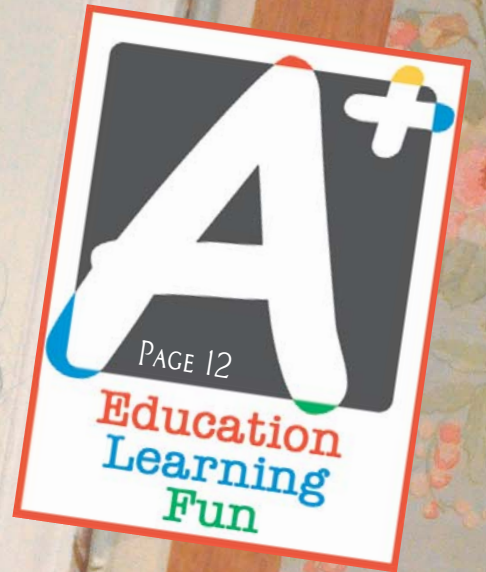


McLean CONNECTION

Catherine Carbone (played by McLean senior Lexi Shoaibi) catches the attention of Italian immigrant Rodolpho (played by junior Max Johnson) during a performance of "A View From the Bridge" at McLean High School.



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From left, Justices Caroline Costle, Stu Mendelsohn, John Scalia, Frank Shaw, Cary Greenberg, Mark Haskell and Nathaniel Howe (a Langley senior) listen to cases presented during Langley Case Day.



Matthew Moser, counsel for the respondent in Miller v. Alabama, presents his case during the 20th annual Langley High School Case Day.

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Langley Seniors Make Their Case

School hosts 20th annual Case Day.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Langley High School's senior class spent Monday, March 19 going over two Supreme Court Cases with a fine-tooth comb, as part of the school's annual Case Day. The event, now in its 20th year, allows the class to break down an upcoming case that will be heard by the Supreme Court, with students serving as counsel, justices, presenters and many other roles.

This year's cases, which will be heard starting March 20 by the Supreme Court, are Miller v. Alabama and Jackson v. Hobbs. Both cases involve young men aged 14 and whether or not they should receive life in prison without the possibility of parole, and whether this violates the eighth amendment, prohibiting cruel and unusual punishment.

In 2003, 14-year-old Evan Miller, along with 16-year-old Colby Cameron beat Cole Cannon with a baseball bat, then proceeded to set his trailer on fire, killing Cannon. Miller was tried as an adult in 2006 on charges of capital murder and first degree arson, and sentenced to life without parole.

In 1999, 14-year-old Kuntrell Jackson was with two older boys who murdered a video store clerk. He was sentenced in 2003 to capital felony murder and aggravated robbery, and was given a mandatory life sentence without parole.

BOTH BOYS came from abusive households and had previous records with substance abuse and other juvenile offenses.

"Jackson's mother was a convict, arrested when he was 6 years old for shooting someone, and his brother was arrested when he was 13 for shooting someone. Jackson only saw violence from his parental figures. Similarly, Miller, whose parents were both alcoholics, whose father beat him, his mother and his siblings constantly, had no other means to learn how to display his anger,"

History Honor Society Makes Predictions

Since its inception in 1993, the Langley Supreme Court's decision has coincided with the Supreme Court's decision 14 out of 19 times.

This year, the History Honor Society researched the current justices and tried to guess how each justice would decide. Here are their predictions.

For life imprisonment without parole for juveniles who commit homicide: Justices Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas, John G. Roberts and Samuel Alito.

Against life imprisonment without parole for juveniles who commit homicide: Justices Stephan Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Anthony Kennedy and Elena Kagan.

The Supreme Court began hearing Miller v. Alabama and Jackson v. Hobbs on Tuesday, March 20. Several Langley students will be in attendance.

said Nick Rifken, giving a presentation on social and developmental psychology as a member of the Psychology Club. "Neither of these children saw socially acceptable behavior from their parents. The only thing they saw from their parents, the first teachers in their lives, was violence."

Seniors Shams Haidari and Sabrina Khan were given the task of defending Jackson and Miller's petition, saying that 14 is too young to impose life in prison with no possibility of parole to people who hadn't even fully developed brains yet, and whose background made them susceptible to violence.

"They were certainly gruesome crimes, especially involving a 14-year-old, but the first thing you have to do is reconcile the emotional conflict with the law," Haidari said.

The counsel, also made up of Matthew Moser and John Studabaker, made their arguments to a nine-person Supreme Court that included local lawyers, two students and John Scalia, son of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia serving as chief justice.

"The process certainly got my interest up in law, I feel like after this experience I know some of what it takes to put your full heart

into studying, reading and fully forming an argument," Studabaker said. "I feel like that has prepared me for any profession I might choose, however law is certainly one of those options that I will consider."

In the end, the justices voted five to four in favor of the respondent, saying that life without the possibility of parole does not violate the eighth amendment. Justice Nathaniel Howe, a Langley senior, read the majority decision.

"It is not clear that [Jackson] affirmatively desired to end the life of another human being. However, he involved himself in the commission of a violent crime, in which homicide was a possible, if not likely result. So long as we continue to allow states to impose life without parole for felony murder when committed by adults, we find no principled reason to hold differently for juvenile that exhibits a similar degree of criminal intent."

Spencer Shabshab, the other Langley senior serving as a justice, composed and read the dissenting opinion.

"We would extend the protections afforded to juveniles and prohibit life sentences without the possibility of parole in the cases presented to us," he said. "Juveniles are less able than adults to consider the potential consequences of their actions, extricate themselves from the situation that would result in the loss of human life or execute independent judgement. These inherent psychological and physiological disadvantages diminish their legal and moral culpability."

Even students who weren't presenting or arguing had duties to fulfill leading up to the event. Justin Strahan headed up the finance committee, and it was their job to procure sponsorships, donations and set a budget.

"It was a really interesting process, a mix of hands-on distribution, marketing and more," Strahan said. "It was so multi-faceted that you couldn't help but learn a lot about a lot of different areas. I'm hoping to study finance in the future, and I think this was a valuable experience."

Members of the education committee
SEE CASE DAY, PAGE 7



From left, Langley Case Day coordinators Sun Park, Chaffee Duckers and Alicia Underhill thank the audience for participating in the 20th annual Case Day.



Langley Senior Mikey Adams, one of Case Day's masters of ceremony, speaks to the audience at the Langley Library.



Langley senior Shams Haidari presents her argument for the petitioner in Miller v. Alabama.



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From right, Damian Leverett as Eddie Carbone, Siena Richardson as his wife Beatrice as they welcome illegal immigrants from Italy. Rodolpho, played by Max Johnson and Marco, played by John Williams in the McLean Theatre Company's presentation of "A View From the Bridge."



Eddie Carbone (played by Damian Leverett) argues with his niece Catherine (played by Lexie Shoaibi) during "A View From the Bridge," which will be presented at McLean High School starting March 21.

McLean Presents 'A View From the Bridge'

McLean Theatre Company puts on Arthur Miller's tale of 1950s immigrants.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

When McLean High School's McLean Theatre Company decided to present Arthur Miller's "A View From the Bridge," the wide open spaces of the regular auditorium just wouldn't do. For the performances, they decided to use the more intimate confines of the school's black box theater. The result is a play, a tale of poor Italian immigrants living in the shadow of New York's Brooklyn Bridge, that happens within a few feet of the audience at all times.

"A View From the Bridge" tells the story of longshoreman Eddie Carbone, his wife and niece and the changes that take hold of their life as a pair of newly arrived immigrants stay at the Carbone's ground-floor apartment. Eddie Carbone, who at the play's start is already having trouble accepting change, finds his world thrown upside down when his niece takes a liking to Rodolpho, one of the visitors.

"One of the biggest challenges was to make sure we're getting as deep into the characters as we do the plot," said Lexie Shoaibi, who plays Catherine, Eddie's niece. "Working in such an intimate environment probably pushed us as hard as we've ever been pushed as actors."

DIRECTOR and McLean theater teacher Amy Poe said the setting was "essential to the closed in feeling that the play gives you."

Max Johnson, who plays Rodolpho, said getting into character was essential for the give and take that comes as the plot unfolds.

"So much of what I do is based off of how Damian [Leverett, who plays Eddie Carbone] or Lexie treats me," he said. "So every moment, whether very intimate, or very awkward, changes a bit from day to

day depending on how affectionate Lexie is, or how nasty Damien is to be during our scenes."

Siena Richardson, who plays Eddie's wife Beatrice, said she felt it important to be comfortable with the characters around her.

"It was important to know how to bounce off of each other, how to react even if things go a little differently than they did last time," she said. "Once we became comfortable, it was much easier to respond in a more natural way."

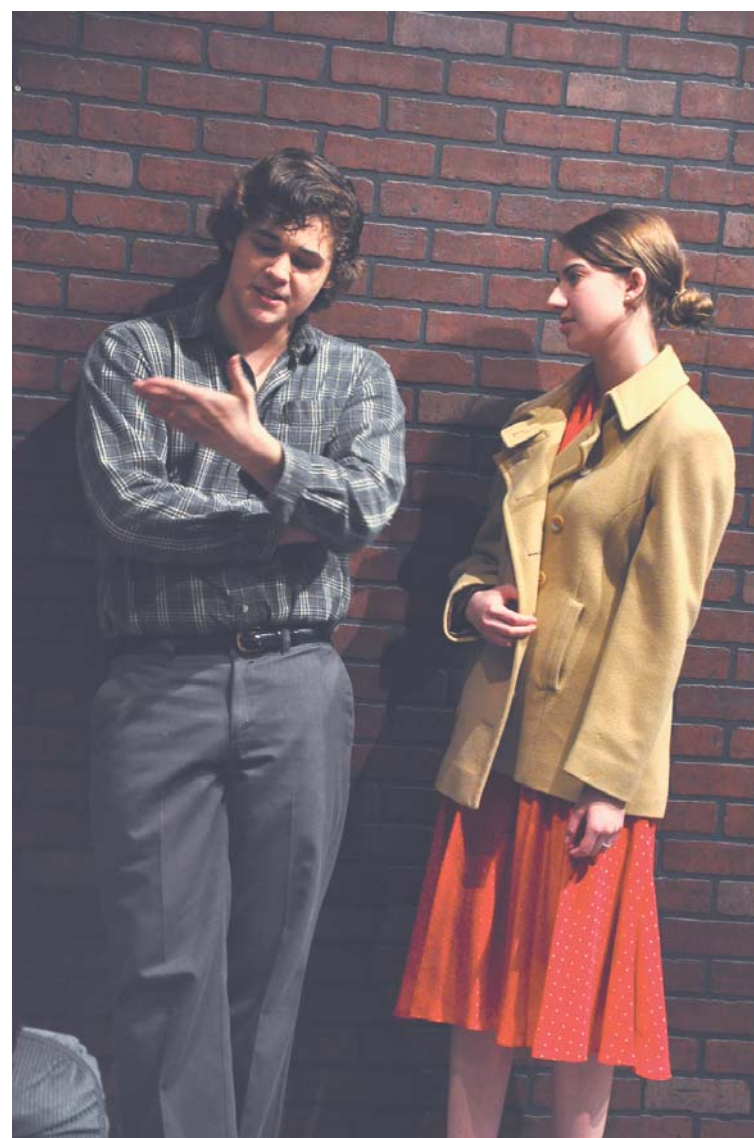
The black box theater was transformed into a street, the Carbone apartment and a lawyer's office by stage crew determined to make it look like a true 1950s tenement. The audience is seated on a collection of vintage chairs, and the play's set up puts them right in the middle of the action.

"With everyone so close, it's natural to not want to make the audience uncomfortable, but that's going to happen in the play," Leverett said. "When you're on a normal stage, you have to be very careful to open up to the audience, but here you can act in a much more realistic manner."

THE CAST AND CREW spent a lot of time trying to re-enact the environment of a 1950s tenement. They watched films such as "On the Waterfront" and "The Godfather" and used an accent coach to help them learn the mannerisms of characters that know varying levels of English.

"We were very concerned with detail, because we know the audience is so close, if things aren't real, they'll be able to tell," said Terry Mittelman, stage manager for the production. "We did a lot of research into the state of tenements around that time. For example, we used a lot of wallpaper, because even though we found that fire codes in the 1950s didn't allow them, we found a lot of landlords used wallpaper anyway."

The apartment is furnished with old radios, magazines, furniture and even a Monopoly game that is from the 1950s. Audience members will be led through a brick panel-lined hallway and actually enter through the front door of the Carbone's to be led to their seat, fully immersing them in the environment.



Eddie Carbone (played by Damian Leverett) has a discussion with his wife Beatrice (played by Siena Richardson) during "A View From the Bridge," which will be presented starting March 21 by the McLean Theatre Company.

Showtimes

McLean High School's McLean Theatre Company will present "A View From the Bridge," which will premiere Wednesday, March 21 at 7 p.m., and will show every day at 7 p.m. through March 24, and then

again from March 27 to 29.

There will also be a Sunday matinee March 25 at 2 p.m. All shows will be at McLean High School

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**Public Hearing on the
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The Governing Board of the McLean Community Center is **seeking input from residents** of Dranesville Small District 1A at its Public Hearing on Programs for FY 2014, which runs July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014.

The Board is interested in hearing residents' ideas for classes, community events, theatre programs, exhibits, tours and youth and teen activities.

If you would like to speak at the hearing, call the Center to have your name placed on the speakers' list. You also may submit comments in writing to: ellen.barial@fairfaxcounty.gov.



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NEWS

Top row from left, Catherine White and Manolya Elsekkaki, bottom row from left, Clare Dabaldo, Uma Krishnan and Jackie Litschewski of Girl Scout Troop 2049, made up of eighth graders from Cooper Middle School. The troop hosted 11 younger troops at the Old Firehouse Teen Center Sunday March 18 for their annual Thinking Day celebration.



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Girl Scouts Tour the World

Annual Thinking Day Celebration features troops presenting different cultures.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The Old Firehouse Teen Center hosted more than 150 Girl Scouts Sunday, March 18 for their annual Thinking Day Celebration. The event, which also celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts, featured displays from 11 troops examining the culture and history of a specific country.

"Thinking Day is an annual event the Girl Scouts used to share cultural education," said Sally Hack, a parent from Troop 2049, which hosted the event.

Troop 2049, made up of eighth graders from Cooper Middle School, put on the event as part of their Silver Award project.

"We all remember Thinking Day as younger scouts, so we decided to plan the event for our Silver Award," said Clare Dabaldo, a member of the troop. "It was fun, but complex, to reach out to so many different troops around the area. We enjoyed finding out about all the different countries presented here."

One of the events put together by Troop 2049 was the fact hunt, which gave the younger scouts a list of

questions to answer by visiting all the stations and finding out a fact from each one. Girls who filled out all the answers turned in their paper for a chance to win a prize drawing.

"I was surprised when I learned the answer to the question about how many castles are in Germany," said Diana Liddell, 9, a member of Troop 2069. "There are 25,000 castles. I thought the number would be much smaller."

Troop 2069 gave their presentation on Venezuela. Members of the troop split into group beforehand and each one did a country, then they voted on the one to do their presentation on.

"Venezuela is a pretty interesting country," said troop member Isabella Hendricks, 10. "They have a lot of different animals there, and a lot of them I wouldn't expect to see there."

As part of their presentation, each troop presented a popular food item in their country of choice. Troop 5160 made crepes at their station on France, while Troop 5412 did their project on Italy and gave out biscotti.

Some scouts were surprised at some of the cultural discoveries they made.

"I really liked learning about cherry blossoms during our project on Japan," said Maddie Ernst, 9, of Troop 686. "They're so lovely, and since they're Japan's national flower, we got to learn a lot about them."

In between stops around the globe, the girls could also stop at various stations and make a re-usable tote bag for groceries, or make a fish out of twisted plastic water bottles, tissue paper and glue.



From left, Kiran Blanton, 6, Maddie Ernst, 9 and Lydia Callabresi, 9 of Troop 686 dress in traditional Japanese clothing for their presentation at the annual Thinking Day celebration at the Old Firehouse Teen Center Sunday, March 18.



Girl Scouts from the McLean area make fish out of twisted plastic water bottles at the annual Thinking Day celebration at the Old Firehouse Teen Center Sunday, March 18.

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PEOPLE

McLean Resident wins AXA/US News Achievement Award

Priya Krishnan, a McLean resident and a senior at the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology has been selected as the 2012 AXA/US News Achievement Scholar for the state of Virginia. Krishnan will receive \$10,000 scholarship to college and join 51 other exceptional students from around the country in receiving this honor. She received this award for high academic achievement and leadership combined with her exceptional service to assist financially disadvantaged autistic children. Partnering with US News, AXA Equitable identifies ethnically and economically diverse students who share the following qualities:

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♦Ability to succeed in college.
The US News and World Report website will feature AXA Achievers and their accomplishments from April till June 2012.

Roger Cole: Fond Memories of Days as a Highlander

BY DANIEL ELSÉUS
THE CONNECTION

At the end of 2011 McLean High School inducted Roger Cole into its Athletics Hall of Fame, as part of the first class of Hall of Fame inductees ever at the school.

Cole spent over 20 years at McLean and was one of the first teachers there in 1955, the year the school was founded. Between 1955 and 1959, he worked as assistant basketball, baseball and football coach for the Highlanders.

During that period he also taught physical education, earning Teacher of the Year honors at one point. He sponsored a class of sophomores for three years, and took a class of 150 seniors on a trip to New York City and back, before leaving McLean High in 1959.

In 1969 he came back to the school and was the head football coach for three years - between 1969-72 - during which time Cole also coached track and field and gymnastics, both the boys and girls.

He became McLean's director of athletics in 1972 and held that position until 1986. Cole was not only involved in athletics, but



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Roger Cole displays his McLean High School Sports Hall of Fame plaque. Cole, a teacher at the Fairfax County public school when it first opened in 1955, coached several sports and served as athletic director.

also supervisor of the custodial staff, as well as a part of the drama and music department at the school.

As director of athletics at McLean High School, he was somewhat of a pioneer when it came to soccer in Virginia, as he ran the first two soccer state championships ever played in the state in the 1980s.

Cole says that he is very proud of his time at McLean High School, of the teachers and the students, and notes that it's a very fine school.

He adds that he is also proud of the athletics program at the school, something which he was a crucial part of as both a coach and a teacher involved in several different sports and as athletic director for 14 years.

Cole is currently a resident of the Ashby Ponds Retirement community in Ashburn, where he manages the resident history group and organizes events with notable speakers, ranging from genealogists to resident World War II veterans. Outside of Ashby Ponds he is enjoying time as a golf players' assistant at Landsdowne resort.

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Reston Raiders Hockey Team to Compete at Nationals

The Reston Raiders PeeWee AA Blue team has had a season of exceeding expectations. Coached by Dave Regan, the team amassed 24 points in the CBHL with an 11-7-2 record, in a very competitive league.

Their season continues as they were honored by a selection to represent the state of VA in the 2012 U.S. National Championships held in Ashburn & Reston from March 28 – April 1. The tournament will have 38 of the best Tier II teams in the U.S. representing State Champions from Florida to Connecticut, Vermont, Alaska, California, Arizona and everywhere in between.

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Bo-Min Son conducts the Cooper Middle School Symphonic Orchestra.

Cooper Orchestra Receives Superior Assessment Rating

The Cooper Middle School Symphonic Orchestra received a Superior (highest) rating at the District XII Elementary and Middle School Orchestra Assessment on March 10. Conducted by Bo-Min Son, the orchestra performed a Chorale by Bach, Hungarian Dance No. 5 by Brahms, and Dorian Dance by Phillips. Soloists in Dorian Dance were eighth graders Alex Lim on cello, Kevin Le on viola, and Kevin Pulley on double bass.

The thirty-six members of the orchestra worked with Orchestra Director Erin Maguire and substitute teacher Bo-Min Son for three months in preparation for the assessment.

Each year, the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association sponsors assessments for all of the

music programs in Virginia public schools. A panel of professional adjudicators is assembled to critique the ensembles and judge them against state standards for excellence in performance, sight-reading, musicianship, and orchestral skills. Cooper Middle School is a member of District XII, which includes schools from the northern region of Fairfax County and some schools from Arlington County. District XII Orchestra Assessment is among the largest and most competitive music festivals in the U.S. It has grown so large that the event has been split into two divisions: the High School and the Middle School Division. On March 9-10, the middle school entries were hosted by Washington-Lee High School in Arlington.



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NEWS

Case Day

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went to elementary, middle and even fellow Langley students to explain what Case Day was and what it hoped to accomplish.

"My job was to focus on getting in touch with the junior class, to get them involved and get them a glimpse of what happens so they're ready to pick it up next year as seniors," said Tommy Orme of the education committee. "We were able to speak to government classes and get people involved, because we wanted them to be in the audience asking questions."

Other school clubs were also involved. The History Honor Society created Facebook pages for each Supreme Court Justice using their past decisions to guess what they might think about the current cases. The Science Honor Society gave a presentation about how adolescent brains might not develop the adult level of decision making until they were older, bringing into question whether or not it is just to imprison someone whose brain hasn't fully developed yet.

THE DAY also featured discussions by groups who wrote amicus briefs for the Supreme Court case, including Amnesty International, the Equal Justice Initiative, the Former Juvenile Court Judges, the National District Attorney's Association, the American Probation and Parole Association, the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and the National Organization of Victims of Juvenile Lifers.

"It's really energizing to see so many people so wrapped up and interested in advocating for people who are in need of it," said Benjamin Maxymuk of the Equal Justice Initiative. "It motivates me to work harder."

For the event coordinators, Chaffee Duckers, Sun Park and Alicia Underhill, Case Day consumed their lives since they were chosen last December. While the trio, as well as their classmates, put in months of hard work, Underhill called it an amazing experience.

"My favorite part of putting together this whole day has been talking to the students and seeing how we've all come together with various talents and combined effort to bring it together," she said. "I've met so many people that I didn't know before, I've seen sides of people that really impressed me and I think we've done a really great job in our last big project together as a senior class before graduation."



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OPINION

'Practices That Undermine Trust'

Virginia gets a failing grade on ethics rules.

The State Integrity Investigation is “designed to expose practices that undermine trust in state capitols — and spotlight the states that are doing things right.”

Virginia got a failing grade, ranking 47 out of 50 states for vulnerability to corruption. Corruption in the Commonwealth is probably not any more rampant than voter fraud. But in terms of practices that could undermine trust, Virginia has vast room for improvement.

EDITORIAL Here are a few comments about Virginia from the investigation (can't call them highlights):

“The Old Dominion is one of nine states with no statewide ethics commission, one of four states with no campaign finance limits and one of only two states (South Carolina is the other) where the part-time legislators handpick the

judges before whom many of them practice law.

“With 8.1 million residents, Virginia is the 12th most populous state in the union. But its part-time lawmakers have one of the shortest meeting schedules in the country — 30 days in odd-numbered years and 60 days in even-numbered years. At that speed, lobbyists of necessity have been elevated from influence peddlers to trusted advisers and authors of laws.”

Virginia has admirable disclosure of campaign contributions, earning a near perfect grade on citizen access to campaign finance records. The credit on the transparency of actual contributions to candidates belongs to the Virginia Public Access Project, vpap.org, more than the Commonwealth.

But the benefit of access to information on campaign finance is overshadowed by “lax oversight rules, weak consumer representation protections, dwindling capitol press corps and coziness between political and economic elites. ... Meanwhile, the few ethics and disclosure requirements that do exist tend to be flawed,

limited or fraught with exemptions and qualifications,” according to the report.

A couple of examples of laws and practices that could undermine trust:

❖ Virginia has no limits on financial contributions to political candidates. Literally. Companies and individuals can give unlimited amounts to any and all state and local elected officials, with some very limited restriction on timing.

❖ The licensing of car title loan companies, and allowing those companies in Virginia to lend to out-of-state car owners is clearly not in the interests of consumers or the communities where these storefronts are located.

❖ Despite a groundswell of indignation about a state law that sets the start date for public schools rather than allowing local school districts to set their own calendar, the entertainment industry prevailed this year again.

❖ Votes in subcommittees, where many important reforms go to die, are not recorded and not available to the public.

See Virginia's report card (overall grade: F) <http://www.stateintegrity.org/virginia>

Delegate Lists Assembly's Legislative Successes

BY BARBARA COMSTOCK
STATE DELEGATE (R-34)

The General Assembly completed the 2012 regular session on Saturday evening, March 10, shortly after 10 p.m. The last week was extremely busy as the House and Senate worked to negotiate joint compromises on many bills that will now be sent to the Governor. Many of these important initiatives never make the headlines but they do impact our everyday lives and these are the areas

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where I have worked to make a difference in improving our jobs and economy, our schools, our transportation network and our quality of life. We also just received the great news that Virginia's unemployment rate hit a three year low of 5.8% — a testament to the fact that we continue to make jobs our #1 priority and Virginia remains #1 for jobs.

The following highlights some of the key measures that I promoted and passed during this session:

❖ Economic Development and Reform:

HB 33, The Fair and Open Competition in Government Contracting Act: This bill I introduced provides for fair and open competition in contracting bids and allows our 96% non-union workforce to fairly compete with union workers. My bill was passed in the

House and the Senate. This will increase the creation of Virginia jobs, increase competition, and provide our taxpayers with more miles of transportation and infrastructure solutions for every dollar we spend, while guaranteeing a level playing field for Virginia workers. This bill received strong support throughout the business community, including the Fairfax and Loudoun Chambers and the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors.

HB 216, Retail Sales And Use Tax Exemption For Data Centers: This bill I championed provides tax incentives for the large and growing business of data centers. The industry is expected to grow by hundreds of millions of dollars in the coming years and we want to keep Virginia a top destination. We need to continue to diversify our economy by focusing on private sector commercial markets where we have a competitive advantage. This bill passed unanimously in both the House and the Senate. The bill was also supported by our state and local Chambers of Commerce, and was a top priority of the Northern Virginia Technology Council (NVTC).

HB 1013, Extending The Capital Gains Tax Exemption: I introduced this legislation to extend the current capital gains exemption for new tech investments in the Commonwealth to free up our entrepreneurs to risk their capital and create jobs across the Commonwealth. Again, this measure

passed overwhelmingly in the House and the Senate with the broad support of our NOVA business community and has already been signed by the Governor.

HB 551, Extending The Telework Tax Credit: This bill will extend the Telework Tax Credit, which I passed last year, through December 31, 2016. The Tax Credit is already being utilized by over 174 employers and we will continue to work with our business community and state and local officials to promote the tax credit to more businesses. The bill passed unanimously in both the House and the Senate. This bill was also supported by NVTC and our technology community as well, as state and local Chambers of Commerce.

❖ Transportation:

HB 545, VDOT Incident Management: I introduced this bill to allow VDOT vehicles to drive on a portion of the highway other than a roadway at, en route to, or from the scene of a traffic accident. Congestion related delays can cost millions. This will help relieve traffic congestion at the site of a traffic accident, allowing VDOT to reach the scene sooner and clear blocked roads more quickly. This bill was passed unanimously in the both the House and Senate and has already been signed by the Governor.

HB 599, Northern Virginia Transportation District: I sponsored this bill to require the Com-

monwealth Transportation Board, in cooperation with VDOT and local governments, to objectively evaluate all Northern Virginia highway and transit projects and provide a quantitative rating as to the ability of each to cost effectively reduce traffic congestion. This will help ensure that tax dollars are being spent on highway and public transit projects that will do the most to relieve traffic congestion. The bill passed in the House this year and last year and this year we were able to rally support to get the Senate to support it this year despite the opposition of some Northern Virginia Senators last year.

❖ Education:

HB 1063, Starting School Before Labor Day: I sponsored HB 1063, which would have eliminated the so-called King's Dominion law and allow local school boards to set the school calendar and determine the opening of the school year, and eliminate the post-Labor Day opening requirement. It would give all our students an equal opportunity to learn and perform better on standardized tests. The bill was endorsed by the Governor, the Speaker, the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, and the Virginia School Board Association. This bill was passed in the House with a strong bipartisan vote of 76-23 but was killed by the Senate and unfortunately opposed by a Fairfax Senator on a key committee.

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❖ Human Trafficking:

HB 546, Cracking Down On Crime And Human Trafficking: I introduced this bill to crack down on the heinous and growing practice of gang crimes expanding into human trafficking and prostitution. This legislation was requested by gang investigator with the Fairfax County Police Department after observing, over the past years, the growth of gangs such as MS-13 operating prostitution rings in Fairfax, Arlington and Alexandria. These traffickers are forcing minor girls as young as 12 into these criminal enterprises. These unspeakable crimes against young girls and children must be attacked with the full force of the law. It passed unanimously in both the House and the Senate and will soon be signed by the Governor.

❖ Health Care Bills:

HB 83, Information on Breast Density: I sponsored HB 83, which will require the Board of Health to establish guidelines requiring all mammogram reports to include information on breast density and inform women with dense breast tissue, as determined by the physician, that supplementary screening tests may be beneficial, depending on individual risk factors. This bill passed unanimously in both the House and the Senate and was already signed by the Governor.

HB 1106, Insurance Coverage for Autistic Children: Early this session we passed emergency legislation, which the Governor has signed, to license behavior analysts and assistant behavior analysts who treat children with autism. This bill clarifies legislation

that we passed last year, HB 2467, which mandated health insurance coverage for autism and behavior analysis.

❖ Veterans:

HB 548, Higher Education For Active Duty Military: I introduced this bill at the suggestion of a George Mason University employee to require higher educational institutions to implement policies that help provide accommodations for students called to active military duty to complete their college degrees. This bill was passed unanimously in both the House and the Senate and has already been signed by the Governor.

❖ Water Quality Issues:

Restored Virginia Membership In The Interstate Commission On The Potomac River Basin. I am pleased that I was also able to work with my colleagues and the Governor's office to reinstate Virginia into the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, the entity that promotes watershed based initiatives with an intergovernmental focus and educates the public about water quality and resources issues.

To see the bills I have introduced this year and co-patroned and their outcome you can go to the General Assembly website: <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?121+mbr+H214> and to my website: www.delegatecomstock.com Next week, I will provide an update on the Budget situation which unfortunately has not been completed. While the House passed a budget, the Senate refused to vote on a budget at all and negotiations are still continuing.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Democrats Default on their Duty

To the Editor:

With a lot of our attention focused on the Presidential and Congressional races this year, we need to keep in mind what has been happening in the Virginia General Assembly session in Richmond.

In short, the Senate Democrats failed in their constitutional duty to pass a state budget. The session adjourned without approving a budget, which is the first time that this has happened that anyone can remember. So, an upcoming special session is required to pass a budget.

Importantly, one of our newest senators, Barbara Favola, who represents

parts of Arlington, Fairfax, and Loudoun Counties (and also my Senator), was AWOL in the Senate when the budget vote was taken. Where was she you ask? She was taping a TV show with a national media outlet. That shows where her priorities lie — not with her constituents.

This is a disgrace to all Virginians. Please let Senator Favola know how displeased you are with her behavior of holding the budget hostage and harming our local governments, schools, and kids, just for reasons of raw political power.

Howie Lind

Chairman, 10th Congressional District
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A Wrong Way to Feel Cool

Area high school students discuss risky behaviors.

Viewpoints

The Connection high school interns – **Nikki Cheshire** (Langley High), **Monika Bapna** (Marshall High) and **Mary Grace Oakes** (Madeira) – asked area high school students:

- ❖ What type of risky behaviors do some youth engage in and what do you think poses the greatest risk?
- ❖ Are there certain activities that can lend themselves more to risky behavior because of the nature of the group?

Here are their responses.



Sherwin Zahirieh, Grade: 12, Langley High School

“People drive recklessly, risking their life, which can obviously result in disaster. People do all sorts of drugs and drink alcohol every weekend. Drunk driving definitely poses the greatest risk, since people think they’re invincible.”



Meigan McManus, Grade: 12, Langley High School

“I think something like drunk driving is especially risky. If a person is using drugs, it only really affects them, but drunk driving poses a highly dangerous situation toward other people.”



Adrienne Schmidt, Grade: 11, Langley High School

“When parents aren’t close with their child, they have the tendency to rebel. It depends on the person, but if you have a better relationship with your parents then risky behavior is less likely.”



Magne Bugten, Grade: 12, Langley High School

“Parties outside of school-related activities, definitely cause risky behavior. I feel like people who don’t do extracurriculars are more likely to party.”

—NIKKI CHESHIRE



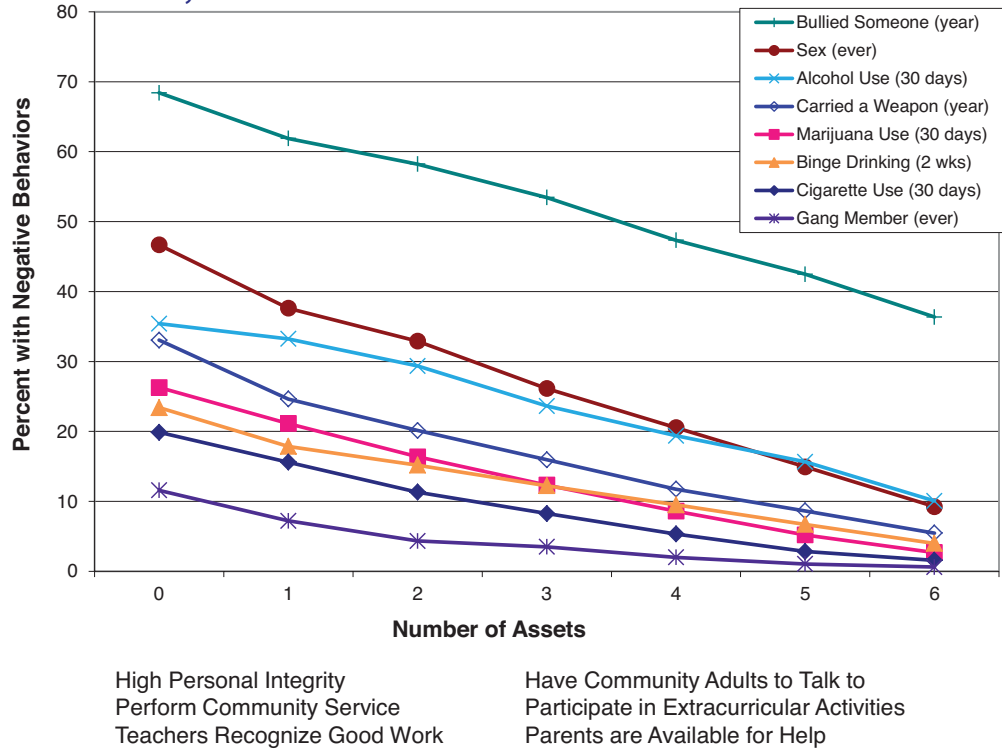
Sam Kyung, Grade: 11, Marshall High School

“The most risky behaviors in my opinion are drinking, and drinking and driving. Drinking and driving, though, poses the greater risk because it affects everybody.”

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Asset Graph for Fairfax County (Grades 8, 10, 12)

Three to Succeed: Youth who have three assets are less likely to engage in risky behavior than youth who have none.



The 2010 Fairfax County Youth Survey shows how the presence of at least three “assets” can dramatically reduce the odds of students engaging in risky behaviors such as sex, drug abuse and violent behaviors. Six assets are: high personal integrity, performing community service, being recognized by teachers for good work, having adults in the community to talk to, participating in extracurricular activities and having parents available to help.

Risky Behavior by the Numbers

Youth Survey highlights risks, assets for students.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

FIRST IN A THREE PART SERIES.

Periodically, Fairfax County conducts a youth survey which polls thousands of students to get a glimpse into issues of substance abuse, antisocial behaviors as well as factors such as mental health and civic engagements. This is the sixth year the survey has been conducted (the first was in 2001), and in the 2010 Fairfax County Youth Survey was completed by 32,953 students in eighth, 10th and 12th grade, representing 85.6 percent of enrolled students in those grades.

The survey was previously conducted in 2001, 2003, 2005, 2008, 2009 and 2010. Over time, more specific questions regarding risk factors and general health questions have been included. In 2008, the survey was administered in random English classrooms in every school, but in 2009 the county adopted a census-like approach, where all students in the targeted grades were encouraged to participate.

“For the last few years, we’ve conducted the survey every year, because it helps us learn about certain behaviors our youth are doing, and that’s information we can use to plan our prevention efforts,” said Marcus Allen of the county’s Department of Neighborhood and Community Services. “The data shows us the way behaviors are trending and we use that for short and long-term planning.”

Of the completed surveys, 2,554 were rejected due to fewer than eight questions answered, information

was missing, the student reported a use of a fictitious drug called BTM that was mentioned or a student answered “I was not honest at all” on the final question.

The survey itself consisted of 203 questions, which were derived from such sources as the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration’s Communities That Care Youth survey, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention’s Youth Risk Behavior Survey and others.

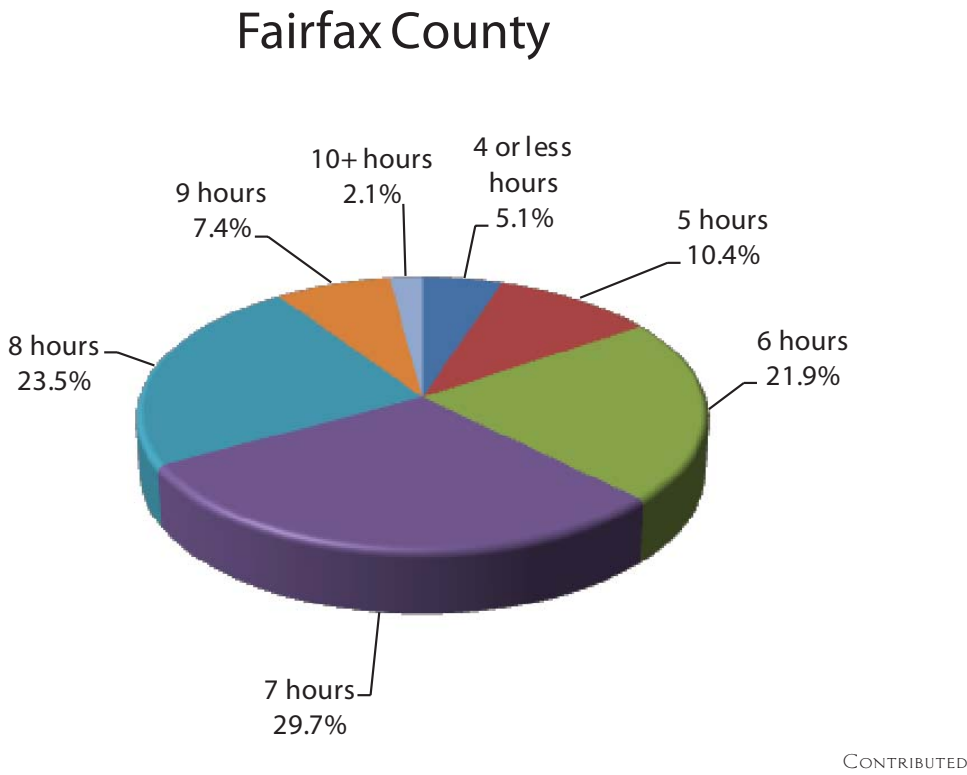
A PRIMARY FOCUS of the 2010 survey was on “assets” by students, which, according to the survey are “strengths in young people, their families, schools and communities that help them thrive in health, in school and daily life and in a safe environment.”

The county polled students on six of these: personal integrity, regular community service, recognition by teachers for good work, having adults to talk to, extracurricular activity participation and having parents available for help.

“We’ve found that the presence of three of these assets dramatically reduces the risk of these students engaging in risky behavior. It’s simple really: the more assets they have, the less likely it is they’re going to engage in these behaviors,” Allen said. “It’s not all negative, we want to make sure we’re reinforcing how important these assets are, because it directly affects the likelihood of success.”

For example, students with at least three assets are almost half as likely to have had sex, used marijuana in the last 30 days, binged on alcohol in the past two weeks, smoked a cigarette within the last 30 days or

Hours of Sleep per School Night (Grades 8, 10, 12)



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Viewpoints



Nick Nelson, Grade: 11, Marshall High School

“Fatigue, I think, is the biggest problem with teens these days. When students drive to school, for example, it can lead to so many accidents in the morning if they are tired.”

“Procrastination, extracurricular activities, and all the things that teenagers have to do these days causes fatigue.”



Joey Phoon, Grade: 11, Marshall High School

“Teenage parties are where most kids get access to these things, so any events that have a lot of teenagers together and no parent supervision lend themselves to alcohol and drug use.”

—MONIKA BAPNA



Annie Wattenmaker, Grade: 12, The Madeira School

“The most common risky behavior is drinking and driving. So many kids in this area drink and drive all the time without thinking of the risks.”



Kristen Bilowus, Grade: 12, The Madeira School

“I think DUIs pose the greatest risk to kids because so many deaths are caused by this every year, and the legal repercussions are so severe.”



Makenzie Parent, Grade: 12, The Madeira School

“Binge drinking is probably the most dangerous behavior because it can easily and rapidly get out of hand, causing hospitalizations.”

“I think when there is a big group involved, that group mentality creates more peer pressure, so kids might feel forced to do something they would not if they were just with a small group of friends.”



Jennifer Oler, Grade: 12, McLean High School

“I think drunk driving definitely poses the greatest risk because you’re not only putting yourself in danger but everyone else driving then too.”

“When there is a larger group of people, teenagers tend to do stupid things that they most likely wouldn’t do if they were by themselves or just with a couple of people.”

—MARY GRACE OAKES

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Students from Westgate Elementary School in Falls Church joined members of the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra for the “Overture to Orchestra” program. The program introduces elementary school students to the instruments and sounds of a symphony orchestra. Students (from left): Aidan Ordovery, Agnes Holmberg, Adam Haizoun, Matteo Betancourt, Katrina Maranon, Tharini Vayuvegula and Yusra Adan. FSO members (from left): Ashley Batten, narrator; Eric Moore, horn; Paul Johnson, trumpet; Mike Bunn, tuba; Andrew Skaggs, trombone; Chris Ferrari, trumpet.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE MCLEAN YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Oboist Elise Favia plays a solo during a McLean Youth Orchestra concert. Experts say playing music can develop analytical thinking and boost reading and math skills.

Does Music Make Children Smarter?

During Music In Our Schools Month, musicians raise awareness of the impact of music education on the lives of students.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Can playing the piano strengthen a child’s reading and math skills? Can joining a school band be a catalyst for building self-confidence? Does one develop strong analytical abilities by taking violin lessons? Some music experts say yes.

“Every minute that you’re engaged in music, you’re applying more than one concept or one knowledge,” said Dr. Kevin Strogher, Head of Music at The Heights School in Potomac. “Music develops analytical thinking because it requires students to be creative. They don’t just regurgitate memorized facts. They have to apply those facts.”

March is Music in Our Schools Month and some music aficionados are trying to raise awareness about impact of music education on the lives of students. The National Association of Music Education in Reston cites a strong body of evidence which shows that participation in musical activities can enhance a student’s education. “For today’s



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE FAIRFAX SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Helen Fall of the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra mentors students from the Sandburg Area Orchestra. Experts say students can benefit from exposure to professional musicians through educational programs sponsored by local symphony orchestras.

Considering Private Music Lessons?

When should students start taking music lessons?

Between the ages of 5 and 6 for piano. Between the ages of nine and ten for wind instruments or band instruments because students have to have the lung capacity and the finger stretch to perform on the instrument.

What is a good first step?

The piano is a great instrument to start on because it plays in every key and gives students a deep understanding of musical harmony and how music works in terms of cords, melody and harmony.

— HOLLY VESILIND,

MUSIC INSTRUCTOR AT WESTGATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

McLean Youth Orchestra

The McLean Youth Orchestra presents MYO Rocks! Sunday, March 25 at 3 p.m. at Oakcrest School, 850 Balls Hill Road in McLean. Admission is \$10 (free admission for children under 13). Visit <http://mcleanyouthorchestra.org>.

students to succeed tomorrow, they need a comprehensive education that includes music taught by exemplary music educators,” said Elizabeth Lasko, Assistant Executive Director, NAME. “Music In Our Schools Month gives music teachers the chance to...let everyone know how learning music benefits kids, and how it contributes to their growth and development both as students and as future adult citizens.”

Instructors say playing music can boost brain power. “Music helps build and develop cognitive skills because you have to do three or four things at the same time to perform music,” said Holly Vesilind, music instructor at Westgate Elementary School in Falls Church and a private flute instructor in Fairfax. “It builds math skills because it involves counting and fractions.

Experts say music activities can affect social development. “Music ensembles work much like team sports, students learn the necessity of teamwork and collaboration,” said Dr. James Criswell, director of the Middle School advanced band and Upper School wind ensemble and orchestra at St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes School in Alexandria.

Strogher dispels the notion that the discipline attracts social misfits. “It is not just the choir geeks or the band nerds,” he said. “When [The Heights Men’s Chorus] was

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Music in Our Schools Enhances Education

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performing in Austria recently, we had the [school's] best lacrosse player with us, we had baseball players, basketball players. In fact, most of our top athletes are also in the music program. It is actually a cool thing to be in music."

So, what do students think? "Music allows people from different social groups to bond and come together over a common interest," said Connor Ortman, a sophomore at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes.

"Regardless of a student's level, participation in music education teaches the importance of teamwork and collaboration as a group as well as individual discipline and preparation, much like athletics," added St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School sophomore Kathryn Cavallo.

EXPERTS SAY early musical experiences benefit even the youngest musicians. "We focus on experiences, the process and overall music making through movement, singing and instrument playing," said Julie Mueller, a music teacher at Arlington's Jamestown Elementary School.

Earlier this month, the Jamestown Elementary School chorus joined other student choral groups from around the world

for the "Concert for Music in Our School's Month," an annual musical experience sponsored by The National Association of Music Education. "Events like these are wonderful opportunities to encourage the students to develop their musical abilities and to be part of activities with musicians from all over," said Dr. Maritza Sadowsky, a music teacher at Jamestown.

Music educators want musical interest to extend beyond a month-long effort. "We hope that because of advocacy efforts such as [Music in Our School's Month]...that parents will encourage their children to get and stay involved in music," said Lasko.

One means of involvement say educators is exposure to professional musicians through educational programs sponsored by local symphony orchestras. "Having been a school strings and band teacher, myself, I understand how the voices of professional musicians who come into the classroom can reinforce the instruction the teachers give," said Helen Fall, a Fairfax Symphony Orchestra Violist.

Hall and other FSO members mentor students as part of programs like Symphony Creating Outreach Resources for Educators (SCORE) and Overture to Orchestra. Overture to Orchestra is designed to introduce elementary school students to the instru-

ments and sounds of a symphony orchestra through in-school concerts performed by chamber ensembles from the FSO. The SCORE program offers extensive master classes, individual sectional instruction, and "side-by-side" rehearsals to middle and high school bands and orchestras.

"The students are always excited to have us come. They feel they are getting extra special attention, and having a pro on every instrument makes them all feel important," said Fall who teaches violin and viola in her home studio in Fairfax.

The FSO allows students ages 6-18 to join the Student Passport Club where members get \$5 tickets to symphony performances. Young music enthusiasts also have an opportunity to play symphonic instruments and meet members of the orchestra.

"The FSO concentrates on providing its programs to areas where students have limited access to private music instruction or consistent support for their music studies in the home," said Elizabeth Murphy, FSO President and CEO. "These are the students who will benefit most from one-on-one exposure to the instruments and professional musicians."

OFFICIALS FROM THE MCLEAN ORCHESTRA created the McLean Youth Or-

chestra (MYO) to cultivate the talent of musically advanced middle and high school students. "MYO students not only learn to read and play music better, but working with our conductors and section coaches, they also learn the discipline, team work, self-reliance and confidence required to be an effective ensemble member," said Aileen Pisciotta, President-Elect of the McLean Orchestra.

On Sunday, March 25, MYO musicians will present MYO Rocks! "This is [the orchestra's] first-ever 'fusion' concert," said Pisciotta. "The students will perform a couple of classical selections as well as accompany accomplished rock musicians on some current as well as classic rock favorites. This is an MYO outreach effort intended to be a really fun exposure to symphony music for teens who don't normally go to classical concerts."

MYO oboist and Vienna resident Elise Favia, believes the concert will be a hit with her peers. "I am really big on modern songs," said Favia, who is a 10th Grade Student at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in Alexandria. "I actually don't like classical music as much as I do the others, but classical music on the oboe is fun because the oboe is used a lot."

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Calendar Listings

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Name of Event:

Day of the Week, Date and Time:

Name of the Place Event will Be Held:

Address of the Place Event Will Be Held:

Name and Phone Number for More Information:

Three Sentences Describing the Event:

Please submit your calendar information at least two weeks before your event. Clear photographs from similar previous events are always welcome. All events should be open to the public. We give first priority to free events. E-mail listings to:

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ENTERTAINMENT

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WEDNESDAY/MARCH 21

"Orphans of the Storm." 8 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. D.W. Griffith's 1921 silent film, starring sisters Lillian and Dorothy Gish in the story of two young women in peril during the French Revolution. \$6-\$8. www.mcleancenter.org.

Digitour with Dave Days, DeStorm, Ricky Ficarelli, Alex Goot, Asher Monroe, Nice Peter, The Key of Awesome and WhatADayDerek. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave E Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Celtic Crossroads. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolftrap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Bluegrass, gypsy-folk and jazz. \$27. www.wolftrap.org.

Judging of Vienna Photographic Society Photojournalism Entries. 7:30 p.m. Thoreau Middle School, 2505 Cedar Lane, Vienna. Mary Ann Setton, past president and past competition chair of the Northern Virginia Photographic Society will judge. 703-451-7298.

THURSDAY/MARCH 22

David Choi and Jeff LeBlanc. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Youth Art Show Reception. 5:30-7:30 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Featuring artwork by McLean area middle and high school students. 703-790-1953.

Art History Lecture Series. 10 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Second of four Introductory Art History Lectures. 801-361-5464.

The Second City: Laugh Out Loud. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolftrap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Comedy. \$24. www.wolftrap.org.

"A View from the Bridge." 7 p.m. McLean High School, 1633 Davidson Road, McLean. Tragedy by Arthur Miller. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. mcleantheatrecompany@gmail.com.

FRIDAY/MARCH 23

Virginia Opera: The Mikado. 8 p.m. George Mason University's Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Gilbert and Sullivan's masterpiece, set in the fictional Japanese town of Tiputu. Sung in English with English supertitles. \$48-\$98. 888-945-2468 or www.gmu.edu.

Family Skate Night. 6:30-8 p.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., Vienna. Admission \$1. Bring your own roller skates or inline skates (no scooters) and safety equipment. Parents required to stay with their children. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.com.

The Second City: Laugh Out Loud. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolftrap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Comedy. \$24. www.wolftrap.org.

Friday Afternoon Chess Group. 1 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. All ages and skill levels welcome. 703-757-8560.

Derek Webb and Sandra McCracken. 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

McLean Art Society. 10 a.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. With Susan Ellis, realistic pastel artist. 703-790-0123.

"A View from the Bridge." 7 p.m. McLean High School, 1633 Davidson



Bass Kevin Burdette as Ko-Ko in Virginia Opera's production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado". The Virginia Opera will present "The Mikado" on Friday, March 23 at 8 p.m. and again on Sunday, March 25 at 2 p.m. in George Mason University's Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets are \$48-\$98. 888-945-2468 or www.gmu.edu.

Road, McLean. Tragedy by Arthur Miller. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. mcleantheatrecompany@gmail.com.

SATURDAY/MARCH 24

McLean High School Historical Reenactment Society. 1-4 p.m. Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St., Alexandria. Members of McLean High School's historical reenactment society will conduct demonstrations about science in the 1700s. Explore the Apothecary and its large variety of objects, from poison bottles to dragon's blood. \$6, includes a tour of the museum. Reservations required at 703-746-3852.

Fairfax County Mega Job Fair. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. This year's event includes a training vouchers program for veterans to enhance their job skills, a section for youth employment services plus recruiters from a wide variety of employers and government agencies. Co-hosted by Congressman Gerry Connolly, the Fairfax County SkillSource Centers and Business Development Assistance Group. Participating employers, business resources partners, and program agenda at www.fairfaxmegajobfair.com.

Black-Top Banquet & Auction. 6 p.m. Great Falls United Methodist Church, 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Gourmet dinner, entertainment and a live auction. Proceeds will go toward resurfacing the church parking lot. Tickets \$50. 703-582-1640 or c.wright@longandfoster.com.

McLean Orchestra. 8 p.m. Oakcrest School, 850 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Ralph Vaughan Williams' Fantasia on a Theme of Thomas Tallis, Percy Grainger's Irish Tune from County Derry (Danny Boy), Pietro Mascagni's Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana, Maurice Ravel's Mother Goose Suite and Bolero. Reception to follow. <http://mclean-orchestra.org>.

VVFD Spring Bazaar. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St., Vienna. Crafts and home based businesses, holiday decorations and more. Lunch and baked goods available for purchase. Proceeds raise funds for life-saving fire and rescue equipment. Free admission. 703-309-3468 or Dancers1023@aol.com.

"The Revenge of the Space Pandas or Binky Rudich and the Two-

Speed Clock." 3 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. For ages 6 and up. A comedy by David Mamet. \$8-\$10. sabrina.anwah@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Children's Shows: Ralph's World. 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Chris Ayer, Matt Simons and Adam Barnes at 7 p.m.; **Adrenaline Dance Music Party** at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Harlem Globetrotters. 7:30 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets available at www.harlemglobetrotters.com or 1-800-745-3000.

"A View from the Bridge." 7 p.m. McLean High School, 1633 Davidson Road, McLean. Tragedy by Arthur Miller. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. mcleantheatrecompany@gmail.com.

DC/VA 2012 MDA Muscle Walk. 8 a.m. George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Help raise funds to fight muscular dystrophy, ALS and related muscle diseases. Register at 703-476-5780 or musclewalkmda.org/DCVirginia.

SUNDAY/MARCH 25

Virginia Opera: The Mikado. 2 p.m. George Mason University's Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Gilbert and Sullivan's masterpiece, set in the fictional Japanese town of Tiputu. Sung in English with English supertitles. \$48-\$98. 888-945-2468 or www.gmu.edu.

Merrifield Lions Club Snow Crab Legs and Shrimp Feast. 1-4 p.m. Dunn Loring Fire Department, 2148 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring. All you can eat crab, shrimp, hot dogs, baked beans, cole slaw and more. Beer available. Adults \$35-\$37, ages 5-11 \$13. 703-573-2733 or www.merrifieldlions.com.

Animal Rescue: A Musical Adventure. Colvin Run Mill Historic Site, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. With string trio Virginia Virtuosi and music by Berlioz, Tchaikovsky, Saint-Saens and more. \$2. Registration required at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks.

"The Revenge of the Space Pandas or Binky Rudich and the Two-Speed Clock." 3 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside

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ENTERTAINMENT

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Breakfast Buffet. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Vienna American Legion, 330 Center St. N, Vienna. Omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon and more. Adults \$8, children \$3. 703-938-6580.

This Century, The Getaways and Foreverisforever at 2 p.m.; **A Tribute to the Rolling Stones on their 50th Anniversary with Anthony Fiocco, Luke Brindley, Todd Wright and Michael Pearsall** at 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

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MONDAY/MARCH 26

Tiny Tot Time. 10:30 a.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Stories, rhymes and activities. Age 13-23 months with adult. 703-356-0770.

No Blitz, Aside Oceans, The Red Letter and Me and This Army. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

TUESDAY/MARCH 27

Literacy Council of Northern Virginia. 1 p.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Tutoring. 703-356-0770.

Merrin Karras, Brockway and Logan Venderlic. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

"A View from the Bridge." 7 p.m. McLean High School, 1633 Davidson Road, McLean. Tragedy by Arthur Miller. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. mcleantheatrecompany@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 28

Hop, Fly or Run. 10:30 a.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Birds, toads and other animals are on the move in the springtime. Meet an animal and enjoy activities. Presented by Riverbend Park. 703-356-0770.

French Story Time. 10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Introduce your child to a foreign language with storytime in French. Ages 3-5 with adult. 703-757-8560.

Communion: Austin To Boston with Ben Howard, The Staves, Nathaniel Rateliff and Bear's Den. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

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THURSDAY/MARCH 29

Art History Lecture Series. 10 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Third of four Introductory Art History Lectures. 801-361-5464.

Nneka and Bajah & The Dry Eye Crew. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Annual 10th District Congressional Art Show. 6-8 p.m. George Washington University



Patrons of The Old Brogue in Great Falls fill the front porch during their annual St. Patrick's Day celebration Saturday.

Old Brogue Celebrates St. Patrick's Day

Crowds line up early for annual celebration.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

On Saturday morning, the electronic clock that hangs on the wall of The Old Brogue in Great Falls read "0 Days, 0 Hours, 0 Minutes and 0 seconds" for the first time in 366 days. The clock spends most of the year counting down to St. Patrick's Day, and it hadn't read zero for long before people started showing up.

"I try to get here as early as possible, because this is one of my favorite parties of the year, and it always seems to fill up quick," said John August of Great Falls. "You know for sure everyone's going to be wearing green and ready to have a good time."

Old Brogue owner Mike Kearney said that more than 300 cars were there first thing in the morning for the weekly Cars and Coffee Event, and the crowd only grew from there.

Visitors were treated to music throughout the day, as well as a selection of traditional Irish fare.

"The bangers and mash are



From left, Deborah Hall, Kelly Laurienti, Dana Bowman and Amy Papanu celebrate St. Patrick's Day at The Old Brogue Saturday, March 17.

one of my favorites anyway, and they're pretty authentic here," said Sean DeWitt of Vienna. "I lived in Ireland for a few years after college, and this is the closest I've come to getting that same taste with the sausage, mashed potatoes and mushy peas."

Dana Bowman of Great Falls and several friends came complete with green buckled hats with bright red pigtales attached.

"This is one of our annual traditions every year," she said. "And it's one I think we'll keep up for a while."

Loudoun County Campus, Bldg. 2, 44983 Knoll Square, Ashburn. Hosted by Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10th). Featuring works by area high school students. All submitted artwork will remain on display at the GWU campus until April 19. The winning piece will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol for a year alongside other

"Best in Show" entries from congressional districts across the country. 540-667-0990 or Wolf.house.gov.

"A View from the Bridge." 7 p.m. McLean High School, 1633 Davidson Road, McLean. Tragedy by Arthur Miller. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. mcleantheatrecompany@gmail.com.

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7412 Union Ridge Rd.....\$1,124,900.....Sun 12-3.....Lisa Clayborne.....Long & Foster...703-502-8145

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1880 MASSACHUSETTS AVE	5	.	5	.	2	MCLEAN	\$2,400,000	Detached	0.57	22101	FRANKLIN PARK
7820 LOUGHRAN RD	4	.	3	.	2	MCLEAN	\$2,300,000	Detached	1.17	22102	GARFIELD PARK
6000 CLAIBORNE DR	7	.	7	.	0	MCLEAN	\$1,700,000	Detached	0.45	22101	POTOMAC HILLS
6507 RIDGE ST	6	.	5	.	1	MCLEAN	\$1,600,000	Detached	0.34	22101	LANGLEY FARMS
6429 GEORGETOWN PIKE	5	.	4	.	1	MCLEAN	\$1,450,000	Detached	0.76	22101	LANGLEY
837 DOLLEY MADISON BLVD	5	.	4	.	1	MCLEAN	\$1,285,000	Detached	0.77	22101	GONDER PROP
856 SCONSET LN	5	.	6	.	1	MCLEAN	\$1,235,000	Detached	0.98	22102	SAIGON
1816 MACARTHUR DR	4	.	4	.	1	MCLEAN	\$1,200,000	Detached	0.23	22101	CHESTERBROOK
1162 OLD GATE CT	3	.	2	.	2	MCLEAN	\$1,200,000	Detached	0.67	22102	TIMBERLY
6515 BELLAMINE CT	4	.	3	.	1	MCLEAN	\$1,180,000	Detached	0.50	22101	LANGLEY OAKS
7509 ROYAL OAK DR	5	.	3	.	2	MCLEAN	\$1,120,000	Detached	0.97	22102	OLDE SWINKS MILL ESTATES
6742 DARRELLS GRANT PL	3	.	3	.	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$995,000	Townhouse	0.07	22043	STOCKWELL MANOR
2056 HILLSIDE DR	5	.	4	.	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$957,500	Detached	0.61	22043	HILLSIDE ESTATES
6868 FRASE DR	3	.	3	.	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$919,000	Townhouse	0.05	22043	STOCKWELL MANOR
8112 TOUCHSTONE TER	5	.	3	.	0	MCLEAN	\$915,000	Detached	0.38	22102	MC LEAN HAMLET
1353 MACBETH ST	5	.	4	.	0	MCLEAN	\$910,000	Detached	0.33	22102	MC LEAN HAMLET
7730 VIRGINIA LN	5	.	3	.	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$887,500	Detached	0.30	22043	IDYLWOOD KNOLL
7201 EVANS MILL RD	3	.	3	.	1	MCLEAN	\$875,000	Townhouse	0.10	22101	EVANS MILL POND
2132 GREENWICH ST	4	.	3	.	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$874,000	Detached	0.36	22043	WESTHAMPTON
8524 LEWINSVILLE RD	4	.	3	.	0	MCLEAN	\$850,000	Detached	0.74	22102	BLAKELY MANOR
8220 CRESTWOOD HEIGHTS DR#704	2	.	2	.	1	MCLEAN	\$850,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	22102	ONE PARK CREST
6520 TOPEKA RD	3	.	3	.	0	MCLEAN	\$815,000	Detached	0.40	22101	SALONA VILLAGE
8220 CRESTWOOD HEIGHTS DR#1007	2	.	2	.	1	MCLEAN	\$812,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	22102	ONE PARK CREST
7700 LUNCEFORD LN	5	.	4	.	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$800,000	Detached	0.23	22043	PIMMIT HILLS
6330 OLD CHESTERBROOK RD	4	.	3	.	1	MCLEAN	\$772,000	Detached	0.35	22101	CHESTERBROOK
1823 OLNEY RD	4	.	5	.	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$750,000	Detached	0.25	22043	OLNEY PARK
1126 GUILFORD CT	4	.	3	.	0	MCLEAN	\$740,000	Detached	0.34	22101	RUCKERS LANGLEY
2208 BOXWOOD DR	4	.	4	.	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$727,452	Detached	0.24	22043	CHURCHILL
1108 DEAD RUN DR	3	.	3	.	0	MCLEAN	\$675,000	Detached	0.30	22101	BROYHILL LANGLEY ESTATES
1521 EMERSON AVE	3	.	3	.	1	MCLEAN	\$675,000	Townhouse	0.06	22101	BRYN MAWR CLUSTER
6157 TOMPKINS DR	4	.	2	.	1	MCLEAN	\$625,000	Detached	0.36	22101	CHESTERBROOK WOODS
6614 MIDHILL PL	3	.	3	.	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$587,500	Townhouse	0.04	22043	WESTMORELAND SQUARE
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1410 DOLLEY MADISON BLVD	3	.	2	.	0	MCLEAN	\$535,000	Detached	0.24	22101	BEVERLY MANOR
2609 OGDEN ST	3	.	3	.	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$499,900	Detached	0.25	22043	WREN DALE ACRES
2290 IDYLWOOD STATION LN	3	.	2	.	2	FALLS CHURCH	\$490,000	Townhouse	0.03	22043	IDYLWOOD STATION
8340 GREENSBORO DR #601	3	.	3	.	0	MCLEAN	\$490,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	22102	ROTONDA
7788 MARSHALL HEIGHTS CT	3	.	3	.	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$433,000	Townhouse	0.03	22043	MARSHALL HEIGHTS
7511 LISLE AVE	3	.	1	.	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$382,500	Detached	0.23	22043	PIMMIT HILLS
7011 FALLS REACH DR #205	2	.	2	.	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$366,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	22043	PAVILION THE
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The Mechanics of Alzheimer’s
Disease. 1:30 p.m. Alzheimer’s
Family Day Center, 2812 Old Lee
Highway, Suite 210, Fairfax.
Discussion will include the
disease process and tests that can
diagnose and assess progression.
Free. Reserve at 703-204-4664.

THURSDAY/MARCH 22

5th Annual Positive Aging Fair:
Tools for Creative Aging.
8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Jewish
Community Center of Northern
Virginia, 8900 Little River
Turnpike, Fairfax. With Judith
Martin (Miss Manners),
workshops, vendors, lunch, door
prizes and more. \$18.
www.jccnv.org.

SATURDAY/MARCH 24

Town Hall Meeting. 10 a.m.
Vienna Town Hall Chambers, 127
Center St. South, Vienna.
Delegate Mark Keam with an
opportunity for anyone living in
the 35th House District to ask
questions about state laws and
policies, and to present any
constituent service needs. 703-
350-3911 or
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SUNDAY/MARCH 25

Real Estate Seminar Series. 1
p.m. Keller Williams Realty, 774-
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This Will Change Everything. 12:45
p.m. Fairfax Unitarian Church, 2709
Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. How
visions of the future will affect
society and our relation with each
other as the gap between the haves
and the have nots likely widens.

MONDAY/MARCH 26

Great Falls Historical Society. 1-5
p.m. Great Falls Library Meeting
Room, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great
Falls. Meeting Mondays through
April. www.gfhs.org.
McLean & Great Falls Celebrate
Virginia. 5:30 p.m. McLean
Community Center, 1234 Ingleside
Ave., McLean. The group will discuss
event plans for commemorating the
Civil War and the War of 1812. 703-
356-8223.
Water Exercise Classes for
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Center, 3200 Jermantown Road,
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273-6090 or
anne.chase@fairfaxva.gov.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 28

Public Hearing on Programs. 7:30
p.m. McLean Community Center,
1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. MCC’s
Governing Board would like residents
of Dranesville Small District 1A to
come to the meeting and share their
thoughts on Center programs and
services. 703-790-0123, TTY 711 or
ellen.barial@fairfaxcounty.gov.

THURSDAY/MARCH 29

ESL, Citizenship, and Computer
Class Registration. 7 p.m. St.
Mark Christian Formation Center,
9972 Vale Road, Vienna. All
students must be registered and
tested. Classes begin Tuesday,
April 10 and meet Tuesday and
Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. Basic
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Spanish, contact 703-300-3936 or
st.mark.esl@gmail.com. For
Korean, contact 703-994-8510.

SATURDAY/MARCH 31

Faith and Public Policy
Breakfast. 8:30 a.m. Lewinsville
Presbyterian Church, 1724 Chain
Bridge Road, McLean. “1% and
99% and all the Numbers in
Between: Trends in US Income
Inequality and Why We Should be
Concerned,” with Adam
Wasserman of the Social Justice
Network of the Unitarian
Universalist Congregation of
Fairfax. 703-356-7200, 703-534-
9729 or pechurch@yahoo.com.

SUNDAY/APRIL 1

Gospel music for atheists. 12:45
p.m. Fairfax Unitarian Church,
2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton.
With Stephen Baird and The
Galapagos Mountain Boys.

SPORTS

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Exciting All-Star Afternoon

Concorde/Patriot All-Stars beat the Liberty/National team 109-108 in overtime.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Bryant Fultz wasn't among the top performers in the dunk contest during NVABBC all-star festivities on March 17, but the West Potomac senior made his mark during the main event.

Fultz threw down a fourth-quarter alley-oop dunk from fellow Wolverine Randall Brobbey, scored a team-high 15 points and earned game MVP honors as the Concorde/Patriot All-Stars defeated the Liberty/National team 109-108 in overtime at Wakefield High School. The all-star game featured some of the top players from the Northern Region, and matched a team composed of athletes from the Concorde and Patriot districts against players from the Liberty and National districts.

"With the dunk contest, it was really hard because I'm not really a trick dunker," Fultz said. "I'm more of a go-up-and-do-it kind of guy."

Fultz made up for any lack of flair in his dunk-contest performance. With the Concorde/Patriot squad leading by four late in regulation, Brobbey threw an alley-oop pass off the backboard, which Fultz slammed home for a 99-93 advantage.

"In practice," Fultz said, "we do it all the time for fun."

After the 3-point shootout, South County's Oren Burks held off Lake Braddock's Tyler Snow to win the dunk contest. Jumping over a human prop became the unofficial theme of the event. T.C. Williams' T.J. Huggins was one of the first to attempt the maneuver, leaping over fellow Titan Jordan Byrd, who stands 6 feet.

"It was his idea at the last minute," Byrd said. "I was just supposed to throw the [alley-oop]. He missed it a couple times and then at that time he just changed it and said, 'Can I dunk over you?' I said, 'Go ahead, I'll give it a try, but you better not hurt me.'"

THE ALL-STAR GAME provided an exciting end to the afternoon. The Liberty/National team overcame an 11-point second-half deficit to force overtime and held a one-point lead late in the extra period. But after allowing the go-ahead bucket to Hayfield's Nate McShay of the Liberty/National team, Huggins, the region Player of the Year, drove to the rim and scored the game-winner for the Concorde/Patriot team.

The Concorde/Patriot All-Stars, led by Woodson head coach Doug Craig, featured a balanced scoring attack. South County's Marquice Johnson and Westfield's Quentin Basil each scored 11 points, and Lake Braddock's Snow had 10. Centreville's Evan Fuller and Robinson's Robert Pillow each tallied nine points, while Huggins added eight.

Johnson, a rebounding force for the Stallions, said it took some time to settle into a rhythm while playing with athletes from other schools, but the teams eventually found a groove. He also said there was a relaxed approach in terms of competition, but that didn't stop hip from hustling.

Chantilly's Brady Caslavka (7 points), Robinson's Tristian Crenshaw (7), T.C. Williams' Byrd (6), Centreville's Robert Coker (5) and Lake Braddock's Brendan McHale (2) also competed for the



South Lakes' JD Wallace scored 15 points for the Liberty/National All-Stars.

Concorde/Patriot team.

Edison head coach Terry Henderson led the Liberty/National All-Stars. Henderson received a good-natured ribbing for calling a timeout in the closing seconds of the first half to design a play for Langley's Daniel Dixon. The play worked, as Dixon buried a 25-foot 3-pointer at the buzzer to give his team a 49-48 halftime lead.

"It's fun. You get some talent you don't normally have," Henderson said. "It's kind of like coaching at a private school or something. You've got your shooters, you've got big men [and] you've got ball handlers. I was like a kid in a candy store; I didn't know what to do and what to call."

Dixon, who also had the ball in his hands near the end of regulation and overtime, said he enjoyed having opportunities during crunch time.

The play prior to halftime "was drawn up to get me the ball, but probably in a different spot than near half-court," Dixon said. "But I just pulled it from there."

Hayfield's McShay led the Liberty/National team with 20 points. Dixon scored 17 points, South Lakes' J.D. Wallace finished with 15 and McLean's Gordon Rogo added 11.

Edison's Tyrone Mackall (9), Wakefield's Justin Glenn (8) and Corey Aldrich (5), McLean's Sango Amolo (7) and Thomas Van Wazer (6), South Lakes' Jordan Francis (4), Langley's Joey Robinson (4) and Marshall's Latrell Watkins (2) also competed.

Wakefield head coach Tony Bentley hosted the festivities for the third consecutive year. He said the all-star game was the best it has been and he enjoyed watching his players — Glenn and Aldrich — participate.

Game Reports Wanted

Coaches, team managers/parents - Please send high school team game results to sports editor Rich Sanders at richsand8@aol.com, or contact him on twitter at richsand8. In game reports, please include date and place of game, game highlights, team win-loss record, and any other newsworthy items. Photos are also accepted.



The Great Falls Everton Blue under-11 boys' soccer team captured the championship at the recent Arlington Cup showcase event. Top row, left to right: Craig Scott, John Greenhalgh, Shane McPartland, Alex Marinescu, Justin Duenkel, and Olufemi Adu. Bottom row: Wiley Simonds, Rohan Chaturvedula, Jonathan Merrill, Alex Robles, Joseph Mejia, Jack Van Volkenburg, Adrien Cushing.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

The Great Falls Everton Blue U11 Boys competed in both the Arlington Cup and nationally ranked Jefferson Cup (Richmond) the first two weekends in March. From March 3-4, Everton competed in the Arlington Cup and swept the competition, bringing home the Championship Cup to Great Falls. The following weekend, Everton traveled to Richmond to compete in the nationally ranked Jefferson Cup. There, they faced stiff competition and defeated their first three opponents to make it to the championship again. However, they lost 3-1 to a strong YMS Wolves team from Pennsylvania. Nonetheless, Everton did an outstanding job and made the parents and the Great Falls Soccer Club proud.

The Langley High girls' varsity softball team started their 2012 spring season with a home game versus the Robinson Secondary Rams on March 16. The Saxons had a strong game at the plate on way to a 16-4 victory.

Langley set the non-district game's tone by getting three home runs in each of the first three innings - a two-run homer by senior Julia Weeks in the first inning; a solo shot by junior Ashley Panetta, the first homer of her Langley career, in the second inning; and a two-run blast by sophomore Emily Templin, also her first career four-bagger, in the third inning.

Saxon singles in the win came from freshman Melanie Dronfield, freshman Carina Sturm, freshman Maggie Natal, sophomore Kaitryn Evans and senior Hope Albers. Senior Lauren Mensing and junior Ashley Panetta both hit doubles.

Langley's defense played a solid game behind freshman pitcher Haley Falkenberry, who made her high school debut on the mound. Falkenberry worked two strong innings before senior Jenna came in and pitched well the remainder of the game.

Great play in the outfield came from center fielder Carina Strum and right fielder Lauren Mensing, who both made stellar gems. The Saxons' infield was well managed by second baseman Kaitryn Evans, shortstop Maggie Natal and first baseman Emily Templin.

However, the play of the night was the calm, cool reaction of third baseman Julia Weeks, who stopped a mad grounder without a flinch before throwing the ball to first for the put-out tag.

Langley, in all, collected 16 hits. The game was halted in the middle of the fifth inning.

Langley was scheduled to travel to Marshall for a Liberty District game on Tuesday, March 20 of this week. This Friday night at 6:30, the Saxons will host district opponent Fairfax.

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“Here, There And Everywhere”



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

The Beatles sang it on their “Revolver” album back in the mid 60s. My wife and I danced to it in the late 70s when we selected it as “first song as husband and wife” – in 1978. And recently we felt it, three years after my stage IV lung cancer diagnosis, as our reaction/assessment to the many similarly diagnosed individuals who’ve shared their lung cancer stories with us. Who knew? All of a sudden – or so it seems, people with whom we thought we had little in common – and even less of a connection, have selflessly offered up their lung cancer experiences, journeys, associations, etc. One-hundred, sixty-thousand deaths per year attributed to lung cancer, the leading cause of cancer-related deaths in this country – by far, is reason enough for what initially seemed like a random coincidence but now feels more like an inevitability. Apparently, where there are overwhelming numbers, so too is there an overwhelming capacity for empathy and understanding.

Any lung cancer story I hear is more evidence and reinforcement to boost my own survival. Not that any experiences of what other cancer patients have endured/survived is necessarily related to my survival, still; it beats the alternative, as I like to say. Living is its own reward and surviving lung cancer is exponentially more rewarding than anything else I do. It’s the first thing I think of when I wake in the morning and the last thing I think before I fall asleep at night. And on those many nights when I’m unable to fall asleep, or sleep soundly – or enough, you can be sure the culprit is cancer. Certainly, I have physical challenges related to my diagnosis, but mostly the problem I face is mental: how do you not obsess on the thing that is most likely killing you and one for which you have minimal control or defense? My solution, or rather an attempt at a solution: I try to compartmentalize – and/or pretend, but cancer is insidious and tricky: an enemy of the people if there ever was one.

More specifically, trying to make the best of a bad situation is what I do best. When you’re characterized as “terminal” at age 54 and a half – not even three months after you buried your widowed mother at age 86 – of a disease for which there was no immediate-family history, combined with the fact that you were a lifelong non-smoker (85 percent of lung cancer patients have been smokers), the breaks don’t exactly feel as if they’re going your way. Nevertheless, dwelling on that fact or feeling sorry for myself or “woeing” is me is not reflective of the positive mental attitude that my parents instilled in me. I saw how they lived their lives and more importantly, I observed their dignity and perseverance when their health deteriorated. Somehow, they never made it about them, it was more about others.

Likewise, as I regularly receive communications from and occasionally meet other cancer survivors, I only hope that I am doing for them what they are doing for me. A cancer diagnosis was not exactly what I had anticipated hearing from my Internal Medicine doctor three years ago when he made “the call” to me. However, now that I’ve lived the cancer life for three-plus years and met the people I have and read the many stories sent to me, I feel privileged to be part of such a brave and courageous group. Thanks for reaching out to us. Because of you, we’ve never felt alone.

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TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$20,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 5.125 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

Any defaulting purchaser shall forfeit the deposit and stand the risk and cost of resale.

Sale shall be made subject to all existing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the real estate. Sale is further subject to mechanic's and/or materialman's liens of record and not of record. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, covenants, restrictions, rights of redemption of federal lienholders or encumbrances, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any.

In the event the undersigned trustee is unable to convey to the purchaser good title, then purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy shall be in the refund of the deposit paid at the time of sale.

The subject property and all improvements thereon will be sold in "as is" condition without warranty of any kind. Purchaser shall be responsible for any and all building and/or zoning code violations whether of record or not of record, as well as for all unpaid and enforceable homeowners' or condominium owners' association dues and assessments, if any. Purchaser also shall be responsible for obtaining possession of the property at his/her expense. Purchaser shall assume the risk of loss and shall be responsible for any damage, vandalism, theft, destruction, or the like, of or to the property occurring after the time of sale. Conveyance will be by special warranty deed. Conveyancing, recording, transfer taxes, notary fees, examination of title, state stamps, and all other costs of conveyance are to be at the expense of purchaser. State and local taxes, public charges, and special or regular assessments, if any, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter shall be assumed by the purchaser.

The undersigned trustee unconditionally reserves the right: (i) to waive the deposit requirement; (ii) to approve or disapprove the creditworthiness of any bidder and/or purchaser; (iii) to withdraw the property from sale at any time prior to termination of the bidding; (iv) to extend the time for bidding; (v) to reject any or all bids; (vi) to postpone or set over the date or time of sale; and (vii) to extend the period of time for settlement hereunder.

Additional terms and conditions of sale may be announced at the time of sale.
DAVID N. PRENSKY
Substitute Trustee

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS DIVISION OF ST. THOMAS AND ST. JOHN

VIRGIN GRAND VILLAS – ST. JOHN
CONDOMINIUM OWNERS
ASSOCIATION,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CRYSTAL A. DENUNZIO,

Defendant.

ST – 11 – CV - 544

**ACTION FOR DEBT
FORECLOSURE OF
LIEN AND BREACH OF
CONTRACT**

SUMMONS

To: **CRYSTAL A. DENUNZIO**
6820 McLean Street
McLean, Virginia 22101

Within the time limited by law (see note below) you are hereby required to appear before this Court and answer to a complaint filed against you in this action and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment by default will be taken against you as demanded in the Complaint, for

DEBT, FORECLOSURE OF LIEN AND BREACH OF CONTRACT.
Witness my hand and the Seal of this Court this 16th day of February, 2012.

HON. MICHAEL C. DUNSTON
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

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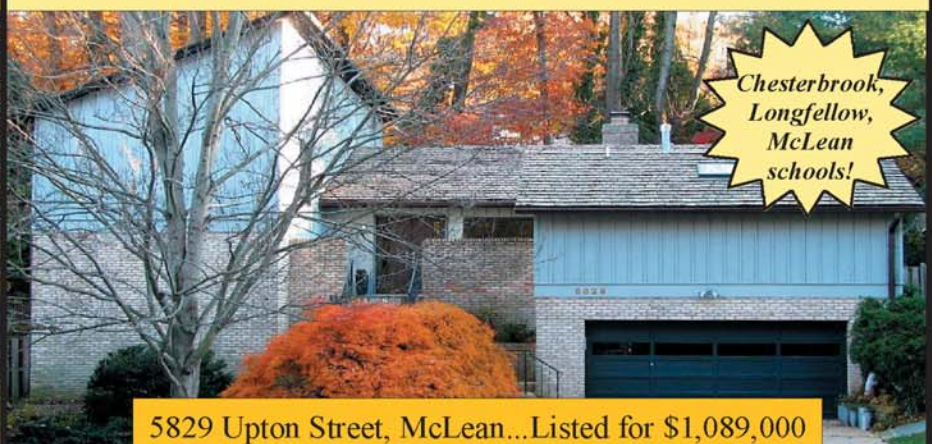


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