon High School.

South Lakes Boys' Soccer Wins Fifth Straight

Seahawks beat Mount Vernon 1-0 Monday night.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

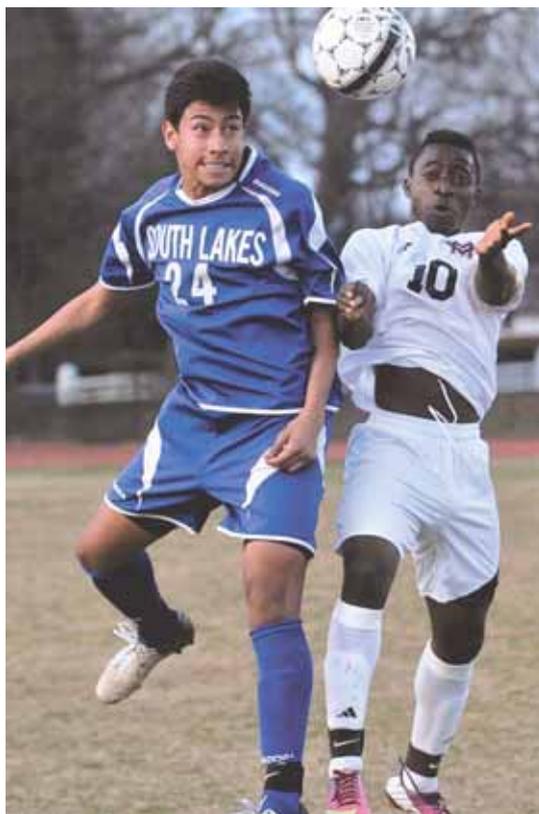
After opening the season with a loss to T.C. Williams on March 14, South Lakes boys' soccer coach Marty Pfister said the Seahawks needed to regain the team unity they had during a winning 2012 campaign.

On Monday night, senior captain Elvin Arbaiza said the Seahawks are learning to play with one another. While South Lakes might be a work in progress, it didn't stop the Seahawks from capturing a fifth-consecutive victory.

South Lakes improved to 5-1 with a 1-0 win against the Majors on Monday at Mount Vernon High School. Junior striker Jhonny DeSouza scored the Seahawks' lone goal with a header off a corner kick from Arbaiza in the 37th minute.

"All of our set plays on corners, we try to get Jhonny involved," Pfister said. "He's about 6'-2", 6'-3" [and] really good in the air."

After losing to TC 2-0 South Lakes won five straight one-goal decisions. The Seahawks beat Lee (1-0), Herndon (2-1), Edison (3-2) and Falls Church



South Lakes' Andrew Duran, left, and Mount Vernon's Simond Kargbo battle for the ball on Monday night.

(1-0) prior to defeating the Majors.

"It was a tough game, it was physical and we did what we needed to do to get the W..." Arbaiza said. "Every game we're learning. It's a young team; we lost a lot of seniors last year, so we're learning how to play with each other..."

Last season, South Lakes finished 7-6-4, including a 3-1-3 mark during the Liberty District regular season—the Seahawks' best district record under Pfister, who is in his fifth season as head coach. South Lakes reached the district tournament semifinals and beat Herndon in the first round of the Northern Region tournament before falling to Lake Braddock in the quarterfinals. This year, South Lakes opened district play against Stone Bridge on Tuesday, April 9, after The Connection's deadline. The Seahawks

will host Marshall at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 11.

"We kind of came on the scene last year in league play," Pfister said. "We look forward to it. We want to represent our district. ... We had our best district record last year and we just want to capitalize on that."



PHOTO BY ED MICKA

Bobby Rae Allen pitches for the South Lakes baseball team.

South Lakes Baseball Falls to Langley

The Langley baseball team hosted the South Lakes Seahawks on Tuesday, April 2, and The Seahawks lost another squeaker, 2-0, on a frigid night. Three nights later, South Lakes lost to Madison, dropping the Seahawks' record to 2-6 (1-3 in Liberty District) on the season.

Against Langley, the Seahawks threatened in the first but were turned away. The Saxons struck in the bottom of the fourth with two runs to complete the scoring for the game. Senior Bobby Rae Allen pitched a complete game in the loss.

The Seahawks defensive play of the game came in the fourth inning, when junior shortstop JoJo Lear snagged a ground ball and quickly fed the ball to sophomore second baseman

Matt Wojciechowski, who relayed it to sophomore first baseman Kyle King to help end a bases-loaded threat from the Saxons.

Two weeks ago, South Lakes traveled to Myrtle Beach, S.C., to compete in the Mingo Bay Classic spring break tournament. When the fields finally dried, the Seahawks took to them on March 25 against Virginia High School. The Seahawks finished pool play in second place with a 1-1 record. The highlight was a 13-0 win over Gar-Field High School. Allen pitched a one-hit shutout and received plenty of offensive support. The Seahawks lost to Battlefield High School in the first round of elimination play in a 17-11 shootout.

—KEVIN DARBY

Ballet Studio Tells Cinderella Story

Classical Ballet Theatre performs classic fairy tale.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The Classical Ballet Theatre will present their spin on the classic fairy tale "Cinderella" starting Saturday, April 13. The not-for-profit dance studio will also host several free outreach performances.

The lead role will be played by both Grace Cho and Sasha Podshivalova at different performances. The two said they have enjoyed working together on the same role.

"It's been fun to work together, it's not so lonely when you've got someone to interact with through rehearsals," Podshivalova said. "And when instructors give one of us corrections, it's things we can both incorporate in our next performance."

Cho said it has been an inspiration to watch a dancer as advanced as Podshivalova throughout the process.

"We've gotten ideas from each other, which helps because we're both different dancers," she said. "We have different styles, different physiques and different mentalities when we approach performances. Our techniques are the same, but the artistry is different."

Cho said the feminine, gentle dancing of Cinderella is different than her normal style.

"I've always had a hard time with the feminine side of dancing, I think I'm more of a strong, sharp dancer," she said. "This role has definitely helped me dance with more of a softness."

The Disney version of "Cinderella" is one of Podshivalova's favorites musically, so she

was looking forward to the role.

"She's a dynamic character, there's a lot of emotions involved in the performance," Cho said. "She's an abused child, she has dreams, she falls in love, it's all there. While I don't have personal experience of what she goes through, it was a good experience exploring how to express it all onstage."

Podshivalova said it was fun working with so many friends as part of the cast, especially when Cinderella's stepmother and stepsisters abuse her.

"It was fun because we all spend a lot of time together, so we all feel like a family, and then they get to treat us terribly onstage," she said. "We all got a big kick out of it."

Cho spent last summer at the Miami City Ballet, and she'll be heading back to Florida this summer for an intensive program at the Orlando Ballet.

"This summer in Orlando I'm hoping to get [to] pick up advanced techniques and learn how to do things like avoid injuries and grow artistically," she said.

Cho has a full scholarship to the Orlando Ballet this summer. She also recently competed in the Youth America Grand Prix in Hartford, Conn., earning a top 12 ranking in classical and contemporary dance.

Podshivalova will be taking classes at the



PHOTO BY TONY DE LA PAZ

Sasha Podshivalova will portray the title character in "Cinderella," performed by the Classical Ballet Theatre.

Classical Ballet Theatre this summer, and will be attending a marine biology program for two weeks as well. In college she hopes to study marine biology or architecture.

"Dancing has helped me learn the importance of perseverance, doing the same steps over and over again and knowing it might seem impossible at first, it can be done," she said.

Showtimes

The Classical Ballet Theatre will perform "Cinderella" Saturday, April 13, at the Ernst Theater at the Northern Virginia Community College Annandale Campus, 8333 Little River Turnpike. Shows will be at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for children, \$18 for members of the military, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Tickets can be purchased online at www.cbntva.org/cinderella.

They will also perform Act One of the performance for free at the Classical Ballet Theatre, 320 Victory Drive, Herndon, on Thursday, April 18, at 10 and 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. The show is open for preschoolers and elementary school students. Reservations can be made by calling CBT Director Cynthia Donavin at 703-471-0750, extension 3.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I think about it enough, I don't want to think about it too much. What's "it?" Cancer. That's what!

Given the undeniable fact (although I try) that I do have cancer – the terminal kind, and therefore have to deal with its all-consuming, underlying, overriding and everywhere-in-between effects, mental and otherwise, there are plenty of times during the day when I'd prefer the subject not be front and center, but rather back and off to the side. At night, too. Apparently, I can't stop what I think about when I sleep any more than I can control what I think about every night as I lie in bed trying to get to sleep, so I'd sure like to have some moments during the day – when I'm awake and living what appears to be a relatively normal life, when I need not be reminded of the rather unfortunate set of circumstances in which I find myself medically entangled and emotionally wrought.

Though I may have learned long ago that "Da Nile is more than just a river in Egypt," dwelling on the present facts as they are accounted for and on my fate that may very well be accompli, doesn't seem particularly helpful or beneficial. Pretending, denying, ignoring, deluding, accepting, all add up to the identical emotional toll: wearisome and worrisome, if you let it. Not that one can avoid it entirely (if at all); let's face it, being diagnosed with terminal stage IV lung cancer is hardly the stuff of dreams – more like nightmares. Nevertheless, there are choices to be made.

From my perspective, the high road (and no, I have not been prescribed medical marijuana) means trying to remain positive, where good humor and an even better disposition trumps the low road: negative, depressed, self-indulgent and miserable. Where's the future in that? (Heck, where's the present?) There isn't – in my opinion. If my behavior/attitude causes people to not want to be around me, then I probably won't be around long myself – or with others. But if I can somehow be a semi-breath of fresh air, not a gloomy Gus or a dismal Jimmy, perhaps I've earned, so to speak, the time that has not been promised to me.

Not that this strategy for my survival has been culled from any wise man's book of survival. Hardly. It's simply yours truly using some common sense and what personality and instincts I have, together, to make the best of a bad situation. My thinking is, if I don't lose any of these emotional-type skirmishes, maybe I won't lose the battle royal. Not that I see surviving cancer as a battle of good over evil or might vs. right – or wrong; I still want to act like I've been there, like it's not my first touchdown. Sure I want to win/live, but sometimes, the less said about it, the better. I won't mind really. In fact, as this column has attempted to say, I'd almost prefer it. From my perspective, I see nothing wrong with that! Besides it's very difficult to tell a terminal patient how to live their life. I don't mind if you try, but don't take it personally if you fail. Thanks for your understanding.

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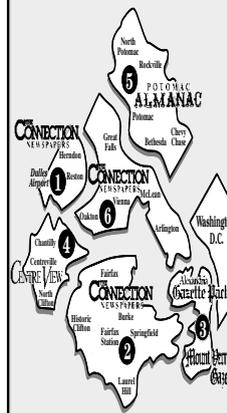
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Council for the Arts Celebrates Women in Arts

Herndon honorees are Grace Wolf, Karen Cobb and Robin Carroll.

The Council for the Arts of Herndon gave this year's awards celebrating women in the arts to town council member Grace Wolf, immediate past president of the CAH, Karen Cobb, past executive director of the CAH, and Robin Carroll, immediate past president of the Herndon Foundation for the Cultural Arts.

The awards were given at the Afternoon Tea held on March 9 from 2-4 p.m. at 873 Grace St., hosted by the Herndon Woman's Club and co-sponsored by the CAH and the Fortnightly Club.

Ann Rust, commissioner for the Virginia Commission for the Arts, spoke about the unique contributions of each woman to Herndon and the arts, as well as the wealth of arts organizations and activities in the town of Herndon. Friday Night Live, the Elden Street Players, the Classical Ballet Theatre, ArtSpace, the Herndon Town Square Singers and many other arts activities, organizations and businesses make up the community,



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and as Rust pointed out, there's always art happening in Herndon.

Grace Han Wolf, the first Korean-American woman elected to office in the Commonwealth of Virginia, has been president of the Council of the Arts of Herndon since 2004. She has made contribution in many areas, from increasing art funding from external sources and initiating supplemental arts programming for elementary school students, to partnering with SAIC on a digital art compe-

Herndon Town Council member Grace Han Wolf, immediate past president of the Council for the Arts of Herndon, and Robin Carroll, immediate past president of the Herndon Foundation for the Cultural Arts. Not pictured is Karen Cobb of The Rappaport Companies.

titution called "Technology and the Arts" that started in Herndon High School and has extended to Fairfax County and beyond.

The most recent evidence of Wolf's contributions to the town include the outdoor murals painted on historic buildings in the downtown and Herndon Community Center ceramics murals commissioned and donated by the Council for the Arts of Herndon.

Karen Cobb served for eight years as the executive director of

the Council for the Arts of Herndon. When she moved to Rappaport Companies, where she served as director of marketing, her ideas from the council continued to inspire her work in commercial real estate. Worldgate Centre's vibrant children's activities draw a crowd every time, and for many years the Taste of the Town at Worldgate was one of the signature events of Herndon.

Robin Carroll was celebrated at the Afternoon Tea for her work making things happen in Herndon. From 2008 until late 2012, she implemented the artistic vision for ArtSpace Herndon, was responsible for daily operations, and managed the transition to part-time paid staff. Robin currently serves on the Visual Arts Programming Committee, is a member of the executive committee, and assists with grant writing.

Also in attendance at this event were Dranesville Supervisor John Foust, Delegate Thomas Davis Rust and Town Council Members Sheila Olem and Grace Han Wolf.

WEEK IN HERNDON

Herndon Moms Club Meeting Focuses on Photography

The MOMS Club® of Herndon will host its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 18, from 10-11:30 a.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church (651 Dranesville Road, Herndon). All Herndon (zip codes 20170 and 20171) stay-at-home mothers are encouraged to join and meet other at-home mothers.

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