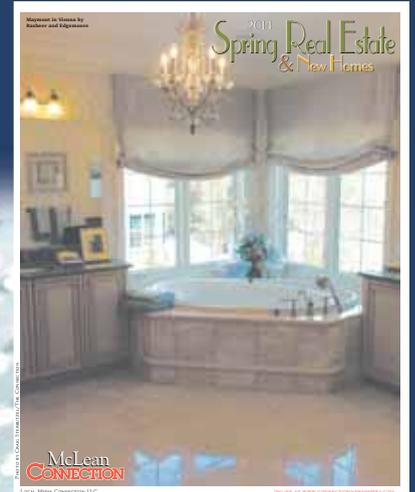


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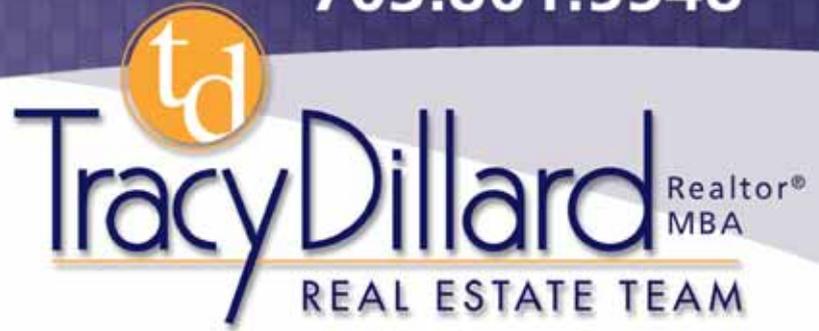
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Alex Stone, left, and Jack Posey, right, play the leads in McLean Theater Company's spring musical "Catch Me If You Can."

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Voters Wanted: Party Canvas on Saturday

Republican candidates for Congressional 10th District seat offer a mix of experience.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

After weeks of debates and campaigning, the Republican party will choose a candidate on Saturday to oppose John Foust (D) to succeed U.S Rep. Frank Wolf in the Va. 10th District Congressional race.

The party canvass will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Two of the candidates, Barbara Comstock and Bob Marshall have held office previously as delegates.

According to VPAP.org, Comstock raised \$761,354, Stephen Hollingshead raised \$122,178, Howard Lind raised 140, 838, Marshall raised \$55,240, Marc Savitt raised \$13,764 and Rob Wasinger raised \$82,742.

Although Marshall raised significantly less than Comstock, he felt confident he is the right candidate for the 10th district race.

"I have won 13 consecutive elections in Northern Virginia. Barbara Comstock won three. Obama won the state delegate district I represent by 11 percent. Barbara Comstock's district split evenly between Obama and Romney. Groups from the left and the right have joined me to pass laws to protect our constitutional rights," said Marshall in an email.

Comstock, who felt she had the upper hand because of her work with Congressman Wolf, said she is concerned about several national security issues.

"I'm very concerned about our current national defense policy which was weakened by President Obama," she said.

Lind is the only candidate who has served in the military. He previously ran for U.S. Senate.

"The whole thing with my campaign is taking a stand, which is



Barbara Comstock

Age: 54
Current position: Delegate
Education: Middlebury College, Political Science; Georgetown University Law Center
Town of Residence: McLean
Family: Married to Chip Comstock. Three children.
Key Affiliations: Board for Friends of Clemjontri, Board for McLean Orchestra, Board for Childhelp, founded Arts House Caucus



Bob Marshall

Age: 69
Current position: Delegate
Education: Belmont Abbey College, History and Philosophy; California State University- Dominguez Hills, Humanities
Town of Residence: Manassas
Family: Married to Cathy Marshall, five children
Key Affiliations: All Saints Catholic Church, Prince William Republican Committee, Knights of Columbus

not just taking a stand against the Democratic party, but also taking a stand within our own party."

Savitt said his candidacy provides innovative ideas and a fresh face.

"I am the only candidate in this race, who has never worked for the government or held elective



Stephen Hollingshead

Age: 44
Current position: Board of financial services firm Candor, LLC
Education: University of Houston, Political Science; Marquette University, politics masters and doctorate
Town of Residence: Leesburg
Family: Married to Jan Hollingshead. Six daughters and seven sons.



Marc Savitt

Age: 59
Current position: President, National Association of Independent Housing Professionals; President, The Mortgage Center
Education: Keane University, Political Science
Town of Residence: Clear Brook
Family: Married to Cheryl Savitt; Five children.
Key Affiliations: U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce, Clear Brook Fire Department

office," said Savitt in an email. "I consider this an advantage, as those with such prior employment, are the very same individuals who are directly responsible for the government's loss of credibility with the American people."

However, Hollingshead finds that his work with the government



Howard Lind

Age: 56
Current position: Business Consultant at Howard R. Lind, LLC
Education: Virginia Tech, Statistics; Naval Postgraduate School, Information Systems
Town of Residence: McLean
Family: Four daughters
Key Affiliations: American Legion, Navy League, Association of the U.S. Army



Rob Wasinger

Age: 42
Current position: Former Chief of Staff to Senator Sam Brownback and Congressman Kerry Bentivolio
Education: Harvard University, Economics
Town of Residence: Fairfax Station

gave him strong ideas of what to change in the political sphere.

"I am uniquely qualified to change what is happening in Washington because I am a businessman who has created jobs and met payrolls; because I have actually reformed government as a member of the Bush Administra-

tion where I helped save \$2 billion a year in welfare fraud; and because I am the only candidate who has actually taught the constitution," said Stephen Hollingshead in an email.

Wasinger said he represents the future of conservatism, something he does not think the other candidates do.

"There's an old saying that old generals are always fighting the last war," said Wasinger in an email. "The pundits have anointed two frontrunners: an 11-term state representative intent on continuing the battles from 25 years ago and a career lobbyist coronated by the Washington elite because of her willingness to follow their lead. Neither will unite our party because they don't represent the future of conservatism."

Registered voters in the following precincts vote at Langley High School, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA 22101, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:

❖ Hunter Mill Magisterial District: 240-Colvin

❖ Dranesville Magisterial District: 301-Chain Bridge, 303-Churchill, 304-Cooper, 306-Great Falls, 309-Kenmore, 311-Langley, 314-Mclean, 321-Clearview, 322-Forestville, 323-Shouse, 327-Sugarland, 328-Hickory, 329-Seneca, and 331-Spring Hill

Registered voters in the following precincts vote at Centreville High School, 6001 Union Mill Road, Clifton, VA 20124 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

❖ Hunter Mill Magisterial District: 229-Fox Mill

❖ Springfield Magisterial District: 803-Clifton, 804-Colchester, 805-Fairfax Station, 815-Woodyard, 838-Sangster, 839-Silverbrook, 841-Popes Head, 845-Fountainhead, 847-Greenbriar West, 849-Newgate North, 850-South Run, and 854-Newgate South

❖ Sully Magisterial District: 902-Brookfield, 903-Cub Run, 904-Stonecroft, 905-Franklin, 908-Kinross East, 909-Kinross West, 911-Navy, 913-Rocky Run, 914-Vale, 915-Virginia Run, 916-Waples Mill, 917-Stone North, 920-Chantilly, 921-Deer Park, 923-Bull Run, 925-Old Mill, 927-Lees Corner #1, 928-Poplar Tree, 929-Difficult Run, 930-Lees Corner #2, 931-Carson, and 932-Stone South

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WEDNESDAY/APRIL 23

Out of the Darkness, Into the Light: Surviving the Holocaust, 7:30 p.m. Holocaust survivor Henry Greenbaum will talk about his

dramatic experience as a Polish Jew who was liberated from Auschwitz concentration camp and eventually made his way to the United States. He now serves as a volunteer at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Seating is limited. Please register for this event at <http://bit.ly/1pIEtWL> or phone the Library at 703-757-8560, Great Falls Library 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls.

FRIDAY/APRIL 25

Registration Open House. 9:30-11:30 a.m. McLean Children's Academy, 6900 Elem Street, McLean.

Alone on the Road

Study raises concerns about amount of time Northern Virginia drivers spend in single-occupancy vehicles.

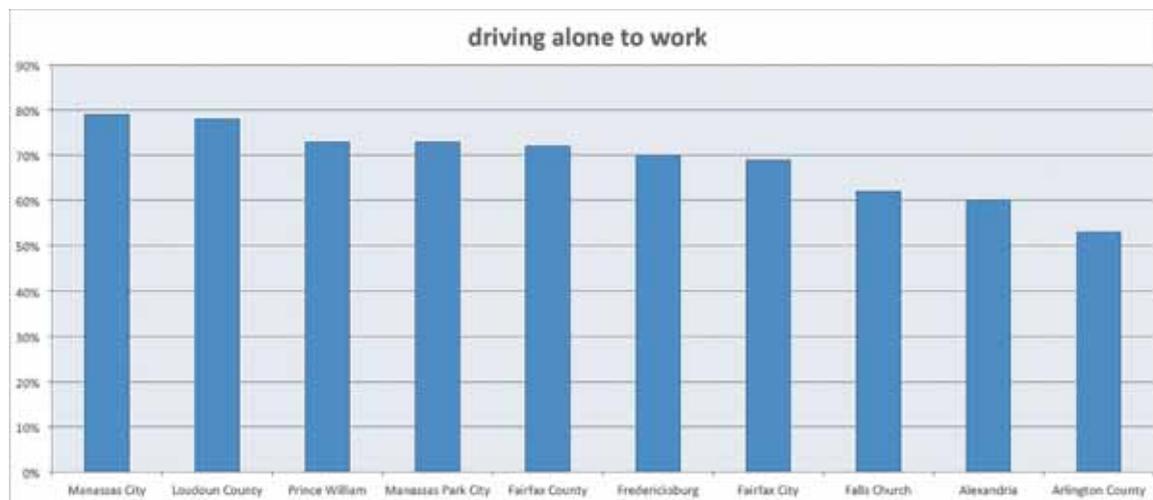
BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

Despite the decades-long war against the single-occupancy vehicle, seven out of 10 workers in Northern Virginia drive to work alone every workday. And half of those drivers are alone in their cars for more than 30 minutes each day. These are some of the conclusions of the County Health Rankings, a collaboration between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute.

"It should be unacceptable to everybody," said Kitty Jerome, action center director at County Health Rankings. "This should be seen as too high a figure when we look at the rate of obesity in America, when we look at the air pollution in America, when we look at the lack of physical activity and we look at the outcome of social isolation and stress."

The good news for Northern Virginia is that most jurisdictions are below the state and national average for the use of single-occupancy vehicles, which is 76 percent nationwide and 77 percent in Virginia. The average in Northern Virginia is 69 percent. The bad news is that the drivers who are alone in their cars are in for a long commute. Of those who commute alone to work, 33 percent of Americans spend more than 30 minutes alone in their car, and 38 percent of Virginia single-occupancy vehicle operators have a commute that's longer than a half hour. The average for Northern Virginia is 47 percent.

"I've seen this phenomenon in some of my nationwide research on private-vehicle commuting



Percent of the workforce that drives alone to work.

where commuter rail absorbs some commuters and those who live beyond the reach of the Metro, in the case of D.C., have no other choice than to drive to work," said Ed Zolnik, assistant professor in the School of Public Policy at George Mason University. "This makes driving commutes longer on average the further away you get from the reach of the Metro."

BECAUSE NORTHERN VIRGINIA has access to the Metro, rates of drivers who are alone in their cars during the daily commute are lower than other parts of Virginia or the country. Arlington County leads the region, with 53 percent of workers using a single-occupancy vehicle each day. Only Lexington County has a lower rate, which is 51 percent. Arlington's relative success in reducing single-occupancy vehicles is a function of decades of land-use decisions, although the county still has one out of every two workers driving alone to work each day.

"Alexandria and Fairfax County are struggling to catch up from the far-sighted efforts undertaken by

Arlington," said Frank Shafroth, director of the Center for State and Local Leadership at George Mason University. "These efforts will matter more as the federal commitment to transportation infrastructure continues to remain bankrupt." Perhaps more vexing to people who live in the region is the length of the daily commute for people who are alone in their cars, which is far greater in Northern Virginia than the rest of the commonwealth or nation. According to the Bureau of the Census, the longest average commute times are all in Northern Virginia: Stafford County, Fauquier County and Prince William County all have average commutes near 40 minutes.

"We know that if you're driving alone for very long periods of time, that's costing you in the opportunity to be with other people," said Julie Willems Van Dijk, deputy director of the County Health Roadmaps program at the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. "And we know that having good social support and good interaction with other

folks is also very helpful to supporting good health."

THE DEBATE about single-occupancy vehicle use is slowly moving from a conversation about social behavior to a discussion about economic incentives. When the 95 Express Lanes open in Northern Virginia in early 2015, every vehicle using the HOV lanes will need an E-ZPass or E-Z pass Flex to use them lawfully. Drivers riding alone won't always be able to use Interstate 95's High Occupancy Vehicle lanes during off-peak hours the way they can now, a significant shift from the way the system works now.

"In Northern Virginia and in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, we suffer from the worst congestion in the area," said John Townsend, manager of public and government affairs at AAA Mid-Atlantic's Washington office. "People are so exasperated and so fed up with congestion that they are willing to pay their way out of it."

The 95 Express Lanes begin in Stafford County and include a por-

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tion of I-395 between the Capital Beltway and Edsall Road in Fairfax County. Drives who choose to use the HOV lanes between Edsall Road and D.C. will be subject to current HOV rules for peak hours. Experts say the shift is not only about using transportation policy to influence social behavior. It's also about raising money to build infrastructure, a trend that has grown in recent years as drivers are asking to pay for a premium services, sometimes known as "Lexus lanes" because of the cost associated with using them.

"There's a lot of capital expenditure that's going on that's being paid for by private investors, either lenders or equity investors," said Jonathan Gifford, director of the Center for Transportation Public-Private Partnership Policy at George Mason University. "These folks are interested in having their loans paid back or generating earnings on their investment, so why would you operate a road for free and say, 'Yeah, come and use our facility for free?' If you have the right to charge for it, you're going to charge for it."

The Alden Presents 'The Lion's Whiskers' Puppet Show on April 26

The Alden's McLean Kids Performance Series continues on Saturday, April 26, at 2 p.m. with Catskill Puppet Theater in "The Lion's Whiskers." Tickets are \$15, \$10 for MCC district residents. The Alden is located at 1234 Ingleside Avenue, inside the McLean Community Center.

A delightful musical adaptation of a traditional Ethiopian folktale, "The Lion's Whiskers" features a charming cast of human characters as well as African animals. When lonely Minya marries a widowed man with a son, she goes to a wise man for advice. He tells her that in order to win the heart of the little boy she must first pluck three whiskers from a wild lion. In doing so, she not only finds the courage to

tame the lion, but also the secret to gaining the love of her new family.

Since 1979, John Potocnik and Carol Mandigo, co-founders of the Catskill Puppet Theater, have been touring internationally, enchanting young and old with their delightful musical productions. The show features a multitude of masks and puppets ranging from life-sized to gigantic and is highlighted with shadow puppetry and original songs. This production is appropriate for children who are four years old or older.

Tickets are on sale now. For more information or to purchase tickets online, visit: www.aldentheatre.org or call 703-790-0123, TTY: 711.



'The Lion's Whiskers' Puppet Show comes to Alden on April 26.

WEEK IN MCLEAN

Artist Entries for MPAartfest are Due on May 1

MPAartfest is looking for artists. Applications are currently being accepted for MPAartfest, a one-day juried fine art and craft show and sale featuring the work of more than 40 local and regional visual artists. McLean Central Park will reverberate with the sights and sounds of art and music on Sunday, Oct. 5 at the 8th annual MPAartfest. Online submissions only, due May 1. Visit www.mpaart.org/ for MPAartfest information and application. Call 703-790-1953 with questions.

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SATURDAY/APRIL 26

Bike Collection. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Bikes for the World makes quality used bikes available to lower income people and select institutions in developing countries. All bikes are welcome, except trikes. A \$10 tax deductible donation is requested with each bike (but not required) to help with shipping, reconditioning and distribution costs. Please contact alex.jacquay@gmail.com for more information.
www.bikesfortheworld.org.

SUNDAY/APRIL 27

10th Annual Vienna Elementary School PTA 5K Race And 1 Mile "Run for Fun," 8 a.m. The run funds many activities and improvements for the school. Last year over 700 people participated.
Event Fee:
❖ Adults - \$25 (\$30 after 4/20 and on race day)
❖ Children 14 and under - \$15 per child for first 1 or 2 in family (\$5 per child after 2nd child is registered)
Register online via www.vienna5krun.org
Online registration ends Tuesday, April 20, at midnight. T-Shirts are only guaranteed to those who pre-register.

MONDAY/APRIL 28

McLean & Great Falls Celebrate Virginia will meet Monday, April 28, at 5:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The group will be discussing plans for their Aug. 24, 2014 event commemorating the bicentennial of the burning of the nation's Capitol during the War of 1812. If interested in taking part in the organization and its upcoming event please contact Carole Herrick at 703-356-8223.

ONGOING

Run With the Doctor. Every other Saturday at 7 a.m. 8230 Boone Blvd, Tysons Corner. The Center for Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine offers its services in a convenient format to runners at this running event. Free. facebook.com/runwiththedoctor.

Coffee/Tea Poetry Group. Poets and poetry lovers seek to form a group to meet once a month at a local coffee/tea shop to enjoy each other's creations. 703-819-1690.

McLean Trees Foundation Sponsors Work Day at Lewinsville Park

The McLean Trees Foundation (MTF) is sponsoring a workday at Lewinsville Park in McLean on Sunday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help edge, mulch, and prune thirty trees along Chain Bridge Road. Native trees will also be planted. Volunteers should meet at the entrance to the park on Chain Bridge Road and bring tools, gloves, and wear appropriate footwear. No experience in caring for trees is necessary to participate. To vol-

unteer, please R.S.V.P. to Joyce Harris, Chairman, at volunteer@McLeanTreesFoundation.org or call 703-216-5605 for more information.

Fundraiser to Support SHARE, Inc. on May 13

A fundraiser for SHARE, Inc. has been announced by HBC Realty Group's (Keller Williams Realty) Community Charity Champions. Come to dinner on Tuesday, May 13, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Pulcinella Italian Host in McLean to support SHARE, Inc.

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Past Time for Later Start Times

It's possible that, finally, high school will begin the day a time healthier for teens.

Teenagers are sleep deprived, and sleep deprivation takes a significant toll on safety, health and learning. We've known this for decades.

But for decades, literally, Fairfax County Public Schools (and Montgomery County, Md.) have let a combination of reactionary blabber ("buck up and get moving;" "just tell them to go to bed earlier") and organizational resistance prevent implementing a solution to this very real problem.

Getting up at 5:30 or 6 a.m. to hop on a school bus at 5:45 a.m. or even as late at 6:30 a.m. to get to school by 7:20 a.m. is not healthy for teenagers. It is nearly impossible for teenagers to go to sleep before 11 p.m. or midnight.

Fairfax County high school students average six hours of sleep a night on weeknights. Re-

search shows they need nine hours of sleep. Research has also quantified the costs of sleep deprivation.

That level of sleep deprivation contributes to depression and suicidal thoughts.

Driving-while-teen is challenging by itself; driving with sleep deprivation is like driving under the influence, and contributes to car accidents both minor and major.

Sleep deprivation is also associated with lack of impulse control, another aspect of teenage life that needs no augmentation.

It's hard to learn when sleep deprived, and harder still to get excited about what one is learning.

Children's National Medical Center was contracted more than a year ago by Fairfax County Public Schools to develop proposals for starting high schools after 8 a.m. Specific proposals will be presented shortly, and those specific proposals are sure to bring out specific objections.

Yes, changing start times will cost money. Yes, changing start times will require changing a lot of other things that many will find inconvenient. It's going to require significant will on the part of supporters of teen health, supporters of later high school start times to push

this proposal across the finish line. Kudos to SLEEP in Fairfax advocates who have been pushing for so long.

How much would you spend, how much would you be willing to be inconvenienced, to prevent a single suicide? To prevent a single serious car crash? These are genuinely the things that are at stake.

— MARY KIMM.

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Mother's Day Photos

Mother's Day is May 11 and every year at this time, we call for submissions to our Mother's Day photo gallery. Send photos of mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, with children or without children. Please name everyone in the photo, the approximate date, describe what is happening in the photo and include your name, address, email address and phone number. (We will not print your full address or contact information.) You can upload photos and information directly to our website at www.connectionnewspapers.com/mothersday/ or email to editor@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday, May 2.

COMMENTARY

The Richmond Hostage Crisis

BY PAT HERRITY

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

The ongoing Medicaid expansion political chokehold that has seized control of Richmond is both frustrating and frightening. As the birthplace of our nation, we Virginians hold our elected officials to a higher standard. We expect our leaders to guide the Commonwealth forward on a path of common sense governance and prudent fiscal responsibility. We expect our leaders to be able to hold a conversation on the pressing matters of the day without it devolving into name-calling and Washington-style politics. And we expect our leaders to know the difference between a principled fight and politics as usual. Unfortunately, the very real issue of whether or not to commit the Commonwealth to significant future financial constraints has shown that many of our leaders are unable to live up to our expectations.

As a member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, I was the lone vote against our board's endorsement of Medicaid expansion in Virginia. I made that vote after I attempted to amend our endorsement to call for the pas-



sage of a clean budget bill; that failed 2-7 with one abstention. In my comments, I pointed out that this Medicaid fight could directly jeopardize \$500 million in state aid to Fairfax County and our public schools; a fact affirmed by our staff. I cannot begin to imagine the disastrous impacts to our Commonwealth's smaller jurisdictions should aid from Richmond be delayed. Everything would be affected from public safety to schools to the human services safety net provided by the Commonwealth and its localities.

Every spring, local governments around the Commonwealth adver-

tise, debate, and adopt a budget. However, not a single local government in Virginia would be as reckless as Richmond and set out on a course of government shutdown because of an ideological difference of opinion. As elected officials we know how to move from the rough and tumble of political campaigning to leading and engaging in solutions for our constituent's best interests. Contrary to Governor McAuliffe's recent campaign promise to not play politics with the budget, he and his fellow Senate Democrats have repeatedly threatened that they will shut down the not only the state government, but also many local governments who rely on significant funding from Richmond, if not given their way on Medicaid expansion. This is the sad state in

which we find ourselves when just a few short months ago Governor McAuliffe used his inaugural address to call for Virginians to find "common ground" to solve our most pressing problem.

The Medicaid expansion issue has been thrust upon Virginians in an effort to sharply divide our leaders in Richmond. Clearly there are opinions on both sides but the sad reality is that the people of Virginia are pawns in this political game of brinkmanship. Governor McAuliffe should use his position as Virginia's chief executive officer to walk us back from this disaster, to settle the future for the coming year in our counties, cities and towns and take the Washington-style politics out of Virginia. Then we can find common ground.

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The Connection welcomes views on any public issue. The deadline for all material is noon Friday. Letters must be signed. Include home address and home and business numbers. Letters are routinely edited for libel, grammar, good taste and factual errors.

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NEWS

Former Fairfax County Supervisor for the Dranesville district Lilla Richards and McLean Project for the Arts founding member Nancy Bradley at the event honoring Richards for her dedication as Fairfax County Supervisor to finding a permanent home for McLean Project for the Arts. MPA Board Member Betty Thompson looks on.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

McLean Project for the Arts Honors Lilla Richards

On April 17, McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) held a reception in honor of former Fairfax County Supervisor Lilla Richards on her 75th birthday for her work 25 years ago to find a permanent home for MPA at the McLean Community Center.

With Richards' help, McLean Project for the Arts, the McLean Community Center and Fairfax County entered into the first public/private partnership in the arts for Fairfax County. MPA, founded in 1962, moved seven times from one temporary residence to another. In 1987, leaders of MPA and the MCC began discussions with the county to bring MPA to the center. Lilla Richards was elected Supervisor in November 1987 and began immediately working with

MPA to bring this project to fruition.

Today, MPA resides at the center with three galleries and the Susan B. DuVal Art studio. McLean Project for the Arts is a non-profit visual arts center founded in 1962 to exhibit the work of emerging and established regional artists. In addition to its program of high quality, professionally-curated art exhibitions, MPA offers art classes for children and adults taught by professional art instructors. MPA also presents the Art Reach program for area schools, gallery talks, and day trips to area museums and galleries. MPA is a partner with the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and Fairfax County Public Schools. McLean Project for the Arts is in residence in the McLean Community Center at 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean.

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NEWS

United Way Awards Community Impact Grants

Fairfax/Falls Church nonprofits receive \$338,662.

United Way of the National Capital Area (United Way NCA) announced that it is awarding 21 grants totaling \$338,662 to member organizations serving the Fairfax and Falls Church areas. The funds came through designations to the Fairfax/Falls Church Community Impact Fund in United Way NCA's annual workplace giving campaign. Each of the grants directly addresses programs that fall within United Way NCA's focus areas of education, financial stability and health. "United Way NCA is pleased to provide 21 nonprofit organizations serving the communities in Fairfax and Falls Church with funding to solve critical challenges," said Rosie Allen-Herring, President and CEO, United Way NCA. "United Way NCA's Community Impact Grants will help children have greater access to quality education programs; adults to get the job training and professional support they need to find and maintain lifelong careers."

Specifically, the Fairfax/Falls Church grantees are:

- ❖ ACCA, Inc. (Annandale Christian Community for Action)
- ❖ Alzheimer's Family Day Center
- ❖ American Red Cross in the National Capital Region
- ❖ Computer C.O.R.E.
- ❖ FACETS Cares, Inc.
- ❖ Falls Church-McLean Children's Center
- ❖ Food & Friends, Inc.
- ❖ Hispanics Against Child Abuse and Neglect, Inc.
- ❖ Homestretch, Inc.
- ❖ Jill's House, Inc.
- ❖ Literacy Council of Northern Virginia, Inc.
- ❖ Main Street Child Development Center, Inc.
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- ❖ SCAN of Northern Virginia, Inc.
- ❖ Shelter House, Inc.
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An Emotionally Gripping Production

'The Children's Hour' at Langley High School.

BY YVONNE NGUYEN
HAYFIELD SECONDARY SCHOOL

Amongst all the pandemonium of the Wright-Dobie school, one little girl stands out. With fire-red hair, a sickly sweet smile, and a sadistic gleam in her eyes, it is immediately clear that one of these things is not like the others. Langley High School's production of "The Children's Hour" by Lillian Hellman comments on the way gossip and lies can destroy lives.

The Children's Hour by Lillian Hellman, written in 1934 depicts the story of Mary Tilford, a wicked little girl whose lies about a homosexual relationship between two teachers at the Wright- Dobie School spiral out of control. The Children's Hour was first premiered on Broadway at Maxine Elliott's Theatre, where it ran for more than two years.

The moment Lily Brock (Mary Tilford) stepped onto the stage, the mood of the scene immediately shifted. Lily Brock had almost portrayed two characters—the two sides to Mary Tilford. One a malicious bully, and the other a phony sweetheart. Brock's facial expressions and vocal characterization filled the room with fear. Brock had a clear, deep understanding of her character. Tilford's complex, psychopathic characterization was not an easy role to portray, yet Brock pulled it off seamlessly.

Madeleine Chalk (Karen Wright) and Kathleen Welch (Martha Dobie) although both high school students, portrayed adults very believably. Chalk's de-meanor and elegant voice took a more subtle approach to her character, which was refreshing amongst all the other powerful characters on stage. Welch delivered a powerful monologue, which was the highlight of the show. Her dynamic body language showed her development as a character throughout the show.

The elaborate set was dressed impeccably well, and the actors made great use of their space. What was even more impressive were the quick and seamless scene changes. Completely flipping the set and all furniture in a matter of minutes, while in complete darkness. The accuracy and neatness of the scene change resembled magic when the lights came back up to reveal a completely different set.

While no one in the show was wearing a microphone, the projection and diction by the actors was amazing, and almost no lines were lost. Because The Children's Hour features characters of all different ages, and all the actors were in high school, it was expected that age differences would be hard to differentiate. However, this was the opposite, as all actors did a fantastic job of portraying their ages, and the old age makeup allowed the audience to make distinctions between age groups.

The Children's Hour comments on many controversial topics, and the characters in it are complex, and difficult to understand. Yet, Langley High School seemed to understand it perfectly, and put on an emotionally gripping production of The Children's Hour.



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From left, Madeleine Chalk playing Karen Wright and Lily Brock as Mary Tilford on set.

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SPORTS

Herndon Softball Edges Marshall in Eight Innings

Marshall sophomore pitcher Larsen strikes out 12 in defeat.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The Herndon softball team showed rust from not practicing during spring break, striking out a dozen times in an extra-inning contest against Marshall on April 21.

While the Hornets found hits hard to come by during their return to the diamond, Herndon made the most of the four they produced.

Catcher Melanie Martire drove in two runs with a double in the third inning and center fielder Mary Dugan plated the game-winner with a single in the eighth as the Hornets beat Marshall 4-3 at Herndon High School. The Hornets won their third straight game after starting the season 0-4.

"It's just what we needed to keep us going," Martire said. "After spring break, [we're] feeling good."

Martire, Herndon's cleanup hitter, had two of the team's four hits. Her two-out double to deep center field in the third inning drove in a pair of runs and gave the Hornets a 2-0 lead. She led off the bottom of the eighth inning with a double that glanced off the shortstop's glove. Two batters later, Dugan's single up the middle gave Herndon a walk-off win.

"[Martire is] everything a coach could hope for in a player," Herndon head coach Amber Kirk said. "... She's very passionate about the game and just a passionate person in general, so that rubs off on the other girls. ... She is a player that wants it and she makes the other girls know that she wants the game, she wants to win."

HERNDON SOPHOMORE PITCHER

Chase Cooksey delivered a two-out double in the fourth inning, stole third base and scored on a throwing error, giving the Hornets a 3-0 lead.

While Herndon made the most of its opportunities, Marshall managed 11 hits but left seven runners stranded in scoring position. The Statesmen left the bases loaded in the fifth and seventh innings.

Trailing 3-0, Marshall cut the lead to one with a pair of runs in the fifth inning, including an RBI single by junior Ashley Stern. Center fielder Marieka Pierce tied the score with an RBI single in the sixth, but the Statesmen failed to capitalize on multiple opportunities.

Marshall sophomore Madison Larsen struck out 12 batters during a 4-3, eight-inning loss to Herndon on April 21.

"We're going to be in the state championship on June 14. That's my goal and it's just one ... game at a time."

— Marshall softball coach Missy Whittington



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Marshall leadoff hitter Kat Uher slaps at the ball during a game against Herndon on April 21.

"I thought that they were coming together, they were jelling," Marshall head coach Missy Whittington said. "I just felt like we couldn't get our hits in a timely fashion. I felt like [Herndon's] hits kind of came in a timely fashion."

Herndon senior Katherine Milazzo earned the victory in the pitcher's circle, allowing one earned run in three innings of relief. She gave up six hits and walked three.

Cooksey made her first start of the year

in the circle, lasting five-plus innings. She allowed two runs — one earned — and five hits, while striking out one.

"I'm really impressed with how she did," Kirk said about the sophomore pitcher. "Her personality, she's kind of more timid, a quieter person on the field, but her performance ... just proved she can hold her own out there."

Senior Sarah Kurtz also pitches for Herndon.

"They're all hitting their spots," Martire said, "and that's all a catcher could ask for."

Kirk said junior shortstop Ashley Schnarrs has also played well for Herndon this season.

Last season, Kirk's first with the Hornets, Herndon went 15-5 in the regular season and entered the Concorde District tournament as a top seed, but the Hornets lost to Chantilly in the semifinals. Kirk said the team has its sights set on winning the Conference 5 tournament this year.

While Herndon returned from spring break on a positive note, Marshall had its seven-game winning streak snapped and its record dropped to 8-4. The Statesmen are in the midst of the program's best season since 2010, when Marshall finished 17-8 and reached the region semifinals.

"We're trying to set the bar really high for the girls," said Whittington, who is in her second season as Marshall head coach. "We expect a lot out of them. Our Marshall girls, we're here to play. We've got some really talented players on the team; we've got talented players coming to Marshall. It's not a slam dunk to be on this team as [it might have been] with a smaller school from past years. The population is growing and the competition is getting super."

SOPHOMORE PITCHER MADISON

LARSEN is a primary reason for the Statesmen's success. After being named team MVP as a freshman, the right-handed hurler has put together another strong season. Against Herndon, Larsen allowed four runs — one earned — and four hits in 7 1/3 innings. She walked four and struck out 12.

While dominant at times, she also appeared frustrated with the home-plate umpire's strike zone.

"She has a lot of different pitches and she's just a workhorse," Whittington said. "She's got a really great mindset. You can tell: when she's smiling, she's in the zone. I think tonight a few things took some twists and turns, maybe she just got off kilter. She's one of those you want in there in the eighth, ninth inning."

Sophomore left fielder Celestina Dunavant finished 2-for-3 for Marshall. Larsen, junior shortstop Kat Uher, freshman second baseman Amelia Ely and junior catcher Shelby Thomas each entered Monday's game hitting better than .300.

Marshall entered the Conference 13 portion of its schedule on Tuesday, when the Statesmen traveled to face Wakefield, after The Connection's deadline. Marshall will travel to face McLean at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23, and will host Falls Church on Friday, April 25.

Whittington has lofty expectations for the Statesmen.

"We're going to be in the state championship on June 14," she said. "That's my goal and it's just one ... game at a time."

Herndon traveled to face Westfield on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline. The Hornets will host Centreville at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 25.

McLean Theater Co. Presents 'Catch Me If You Can'

Local high school brings Broadway to D.C.-area.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

Will they catch Frank? The McLean Theater Company is premiering the musical "Catch Me If You Can," a story of the world's greatest con man and his worldly misadventures, to the D.C. metro area this week.

"The story is so enticing for a director," said theater teacher and director Amy Poe.

She had tried to get the rights over and over again for "Catch Me If You Can" after it ran on Broadway. When she got it in time for McLean High School's spring show, she dropped everything else to make sure the musical was ready to run this year.

"It really works well with the students we have in the department," she said. "It's about how a 17-year-old kid fools everyone into thinking that he's a lawyer, doctor and an air pilot."

THAT KID is played by blue-eyed junior, Alex Stone. The 16-year-old has a big voice that fills the room when he sings.

Although he plays an underaged con man, there are parts about his character - Frank Abagnale Jr. - that reflect in himself, he said.

"One of the main things about him is that he's a family guy," he said. "I also relate to him in that he's always striving to be on top of his game. I also strive to keep getting better."

He notes that as much as his character grows older and changes, there is still so much about his personality that remains the same.

Stone, an award-winning student actor, has also been in plays at the McLean Community Center and D.C. Theater Lab.

"I was very young, maybe 5 or 6, and I saw my father in a production of 1776, and I said that's something I really, really want to do," Stone said.



Alex Stone, center, plays daring con artist Frank Abagnale Jr. in "Catch Me If You Can."

Jack Posey, 16, also plays a lead role as FBI agent Carl Hanratty. Posey is another MHS sophomore with years of theater experience.

"With Hanratty, there are some moments that he's so hyper-focused, that he might do something off-color to someone on the outside, but just very serious," he said.

What begins as a stark contrast between Frank and Carl eventually becomes somewhat of a father-son relationship.

"I think, in a way, the characters humanize each other," he said. "I think they begin to learn from each

other a little bit."

Like Stone, Posey also relates to his character.

"Something that inspires me is the fact that he enjoys order and he cares about justice," he said. "When I was younger, I was always the kid who was telling everyone else how to behave. I was the morality police on the playground-literally."

Posey, a lanky teen, rose to the challenge of playing someone more than twice his age and a different stature.

"It's fun to play characters that

stretch your range and test your abilities as an actor," he said.

The show includes 13 costume changes and nearly 300 separate pieces according to costume designer Sophomore Gillian Wright, 15. She did extensive research in late 1950s and early 1960s costumes to create the most decade-accurate clothes.

"Or main thing is that we're going to bring a log of color to this," she said.

For one song alone, the costuming team created 19 bright green dresses by scratch.

"It's very a very hip, very mod kind of play," said Poe. "That's the kind of magic we're trying to translate."

THE SHOW will run from Thursday, April 24 to Sunday, April 27 at 7 p.m. with additional matinees on the weekend at 2 p.m. at McLean High School's Burks Auditorium, 1633 Davidson Road. Ticket prices are \$10 for students and seniors and \$15 for adults.

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6th Annual Green Expo. 6:30 - 9 p.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street SE, Vienna. Presentations and discussions for children and adults from more than 35 juried organizations and businesses will include information on energy efficiency, purchasing local organic products, creating green gardens, recycling options and more practical ideas to save money and help the environment. www.viennava.gov.

THURSDAY/APRIL 24- SATURDAY/APRIL 26

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Where Am I?



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

"I'm sitting in the rocking chair, good buddy," (a "Smokey and The Bandit" reference, if you're not of a certain vintage), between two 18-wheelers where the police radar can't find me - further referencing the C.B. radio days. Updating to the "Kenny-with-cancer" days, I'm a month or so past my last very encouraging CT Scan, the one I wrote about when my oncologist offered me a congratulatory handshake, a gesture he had not made in the five-plus years since we've been tangling with this damn disease; and I'm approximately seven weeks away from my next CT scan, "intervals" every three months at present. Seven weeks is far enough away where I'm not even thinking about it, or the possibility of its discouraging results that I'll know about on or about June 9th. I am cruising, emotionally, and savoring the excellent results from the last scan and not yet worrying, wondering, hoping, praying (too much) about my next scan. This means, at the moment - or moments, I should say, I am enjoying a relatively stress-free and blissful ignorance to what may - or hopefully may not, be happening in my lungs. I am, to quote a Three Stooges line: "as safe as in my mother's arms."

Let me admit for the record, when you're originally scheduled as terminal by your oncologist ("13 months to two years"), grasping at straws, rationalizing, wishful thinking and denial (which as you regular readers know is more than just a river in Egypt...an "NYPD" reference), become de rigueur, a sort of standard operating procedure - whether you intend it to be or not. And whether these days - or should I further admit and characterize them as daze - are simply a grand illusion, or a type of non-arrogant delusion, is another distinction I'm not the least bit worried about. The reality, for me, is that I can breathe easily - figuratively and literally, thank God? (And to be fair, thanks also go to my oncologist and to myself as well; for we've both played a part in this cancer battle.)

And why shouldn't I be exceedingly - and perhaps naively - grateful, for my still being alive and reasonably well. Only 16 percent of lung cancer patients survive beyond five years; I'm at five years and two months now. Whatever good news I receive, whatever positive spin I can give my results, whatever smiles and handshakes I elicit are crucial to this pursuit of life that I live every day. The only recurring and disturbing thought I have, now that I'm past this statistically relevant five-year survivability measure (and this is not about being in remission, which I'm not; I'm still undergoing chemotherapy) is: I can't help juggling in my mind whether being five years post-diagnosis makes me closer to the end of my life or further away from it. As such, when I experience a kind of break in my action, when I'm between halves, so to speak, when the past and future of my cancer life is not front and center but instead more off to the side, these are days to relish and I don't even like condiments. But that's what a cancer diagnosis, particularly a terminal one, will do: change everything. Rolling with the punches is how one has to learn to live: good with the bad, bad with the good, the last scan, the next scan, comparing the results from your ongoing lab work and your occasional face-to-face appointments/exams with the oncologist are what drive this cancer bus that you'd rather never have been on. But you're on it, all the time. This experience is a never-ending (hopefully never ending, let's be honest) roller coaster-type ride of emotions, treatment options, preoccupations and mental gymnastics. Anything and everything I can do to find some peace in the life-expectancy challenged and very unexpected medical circumstances in which I find myself so immersed, is what I do. I'm in a good place right now. It won't last given the timing of what my life's cycle is at present (scans and all), but no matter. I'm not stressing backwards or worrying forwards. This is as good as it gets, realistically speaking.

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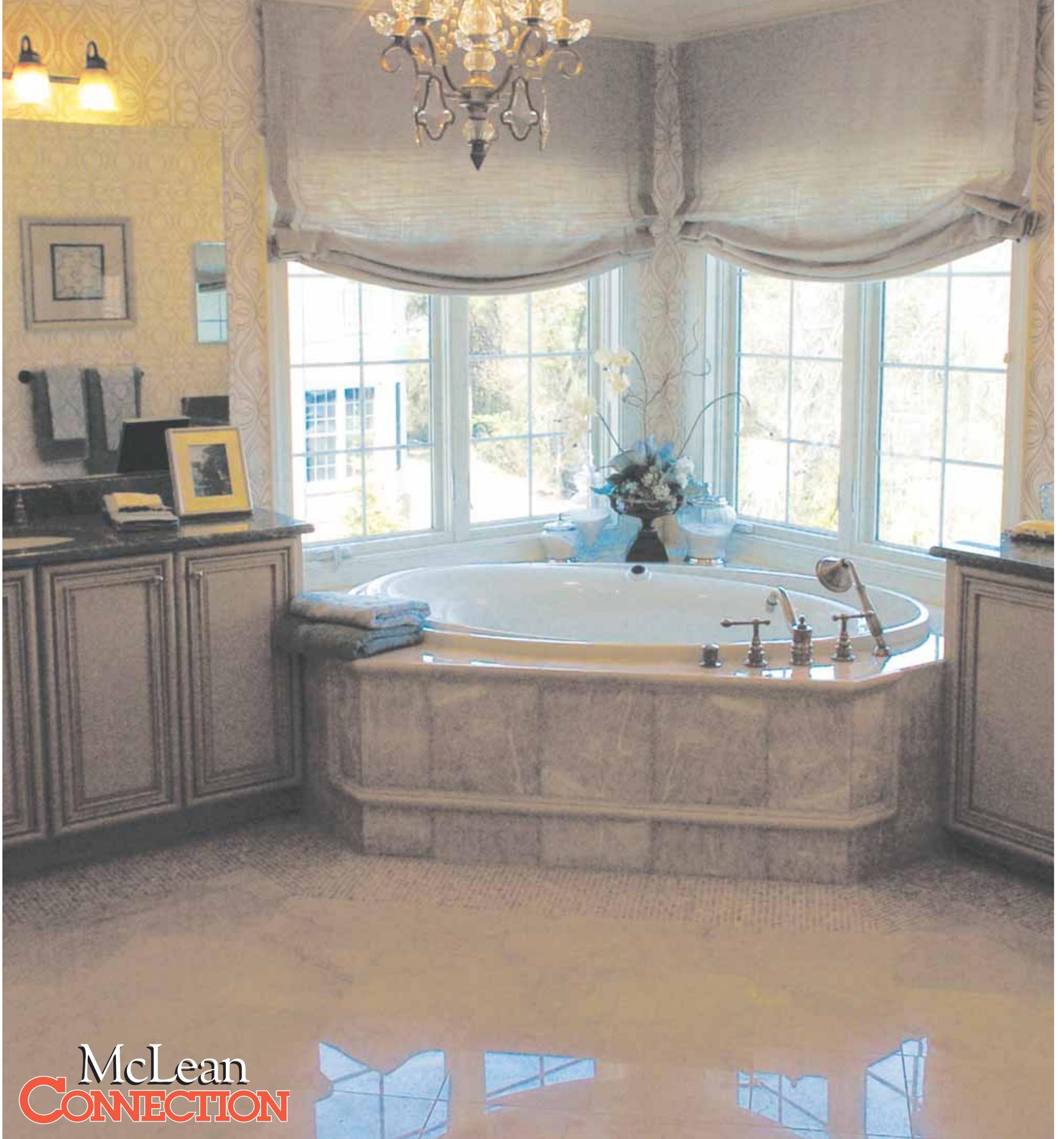


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What to Expect

Real estate experts offer a forecast for spring.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Real estate agent Joan Caton Cromwell says she lost a home bidding war last week in Falls Church even though her client was a strong contestant.

"We were one of five contracts and we even waived the appraisal," said Cromwell of McEneaney Associates. "Any house that is close-in [to Washington, D.C.] and that is in nice condition, is going to attract a lot of attention."

Real estate agents say spring is one of the busiest times of the year for home sales and there is dearth of available homes in popular neighborhoods. "The lack of inventory in sought-after communities like Arlington and McLean has already ushered in the return of bidding wars for move-in ready properties," said John Eric, Vice President TTR Sotheby's International Realty in Arlington. "I expect all sectors of the market to see price gains and demand to remain high."

HOME PRICES are on the rise. "If you put a home on the market and it gets multiple offers, the eight other people who didn't get the house will bid on another house," said Cromwell. "In a market where there are multiple offers it definitely drives the prices up and it drives them up quickly."

"We see a new trend in all price ranges where buyers want to buy where they can walk to amenities, restaurants and shops. Buyers are satisfied with smaller houses that are conveniently located."

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Anthony B. Sanders, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor of Real Estate Finance at George Mason University said, "Very simply, this is still an area that is growing, so housing home sales will continue to rise, but more slowly than during the real estate bubble."

Still, agents are optimistic as they enter the spring buying season. "The state of the real estate market is great," said Marsha Schuman of the Washington Fine Properties' Schuman Team. "The weather is behind us and there is a momentum going into the spring market that feels very positive."

The spring market in the Washington, D.C. area is aligned with academic calendars. "It starts in April and May in the suburbs," says Cromwell. "Those in the military or who work for the World Bank for example, put their homes on the market in spring to prepare to relocate during the summer."

Proximity to public transportation increases desirability. "For example, Reston

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- ❖ On average, homes that sold in Fairfax County in February were on the market for 60 days, 8 days longer than the 52-day average in February 2013.
- ❖ The average home sales price of all homes that sold in February 2014 in Fairfax County was \$499,765, an increase of 4.8 percent over the February 2013 average sales price of \$476,735. Compared to the annual 2013 average home sales price of \$531,136, the February price decreased 5.9 percent.
- ❖ The average sales price for detached homes that sold in February 2014 was \$677,199, an increase of 7.4 percent over the February 2013 average of \$630,557.
- ❖ The average sales price of attached homes increased 6.9 percent in the same time period, to \$352,384 from \$329,534 the year before.
- ❖ In February, the number of active listings in the County was 1,814, an increase of 26.3 percent over the 1,436 listed in February 2013. Based on the February 2014 listings and the current sales rate, there is a 2.3 month supply of homes for sale in the County, up from the 1.9 month supply a year ago.

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A Picture Perfect Home

Tips from the pros on boosting a home's curb appeal.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

When Realtors Marsha Schuman and Betsy Schuman Dodek drive up to a home to show it to a prospective buyer, they know that they have only one chance to make a good first impression. Potomac-based Dodek and Schuman of the Schuman Team of Washington Fine Properties say a home's curb appeal matters.

"When we think of curb appeal we think of the lawn and landscaping, front door, windows, roof and how it all looks," said Dodek. "Buyers want to buy from someone who has taken really good care of their home and that translates in to curb appeal."



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Realtors say this Oakton home exemplifies ideal curb appeal, a critical factor when selling a home.

Schuman added, "If things are not nice on the outside, then [potential buyers] wonder what the house will be like on the inside."

REAL ESTATE AGENTS SAY buyers want to purchase a well-cared for home, and the exterior aesthetic of a home creates that impression. Whether you're planning to put your house on the market or would just like a clean and fresh exterior to welcome you home each day, local real estate experts offer advice on enhancing a home's exterior.

McLean-based realtor Chris Pritchard of McEneaney Associates suggests starting by

"The sense of arrival is very important — you never get a second chance to make a first impression."

— Chris Pritchard

critiquing your own home. "Stand in front of your house and take a look," she said. "Walk up the driveway, ask yourself what

you would want to see if you were shopping for a house."

The yard should be pristine and vibrant. "Trimming, mulching and planting some colorful plants are key," said Pritchard.

"Add color with flowers, pots with plants, choosing things like geraniums and pansies," said Dodek. "Adding color just makes such a difference. It makes the yard pop."

Consider safety. "Is the yard hazard-free?" asks Dodek. "It needs to be freshly mowed and mulched with dark mulch because that makes the greenery pop. Make sure your bushes are trimmed and proportionate. Look at trees to make sure they aren't blocking the size of the house."

"One of the next areas we look at are patios, walkways and fences," continued Dodek. "Do they need repairs? Is there loose mortar?"

McLean Realtor Ann McClure of McEneaney Associates says that a home's exterior should be well-lit. "You need good looking and functional lighting which should be on in the evening."

Examine the entrance. "Take a look at the front door," said Dodek. "Does it need painting? We had a recent listing and we painted the door red and added new hardware and a kick plate and that made it stand out. That is something that is very cost effective to do."

A clean appearance is critical. "There should be no algae stains on the roof," said McClure. "The homeowner should make sure that if they have siding that it doesn't

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Local Designers Help Unveil DC Design House

Area tastemakers dream home, currently on the market for \$3.85 million.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Local designers showed off their master work when the 2014 DC Design House was unveiled recently. From Arlington to Burke, and Alexandria to Potomac, Md., the area's top designers competed for an opportunity to donate their talent to transform a local, grand home into a showcase home.

The home, which is on the market for \$3.85 million, is now open to the public for tours. It features six-bedrooms, five full and two half-baths. Built in 1929, the home features a three-car garage and a pool. The stone house offers three levels and nearly 8,000 square feet of living space, which local designers transformed.

THE HOME'S FRONT FAÇADE was designed by David Benton and Jim Rill of Potomac's Rill Architects. Inspired by the stately stone home, the duo decided to add a bit of detail and interest in the form of "style appropriate light fixtures, shutters, furniture and accent colors." When choosing a paint color for the front door, they wanted a hue that was traditional, but unexpected. Their choice: a "high-gloss verdigris green-blue [that] immediately catches your eye from the street. They replaced the existing solid wood single door with a glass-paned French door that "pulls outside views and daylight into the entry hall."



PHOTO BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

Jeff Akseizer and Jamie Brown, of Akseizer Design Group in Alexandria, designed the family room of the DC Design House. The duo created a room with French doors that open to the pool area when the weather is mild, but added a linear, modern fireplace to create a warm and cozy space during cooler months.

Victoria Sanchez of Victoria At Home in Old Town, Alexandria, designed the family breakfast room. "I wanted to create a room with a casual and cozy feel," she said. The room, which has large picture windows that offer uninterrupted views of nature, connects the kitchen with butler's pantry/wine tasting room. Sanchez chose woven rattan furniture to fill the space.

Jeff Akseizer and Jamie Brown of Akseizer Design Group in Alexandria designed the family room, which overlooks the pool and patio. The design duo created a room with French doors that open to the pool area when the weather is mild, but added a linear, modern fireplace to create a warm and cozy space during cooler months. They created "cascading light down the hand-woven wall covering..." The room is filled with organic textures, tone-on-tone colors and "nods to both a mid-century flair and modernism."

One of the home's guest bathrooms was created by Arlington-based Allie Mann of Case Design/Remodeling Inc. Mann describes the small space as "chic, classic and timeless... a jewel box bath." The room features Calcutta marble flooring in a herringbone pattern and the acoustic "Moxie" showering system that allows one to listen to music while bathing. Mann was able to preserve and refinish the home's original iron bathtub.

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bedroom in the home. In an effort to create a light and airy space, the duo selected wall paper in a pink floral pattern. "We chose streamlined furniture and fabrics to accent the Asian feeling of the wallpaper." The room, designed whimsically in pink and green, features twin beds. The art in the room was painted by Donelson's mother,



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The master bedroom was designed by Nancy Colbert, of Design Partners in McLean. The space was repurposed to allow for a larger master bathroom and a walk-in closet with built-in shelving.



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low for a larger master bathroom and a walk-in closet with built-in shelving. Colbert discovered a painting that she thought would be perfect for a master bedroom, and designed the room around it. She chose an ivory turned-post king bed that she furnished with silk bedding in parchment and seafoam

green. Colbert added crown molding for additional detail. "One of the room's multi-purpose features is a silver toned gilded butterfly side table that was created by a newly discovered artist. It is a work of art and a table."

Beth Boggs, Teri Lohmann and Lynne



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The home's front façade was designed by Rill Architects' David Benton and Jim Rill of Potomac.

Go: D.C. Design House

Location: 4600 Linnean Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20008
Hours: Saturday and Sunday, noon-5 p.m. and Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., closed Monday, \$25. The home will be open for tours through May 11, 2014. Visit www.dcdesignhouse.com.



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Parmele of C2 Paint, Potomac Paint & Design with locations in Alexandria, Arlington and Chantilly, added color to the back staircase. The team chose paintable wallpaper in shades of plum, lilac, and spring green. Paintable wall paper "conveniently camouflages old plaster wall cracks, provides durability for high-traffic use and creates a

striking textured design."

Now in its seventh year, the annual event is a fundraiser for Children's National Health System, formerly Children's National Medical Center. The D.C. Design House has raised more than \$1 million and attracted more than 55,000 visitors over the past six years.



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Susan Donelson and Sharon Bubenhofer, of Cleveland Hall Design created a light and airy guest bedroom in the DC Design House. The room, designed whimsically in pink and green, features twin beds. Art in the room was painted by Donelson's mother, Janice Donelson, a classically trained artist.



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A Picture Perfect Home

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need power washing.”

“Power wash driveways, walkways and even the house sometimes,” said Pritchard. “The house should be washed before it is painted. Do any kind of painting or touch up painting of siding trim and doors that needs to be done. Sometimes you don’t have to paint at all if you do power washing. All homes get dusty. Sometimes paint fades and needs repainting.”

“Another easy thing is the windows,” said Dodek. “Remove screens and wash the windows. You want your house to sparkle inside and out.”

Pritchard said, “Curb appeal also goes to having a fence in good shape: washed and painted or washed and sealed. The home’s deck should be in good shape. More often than not a deck should be power washed and painted or stained or sealed or whatever the appropriate finish is.”

Minor touches can make a major impact. “Take a look at your mailbox,” said Dodek. “Is it upright? Is it tilted? Does it need to be painted?”

Don’t hide your amenities. “If you have a swimming pool, we get them to remove the cover,” said Dodek. “There’s nothing more beautiful than a beautiful blue swimming pool.”

“The lack of inventory in sought-after communities like Arlington and McLean has already ushered in the return of bidding wars for move-in ready properties.”

— John Eric,
TTR Sotheby’s
International Realty

What to Expect

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is popular because of the Silver Line,” said Cromwell. “North Arlington and Falls Church are popular. Anything that offers a decent commuting experience for someone who can’t afford what they want in the city will be sought after.”

Schuman said, “We see a new trend in all price ranges where buyers want to buy where they can walk to amenities, restaurants and shops. Buyers are satisfied with smaller houses that are conveniently located. They want an easier life. Convenience is the new real estate buzzword. Property becomes compelling when buyers see value.”

Sanders said some communities are especially competitive. “Virginia has two of the wealthiest counties in the country, Loudoun and Fairfax counties, so those communities should see a fairly short turn over.”

NOT EVERYONE IS KEEPING with the trend. “We’re not seeing middle class families buying homes through the mortgage market,” said Sanders, the GMU professor. “Their income was devastated during the housing bubble burst due to foreclosures. Real household income has fallen since 2007. So the American middle class is worse off than it was in 2007. It’s more high-income families with cash or investors who are buying homes.”

Schuman says that homes priced below \$1.3 million “are being snapped off the market if they are well conditioned and fairly priced. The ultra-luxury market, homes over \$2 million, is a little bit slower paced at present, but there are signs that these buyers are out there and wanting to buy.”

Cromwell agrees, “The 600-900K price point is very busy for a house in good condition.”



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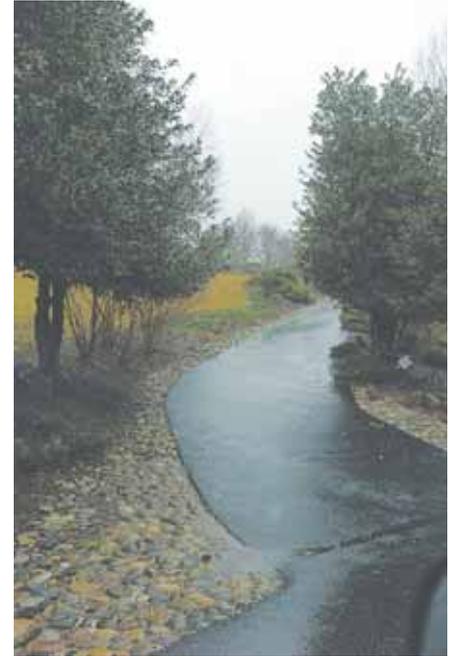
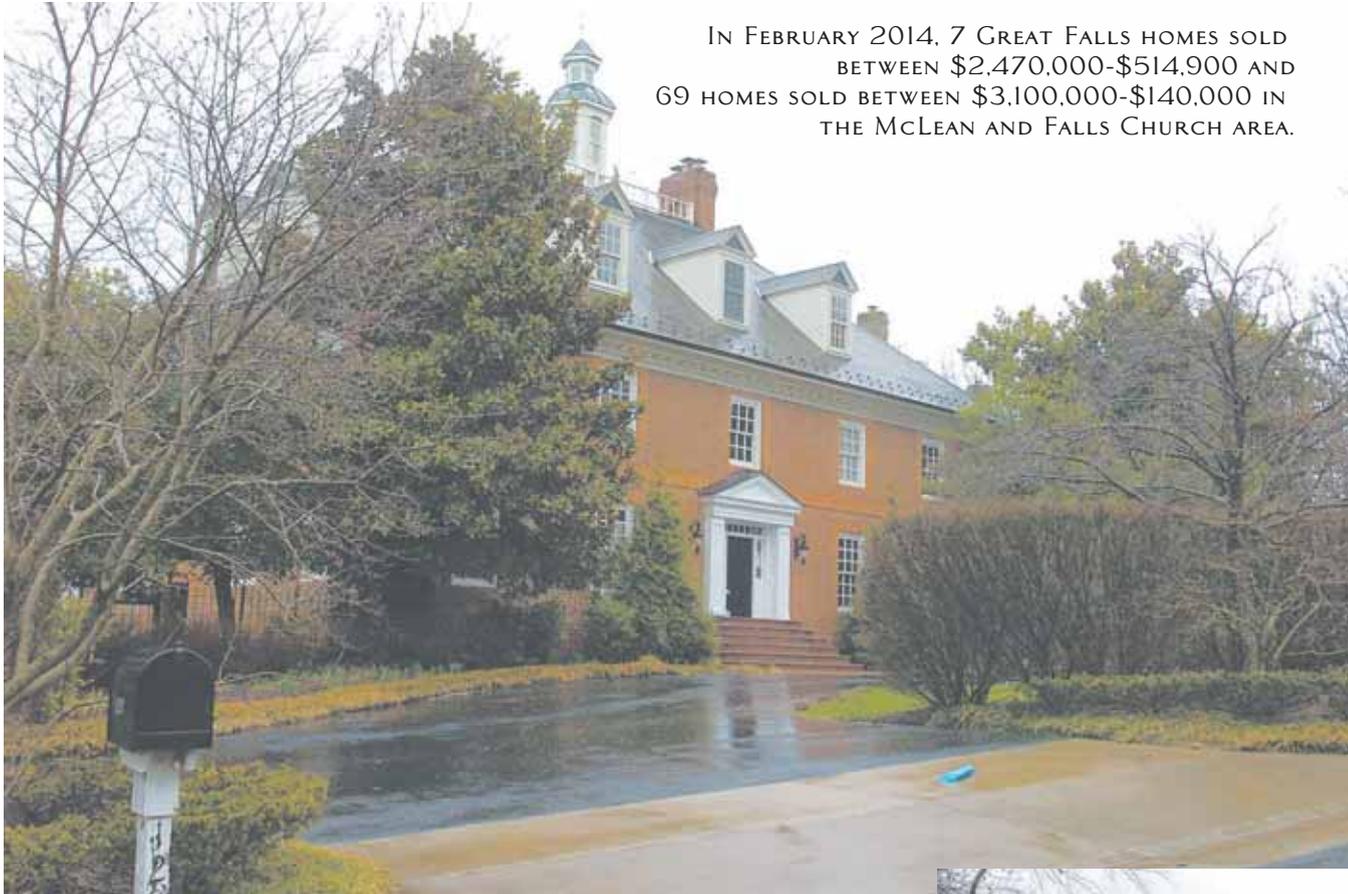


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February, 2014 Top Sales in Great Falls and McLean

IN FEBRUARY 2014, 7 GREAT FALLS HOMES SOLD BETWEEN \$2,470,000-\$514,900 AND 69 HOMES SOLD BETWEEN \$3,100,000-\$140,000 IN THE MCLEAN AND FALLS CHURCH AREA.



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