From left, Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations President Tania Hossain, presents Walter Alcorn of the Fairfax County Planning Commission, with the Citizen of the Year Award, along his wife Kristina and daughter Delia, on Sunday, March 25.

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Jim Hyland, on the Vienna BoD for the Boys and Girls Club, helps Sheri **Bolouri of Great Falls.**



Bargain hunters raced through the Ritz Carlton ballroom searching for deals

The World's Fanciest Rummage Sale

Ritz Carlton draws a crowd to support local charity and bargain hunt.

By Meredith Billman-Mani The Connection

hoppers queued up early outside the Ritz Carlton ballroom in McLean on Sunday in the hope of finding the ultimate bargain. Men, woman and children rushed into the ballroom to sift through the clothing and household items being billed as "The World's Fanciest Rummage Sale." As advertised, there were low prices on high end goods throughout the elegant ballroom.

"Oh my God, I can't believe it! This is mine! Yea," exclaimed Reston shopper Anne Severn as she clutched a \$50 wedding dress she hopes to wear in September when she weds her longtime boyfriend.

Steals and deals were the theme of the day at the second annual rummage sale. The sale is hosted by The Ritz Carlton to benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington.

" I am mega impressed with this," said Pandit Wright, the President and CEO, of the Boys and Girls Club of Great Washington. "This is a huge joint effort and an amazing effort of the Fairfax County board."

According to Wright, the funds raised from the sale - last year the sale raised \$20,000 - will go directly to the local clubs. "The money goes straight into programs like sending a kid to camp. It really creates new opportunities for these kids," Wright said.

The tables of designer clothing and rows of sporting goods are gone in a few hours but it takes four to five months for the items 2 & McLean Connection & March 28 - April 3, 2012



Sydney Parker of Herndon enjoyed the toy and children's selection.

to be collected and prepared for the sale. Helen Kruger, the director of Meetings

and Special Events for The Ritz Carlton, is the driving force behind the sale. When she joined the board of directors for the Boys and Girls club of the Fairfax County Region less than two years ago, she knew it was

a community organization she wanted to devote herself to.

"We created this event as an anchor activity. This is an outlet for our ladies and gentleman at The Ritz Carlton to get involved in the community," said Kruger.

High-end items, such as clothing, sporting equipment and furniture, are donated from private citizens to the event. Many of



Bargain hunters in training had as much fun as adults at the rummage sale.

the Ritz clients and vendors also donate goods and services to ensure the event lives

During the rummage sale, The Palm Restaurant was giving out free lobster salad, DJs were on hand to keep the music flowing, free sodas and coffee and nibbles - Stephanie Parker were available to shoppers at no additional charge.

Sydney Parker, of Herndon, came with her mom to the sale. "This is pretty cool. I like that there is stuff here that I can get myself, with my money. There's actually a lot of stuff here. I haven't seen everything yet," the young Parker said.

Her mother, Stephanie Parker, said, "This is a really great fundraising idea. It was like a really fun garage sale. Only, it's not like any garage sale I've ever been to. There were Prada shoes and fur coats; you don't normally see that at your typical garage sale."

Kruger knows how important it is to have quality items at the rummage sale and says the people who donate the goods give generously as a way of giving back to the community that has been so good to them.

"For people who live in Fairfax County, people conveniently forget, because the incomes are so high, that there are people here in need. There are kids next door in the middle of gangland. Here at The Ritz we are surrounded by Fendi and Gucci and it's easy to forget there is a real need in our neighborhood. This is all about us, our employees and vendors, getting involved to do something locally. We know we will have a positive impact on at least one kid," said Kruger.

DOING GOOD can taste good, too. Shari Bolouri from Great Falls had as much fun evaluating the selection of donated wine as she did going through the clothing racks. "This is really fun. There are so many people here. It's really exciting," said Bolouri.

Roger Grillo, of McLean, wasn't really thrilled about coming to the sale with his wife until he found a set of Calloway golf clubs in the bag for \$25. "I wasn't looking for anything and I guess I don't really need these but at this price, it wouldn't have been right to pass them up," said Grillo.

Kruger applauded that attitude. "If everybody does a little we can change a lot," Kruger said.

Anything not sold during the rummage sale is set aside for the kids at The Boys and Girls Club who will hold their own rummage sale later in the year. Kruger is already planning how to make the event bigger and better next year.

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up to its name. "It's not like any garage sale I've ever been to."

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First Responders Recognized

34th Annual Valor Awards presented to police officers, firefighters.

> BY ALEX MCVEIGH The Connection

he Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce recognized 108 of the county's first responders Wednesday, March 21 at the 24th annual Valor Awards. Members of the Fairfax County Police Department, Sheriff's Office, Fire and Rescue Department, as well as from the Towns of Herndon and Vienna, were given awards.

Thirty-five responders were given bronze or silver Medals of Valor, whose children will receive postsecondary education scholarships from the Valor Scholarship Fund, a 501(c)3 foundation. To date, more than \$250,000 in scholarships have been awarded.

EIGHTEEN FIRE AND RESCUE PERSONNEL

were given awards for their efforts during the Sept. 8, 2011 floods. Firefighters in Great Falls, Reston and Alexandria saved dozens of lives that day by rescu-

ing people who were trapped by rising water, in danger of washing downstream or otherwise trapped by the severe weather conditions.

Lt. Thomas Flint and Technician Robert Pickel responded to a residence in the Huntington Avenue area that day, when they encountered two females, one who was eight months pregnant and one with a twoweek-old newborn trying to evacuate their neighborhood.

During the rescue, Flint and the two females were washed away by a sudden surge of water when Flint grabbed a street sign and grabbed the other two females before they were swept away.

Meanwhile, Pickel placed the baby in a car seat and got it to safety. The five individuals were able to take shelter in a nearby residence, where they were rescued by boat an hour later.

"I remember the day of the floods, I was miserable because I was stuck on Leesburg Pike, and all I wanted to do was get under a roof and stay dry," said Gary Wiseman, one of the guests at the ceremony. "To think these brave men and women were out there saving lives at incredible danger to themselves leaves me in awe. They deserve every single accolade we can give them, and a whole lot more."

Almost a dozen others were saved during that day, with rescuers wading through swiftly moving water and getting flotation devices to trapped passengers with unsure footing and often without the aid of ropes or shoreline support.

Capt. Ron Novak, 2nd Lt. Kevin Barrington, Police Officer First Class Jessica Kane and Police Officer First Class Nathan Sloan were also awarded Silver Medals of Valor. The group responded to a vehicle fire at 2 a.m. April 5, 2011, where they found an unconscious woman inside.

Unable to get her out through the doors, Barrington broke the window and Kane used her knife to cut the seatbelt, and the four worked together through smoke and fire to take the woman 200 feet to safety, just before the car's engine compartment exploded.

Police Officers First Class Ali Sepheri and Federick Yap were also awarded silver medals for their efforts to save a suicidal woman at Great Falls National Park. The woman jumped into the water upon seeing the officers and Sepheri jumped in to rescue the woman. Yap reinforced his colleague after the woman began fighting with Sepheri, and both men were able to get her to safety, and she was able to get psychiat-

ric evaluation. "The two officers didn't seek the spotlight, or any recognition for the personal risk they took, they just took a quick shower, changed their uniforms and



Fairfax County Police Chief Col. **David Rohrer presents Police Officer First Class Philip Stone of** the Fairfax County Police Department with a Certificate of Valor Wednesday, March 21 at the 34 annual Valor Awards.

Fairfax County Police Chief Col. **David Rohrer presents Police Officer First Class Federick Yap** with a Silver Medal of Valor for his efforts rescuing a woman from the water at Great Falls National Park.

completed their shift," said Leon Harris, local television anchor and master of ceremonies for the event. "That's just the kind of men we're talking about: protecting other citizens at all costs."

THE CHAMBER also awarded 48 lifesaving awards and 25 certificates of valor during the ceremony.

"We have heard some remarkable accounts of heroism today," said Doug Brammer, chair of the Valor Scholarship Fund. "Having done this for a number of years, it just reinforces that when things are at their worst, our first responders are at their best."



Patrons at the McLean Spring Garage Sale browse over the variety of items available. This year's spring sale will take place Saturday, April 14.

Springtime in McLean

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Garage Sale, McLean Day headline Spring events.

By Alex McVeigh The Connection

his Spring, McLean will host one of its signature events, as well as a new location for its annual Spring Garage Sale. The sale, which will take place Saturday, April 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. will feature dozens of residents peddling their wares.

"My favorite thing at the garage sale is to look for CDs and records," said George Marcus of McLean. "In

this modern world, everything seems to be downloads, you can't find any form of solid media, even at places like Best Buy it seems. Call me crazy, but I don't want to lose all my music if something crashes."

There's no limit to what vendors can bring, items such as clothes, furniture, books, art, kitchenware and other artifacts often fill the space.

"There's usually an amazing amount of international culture available at these sales, with an international population and people who travel often for the government, it's sort of like a glimpse into a lot of corners of the world," said Karen Davidson of McLean.

The new location for the Spring Garage Sale is 1420 Beverly Road. Admission is free to the pub-Spring Fun lic, the cost is \$40 per parking space for vendors. More informa-

tion is available at www.mcleancenter.org/special-events/ springgaragesale.asp.

While the garage sale is headed to a new spot, the annual McLean Day festival isn't going anywhere. Held at Lewinsville Park and hosted by

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From left, Ara Tabashi, 4, Raha Golshani, 3, and Rostine Tabashi, 3, dance to the Four Star Combo during their performance at McLean Day. This year's McLean Day will take place Saturday, May 19.

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From left, Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations President Tania Hossain, Walter Alcorn of the Fairfax County Planning Commission, his wife Kristina, daughter Delia and former Board of Supervisors Chair Katherine Hanley. Alcorn was awarded the federation's Citizen of the Year award Sunday, March 25.





Alcorn Named Citizen of the Year

Planning Commissioner recognized by Federation of Citizens Associations.

> By Alex McVeigh The Connection

he Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations named their Citizen of the Year Sunday, March 25, recognizing county Planning Commissioner Walter Alcorn for more than a decade of service on the commission.

First appointed in 1996, Alcorn has served as both Parliamentarian and Vice Chairman. He also served as chair for the Tysons Corner Committee since its founding in 2008.

"The future of Northern Virginia depends on whether we get [Tysons Corner] right. The commercial base is here, the tax base is here," said Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11). "There are legitimate concerns in neighboring Vienna and McLean, particularly in the surrounding neighborhoods. But Walter made sure all those concerns were respected and heard."

Former Board of Supervisors Chair Katherine Hanley called Alcorn's work vital to the county.

"He has done a wonderful job of being part of this community, and being sure he ensures the future of that community," she said. "We need people like Walter to bring us together and move us forward."

Alcorn received the trophy with his wife Kristina and daughter Delia by his side. Exhibiting the humbleness that many officials praised him for, he credited the team around him.

"This is a team effort. Nobody does this alone," he said. "Perhaps the most important thing we do on the Planning Commission is work to create a sense of community. It means more than just a shared interest, it means a place where people meet and there's interaction. It be virtual or face-to-face, it's where people live, work and play and where people raise children, go to work...we're in the business of making communities happen."

THE FEDERATION also recognized Ellie Ashford, Corazon Sandoval Foley and Terry Maynard with citations of merit for their work planning the community around them.

Ashford created the Annandale Blog three years ago, and it has since become a go-to source for news about not only Annandale, but the Mason District.

"She has guts, perseverance and stamina to cover the good, the bad and the ugly of the Mason District," said Mollie Loeffler, who nominated Ashford.



From left, Del. David Bulova (D-37) and Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chair Sharon Bulova present Suzanne Harsel with s Special Gratitude Award from the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations due to her almost three decades of service on the Fairfax County Planning Commission.

"She helped create a dialogue that is very much needed."

Ashford said she wasn't sure what to expect when starting the blog, but that she has gained a greater understanding of the area around her, as well as county processes.

"When I started the Annandale Blog, I had no idea I'd still be doing it now," she said. "Having this recognition now really inspires me to continue.

Foley was recognized for founding the Burke-West Springfield Senior Center Without Walls, which provides affordable activities for more than 450 local seniors. A public-private partnership, the center receives donations and contributions from many local businesses and is staffed by more than 30 volunteers.

"She is a force of nature. There is nothing Cora can't do," said Linda Byrne, who presented Foley with

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her award.

Foley said she decided to get involved after her retirement, when she found out the Springfield District was the only one without a senior center.

"This meant that seniors were forced to drive to other districts to be part of affordable fitness programs," she said. "The center without walls has provided fitness programs equaling or better than programs in a traditional senior center, at a cost of some 10 percent of the average cost of a traditional senior center."

Maynard currently serves on the board of directors of the Reston Citizens Association, and is a former co-chair of their Reston 2020 Committee. He has authored numerous papers from Reston 2020, and maintains their blog, which discusses development issues.

"He has used his native ability and 30 years of experience as an analyst for the CIA to the direct benefit of Reston," said Tammie Petrine, co-chair of Reston 2020. "Terry's responses to questions and problems are organized, assertive but not off-putting and all of his comments and answers are always followed up by rational logic."

Maynard dedicated his award to his fellow association members.

"This award is for the people of Reston 2020 and the Reston Citizens Association, who have made quality of life in Reston the driving issue of this decade,"



Terry Maynard of the Reston Citizens Association is awarded a Citation of Merit from the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations Sunday, March 25.

he said. "It's not about any one particular thing we're looking for, it's about the whole community."

The federation also handed out a special gratitude award to Suzanne Harsel, who served 29 years on the Planning Commission, the longest ever recorded span of continuous service on the commission.

Board of Supervisors Chair Sharon Bulova called Harsel "the constant in my political life" and credited her with many of the changes that happened in the Braddock District when she was supervisor there. Del. David Bulova (D-37) echoed his mother's sentiments.

"All you have to do is drive around Braddock District to understand the good work and impact she has had," he said. "You could drive around the entire county and see it."

MORE INFORMATION on the Federation of Citizens Associations can be found at www.fairfaxfederation.org.









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Fairfax County Public Schools: Go Inside the Classroom with Teachers

Coming in April: Visual and Performing Arts

When was the last time you visited a classroom? You may remember the desks, the chalkboard, or even the heavy copy of the dictionary sitting on top of the bookshelf.

Today's classrooms are dynamic and interactive settings where students learn from teachers who use a wide variety of resources and tools in the classroom to engage and empower students. Whether they are creating unique lesson plans or

This Just In:

Michelle Henry, health specialist and physical education teacher at Liberty Middle School, has been named the National K-12 Health Teacher of the Year by the American Association for Health Education.

inviting professionals into the classroom to share their experience with students, teachers provide opportunities for students to be curious and stimulate thoughts and ideas.

Sometimes the art of teaching requires the use of unique methods

to engage students. Jeff Lonnett, an art resource teacher at Mosby Woods Elementary School, is doing just that. Mosby Woods in Fairfax is one of 16 schools in the Washington, D.C., area that partners with the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts as part of its Changing Education Through the Arts (CETA) program.

Through CETA, Lonnett works with teachers throughout the school to help them develop knowledge and skills to integrate the arts into other subjects such as history, math, language arts, and science.

"Our sixth graders recently completed a unit on the Revolutionary War and were asked to design propaganda posters promoting a real political position of the Revolutionary War," explained Lonnett.

"Art highlights the importance of learning at every opportunity," said Lonnett. "You can probably get through life without being an artist, but art teaches storytelling, problem solving, and creative thinking that you need for so many other things in life."

Students Engaged Through Technology

It may sound like something from a James Bond movie, but the Smart Pen is a teaching tool that is helping students of all ages.

The Smart Pen contains a computer that can capture handwriting and simultaneously record audio. The user taps a specially made sticker placed in a Smart Pen notebook to record the writing and audio.

"My students are extremely excited and motivated when they use the Smart Pen," said Courtney Taylor, a kindergarten teacher at Parklawn Elementary School.

Taylor has multiple uses for the Smart Pen in her classroom.



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Teaching students the skills they need to lead responsible, fulfilling, and respectful lives is one student achievement goal in Fairfax County Public Schools. Tom Harlow works with more than 50 physically disabled students from around the county to help them develop the resilience and self-confidence required to deal effectively with life's challenges. He's the adapted physical education teacher at Falls Church High School.

Harlow started a program to bring general education students into the adapted PE classes to work with his students. It is called the Peer Teaching Program.

"At the beginning of the year, I have my students introduce themselves in front of the whole class and talk about what they can do," said Harlow. "Self-advocacy is an important skill

and it makes them more



The peer teachers get to know the other students helping by them participate in activities such as fishing, kite flying, in-line skating, archery, and much more.

"It's a win-win situation," said Harlow. "The students who serve as peer teachers come in to help, but by the time the class is finished, they have learned a lot about each other, especially about the ability of the other students. The physically disabled students enjoy working with their peers and have a lot of fun.

Every year, more and more students ask to be a part of the Peer Teaching Program.

down walls that should never be there," said Harlow

Knocking down walls on the other side of the county is Linda Martin, a resource teacher for the advanced academic program at Dogwood Elementary School in Reston. She is passionate about fostering interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM)

"Children are naturally curious and should be given simulated opportunities to innovate, create, and resolve unique problems," said Martin. "That's what we try to do through our clubs, camp, and classes."

Martin sponsors the Girls Excelling in Math and Science (GEMS) club at Dogwood and organizes the GEMS conferences annually.

"I believe very strongly in bringing professionals into the classroom to give us authentic experiences. Our students need to meet people in the field who are doing these things now. Suddenly their work is elevated. It has purpose, relevance, and there is a vision that starts to take shape in their minds.

"I never forget that this is their childhood and I am their teacher and I am creating indelible memories for them. I don't want them to just learn and remember things. I want their learning to be unforgettable."

"Recently each student wrote a report about polar animals and recorded

themselves reading what they wrote," said Taylor. "Now any student can pick

and listen to their classmates read their reports. It is a technology that fosters

Taylor also records herself reading stories so her students can use free

"The pens are very user friendly and my students love using them. They

up the reports, use a Smart Pen to tap on the special dot in the notebook

time to listen to a story on the Smart Pen and follow along in the book

are even generating their own ideas on how we can use them!"

independence and engagement."



Getting To Know Us School-Based Technology Specialist **Patrick Ledesma**

"These are exciting times to be a teacher," says Patrick Ledesma, schoolbased technology specialist and special education department chair at Holmes Middle School in Alexandria.

The greatest fulfillment as a teacher is helping students learn. The wide availability of technology tools today, when combined with effective teaching practices, provides almost unlimited ways to inspire students."

Whether students use mobile computing devices such as netbooks. tablets, and iPads in the

re than 10,000 (70 percent) of FCPS teachers have master's degrees and more than 370 FCPS teachers are certified by the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards, the highest credential a teacher can earn.

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classroom or teachers use interactive whiteboards and classroom response systems, Ledesma says it will be the technology advances promoting more equitable student access to technology, rather than a specific brand or device, that will allow us to "inspire, enable, and empower all students to meet high academic standards, lead ethical lives, and demonstrate responsible citizenship," which are FCPS student achievement goals.

Ledesma says it is critical for students to be able to use technology to prepare for careers.

"Technology is seamlessly integrated into many job procedures and responsibilities today. Walk around any workplace or office, technology is evident somewhere in the background. To prepare students to use technology, we must continue to give students as many opportunities as possible to use technology in the learning process." he said.

"More importantly, we must focus on empowering students to be successful in applying higher level thinking skills. The more students are successful in activities that promote these skills, the more prepared they will be to use any technology available to them in the future."

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"The Peer Teaching Program helps knock

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the McLean Community Center, the event features rides, vendors and live performances on the McLean Day Stage.

"It's like summer festival, except it's in May, so it's not 100 degrees, which is probably my favorite part about it," said Taylor Paul of McLean. "We like to take the kids.

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rides and the food, and it's sort of like the Forth of July except, wait, we've still got the entire summer in front of us." Local nonprofits will set up

and they get fired up about the

booths to educate the public on their mission, many with interactive displays. son to the rides, he was so caught 19.

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up with some of the art activities, and trying out the instruments at the McLean Orchestra booth," said Lars Buchanan of McLean. "I used to be worried about him getting bored, now we barely have enough time to make a single lap around the festival."

McLean Day will be held from "Last year, I could barely get my 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May

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OPINION Interrupting Harassment and Bullying

Empowering bystanders to intervene, students to set boundaries.

ith a controversial and much discussed new movie, "Bully," coming out this week, local school districts continue to wrestle with the issue of bullying in the schools. And while school officials are still looking at "cyber-bullying" as novel and separate phenomena, it's fair to say that for students, there is little distinction between the teasing, harass-

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ment and worse that happens on school grounds and the school bus and the nastiness, rumors and character assassina-

tion that takes place online. The combined effect, including the graphic, lasting, visceral attacks that are possible online, can make school literally unbearable for some, and more than unpleasant for others.

As adults, we can only be thankful that we escaped this environment before the advent of cell phone cameras and videos, instant posting to websites and other technological "advances." (I have long believed that middle school, by its very existence, is unconstitutionally cruel and unusual punishment.)

Fairfax County undertakes an annual survey of all students in grades 8, 10 and 12 that gives insight into the lives of teens.

More than 30 percent of Fairfax County students recently surveyed reported being depressed in the past year.

This is probably not unrelated to the fact that 56 percent of students surveyed reported being bullied while 43 percent admitted to bullying others. This is consistent with findings from other areas, with 8th grade as a bullying "hot-spot." In Fairfax County, 62 percent of 8th graders said they had been bullied and 55 percent admitted to bullying others. Of course there is some overlap in the two groups.

"We've seen that over 40 percent of the students who say they have been bullied have themselves bullied someone," Mary Ann Panarelli, director of Fairfax County Public School's Intervention and Prevention Services department told Connection reporter Alex McVeigh. "It's not a matter of punishing it out of the system, it's a matter of enacting a culture change." In seeking that culture change, much of the outreach is dedicated to the bystander, the person witnessing someone being bullied, and their ability to make the bullying behavior less acceptable.

Students who witness bullying can say to the perpetrator: "Why would you say something like that? Why would you do that?"

Panarelli added: "Things like going up to the victim after, saying 'I saw what happened, and don't agree with it,' helps that victim from feeling isolated."

It's the sort of lesson that can start very young. We can learn to say: "This is not right," even in the face of fierce peer pressure. This ability to set boundaries which can begin in preschool will serve our children well later in life when they are resisting being a passenger in a car driven by someone who has been drinking or refusing to participate in rumors and ostracizing.

This starts with learning empathy, to care for animals, people and things who vulnerable and face challenges.

> — Mary Kimm, mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com, on Twitter @marykimm

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It's Discrimination and It's Wrong

To the Editor:

The League of Women Voters was born more than 90 years ago from the long fight to get women the right to vote. Since 1992, when League members studied health care policy, we have worked to ensure access to quality health care for all. The League also has a strong commitment and belief that public policy in a diverse society must affirm the right of all individuals to make their own reproductive choices.

That's why the League is so deeply concerned about recent proposals that would allow employers and health plans to block contraceptive services and discriminate against women.

By a narrow margin, the U.S. Senate recently defeated an amendment that would limit access to contraception for women if any employer or insurance plan has an undefined "religious or moral objection" to it. A couple's decision about whether and how to limit the size of their family is a personal one and theirs alone to make. Giving employers the authority to limit available options is an inappropriate intrusion into the private lives of their employees.

We understand that not everyone agrees with the League on this subject. But we strongly believe that

public institutions, including schools and hospitals that receive substantial federal assistance, should not limit the health care choices available to their employees. While no organization should be forced to violate its religious principles, institutions that serve the public at large should show the same respect for their employees' differing beliefs that they demand the community show for their own principles.

The League of Women Voters believes that all persons, regardless of gender, should be eligible for preventive health services. Allowing employers to exclude contraceptive services is discrimination based on sex, and it's wrong.

Jane E. George Julia Jones

Co-Presidents League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area

General Assembly More Productive Than Reported

To the Editor:

If one reads the national and local newspapers, one would have the impression that the General Assembly in Richmond devoted its entire legislative session to debating vaginal sonograms. In reality, over 1600 bills were passed by both the House of Delegates and

great deal to promote jobs and the economy in Virginia. For example, just looking at Delegate Comstock's record, three bills she introduced and championed passed unanimously or overwhelmingly in both the House and the Senate: a tax exemption for business data centers and extensions of the capital gains exemption for new tech investments and the telework tax credit (that Comstock introduced and passed last year). These bills will encourage the continued growth of Virginia's technology sector and its data center industry in particular that bring in millions of dollars of revenue. The telework tax credit bill promotes more flexible work situations for working Moms and Dads. Comstock also introduced her Fair and Open Competition in Government Contracting Act that would ensure that the 96 percent of Virginia's workforce that is nonunion has a level playing field in competing for contracts against out-of-state unions while giving the taxpayer more bang for the infrastructure buck. It is important that the public hear about these accomplishments and not be incorrectly left with the impression that the primary focus of the Assembly, or the Republican-controlled House of Delegates, was on social issues.

the Senate and the session did a

Anne Gruner McLean

More In-state Opportunities To the Editor:

Virginia has the best schools in the country. Regrettably the admissions process at schools like Virginia Tech, James Madison University, or University of Virginia have become so competitive for in-state students that these top tier schools seem unattainable. As students, we want to earn a phenomenal education from these well renowned schools in order to succeed in the Virginia workforce. To get to where we need to go to be successful, we need degrees from schools like University of Virginia. When we are forced to go to private colleges or out of state universities instead, the costs to obtain our degrees can double or even triple what an instate college would cost.

Barbara Comstock is in favor of helping us obtain these goals; she is cosponsoring House Bill 1083, More In-State Students in our Virginia Schools. It is exciting to hear that Delegate Comstock is working hard to ensure Virginians succeed in the working world. By attending these institutions we will be able to stay close to home thus ensuring that the Virginia workforce will benefit from these highly educated students.

> **Macy Anderson** Senior at Langley High School McLean



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WEEK IN MCLEAN Call for Nominations

he McLean Citizens Association (MCA) and the McLean Community Foundation (MCF) are now soliciting nominations from residents of McLean for the governing Boards of both organizations. The MCA Board of Directors consists of forty members, serving for oneyear terms. The MCF Board of Trustees consists of nine individuals serving staggered three-year terms, three of which will be elected this year. Election of members of both boards will be conducted at the MCA Annual Meeting in May 2012 at the McLean Community Center.

Applications must be submitted before April 11 to MCA/MCF, PO Box 273, McLean, VA 22101. For information and nomination forms, go to the websites, www.mcleancitizens.org, or w w w.mcleancitizens.org, or w w w.mcleancitizens.org, or w w w.mcleancitizens.org, or mit te a n c o m m u n i t y foundation.org, or contact the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Jim Robertson, jrobertson1958@yahoo.com.





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Hurtful Exchanges

VIEWPOINTS

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

♦ Do you think cyber bullying is more damaging than regular bullying? Does the fact that it's online make it more hurtful or easier to ignore? Have you or your friends experienced cyber bullying: What was it and what was your response?



Anna Fahlberg, Grade: 12, Langley High School

"You can't erase cyber bullying, and it's more hurtful because you see it over and over again. It's easy to ignore if it's a private message, but it becomes worse than regular bullying if it's posted for the whole world to see."

Area high school

students discuss

cyber bullying.

"I've definitely seen people posting sly statuses on Facebook that are clearly directed at certain people. It's definitely not acceptable, but I ... scrolled past it."

> Cody Jones, Grade: 11, Langley High School

"Cyber bulling is worse, because you can say meaner things. It's easier to say something rude online than face-to-face. It's harder to ignore since it's much easier to access."

"There were a few cases I heard about, kids making fun of each other and ganging up on groups of five or more kids. I was never involved in any of it, though."





Thomas Blazon,

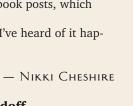
Grade: 10, Langley High School "Cyber bullying is on the Internet, so everyone can see that. Physical bullying can be kept secret. It's more cowardly to cyber bully, and it's emotionally more hurtful since it's hard to know where to get help for it."

"This guy started cussing at me online a few years ago, but I just unfriended and blocked him."

> Ian Lagoe, Grade: 9, Langley High School

"Cyber bulling can be more hurtful since it's so easy to see. Everyone can see Facebook posts, which makes it worse than regular bullying.'

"I haven't seen any cyber bullying, but I've heard of it happening."





Grade: 11, Marshall High School

"I think that the fact that it's online makes it easier to ignore. With cyber bullying, it's easy to simply block or ignore what someone keeps telling you. But when someone bullies you in person, you actually know them,

which makes it hurt more. You can stop someone from sending texts or posting on your wall on Facebook, but you can't stop someone from talking."

"I've never personally experienced cyber bullying, and I don't know anyone that's experienced it either. Bullying someone in person seems to be more common than cyber bullying."

Kevin Lam, Grade: 11, Marshall High School

"I think cyber bulling is more damaging than regular bullying by a lot. The Internet is a big place that's filled with lots of people you may not know. That element of being "unknown" makes it easier for people to be bullied and be the bully. In a cyber bully's mind, in my opinion, by being unknown on the Internet would allow a cyber bully no restrictions on what the bully would have to say. As for being more hurtful or easier to ignore, it really depends on the means of receiving the cyber bullying.'



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"Yes, my friends and I have definitely experienced cyber

bullying, typically though it would really fall under the title of flame wars, which are basically comment wars between people on a topic. Usually I tend to ignore the whole situation once I feel no need to be part of it or if I don't see an out to it."

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| Female | 56.0 | 44.0 | 26.4 | 11.8 | 6.1 | 4.0 | 2.4 | 1.1 | 4.2 |
| Male | 56.4 | 43.6 | 21.8 | 9.9 | 6.2 | 4.9 | 3.3 | 1.5 | 8.7 |
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| Black | 49.8 | 50.2 | 20.4 | 9.6 | 5.5 | 4.2 | 2.3 | 1.5 | 6.3 |
| Hispanic | 51.7 | 48.3 | 24.2 | 10.5 | 5.4 | 3.5 | 2.1 | 1.0 | 5.0 |
| Asian | 55.6 | 44.4 | 25.0 | 10.2 | 5.9 | 4.2 | 2.4 | 1.2 | 6.8 |
| Other/ Multiple | 60.8 | 39.2 | 23.5 | 10.8 | 6.4 | 5.6 | 3.9 | 1.3 | 9.3 |

Notes. All percentages were calculated from valid cases (missing responses were not included). Frequency percentage may not sum to 100% due to rounding. cial categories do not include Hispanic students who are treated as a separate category in this table.

The 2010 Fairfax County Youth Survey table on the prevalence and frequency of students being bullied, taunted, ridiculed or teased by someone in the past year. Numbers are percentages.

Overall

Grade

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Female

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County Takes Aim at Bullying

By Alex McVeigh Second in a three part series.

onitoring aggressive behavducting the annual Youth Survey. While fewer than 5 percent of stu- too. Cyberbullying is defined by the survey Bruce Ferguson, commander of the county's ior." dents report gang activity or carrying a as "bullying through email, chat rooms, in- Community Resources Division. "While weapon, a majority of students have experi- stant messaging, websites or text messaging." we're a little behind, we're working hard to would report cyber bullying incidents if it enced bullying from one side or the other.

students reported "bullying, taunting, ridi- last year, with 12.5 percent saying it was are any criminal aspects to it." culing or teasing" someone in the past year. someone from their school. One third of stu-More than 8 percent said they did so 20 or more times.

of students reported being bullied, taunted, ridiculed or teased in the past year, and more than 10 percent more than 20 times.

students who say they have been bullied have themselves bullied someone," said Mary Ann Panarelli, director of Fairfax County Public School's Intervention and Prevention Services department. "So we're not talking about a clear-cut case of 'good guybad guy.' It's not a matter of punishing it out of the system, it's a matter of enacting a culture change.

Since the question is phrased to include "teasing," which isn't regarded as seriously as bullying, the county focuses more on the victims and perpetrators involved in more than 20 incidents per year.

The county currently conducts a variety of awareness programs, and is working on a system-wide bullying intervention and prevention group. Panarelli says much of the outreach is dedicated to the bystander, the person witnessing someone being bullied.

"We've found in talking to students that in the moment, there really isn't a comfortable way to identify what is happening, and try and stop it," Panarelli said. "But things like going up to the victim after, saying 'I saw what happened, and don't agree with it' helps that victim from feeling isolated."

With the emergence of social media, bully-

ALEX MCVEIGH THE CONNECTION Survey helps county create bullying outreach, cyber bullying prevention.

ior is a primary concern of ing hasn't been limited to school hours. With

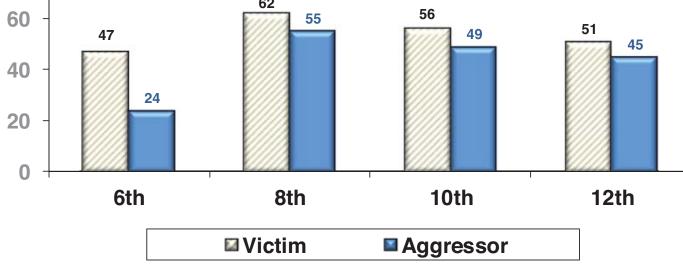
According to the survey, 49.4 percent of dents said they were cyberbullied over the is being bullied, and to find out if there "really hurt" by cyber bullying.

it becomes harassment or worse, that's volved

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"We've seen that over 40 percent of the where the Fairfax County Police become in- are key if the county wants to prevent a tragedy such as the recent one at Chardon Overall, 54% of Fairfax County students reported being bullied (victim) and 43% reported bullying others (aggressor) in the past year. 62 51 47



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Almost one in seven, 14.1 percent, of stu- get our officers trained on identifying who could be done anonymously.

dents said they knew someone who has been UNDER VIRGINIA LAW, intent to coerce, intimidate or harass someone using While cyber bullying most often stems a computer network to communicate ob-THE SURVEY also shows that 56.2 percent from interactions at school, Fairfax County scene, vulgar or indecent language or Public Schools has a limited authority over threaten any immoral or illegal act may what happens off school grounds. But when be a Class One misdemeanor. Ferguson said training and prevention

| Prevalence | Frequency | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Never | 1-2 times | 3-5 times | 6-9 times | 10-19 times | 20-29 times | 30-39 times | 40+ times | | |
| 49.4 | 50.6 | 24.9 | 8.5 | 4.2 | 3.4 | 2.0 | 0.9 | 5.4 | | |
| 54.5 | 45.5 | 28.9 | 9.5 | 4.9 | 3.5 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 4.6 | | |
| 48.8 | 51.2 | 25.0 | 8.2 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 1.9 | 0.9 | 5.4 | | |
| 44.5 | 55.5 | 20.6 | 7.7 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 2.0 | 0.9 | 6.3 | | |
| 43.8 | 56.2 | 24.8 | 7.5 | 3.6 | 2.5 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 3.2 | | |
| 55.0 | 45.0 | 25.0 | 9.4 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 2.5 | 1.2 | 7.7 | | |
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| 46.9 | 53.1 | 23.6 | 8.2 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 1.6 | 0.8 | 6.0 | | |
| 55.3 | 44.7 | 25.5 | 8.9 | 5.6 | 4.7 | 2.6 | 1.2 | 6.8 | | |

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The 2010 Fairfax County Youth Survey's table on the number of students who have admitted to bullying, taunting, ridiculing or teasing someone in the past year. Numbers are percentages.

"It used to be you only had to worry about

High School in Ohio, or Columbine.

"We can't be scouring everyone's Facebook page to see what's happening, we need the kids who are going through this to come to us," Ferguson said. "Any enforcement is simply trying to put someone on notice, we're Fairfax County when con- access to fellow students' profiles and infor- this happening at school, but now it follows not concerned with punishment as much as mation online, bullying can happen online people home on their computers," said Capt. we are with changing the destructive behav-

More than 70 percent of students said they

"It used to be you only had to worry about this happening at school, but now it follows people home on their computers." - Capt. Bruce Ferguson VIEWPOINTS



Ash Abbas, Grade: 11, **Marshall High School**

"I think cyber bullying isn't more damaging than regular bullying. Since it is online, I feel as if it is easier to ignore because it's indirect unlike regular bullying."

"Obviously, playing online games consists of a lot of cyber bullying. After playing many games, it just gets me irritated sometimes. But, most of the times I just ignore it.

— Monika Bapna

Jennifer Oler, Grade: 12, **McLean High School**

"I think it makes it a lot easier to ignore because you could delete the Facebook wall post for instance or delete your entire Facebook account for that matter. If someone came up to you and started bullying you in person, it is definitely a lot harder to not say anything but over the computer through any sort of social network or email or text message, you just don't have to respond."



Annie Wattenmaker, Grade: 12, The Madeira School

"I'd say cyber bullying is more damaging

because it can be done in sneaky and mean ways. When someone is cyber bullied, others can often see it online, which makes it way more harmful. If a bully confronts you directly, their words aren't as planned out and they're likely to say something less hurtful. With cyber bullying, kids have time to plan out what they're going to say and plan a systematic way to hurt others. Also, cyber bullying can go viral. One post or video can be sent to thousands of people within a minute, unlike faceto-face confrontation, which only lasts for a certain amount of time."

"No I haven't experienced cyber bullying myself but I've watched girls say horrible things about other girls on Facebook.'

Kristen Bilowus Grade: 12, The Madeira School

"I think cyber bullying can be more dangerous because it is more public than in- person bullying. If it happens online, the whole world can access it and perpetuate the abuse. It is harder to ignore something that you are reading in front of you than something that you experience that you can block out of your mind.

"I have not, but I have heard stories of how



negatively it can affect kids. I would delete my social networking sites and move on from the incident if I were cyber

Makenzie Parent, Grade: 12, **The Madeira School**

bullied."

"Cyber bullying is more damaging because its on display for a wider audience, can last for a longer time, and can take a lot more forms, such as online posts, photos, etc."

- MARY GRACE OAKES



Sports

The Langley High girls' varsity softball team traveled to Marshall High and defeated the Statesmen, 8-0, in a Liberty District victory on Tuesday, March 20. Pitcher Emily Templin toed the rubber for all seven innings. She

pitched a shutout,

allowing no runs

with four hits

while striking out

nine. Templin,

Sports Roundups

along with Julia Weeks, Kaitryn Evans, and Ashley Panetta, each belted doubles at the plate. Weeks led the Saxons with four RBI's. Maggie Natal had three singles and two stolen bases. Carina Sturm, Gabi Pijaca and Melanie Dronfield all singled. The game ended with a deep hit to center field in which Langley outfielder Ashley Panetta made an allout, huge diving catch.

Three days later, Langley hosted district opponent Fairfax and surrendered the lead in the top of the seventh inning in a 4-2 loss. The game was tight to the bitter end. Langley's Weeks got things going in the bottom of the fourth inning with a double. Pijaca then reached on a walk and Evans singled to load the bases. A batted ball by Natal resulted in an error and allowed fast-running Weeks to score for a 1-0 Langley lead. That was the lone run of the inning for the Saxons.

In the fifth, Panetta got a single before moving to third on sacrifices by Sturm and Templin. Then, a single by Weeks plated Panetta to give the Saxons a 2-0 lead.

Fairfax did not let up and, behind four singles and a double over the final two innings, rallied for the win.

The Langley High girls' varsity lacrosse team overcame an early 3-0 deficit to rally past traditional rival W.T. Woodson High, 11-8, in a non-district match-up last Tuesday night, March 20. In a hard-contested game featuring aggressive defense on both sides, the Lady Saxons evened the score in the waning minutes of the first half and finally took the lead for good midway into the second half. Junior Grace Goettman led Langley's scoring with three goals and won a series of key draws, and senior Margo Swomley tallied a clutch goal and also had an assist in the second half. Saxon junior Hayley Soutter registered three assists and a goal, while Woodson was led by Junior Laura Dunn's four goals. The win improved the Saxons' early season record to 2-0.

Eric Reed of McLean was Raiders and Ashburn Xtreme - will



The McLean Real Green U12 girls' soccer team won the National Division at the 2012

recently ranked sixth in Virginia. It was no easy road for McLean Real Green at the

Premier Tournament, where it had to battle through stiff competition to reach the

Orange team from Sterling, 2-1.

honored as the 2011 US Youth

Soccer Administrator of the Year

award recipient on Feb. 17 at the

US Youth Soccer Awards Gala,

held in Boston. More than 1.000

As treasurer of McLean Youth

Soccer, Reed has played a pivotal

role in bringing the club to a

healthy financial position, en-

abling strategic investments in

field improvements. Reed brought

modern business and financial

practice expertise to a club with

more than 3,500 players from

nearly 2,500 families and a bud-

get of nearly \$2.5 million. Reed

has also served on the McLean

Youth Soccer Board of Directors

tor of the Year award is selected

by the US Youth Soccer Board of

Directors. The Administrator of

the Year Award honors the extraor-

dinary accomplishments in admin-

Hundreds of the best 11 and

12-year-old ice hockey players

from across the country will de-

scend upon Northern Virginia to

compete in the USA Hockey 12

and Under Tier II National Cham-

pionships, Wednesday, March 28

through Sunday, April 1, at the

twin rink Ashburn Ice House and

SkateQuest Reston facilities.

The recipient of the Administra-

for almost five years.

istration over a career.

individuals were in attendance.

finals. There, they prevailed in a hard-fought championship game win over the SYSA

be among the 38 teams, represent-

ing 36 different states, set to par-

ticipate in the five-day tourna-

ment. Each team qualified for the

national championships by having

won their own respective league,

state championships or qualifying

While Ashburn received an au-

tomatic berth as the official host

team, the Xtreme 99 Pee Wee

squad is well deserving of the

honor, having compiled a 23-1

mark during the 2011-12 Chesa-

peake Bay Hockey League (CBHL)

regular season and playoffs, in-

cluding a two-game sweep at the

Virginia State Championships over

local rival Reston, who will repre-

sent Virginia as the state runners-

public. Tickets are available for

purchase at both the Reston and

Ashburn rinks throughout the

course of the five-day tournament.

Week-long tournament passes cost

\$35 (ages 13 and older) or \$25

(youngsters ages 5 to 12). Single

day passes are \$15 (ages 13 and

older) and \$7 (youngsters ages 5

to 12). Admission is free for chil-

dren ages four and under. For

more information on the USA

Hockey National Championships,

visit www.usahockey.com or con-

tact Brian Bishop at 703-533-4830

All games will be open to the

tournaments.

Basketball Team was named

recently. Caroline Coyer, the

Oakton High senior guard who

helped the Cougars capture their

first-ever state AAA title this past

season, was named Co-Player of

the Year, along with Woodside's

Adrienne Motley. Katherine Coyer,

meanwhile, was named to the Sec-

ond Team, as was West Springfield

High's Logan Battle. Katherine

Coyer, twin sister of Caroline, was

this year's Northern Region Tour-

nament MVP. Two other Northern

Region players made the All-State

Team - Fairfax High's Liz

McNaughton (Honorable Men-

tion) and Edison High's Ruth

Sherrill (Honorable Mention). In

all, seven players made first team,

five made second team, and eight

Last week's Top 10 high

school baseball poll, as se-

lected by the Northern Region

Coaches, was as follows: Lake

Braddock (1); Madison (2); South

County (3); Oakton (4); West

Springfield (5); McLean (6);

Robinson (7); Westfield (8);

Centreville (9); and Langley (10).

junior golfers competed in the

36-hole International Junior Golf

Tour (IJGT), the Clifton Classic, at

Westfields Golf Club over the St.

Patrick's Day weekend. This was

the first Northeast event of the

made honorable mention.

McLean Premier Soccer Tournament over the St. Patrick's Day weekend. The team was

McLean Connection Sports Editor Rich Sanders

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spring season and the fast greens

made the Fred Couples designed course quite a test for the juniors. In the Girls Division, Julie Luo of Herndon took home the trophy in her first IJGT event with a tournament total of 159, eight strokes better than her competition. Entering the final round four strokes back, Luo was able to hit almost every fairway, which led to rounds of 13-over-par 84 and four-overpar 75. Luo was able to card two birdies en route to her solid second round score.

Bosdosh Stephanie of Clarksburg, Md., and Adrienne Schmidt of McLean tied for second, both posting a tournament total of 167. Bosdosh, who had the first round lead with a nine-overpar 80 finished the tournament shooting an 87. Schmidt had similar success for the tournament with rounds of 86 and 81.

Rii Patel of Hunt Valley, Md., took home the Boys 14 and Under Division trophy with a tournament total of 154. Gus Minkin of York. Pa., took second in the Boys 14 and Under Division with a tournament total of 156, just two strokes back from Patel. Vishal Giri of Chantilly carded a tournament total of 157 to take third.

Fairfax Adult Softball (FAS) honored its dedicated volunteers in ceremonies on Sunday, Feb. 26 as FAS President John Carney presented the Ron Bullock Volunteer of the Year award (for 2011) to Bill Sikes of Fairfax.

Sikes, who has served on the FAS Board of Directors for nearly 30 years, devotes countless hours to the promotion of the Men's Masters League (35-plus) in Fairfax County. Sikes continually displays his commitment to the program by his ongoing tenure as Masters League Coordinator, working on committees and also supporting the program on the field.

Sikes has played ball at every level of competition but to him only one aspect is most important.

been the most significant reason I continue," said Sikes. "I have had the pleasure of playing with some truly remarkable people over the years."

He also participates in the Special Olympics softball league and has been doing so for 20 years.

A highly skilled group of league is one of the most reward-

To learn more about FAS, to en-FAS website at

Two local squads - the Reston

up.

or brian.bishop@aboutbwf.com. The All-Virginia State Girls' "The camaraderie has always

"Playing in the Special Olympics

ing experiences of my life," he said.

ter a team into the program, or to become a volunteer, please visit the www.fairfaxadultsoftball.com.

ENTERTAINMENT

Send announcements to mclean@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit www.connectionnewspapers.com

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 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.

FRIDAY/MARCH 30

Family Flashlight Egg Hunt. 7 p.m. Glyndon Park, 300 Glyndon St. N.E., Vienna. Visit with the Easter Bunny and jump in the moon bounce. \$3, free for children under 12 months.



Secret Agent 23 Skidoo will perform two family concerts on Saturday, March 31 at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East in Vienna. Co-presented by the Smithsonian Institution, Secret Agent 23 Skidoo introduces kids to hip hop without compromising lyrics or stories. The band includes DJ, Mr. Strange and Santos, with stories about dragons, mermaids, whalephants and the Annual Cloud Shaping Championship. Tickets are \$10. 703-255-1566,

www.jamminjava.com or www.secretagent23skidoo.com.



Maximum six tickets per family. Tickets available at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, S.E. beginning March 10. 703-255-6360.

- "Side Man." 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tyson's Corner. Turmoil in a jazz musician's family as his career crumbles at the dawn of rock-and-roll. \$25. 703-854-1856 or www.1ststagetysons.org.
- March Into Spring with Native Run and Friends. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave E Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.
- Friday Afternoon Chess Group. 1 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. All ages and skill levels welcome. 703-757-8560.

SATURDAY/MARCH 31

- Mac Miller with The Cool Kids and The Come Ups. 8 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. A rapper from Pittsburgh, Pa. Tickets \$25-\$35 at www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. Accessible seating is available for patrons with disabilities at 703-993-3035.
- www.patriotcenter.com. **Children's Shows: The** Smithsonian and Jammin Java present Secret Agent 23 Skidoo. 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna, www.jamminjava.com. March Into Spring with Native
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1856 or www.1ststagetysons.org Old Fashioned Easter Egg Roll. 10:30 a.m. Freeman Store, 131 Church St. N.E., Vienna. For age 12 and under with parents. Includes an Egg Roll, the Easter Bunny and a storyteller. Sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc. Free. 703-938-5187 or www.historicviennainc.org

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SUNDAY/APRIL 1

- Children's Spring Festival. 2-4:30 p.m. Great Falls Village Centre. Hay ride, games, bounces and more. Egg Hunt at 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Great Falls Optimist Club and Adeler Jewelers. www.greatfallsoptimist.org.
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- Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Adoption Event. 1-4 p.m. PetSmart, 8204 Leesburg Pike, Tysons Corner. Adoption events every Sunday. http:// /lostdogrescue.org/ and click on Adoptions.
- TBS and Mercury Rising at 1:30 p.m.; An Evening With Willy Porter at 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna.

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Calendar Listings

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Young Soloists Recital. 3 p.m. Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. With violinist Jehshua Karunakaran, cellist Nicolette Cho and pianists Faith Ellen Lam and Clara Guo. Presented by the Music Friends of the Fairfax County Public Library. Free. 703-620-9535 or 703-324-8344

MONDAY/APRIL 2

- 10th District Job Fair. 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Harper Park Middle School, 701 Potomac Station Drive, Leesburg. Hosted by Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10th). Participants include American Systems, AXA Advisors, Cox Communications, Cubic Corp, George Washington University, Janelia Farm Medical Research Institute, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, MAIS, Serco Inc., STG Inc., Synteras, Telos Corp, Thermo Fisher Scientific, the U.S. Secret Service and the Virginia State Police. Free. 703-709-5800 or
- wolf.house.gov Arril Fools Stand-Up Show. 6:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

TUESDAY/APRIL 3

Tom Lohrmann, Bandits & Beggars and Brightwork. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E.,

Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 4

- Bunny Bonanza. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Heritage Farm Museum, Claude Moore Park, 21668 Heritage Farm Lane, Sterling. Interact with live rabbits, meet the Easter Bunny, and enjoy hands-on exhibits and crafts for all ages. Discover opportunities to volunteer to work with animals in our area. \$3-\$5.
- www.heritagefarmmuseum.org. **Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus.** 7 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot circle, Fairfax. "Fully Charged." Pre-show Party one hour before show time, free to ticket holders. \$14-\$30. 800-551-SEAT or www.ticketmaster.com
- Daughter of Stars and Westmain. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com
- Photography Lecture. 7:30 p.m. Vienna Photographic Society, Thoreau Middle School, 2505 Cedar Lane, Vienna. With photographer Marty LaVor, who has photographed every president since Richard Nixon. Free. 703-451-7298.
- George Winston. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. New Orleans R&B oriented, melodic folk piano and stride piano. Includes canned food drive. \$35. www.wolftrap.org.
- Vienna Arts Society Demonstration: Art in Bloom.
- 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St. N.W, Vienna. Artists will demonstrate watercolor techniques to paint floral still lifes. Exhibition hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m.,

Tuesdays-Saturdays, April 3-29. Free. 703-319-3971 or www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

THURSDAY/APRIL 5

- **Ringling Bros. and Barnum &** Bailey Circus. 7 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot circle, Fairfax. "Fully Charged." Pre-show Party one hour before show time, free to ticket holders. \$14-\$30. 800-551-SEAT or www.ticketmaster.com.
- Art History Lecture Series. 10 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 801-361-5464. Aztec Two-Step 40th Anniversary
- **Tour CD Release.** 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com. George Winston. 8 p.m. The Barns at
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- at 7 p.m.; Jimmy Gnecco with Full Band at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna.

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- Children's Show: Banjo Man & Friends Family Show. 10:30 a.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.
- **Barefoot Truth and Taylor Carson** at 7 p.m.; Politicks Reunion, Future and Stella and the Fire at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna.
- www.jamminjava.com. Easter Egg Hunt. Nottoway Park, 9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Registration 9:30 a.m. Hunt times: 11 a.m. for age 1-3, 11:20 a.m. for age 4-6, 11:40 a.m. for age 7-9. Hunt for eggs, candy and Easter toys. Win prizes, visit with the Easter bunny. Bring a basket. \$7 per child, proceeds benefit Nottoway Park improvements. Sponsored by Fairfax County Park Authority and the Friends of Nottoway. 703-324-8566. Northern Virginia Country

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Spring Educator Discounts On Sale Now!

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- www.ticketmaster.com. FunkMnkyz, Black Alley and Castro. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

MONDAY/APRIL 9

The Rebuilt Machine, Breakthrough and Elephant Pistol. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

TUESDAY/APRIL 10

Dance Every Tuesday. 7:15 p.m. Colvin Run Dance Hall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Introductory dance lesson 7:15 p.m., dancing 8-10:30 p.m. Swing, Latin, waltz, country and more. \$10 per person, includes lesson and snacks. No partner necessary. colvinrun.org. or Ed Cottrell@macp.org.

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Students test out their skills on the turntables as they celebrated the launch of the Beat Refinery at Bach to Rock's McLean location.

Bach to Rock Celebrates Launch of Beat **Refinery** in **McLean**

ach to Rock (B2R), America's music school for students of all ages, recently celebrated the launch of Beat Refinery at its McLean school. Beat Refinery is the mid-Atlantic's premier DJ school dedicated to teaching every aspect of the craft, combining traditional methods with the latest technology. DJ Enferno, Madonna's "Sticky and Sweet" Tour DJ, DMC World Vice Champion, and creator of the Live Remix Project, has signed on to be the featured head instructor of Beat Refinery at B2R McLean. To mark the official launch, B2R McLean hosted an open house party featuring musical performances, guided tours of the stateof-the-art facility, and Q&A sessions with staff members.

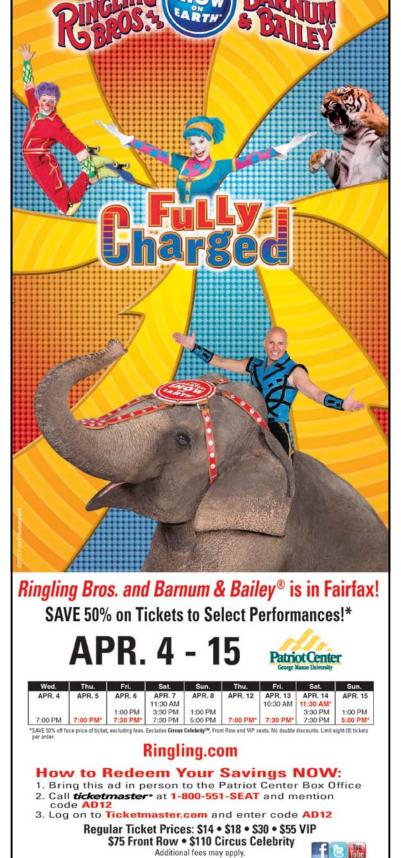
Beat Refinery offers a wide range of class levels, from novice to seasoned performer. Classes focus on skill sets including how to beat match, scratch, drop mix, create mash-ups, mix and blend, record multi-track mixes, and produce. The facility is also stocked with some of the industry's most sophisticated turntables and mixers.

For more information on Beat Refinery, visit Beatrefinery.com.

Faith Notes

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

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Spring Break Camps include a half-day option (for 4-6 year olds) and a full-day option (for 5-9 year olds). The Old Firehouse Teen Center's Spring Break Trips (for 5th-9th graders) keep kids active with rock climbing, bowling and more!

Insider Knowledge Series Understanding Shakespeare Wednesday, April 4, 8 p.m.

Guests from the Shakespeare Theatre Company and the Potomac School will share the secrets of understanding Shakespeare and making the most of your theatre experience.

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