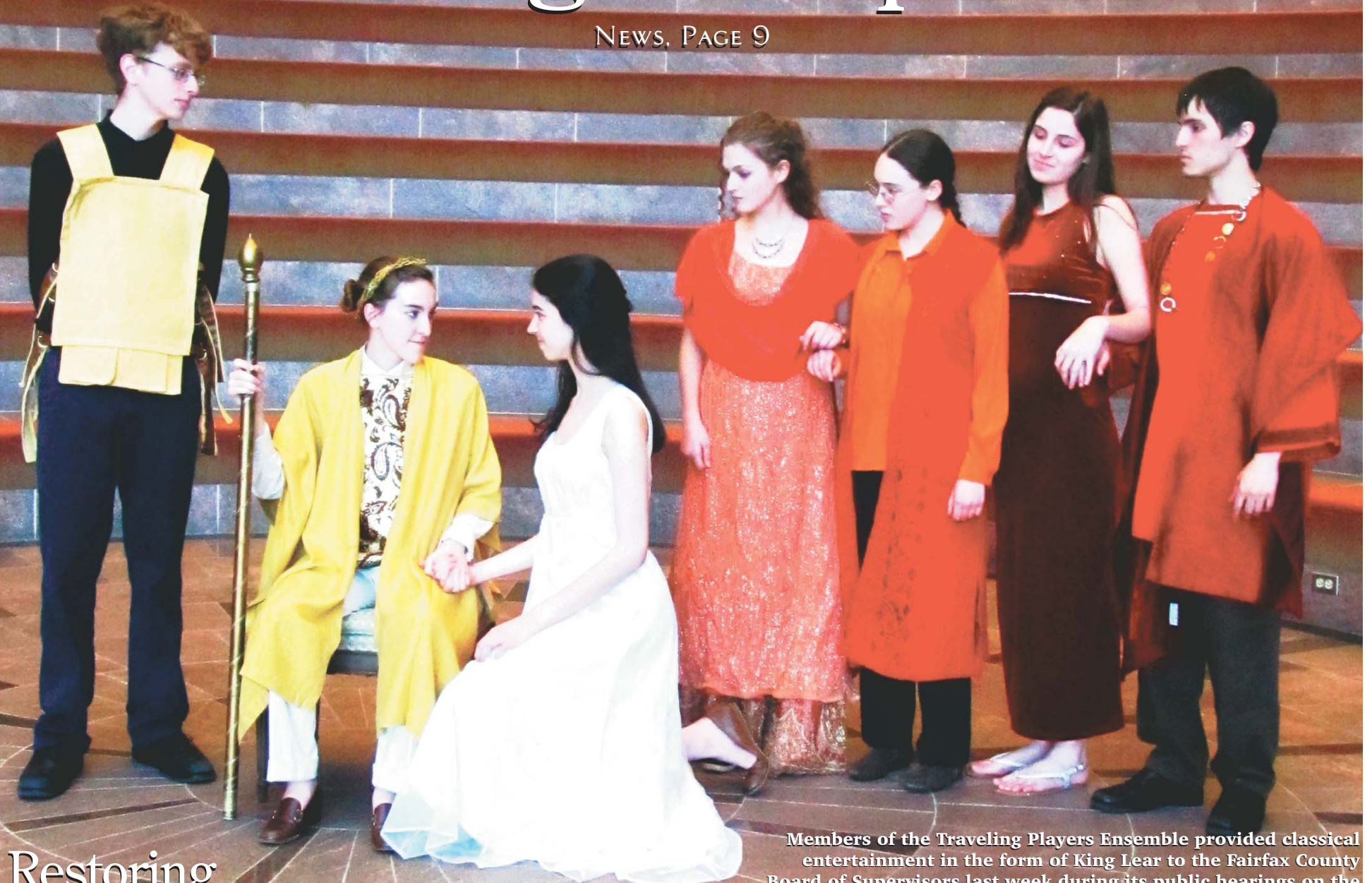


Performing for Supervisors

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Members of the Traveling Players Ensemble provided classical entertainment in the form of King Lear to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors last week during its public hearings on the fiscal year 2013 budget. "These are 400-year-old words in the mouths of teenagers," said artistic director and founder Jeanne Harrison. "That always amazes me." (From left) Noah Pilchen, Sussanah Wilson, Allegra Caldera; Grace Houseman, Ronit Schorr, Gwen O'Brien and Max Sparta.

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Artist's sketch of the interior view of one of the stations along the Silver Line.



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Board Opts In for Dulles Rail

Obstacles still ahead for \$2.7 billion project.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously Tuesday, April 10, to approve the county's participation in Phase 2 of the \$2.7 billion Dulles Metrorail Project.

Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) said she hopes Phase 2 will move forward as planned, and the county "will all be able to take advantage of the enormous economic development opportunities the Silver Line extension will present."

Board members said completion of the project will bolster the economy, relieve traffic congestion and ensure the viability of Tysons Corner redevelopment.

"This is our biggest transportation improvement for decades to come. Tysons will not work without the rail line going all the way to Loudoun," said Linda Smyth (D-Providence). "This needs to get finished."

"Dulles Rail will be a great economic development tool for the county," said John Cook (R-Braddock). "It will generate millions in tax revenue for schools, public safety, parks and libraries and reduce pressure on homeowners' property taxes."

THE PROJECT was faltering last summer when U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood stepped in and brokered a funding deal between stakeholders - Metro, the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA), Virginia, and Fairfax and Loudoun counties - that cut costs from \$3.8 billion to \$2.7 billion.

According to county officials, significant savings were achieved by eliminating the underground station at Dulles Airport as well as project scope changes agreed to by all the funding partners.

The county's cost of Phase 2 is expected to be about \$330 million to build the extension past Wiehle Avenue in Reston to Washington Dulles International Airport. When complete, the Silver Line will provide a one-seat, no-transfer ride from the airport to downtown Washington.

The county's share for the entire Dulles Rail project is estimated to be \$900 to \$965 million. Of this amount, \$730 million—or approximately 80 percent—will be paid for by voluntary, special tax districts. In the Phase 1 Tax District, landowners agreed to pay up to 29 cents per \$100 of the assessed value

of commercial and industrial properties, up to a total of \$400 million. In Phase 2, landowners agreed to pay up to 25 cents per \$100, up to a total of \$330 million.

As part of the financial deal, Fairfax County agreed to make its "best efforts" to pay for building the Route 28 Station, along with the parking garage at this station and at Herndon Monroe, outside of the project.

County officials said they are looking at several options that include using a public-private partnership, developer contributions, parking revenue, and/or federal or state grants. If the county is not successful in funding the two garages and station outside of the project, Fairfax will only pay for 16.1 percent of the cost for these facilities.

"We need to continue to be vigilant in overseeing management of the project by the Airport Authority to continue to drive down costs," Cook said.

The rail project's second phase includes six stations along its 11.4 mile run, stretching from Wiehle Avenue in Fairfax County to Route 772 in Loudoun County. Construction is expected to begin in early 2013, and the project is estimated to be completed in 2017. The first phase of the project is currently under construction, and is expected to be completed in late 2013.

ALL EYES are now on the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors, who are currently debating pulling out of their share - \$260 million of the second phase of the project. They have until July to decide whether to commit to the project.

Prior to Tuesday's board action, the county sought public input on the cost and financing for the project's second phase. County officials conducted four public meetings and an online chat, and the board held a public hearing on March 20.

During a March 19 online public hearing on the project, one resident asked if Fairfax County could reconsider its vote if Loudoun opted out.

"It would require everyone to restart and renegotiate. The project may still go forward but we would have some challenges. For example, how do we reconfigure Wiehle Avenue to be the end of the line? The tax districts, contributions, etc. would change. You can't just cut off the Loudoun stations. You have to redo the PE, environmental documents. It would be a dramatic shift," county officials responded during the chat.

For more information on the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project, go to www.dullesmetro.com or call 703-572-0506.



Produce grown by local gardeners will be available at the Share of McLean food bank.

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THE CONNECTION

Gardeners Donate Produce to Share

Gardening program aims to provide fresh food for food bank clients.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

As the weather warms, local gardeners are heading back to their plots. Share, a local nonprofit, will be using some of what they produce to provide fresh food to their clients. Open since 1969, Share operates a weekly food bank out of the McLean Baptist Church, as well as clothing, furniture and other family assistance.

"We're trying to increase the amount of fresh, nutritious food we can get to our clients," said Julie Mendoza, the program's coordinator. "So much of what we give out is nonperishable items, so it's nice to have something fresh in there. It's amazing how much difference a little bit of basil can make in something like spaghetti."

The program is entering its third growing season. In 2010, Share asked the Fairfax County Park Authority, who host community garden plots in Lewinsville Park, if plots could be made available for them.

"We saw at the end of the previous season that a lot of people had left things in their plots, tomatoes on the vine dying, and we asked if they'd like to donate to us," Mendoza said. "In the first year, we brought in about 250 pounds of fruits, vegetables and herbs and we got about 600 pounds last year."

The program currently brings in about 50 to 80 pounds of produce per week.

Last year, a gardener donated their plot to share, meaning everything grown there would go to Share. Gardeners grow everything from tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, squash and have even started taking requests.

"Anyone can donate anything they have to spare, whether its one week or on a regular basis,"

Mendoza said.

John Rutherford donates what he doesn't use to Share, and "This year I'm dedicating a row in my plot to Share. I've seen watermelons on the top of the request list, so I'll definitely grow that," he said.

Rutherford also donates peas, radishes and lettuce.

Jim Howland, who helped run the community plots in Reston for 10 years, provides gardening equipment and helps maintain documentation for growing tips and other information for gardeners. He said the gardeners themselves are enjoying participating in the program together.

"We all face challenges with growing, rabbits, deer, soil problems, bugs, so this brings people together, people who have a very diverse set of backgrounds and cultures, for a common goal," he said. "It's nice to see people come together and debate nothing more serious than how their tomatoes are coming in."

Mendoza comes by once a week to pick up donated produce left at the Lewinsville Park plots. Boy Scout Troop 652 is currently constructing a few more raised beds, and Temple Rodef Shalom is adding a few beds as well.

Other volunteers are helping gather gardening information for those interested in growing and compiling recipes for things like swiss chard which clients might not know how to prepare.

"We're hoping that we can get more participants, but also that this will give us opportunities to open up discussions about things like nutrition," Mendoza said.

More information on Share can be found at www.shareofmclean.org, and more information about the gardening program can be found at tinyurl.com/gardens-for-share.

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McLean Orchestra Celebrates 40th Anniversary

To commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the McLean Orchestra, Wayne Winston Sharp, President of the Board of Trustees, announced a Spring Campaign to raise "\$40,000 for the 40th" by the end of the season on June 30, 2012. Sharp noted that this will place the orchestra in a stronger financial position to help underwrite their live classical music performances, made possible by eighty-five professional musicians. The McLean Orchestra has been offering these concerts to growing and appreciative audiences throughout the Greater McLean Community since 1971.

To lead by example, two McLean Orchestra Trustees who serve on the Executive Committee established a \$10,000 challenge grant to raise the first \$20,000. Sharp announced that as of last week the remaining members of the Board of Trustees have met that challenge, securing 50 percent of the Spring Campaign goal.

Building on that level of personal commitment, the McLean Orchestra Board of Trustees would like to challenge the Northern Virginia Arts Community and the supporters of the McLean Orchestra and the McLean Youth Orchestra, to help match the first \$20,000 and reach their goal of "\$40,000 for the 40th."

According to Executive Director, John Huling, "Early this summer we will be concluding a two-year search for a new Music Director. During the past two seasons we

have presented to our musicians and our audiences six talented and highly regarded conductors, both on the local and national stage. This challenge grant to raise \$40,000 will put us in a stronger position to begin our new era with our new Music Director, beginning next fall with our 41st season, A Season of Imagination."

Concert tickets only cover a portion of the expense of the performances. Thus, concert sponsorships, ranging from \$500 for the popular post-concert "Champagne and Cake" receptions, to the "Exclusive Concert Sponsor" at \$10,000, are a key source of underwriting, offering local businesses and donors public recognition and special benefits. Concert sponsorships are still available for the season finale concert, "Viva Italia" on May 12 conducted by Maestro Jon Kalbfleisch. Visit www.mclean-orchestra.org/viva-italia for more information about this concert.

To show appreciation to those who help achieve the goal of "\$40,000 for the 40th", contributors of \$500 and above will be featured on the McLean Orchestra website and invited to a VIP post-concert reception at the opening Gala Concert of "A Season of Imagination." For more information about the ways to support, contact the office of the McLean Orchestra at 703-893-8646, email at exec@mclean-orchestra.org or visit the website at www.mclean-orchestra.org/support-us.

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News

Alan Paul, associate director for the Shakespeare Theater in Washington, D.C. speaks to students at McLean High School Monday, April 15 about how to make it in show business.



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McLean High Hosts 'Smash' Viewing

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Students discuss realities of careers in show business.

Executives from the television show "Smash" visited McLean High School Monday afternoon, showing theater students clips from the show and hosting a discussions about the realities of life in show business. Alan Paul, associate director at the Shakespeare Theater in Washington, D.C. spoke to students about what they could expect if they hoped to work onstage or onscreen for a living.

The show tells the story of a musical based on the life of Marilyn Monroe, with fresh-off-the-bus-from-Iowa newcomer Katherine McPhee and veteran singer and actress Megan Hilty among the characters trying to put on a successful show. Early on,

McPhee impresses the producers with her voice and passion, and earns a spot in the show.

After the students watched about 15 minutes of the show (with the TV-14 rated material edited out), Paul answered questions about how realistic the show was.

"What happens in the show is what's called a lucky break. Because unlike in a school play, which is probably over a week

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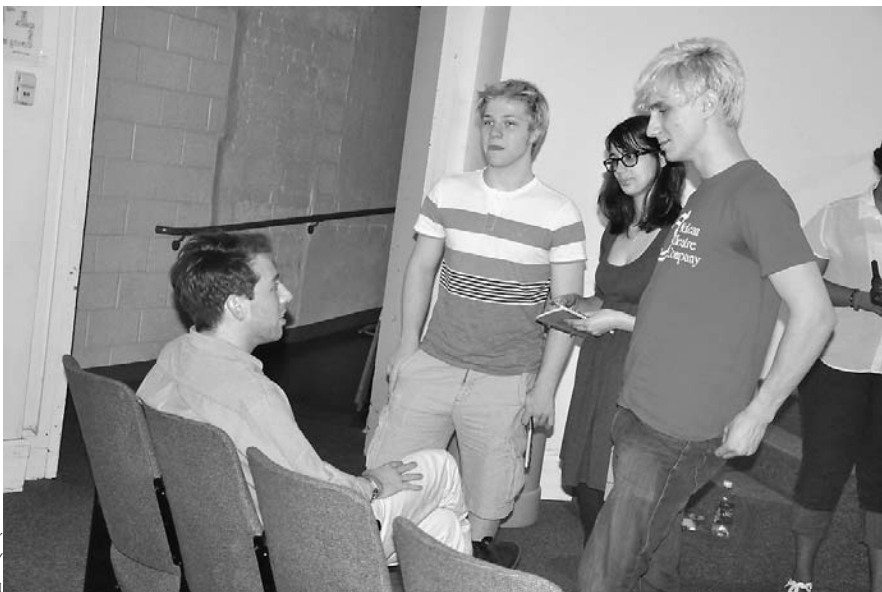
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News

Theater students from McLean High School discuss the realities of a career in show business with Shakespeare Theater Associate Director Alan Paul Monday, April 15.

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Exploring Careers in Show Business

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end or two, Broadway shows go on for at least a year," he said. "And if you think about how many people are sick at least one day in a year's time, that's a great opportunity."

Freshman Rachel Lawhead said it was nice to hear from a professional that getting a big break isn't a wild fantasy.

"It was definitely inspiring, but probably make our parents upset, because it means we're less likely to go for a real job," she said with a laugh.

"I like how he talked about the importance of fostering relationships and networking," said sophomore Nancy Pruett. "I think the advice will pay off in the future for those of us hoping to do this for a living."

While Paul's advice made an impression on some of the underclassmen, many of the seniors, who are in the midst of planning their next step, also appreciated the advice.

"It's interesting that he talked about how it doesn't matter what school you get experience, because as seniors it's always said how important the location is," said Terry Mittelman.

Senior Nick Stone said the advice from someone who was in the business was valuable.

"You hear something like 'don't burn any bridges' and you might think that's just something that people say, but I was talking to a friend of mine who's an actress in New York, just last week, and she said those exact words to me," he said. "So I know it's not just a cliché, but something you have to do in order to be

successful."

Paul also said that while many students dream of being onstage as an actor, they shouldn't discount the idea of working behind the scenes as well.

"Almost every producer, stage manager or director started out acting," he said. "I wanted to be an actor, I didn't direct a single thing until my senior year in college, and I graduated with only one directing credit. But I fell in love with directing and got some internships, tried to take in as many different experiences as I could."

He also spoke about how technology has changed the face-to-face parts of the business, telling about auditions he's held using Skype or even YouTube videos. He also stressed the importance of being civil, unlike the director in the show, because even the smallest instance of being polite can lead to an opportunity, as well as some of the business aspects about unions.

"The information about equity and being in a union was interesting, because I feel like that's something I would have to explore," said freshman Lily Lord.

Senior Max Johnson also said the business information was interesting.

"When you go to workshops and things like that, they're all about acting, they don't really get into the business aspects, so it was nice to hear about that too," he said.

"I was impressed with the kinds of questions they had about the process," Paul said. "They certainly know a lot about plays and productions that I had no idea about until I was in college."

"I think the advice will pay off in the future for those of us hoping to do this for a living."

— McLean High sophomore Nancy Pruett

SCHOOL NOTES

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

Emily Wallach, a seventh-grader at The Langley School in McLean, was chosen to participate in the Virginia Band & Orchestra Director's Association All-District Junior High Band. She earned first chair trumpet.

James McGrath of McLean has been selected to be a McDonough Scholar at Marietta College. The program helps students gain a deeper understanding of leadership and practice leadership skills.

Julia Diamond of McLean

earned term honors for the 2011 fall semester at Skidmore College. She is the daughter of Robert Diamond and Amy Pullman.

Hanna Sophia Longwell of McLean has been named a recipient of the fall 2011 dean's award at Colgate University of Hamilton, N.Y. She is the daughter of George W. Longwell and Jaclyn R. Longwell.

Philip Deming Stout of McLean has been named a recipient of the fall 2011 dean's award at Colgate University of Hamilton, N.Y. He is the son of Richard D. Stout and Elizabeth C. Stout.

McLean residents **Elizabeth McCune** (Poetry), **YouNa An** (Po-

etry), **Jordan Goodson** (Personal Essay/Memoir), **Seon Kim** (Science Fiction/Fantasy), **Sung jin Kim** (Science Fiction/Fantasy), **Rishi Malhotra** (Dramatic Script), **Rebecca Oh** (Short Story), **Francesca O'Hop** (Dramatic Script) and **Madeline Reinsel** (Poetry) have won regional recognition in the 2012 Scholastic Writing Awards.

McLean residents **Kate Connelly**, **Jack Connelly** and **Bridget Connelly** have been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at The College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass. They are the children of John and Margaret Connelly.

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BY DANIEL WHITE
THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

In celebration of Earth Day on April 22, I asked fellow Nature Conservancy staff from Maryland, D.C. and Virginia to offer their favorite ways of going green. Here are some responses that can help you save money, energy and maybe even the planet. To share your tips for living green every day, join us at facebook.com/dc.md.va.nature.conservancy.

THE RUN DIARY

Arlington's Kate Hougen, our marketing director, invites anyone who cares about the environment and healthy living to join her on Team Nature: "the team shares tips like how to recycle your running shoes, and raises money for environmental causes, join us and run for a healthier you, and a healthier planet." For more info, visit us online at nature.org/rundc.

HANG 'EM DRY

New mother Kristin Bramell, a fundraiser in Bethesda, prefers to air-dry her laundry: "Why not save energy by using a clothesline at least for your large items? I put up a clothesline in my backyard and love to hang my towels, sheets and t-shirts outside. It takes just five minutes, and there's nothing better than that fresh, natural smell. Now that the weather's nice, I'll probably start hanging up my cloth diapers too!"

THE THRIFTERS

Philanthropy Coordinator Karen Schuyler, who lived in Alexandria prior to settling in Barboursville, shops for clothes at thrift stores: "It's very green since the clothing is being used again, thus saving the energy costs in growing and harvesting plant-based fibers, as well as saving energy in the production and transport of new factory-made garments. Most exciting

of all, it's like a treasure hunt and you never know what you'll find."

INSPECT YOUR GADGETS

Lyle Solla-Yates of Charlottesville manages our technology systems and suggests responsible recycling and purchasing of electronics: "Goodwill has partnered with Dell to recycle computer equipment, making them a good place to bring old equipment and to pick up used equipment that still works for a great price. When you do buy, choose greener electronics or consider a smaller device. You can do a lot more now with less machine, which can save money, hassle and the environment."

SOIL, IT'S GREEN

Brian van Eerden directs our Southern Rivers Program in Richmond and is an avid composter: "Composting helps the environment by reducing solid waste and the greenhouse gas emissions such as methane it produces in landfills. Compost is also a great low-cost source of organic fertilizer for your garden."

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SHARES

Jennifer Donovan, donor relations manager in Charlottesville, grows her own vegetables and buys from local farmers: "My family pays a fixed price per month to obtain a CSA share of organic vegetables, beef, chicken and fish. By purchasing food directly from local farmers, you are putting all the proceeds from the sale directly in their pockets. The food I buy locally also tastes much better. We really are what we eat, so eat healthy, local and fresh!"

MR. BEAN

Allegheny Highlands director Marek Smith of Lexington chooses coffee from shade-grown beans: "Growing coffee under the shade of trees in the Central and South American rainforests not only produces a richer flavor, but also helps protect critical wintering habitat for neotropical migratory songbirds such

as scarlet tanagers and cerulean warblers. These same bird species nest here in the broadleaf forests of our Central Appalachians, including Warm Springs Mountain Preserve in western Virginia.

ENERGY AT THE GATES

By following recommendations from a comprehensive home energy audit, Charlottesville preserve steward Tim Sanjule reduced his energy use. "Energy usage of any kind has an impact on our environment. Heating and cooling a house that is not well-insulated or well-sealed will waste your money and precious resources."

MAN ON A HEDGE

Clinch Valley ecologist Braven Beaty of Abingdon says, "If you have a creek on your property, don't mow right up to the bank. Leaving a strip of taller plants and shrubs can help stabilize the bank and provide wildlife habitat. The root systems help keep banks from eroding during high water, and the shade and structure provide shelter and food for fish, birds, salamanders, and other wildlife that need cool, moist areas to live. Try it and see if you don't notice more critters."

LAWN & ORDER

For a lawn that's green in more than color, use less water and fertilizer, says Richmond's Michael Lipford, our Virginia executive director: "A significant amount of nitrogen is put back in the soil if you leave your clippings on the grass. Don't water every day, and don't fret if the grass goes dormant when the heat of summer comes. Using less fertilizer is good for the Chesapeake Bay. Nutrients are the main problem in the bay, and a significant portion comes from residential fertilizers. Use low-nitrogen and low-phosphate fertilizers, fertilize less, and wisely — not before a heavy rain. Many stores now supply low-nitrogen organic fertilizers that can also reduce your carbon footprint."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Facts vs. Opinions

To the Editor:

Robert Cox's letter to the editor [Laws That Violate Woman's Right, April 11, 2012] states that Delegate Comstock voted for a law that would "take away a woman's right to choose her own health care and instead force the Government to make health decisions for that woman." I am not sure to what legislation he was referring, but if it was the Senate Amendment that updated Virginia's 2001 Informed Consent Law, the facts would not appear to support his opinions.

The Senate amendment updating this existing law simply referred to a sonogram consistent with the "standard of care." Some

tried to equate this to state-mandated rape. To research this I communicated directly with a Planned Parenthood representative who informed me that a pre-abortion sonogram is the standard of care. A sonogram is necessary to determine the fetal age in order to know which abortion procedure can be used safely (pill or surgery) and whether it can be done in a clinic vs. a hospital. Because a woman does not always know the date of her pregnancy, legal liability dictates this requirement. Lawsuits have ensued when mistakes were made regarding the fetal age. The amendment therefore did not require anything that was not already the standard of care for an abortion other than to require that a doctor ask the woman if she

would like to see the sonogram or hear the baby's heartbeat. The woman is free to decline the offer.

Mr. Cox criticized my previous letter for being more of a news report than an "opinion." While I respectfully disagree, I admit that I try to inform my opinions with facts. I also agree that the media should report Comstock's work as news. It was my opinion expressed in my previous letter that the media reporting on the work of the General Assembly has been unbalanced and overly focused on this one law to the exclusion of the other 1600 bills that were passed, including Comstock's. That remains my opinion.

Anne Gruner
McLean

Write

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NEWS

Performing for Supervisors

Artistic group hosts open house April 22.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Members of the Traveling Players Ensemble provided classical entertainment in the form of King Lear - and some levity, in the form of artistic director Jeanne Harrison - to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors last week during its public hearings on the fiscal year 2013 budget.

Harrison - founder and producing artistic director of the McLean-based troupe - is well-known for her kinetic energy and passion for arts funding.

"Why should Fairfax County continue to support the arts in this challenging time? To answer that, I look to the ancient Greeks," she said to the board in her energetic soliloquy.

"The ancient Greeks required - you heard that right - required every citizen attend the theater. They believed the benefits were so profound that they even removed convicts from jail, still in their shackles, to attend the theater," Harrison said.

"When people sit together in theatre, when they watch a story together, laugh and cry together, and discuss it afterwards, their shared experience creates community," Harrison said, adding that she considers herself the "luckiest woman in the world to get to work with teenagers, who are filled with intellect, wit, playfulness...and anxiety."

With that introduction, eight high-schoolers performed a short scene from King Lear.

"That was awesome," said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee). "This is the fun part of these hearings, because we get to hear students like these performing Shakespeare."

TRAVELING PLAYERS is a professional theatre company whose mission is to bring great theatre into the great outdoors. Based at The Madeira School in McLean, the company offers summer day camps for rising 5th through 12th graders, where they work in small ensembles (up to 13 performers) to rehearse a classical play under the direction of experienced theatre professionals.

On Sunday, April 22, the group will host an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. on the grounds of The Ma-



PHOTO BY NOAH PILCHEN

Middle School campers perform Moliere's The Forced Marriage in 2011.

deira School, where it has held its summer theatre camp since 2007.

Parents, teachers and teens can meet the staff and returning campers at this informal open house.

The event includes walking tours of Madeira, Q & A sessions, and theatre games for the kids. Visitors should wear shoes for walking in the woods.

The open house will conclude with a performance of Y. York's Afternoon of the Elves by Traveling Players' middle school performance class. This bittersweet fable tells the story of two girls who find safety and friendship in their own imaginary world.

The play is directed by Jessica Jung and features Jamie Elizabeth Baker of McLean; Sarah Goldberg of Washington, D.C.; Erica Landry of Vienna; Zophia Pryzby of Reston; Trip Sherwood of McLean; and Ana Stevens (Arlington).

This event is free and open to the public, and will take place rain or shine.

Founded in 2003, Traveling Players has been invited to perform at the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage, Colonial Williamsburg, Shenandoah National Park, Reston's Multicultural Festival, and the International Children's Festival at Wolf Trap.

In 2007, Traveling Players was recognized by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) by being selected as one of 25 of the nation's "Summer School in the Arts."

FOR MORE INFORMATION, visit www.travelingplayers.org or call 703-987-1712.

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Culinary Classes for Children

Little gourmands cook up fun in the kitchen.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

If you lick your hands you have to wash them,” said instructor Beth Bigler as she teaches a class of kindergarten students how to make vegetable pizzas.

“Are these pickles?” asks a 6-year-old student as she clutches a dark-green, cylindrical vegetable in her tiny fingers.

“No, these are baby cucumbers,” said Bigler. “We need to cut the ends off and then chop them up very, very finely. Always put it on a cutting board so you don’t cut your hands. We’re going to do the same thing with the celery and carrots. We have lots of vegetables to cut.”

Soon the click-clop of plastic knives hitting cutting boards fills the air,

along with the giggles and squeals of curious young foodies.

This is a typical session for Tiny Chefs, one of a handful of local culinary schools that cater to children. In these classes, pint-sized gourmands are introduced to all things epicurean. They also learn about kitchen safety and the importance of eating healthy food. Instructors say the lessons extend beyond the edible.

“Cooking classes for kids build and instill confidence,” said Anna Reeves, founder of Tiny Chefs. “Children get to do things that they didn’t think they were able to do. A 4 or 5-year-old may not be used to someone handing them a bowl or spoon and saying ‘Stir this all by yourself.’”

In addition to after school classes like the one at Norwood, local culinary schools offer parent-child classes, seasonal classes, holiday classes, cooking birthday parties and cooking summer camps. The level of complexity depends on the age and interest of the children.

“We teach simple techniques like sautéing and braising,” said Stephen Sands CEO of Culinaría Cooking

School in Vienna. “Students make full meals in our summer camps. We have other classes during the year. We do a pasta class where kids make fresh pasta. They learn what goes into it instead of just seeing it come out of a box. They learn how to make sauce instead of just opening a jar.”

DURING A TYPICAL CLASS, pint-sized culinary enthusiasts come in, wash their hands and don aprons. Then begin the prep work for the dish they are preparing.

Classes are often divided by theme and culinary discussions are intermixed with food preparation. “The theme this session is ‘On the Farm,’” said Bigler, an instructor with Tiny Chefs. “Students learn about fresh vegetables and where they come from.”

Students are introduced to new ingredients or get hands-on experience with familiar food items. “Maybe they’ve heard of cinnamon, but have never smelled or touched a cinnamon stick,” said Reeves. “They’ve probably heard of eggs, but they’ve never actually cracked one.”

Instructors say the lessons can also be academics disguised as recreation. “They have so much fun that they don’t even realize that they are working on math and reading skills,” said Arlington resident Whitney Gray, director of auxiliary programs at The Langley School.

“Students learn how to use cooking tools and they get to add and subtract fractions by using measuring cups,” said Jennifer McInroy, a Tiny Chefs instructor who teaches classes and summer camps at The Langley School in McLean.

Social skills are also enhanced. “With five or seven kids in a group they learn to wait their turn and co-operate work together and have patience,” said Reeves.

An increasing number of local schools are offering cooking classes as an afterschool activity for students.

“Cooking is an important life skill,” Liz Holland, Afterschool Activities Coordinator at Alexandria Country Day School. “Children definitely need to be making healthy choices for themselves and having those skills is definitely enriching.”



Students at Culinaría Cooking School in Vienna learn to grate a lemon. Experts say cooking classes can help children develop healthy eating habits.



Young food enthusiasts get a lesson from Chef Brian Batsel of Culinaría Cooking School in Vienna. Some local culinary schools now offer cooking birthday parties and summer camps for children.

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Presented by:
Andrew McGahan, LCSW,
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| 1101 SHARON CT | 3 | .. | 4 | .. | 1 | | MCLEAN | | \$920,000 | | Detached | | 0.38 | | 22101 | | BROYHILL LANGLEY ESTATES |
| 6460 MADISON CT | 4 | .. | 3 | .. | 2 | | MCLEAN | | \$865,000 | | Detached | | 0.54 | | 22101 | | DOMINION WOODS |
| 1214 VINTA LN | 4 | .. | 2 | .. | 1 | | MCLEAN | | \$865,000 | | Detached | | 0.48 | | 22102 | | WOODHAVEN |
| 6643 MADISON MCLEAN DR | 3 | .. | 3 | .. | 1 | | MCLEAN | | \$855,000 | | Townhouse | | 0.10 | | 22101 | | MADISON OF MCLEAN |
| 1107 PINE HILL RD | 5 | .. | 3 | .. | 1 | | MCLEAN | | \$850,000 | | Detached | | 0.30 | | 22101 | | REID HEIGHTS |
| 1817 SUSQUEHANNOCK DR | 7 | .. | 4 | .. | 1 | | MCLEAN | | \$850,000 | | Detached | | 0.25 | | 22101 | | WEST LEWINSVILLE HEIGHTS |
| 1251 KURTZ RD | 3 | .. | 2 | .. | 1 | | MCLEAN | | \$809,500 | | Detached | | 0.41 | | 22101 | | SALONA VILLAGE |
| 1929 RELDA CT | 4 | .. | 3 | .. | 0 | | FALLS CHURCH | .. | \$740,000 | | Detached | | 0.28 | | 22043 | | MARLBOROUGH |
| 1603 KIRBY RD | 4 | .. | 3 | .. | 0 | | MCLEAN | | \$740,000 | | Detached | | 0.35 | | 22101 | | CHESTERBROOK WOODS |
| 2212 TORONTO ST | 3 | .. | 3 | .. | 0 | | FALLS CHURCH | .. | \$738,000 | | Detached | | 0.23 | | 22043 | | ROWENA S PHILLIPS |
| 6512 TOPEKA RD | 4 | .. | 3 | .. | 0 | | MCLEAN | | \$736,000 | | Detached | | 0.75 | | 22101 | | SALONA VILLAGE |
| 6206 MORI ST | 4 | .. | 3 | .. | 0 | | MCLEAN | | \$721,000 | | Detached | | 0.26 | | 22101 | | POTOMAC HILLS |
| 7008 HAMEL HILL CT | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 0 | | MCLEAN | | \$720,000 | | Detached | | 0.40 | | 22101 | | HAMEL HILL |
| 6705 PINE CREEK CT | 4 | .. | 2 | .. | 1 | | MCLEAN | | \$720,000 | | Detached | | 0.19 | | 22101 | | CROSSWOODS THE |
| 2668 HILLSMAN ST | 4 | .. | 3 | .. | 1 | | FALLS CHURCH | .. | \$717,500 | | Detached | | 0.19 | | 22043 | | HOLLY CREST |
| 1914 PROUT PL | 4 | .. | 3 | .. | 1 | | FALLS CHURCH | .. | \$715,000 | | Detached | | 0.26 | | 22043 | | PIMMIT HILLS |
| 7111 CHURCHILL RD | 4 | .. | 2 | .. | 0 | | MCLEAN | | \$710,000 | | Detached | | 0.44 | | 22101 | | OLD DOMINION GARDENS |
| 6721 TOWNE LANE RD | 4 | .. | 3 | .. | 1 | | MCLEAN | | \$680,000 | | Townhouse | | 0.06 | | 22101 | | KINGS MANOR TOWNE HOUSES |
| 6405 OLD DOMINION DR | 4 | .. | 3 | .. | 0 | | MCLEAN | | \$680,000 | | Detached | | 0.25 | | 22101 | | DANA HEIGHTS |
| 1417 HOMERIC CT | 4 | .. | 3 | .. | 0 | | MCLEAN | | \$675,000 | | Detached | | 0.26 | | 22101 | | BROYHILLS MCLEAN ESTS |
| 1429 MAYFLOWER DR | 3 | .. | 3 | .. | 0 | | MCLEAN | | \$650,000 | | Detached | | 0.26 | | 22101 | | BROYHILLS MCLEAN ESTS |
| 2120 GREAT FALLS ST | 3 | .. | 2 | .. | 0 | | FALLS CHURCH | .. | \$640,000 | | Detached | | 0.52 | | 22043 | | GOLDLEAF TERRACE |
| 6527 DIVINE ST | 4 | .. | 3 | .. | 0 | | MCLEAN | | \$605,500 | | Detached | | 0.26 | | 22101 | | BROYHILL GLEN GARY PARK |
| 2024 HOPEWOOD DR | 3 | .. | 3 | .. | 1 | | FALLS CHURCH | .. | \$575,000 | | Townhouse | | 0.04 | | 22043 | | WESTMORELAND SQUARE |
| 6802 LUMSDEN ST | 4 | .. | 3 | .. | 0 | | MCLEAN | | \$569,000 | | Detached | | 0.26 | | 22101 | | LEWINSVILLE HEIGHTS |
| 1920 AUTUMN CHASE CT | 3 | .. | 3 | .. | 1 | | FALLS CHURCH | .. | \$535,000 | | Townhouse | | 0.07 | | 22043 | | AUTUMN CHASE |
| 1951 HOPEWOOD DR | 3 | .. | 2 | .. | 2 | | FALLS CHURCH | .. | \$535,000 | | Townhouse | | 0.07 | | 22043 | | WESTMORELAND SQUARE |
| 2233 KINGS GARDEN WAY | 4 | .. | 3 | .. | 1 | | FALLS CHURCH | .. | \$515,000 | | Townhouse | | 0.04 | | 22043 | | DOMINION |
| 7761 MARSHALL HEIGHTS CT | 3 | .. | 3 | .. | 0 | | FALLS CHURCH | .. | \$445,000 | | Townhouse | | 0.03 | | 22043 | | MARSHALL HEIGHTS |
| 2010 PIMMIT DR | 5 | .. | 2 | .. | 0 | | FALLS CHURCH | .. | \$440,000 | | Detached | | 0.46 | | 22043 | | PIMMIT HILLS |
| 1645 INTERNATIONAL DR #220 | 2 | .. | 2 | .. | 0 | | MCLEAN | | \$419,000 | | Garden 1-4 Floors | | | | 22102 | | LILLIAN COURT AT TYSONS |
| 8340 GREENSBORO DR #808 | 2 | .. | 2 | .. | 0 | | MCLEAN | | \$390,000 | | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | | | 22102 | | ROTONDA |
| 7036 FALLS REACH DR #7036 | 2 | .. | 2 | .. | 1 | | FALLS CHURCH | .. | \$389,500 | | Garden 1-4 Floors | | | | 22043 | | VILLAGE THE |
| 2816 HOGAN CT | 3 | .. | 2 | .. | 2 | | FALLS CHURCH | .. | \$389,000 | | Townhouse | | 0.03 | | 22043 | | PINEWOOD GREENS |
| 1800 OLD MEADOW RD #1519 | 2 | .. | 2 | .. | 0 | | MCLEAN | | \$385,000 | | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | | | 22102 | | REGENCY AT MCLEAN |
| 1800 OLD MEADOW RD #617 | 2 | .. | 2 | .. | 0 | | MCLEAN | | \$370,000 | | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | | | 22102 | | REGENCY AT MCLEAN |
| 1600 SPRING GATE DR #2203 | 3 | .. | 2 | .. | 0 | | MCLEAN | | \$369,000 | | Garden 1-4 Floors | | | | 22102 | | GATES OF MCLEAN |
| 2004 HILEMAN RD | 3 | .. | 2 | .. | 0 | | FALLS CHURCH | .. | \$365,000 | | Detached | | 0.23 | | 22043 | | PIMMIT HILLS |
| 8380 GREENSBORO DR #1007 | 2 | .. | 2 | .. | 0 | | MCLEAN | | \$365,000 | | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | | | 22102 | | ROTONDA |
| 7011 FALLS REACH DR #105 | 2 | .. | 2 | .. | 0 | | FALLS CHURCH | .. | \$350,000 | | Garden 1-4 Floors | | | | 22043 | | PAVILION THE |
| 2230 GEORGE C MARSHALL DR #1018 | 2 | .. | 2 | .. | 0 | | FALLS CHURCH | .. | \$342,500 | | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | | | 22043 | | RENAISSANCE 2230 |
| 1530 SPRING GATE DR #9419 | 2 | .. | 2 | .. | 0 | | MCLEAN | | \$340,000 | | Garden 1-4 Floors | | | | 22102 | | GATES OF MCLEAN |
| 1581 SPRING GATE DR #5112 | 2 | .. | 2 | .. | 0 | | MCLEAN | | \$336,000 | | Garden 1-4 Floors | | | | 22102 | | GATES OF MCLEAN |
| 7606 LEONARD DR | 3 | .. | 1 | .. | 0 | | FALLS CHURCH | | \$334,000 | | Detached | | 0.23 | | 22043 | | PIMMIT HILLS |
| 2230 GEORGE C MARSHALL DR #6022 | 2 | .. | 2 | .. | 0 | | FALLS CHURCH | | \$328,000 | | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | | | 22043 | | RENAISSANCE 2230 |
| 2230 GEORGE C MARSHALL DR #3172 | 2 | .. | 2 | .. | 0 | | FALLS CHURCH | | \$327,500 | | Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors | | | | 22043 | | RENAISSANCE 2230 |
| 8350 GREENSBORO DR #324 | 2 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | | MCLEAN | | \$322,000 | | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | | | 22102 | | ROTONDA |
| 1530 SPRING GATE DR #9216 | 2 | .. | 2 | .. | 0 | | MCLEAN | | \$315,100 | | Garden 1-4 Floors | | | | 22102 | | GATES OF MCLEAN |
| 1541 LINCOLN WAY #101A | 2 | .. | 2 | .. | 0 | | MCLEAN | | \$309,000 | | Garden 1-4 Floors | | | | 22102 | | FOUNTAINS AT MCLEAN |
| 7746 LEESBURG PIKE #0 | 2 | .. | 1 | .. | 0 | | FALLS CHURCH | | \$305,000 | | Detached | | 0.24 | | 22043 | | PIMMIT HILLS |
| 1541 LINCOLN WAY #233 | 2 | .. | 2 | .. | 0 | | MCLEAN | | \$288,000 | | Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors | | | | 22102 | | FOUNTAINS AT MCLEAN |
| 1581 SPRING GATE DR #5207 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 0 | | MCLEAN | | \$225,000 | | Garden 1-4 Floors | | | | 22102 | | GATES OF MCLEAN |
| 1504 LINCOLN WAY #222 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 0 | | MCLEAN | | \$215,000 | | Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors | | | | 22102 | | FOUNTAINS AT MCLEAN |
| 7630 PROVINCIAL DR #212 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 0 | | MCLEAN | | \$210,000 | | Garden 1-4 Floors | | | | 22102 | | THE COLONIES |
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THE COUNTY LINE

Restoring Funding for Human Services

Residents, agencies testify to need for community services.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

After three years of deep budget cuts and declining revenue, Fairfax County is showing signs of fiscal equilibrium as property values and revenues begin a slow uphill climb.

But human service agencies in the county are still feeling pinched by three years of cumulative cuts to their budgets, shrinking state and federal dollars, and increased demand on services.

More than 30 agencies and individuals showed up to testify during last week's public hearings on the proposed \$6.7 billion fiscal year 2013 budget to deliver a unified message to the Board of Supervisors.

"The proposed cuts in human services funding are relatively small dollar amounts," said Frank Blechman, vice chair of the Fairfax County Alliance for Human Services (AHS), who testified before the board on Wednesday, April 11, "but the impact these cuts will have on programs and the vulnerable families and individuals who need them will be severe."

County Executive Anthony Griffin's proposed budget assumes no increase in current real property tax rates; however, the AHS - a non-partisan partnership that advocates for dozens of local public and private human service providers - urged board members to adopt the county's advertised tax rate 1-cent tax increase to \$1.08 per \$100 of assessed value, which would add nearly \$20 million to the budget coffers.

To avoid raising tax rates, Griffin has proposed a 2013 budget with approximately \$3 million in various human services cuts, including:

*Eliminating the Adult Dental Program (Savings: \$50,000) - This program provides discounted basic dental care to low income adults. According to AHS, eliminating the program will result in 500 adults not receiving services. Instead, says AHS, they will have to seek care at the Northern Virginia Dental Clinic, which has a waiting list of six months to 4 years.

*Reduce home-based care funding (Savings: \$300,000) - These services are provided to low-income adults to help them continue independent living in their own homes. In fiscal years 2010 and 2011, funding for this program was cut by a total of \$1.7 million. To deal with that reduced funding, the County's Department of Family Services has tightened screening and services. According to AHS, the proposed fiscal year 2013 cut would lead to a waiting list for services.

*Decreased funding for Student Assistance Programs (Savings: \$99,500) - These services, offered through the Community Services Board (CSB), provide year-round



Human Service Advocates testified before the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors during a public hearing on Wednesday, April 11, urging the board to increase funding for community programs that serve the homeless population and other vulnerable residents. From left, Kerri Wilson of Reston Interfaith; Gerald Poje of Reston Interfaith; Kathy Albarado, Governing Board of Office to Prevent and End Homelessness; Cheryl Simpkins of United Christian Ministries; Conrad Egan, Governing Board of Office to Prevent and End Homelessness; Michael O'Reilly, Governing Board Chair of Office to Prevent and End Homelessness; Amanda Andere of FACETS; Meredith Magwire of Habitat for Humanity and Judith Dittman of Alternative House.

Recommended Funding Increases

Fairfax County Alliance for Human Services recommended funding increases in FY 2013 Budget include:

- ❖ Partners in Prevention Fund, which funds various organizations, including Safe Dates programs run by FACETS, The Lorton Community Action Center, United Community Ministries and Reston Interfaith - **\$400,000**
- ❖ Additional funding for the Consolidated Community Funding Pool. During 2011, more than 119,000 people in 61,300 households was served - **\$448,534**
- ❖ Restoring funding for Access Fairfax - \$75,000
- ❖ Restoring funding for two Computer Learning Centers - **\$90,000**
- ❖ Restoring funding for the Department of Family Services Rent Relief Program - \$275,000
- ❖ Restoring funding for seven School Health Aide Substitutes - **\$110,997**
- ❖ Restoring funding for one contracted Nurse Practitioner with the Community Health Care Network - **\$130,000**
- ❖ Restoring funding and providing additional funding for the Adult Dental Program - **\$100,000**
- ❖ Restoring funding for the Home Based Care program - **\$300,000**
- ❖ Restoring funding for Student Assistance Services - **\$100,000**
- ❖ Providing funding for residential services for young adults with autism and mental illness - **\$663,721**
- ❖ Therapeutic Recreation Summer Program and Adult Social Club Program - **\$35,000**
- ❖ **TOTAL - \$2,828,252**

school-based alcohol and drug screening, assessment and early intervention. This reduction eliminates one position and, says

AHS, will cause 81 youths to be shut out of the program.

"Funding human services is never easy,"

Blechman said, joking with supervisors that they could afford to demonstrate their "profiles in courage" during a non-election year by approving the county executive's advertised tax rate to fund "unmet human service needs."

"This is the year to turn the corner from survival mode to growth," Blechman said.

Several supervisors indicated their support of restoring funding to human service programs.

"These programs serve the homeless, the elderly, people suffering with drug and alcohol addictions, young and old residents with serious physical and mental disabilities, victims of domestic violence, and many other county residents who need help from their community," said supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville).

"Because of their circumstances, many of these people live in poverty," Foust said, adding that Fairfax County has a number of active non-profits and faith-based groups providing services.

"But the sheer numbers of residents needing help means the county must play a large role in ensuring that needed services are provided," Foust said.

While Fairfax County's poverty rate is better than most — 5.08 percent in 2011^o — it still translates to nearly 63,000 people living below the poverty level, according to county officials.

The Alliance for Human Services provided board members with a list of budget recommendations regarding the proposed cuts as well as restoring certain other programs cut in prior years.

AHS acknowledged that Griffin's proposed budget does include some increases in several human services programs.

"We can't stress enough how important it is to approve the county executive's recommendations for increased human services funding. Anything less will further weaken the human services net that is already frayed," Blechman said.

*CSB's Infant and Toddler Connection:

One of Griffin's recommended increases that generated emotional testimony was the \$823,456 for the CSB Infant and Toddler Connection, which provides families screening and programs for children with possible developmental delays.

Lisa Arlt Escoto of Vienna brought her daughter Elena, 5, who has a neuro-genetic syndrome that causes severe global delays, seizures and drastically limits speech.

"I was shocked to learn that the (proposed budget) does not include increased funding for the Infant and Toddler Connection," Arlt Escoto said.

She said she and her husband were working in China for the U.S. Consulate when they discovered Elena was severely developmentally delayed and required immediate intervention therapy. So the couple returned to Fairfax County to get Elena the help she needed.

"I was already feeling overwhelmed and terrified by the discovery of Elena's disabil

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ENTERTAINMENT

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THURSDAY/APRIL 19

4th Annual Green Expo. 6:30-9 p.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna. Presentations and discussions for children and adults from 35 organizations and businesses will include information on energy efficiency, purchasing local organic products, creating green gardens, recycling options and more ideas to save money and help the environment. Free admission. 703-255-6356 or csalgado@viennava.gov.

Green River Ordinance and Graham Colton. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Chapter 227, Vietnam Veterans of America Inc. 7:30 p.m. Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane, Cedar Lane Shopping Center, Vienna. Edward J. LaClare, Vietnam War veteran, will share his father's, Col. Edward F. LaClare, WWII experiences as an Army Air Force combat fighter pilot. Free admission. 703-255-0353 or www.vva227.org.

Book Discussion Group. 7:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Call for title. Adults. 703-757-8560.

Jim Brickman. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolftrap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Pop pianist. \$35. www.wolftrap.org.
"The Crucible" by Arthur Miller. 7:30 p.m. Langley High School, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Limited seating. 703-287-2821 or www.saxonstage.com.



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FRIDAY/APRIL 20

"Side Man." 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.1ststageyson.org.

Kindlewood and Duke Walker at 7 p.m.; **Dub City Renegades, Feed God Cabbage and Nappy Riddem** at 10 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.

Jim Brickman. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolftrap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Pop pianist. \$35. www.wolftrap.org.

Oakton Vocalist Sarah Jebian. 7:30 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. CD release concert of Jebian's debut album, "Love Songs & Lullabies." With Dashboard Divas. 703-725-0651.

"The Fantasticks." 8 p.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. Musical comedy. \$14, \$12 students and seniors. 703-255-6360 or www.viennatheatrecompany.org.

"Deathtrap." 8 p.m. McLean Community Center Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Comedy-thriller about a play within a play. \$14-\$16, group rates available. 866-811-4111 or www.mcleanplayers.org.

"The Crucible" by Arthur Miller. 7:30 p.m. Langley High School, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Limited seating. 703-287-2821 or www.saxonstage.com.

SATURDAY/APRIL 21

MCCP Foundation Dress Up with Grown-Ups Gala. 6-10 p.m. McLean Hilton, 7920 Jones Branch Drive, McLean. Sit-down dinner, dancing and a DJ. Proceeds benefit the Medical Care for Children Partnership Foundation, providing health care for the children of

uninsured working families in Fairfax County. Family Ticket \$375 (2 adults and 2 children). \$150 per extra adult, \$75 per extra child. Black Tie Optional.

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Children's Show: The Diggity Dudes. 10:30 a.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

The Deanna Bogart Band. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Mother's Day Craft Show. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Providence RECenter, 7525 Marc Drive, Falls Church. Free admission. 703-698-1351.

Cody and BJ. 10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Songs about animals and our planet. Meet the Macaw parrot, Cheyenne. 703-757-8560.

Magic Show. 2 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Enjoy a performance by magician Mike Rose. All Ages. 703-790-8088.

Jeri Sager. 7:30 p.m. The Barns at Wolftrap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Broadway performer and Northern Virginia native \$25. www.wolftrap.org.

Sixth Annual Spring Art Festival. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Village Green Day School, 790 Walker Road, Great Falls. Paintings, photography, pottery, jewelry, weaving, woodcarving and more. Free admission. 703-442-9251.

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Concert in the Park: "Under the Big Top". Clemyjontri Park, 6317 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Black-tie concert and dinner featuring a performance by the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra. 703-506-8980 or www.friendsofclemy.com.

Rummage Sale. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Church of the Good Shepherd (United Methodist), 2351 Hunter Mill Rd, Vienna. All proceeds support local and national charities, including Facets Hot Meals and Stop Hunger Now. 703-281-3987 or www.GoodShepherdVA.org.

Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association. Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Proceeds benefit Fisher House Foundation. Line dance lesson at 7:30 p.m., beginning West Coast Swing at 8 p.m. Open dancing 8:30-11 p.m. \$20. Potluck and silent auction. www.nvcwda.org or 703-860-4941.

Meet the Authors. 1-3 p.m. Barnes & Noble, 1851 Fountain Drive, Reston.

Great Falls author Sophie Perinot (The Sister Queens) with Kate Quinn (Empress of the Seven Hills) and Stephanie Dray (Song of the Nile). Free and open to the public. www.thesisterqueens.com.

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Clemyjontri Park Cleanup. 9 a.m. Clemyjontri Park, 6317 Georgetown Pike, McLean. The Kiwanis Club of Tysons Corner/McLean is celebrating Kiwanis One Day, dedicated to community service. www.tysonscornerkiwanis.org.

SUNDAY/APRIL 22

Cars For A Cause. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. George Mason University Parking Lot K, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Car show, horsepower challenge, children's activities, trophies, raffles and prizes. Proceeds benefit the Isabel Warrior Princess Foundation (raising funds for a child diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma) and the Children's National Medical Center. \$15. www.teamunclassified.com.

Wolftrap 5K & Fun Run and Bike Rodeo. Wolftrap Elementary School, 1903 Beulah Road, Vienna. Chip timing. Music, a cake walk, face and arm painting, giveaways and prizes. Following the run will be a Bike Rodeo: bring a bike and helmet, get tips on riding safety and more. funrun@wolftrappta.org.

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Crash Concept, Metacomet's Vision and Meganova at 1 p.m.; **The Lumineers and Kopecky Family Band** at 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

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Flute Recital. 7 p.m. Vienna Presbyterian Church 124 Park St, NE Vienna. Reston resident Pamela Daniels performing pieces by Debussy, Brahms, Sanca, and Francaix, with pianist Anna Ouspenskaya and guitarist Robert Hanson. Free, donations accepted. 703-435-8588.

MONDAY/APRIL 23

Bowling For Soup, Patent Pending, Freshman 15 and Sandlot Heroes. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

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

Lift Me Up! Fundraising Event. 5-8 p.m. Pulcinella Italian, 6852 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. Approximately 60% of sales will benefit Lift Me Up!, a therapeutic horseback riding program in Great Falls. 703-734-0192.

TUESDAY/APRIL 24

Ron Pope with Josiah Leming,

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Tuesday Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Stories, songs and activities. Ages 1-2 with adult. 703-790-8088.

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Book Talk for Book Lovers. 7 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. My Stroke of Insight by Jill Bolte Taylor. Adults. 703-790-8088.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 25

Happy Hedgehogs. 10:30 a.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Meet live African Pygmy Hedgehogs and listen to their caretaker read the stories of Jan Brett. Presented by the Hedgehog Welfare Society. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-356-0770.

THURSDAY/APRIL 26

Fenwick Fellow Lecture and Reception. 2 p.m. George Mason University, Johnson Center Instruction Room, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. With Dr. Michael Chang, 2010-2011 Fenwick Fellow, on "Service at the Manchu Court: The Young Kangxi Emperor and His Personal Advisors." Refreshments served. 703-993-2491 or dhogan1@gmu.edu.

Spring Art Festival Returns

Festival to be held at the Village Green Day School Saturday and Sunday.

The Sixth Annual Great Falls Spring Art Festival and Sale, a showcase for art created locally, will be held next weekend, April 21 and 22, at the Village Green Day School, 790 Walker Road, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

The festival features pottery, paintings in oil and watercolor, jewelry, photography, woven handbags, digital art, woodcarving and other work created by over 20 artist members of Great Falls Studios, a network of artists based in Great Falls. Many of the participants are either new to the event or returning after a hiatus, bringing additional creativity to the festival.

"This looks like a great show with an interesting lineup of artists," said Linda Jones, a watercolor painter who has organized the event on behalf of Great Falls Studios. "Even if you've been to one of the other Spring Festivals, you'll find new and different art and gifts each year, and this year is no exception."

Great Falls boasts over 95 working artists, most of whom work out of studios in their homes. The Spring Festival, plus the Holi-



"Betty's Daffodils," an oil painting by Great Falls artist Karen Bateman, is typical of the art available at the Great Falls Studios Spring Art Festival being held April 21-22 at the Village Green Day School.

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day Show in December and the annual Studio Tour held each October, give the community an opportunity to see high quality art made locally and to speak with the artists, many of whom are friends and neighbors, about their creations. Admission is free.

Visitors who come on Saturday are eligible to win drawings for two \$50 "Art Bucks" prizes, which can be used on Sunday toward purchase of any work on sale.

A portion of proceeds from the sale of art will be given to the host venue, the Village

Green Day School. The funds will be used to support the development of art education at the school, which serves pre-school-age children. Village Green Day School is just south of the Village Centre on Walker Road.

Great Falls Studios serves the interest of local artists, but it has also become an important community-service organization to help make Great Falls a more artful place. You can get a preliminary look at some of the artists taking part by going to the group's website: www.GreatFallsStudios.com.

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The I-66 Multimodal Study, underway since July 2011, is now completing the evaluation of transportation options to reduce highway and transit congestion and improve overall mobility within the I-66 corridor between the Capital Beltway (I-495) and the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge. The study team will share evaluation results of the multimodal transportation alternatives and preliminary recommendations. The alternatives represent packages of mobility options that combine transit, bicycle, pedestrian, demand management, technology and roadway improvements to address congestion in the I-66 corridor.

Give your written comments at the meeting or email them by May 10, 2012 to info@i66multimodalstudy.com. You may also submit comments to Valerie Pardo, VDOT, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030.

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I-66 Multimodal Study Inside the Beltway

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The Langley High Saxons have struggled to hit consistently over stretches of the season. But solid pitching and defense have helped the Saxons build up an impressive 4-2 Liberty District record.

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Langley Baseball Garneres Two Huge District Wins

Following tough spring break trip, Saxons come back strong with victories over Madison, Jefferson.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

In its first two games following a spring break trip to Wilmington, N.C., the Langley High baseball team was victorious in Liberty District games over Madison High and Jefferson.

The victories, which improved the Saxons' overall season record to 6-6, took place last week. The low-scoring affair with Madison, considered one of the top teams in the Northern Region, was a 2-1 decision which went 11 innings. That contest took place on Tuesday, April 10. The win over Jefferson, a 12-4 road triumph, was played last Friday, April 13.

The wins over both the Warhawks and Colonials improved Langley's district record to 4-2.

Overall, Langley head coach Kevin Healy likes the way his team has played this spring. The main improvement he would like to see over the remainder of the season is the team's prowess at the plate.

"Pitching and defense have been strong all season, so if we can hit a little more, and especially with runners on base, we could really get rolling," said Healy. "It's just a matter of making those adjustments."

OVER SPRING BREAK the first week in April, Langley competed at the Ashley High Spring Break Tournament in Wilmington. There, the Saxons struggled to generate runs and lost all three of their games - 3-2 to the host Ashley High team on April 2; 5-1 to West Forsyth High on April 3; and 8-1 to Hoggard High on April 3.

Going back to a pre-spring break 2-0 loss at Liberty District opponent Stone Bridge High in Ashburn on March 29, Langley, following the three setbacks over the break, returned home with a discouraging four-game losing streak.

"We've been struggling at the plate," said Healy, in the aftermath of his team's three games in Wilmington.

But the Saxons certainly came back to life over their next two games last week, defeating the Madi-

son team, ranked No. 2 in the recent Top 10 Northern Region Coaches Poll, and then breaking through with 12 runs in the Friday night win over the Colonials of Jefferson.

LANGLEY OPENED the season by winning four of its first six games. Following a 3-1 road loss at private school opponent Bishop O'Connell in Arlington on March 13, Langley won both games at its own Saxon Invitational, defeating Edison High (National District), 5-0, in a first round (semifinals) contest on March 15, and then defeating the Washington-Lee Generals, also a member of the National District, in the championship game the following day, 10-0.

Four days later, Langley opened up its Liberty District schedule, losing a close 3-2 game at Marshall High on March 20. But the Saxons, in their district home opener on March 23, edged Fairfax High, 7-6, then followed that up with a 6-5 district road win at South Lakes in Reston on March 27.

So in Langley's first three district games of the season, the Saxons had gone 2-1 with all three outings being decided by one run.

The 2-0 loss to Stone Bridge, in Langley's final game before spring break, put the Saxons at 2-2 in district play.

With the momentum of last week's post spring break wins over Madison and Jefferson, Langley was set to continue play in the Liberty this week with home games over McLean (Tuesday, April 17) and Marshall (Friday, April 20. The latter game with the Statesmen is scheduled to begin at 6:30.

Members of this year's Langley High team are: senior middle infielder Anthony Baskin, senior pitcher/second baseman Andrew Balog, senior outfielder Daniel Richardson, senior middle infielder Jack Frix, senior shortstop/pitcher Matt Moser, senior pitcher/first baseman Jonathan O'Connor, senior middle infielder Brandon Blast, senior outfielder David Paul, senior outfielder/catcher AJ Holtberg, senior pitcher/first baseman Michael Byrne, senior pitcher Andrew Pechstein, junior third baseman Cal Jadacki, senior third baseman Gray Decker, sophomore middle infielder Nick Serger, junior pitcher/first baseman John DeFriest, junior catcher/outfielder Thomas Dungan, junior catcher Nick Hallmark, junior outfielder Phil Loria, junior pitcher/outfielder Joseph Aulisi, junior pitcher/first baseman Bryan Even, junior outfielder Tommy Cole, senior pitcher/outfielder Colin Cantwell, sophomore pitcher/outfielder Jake McSteen, and senior pitcher Bobby Klein.



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In a recent girls' lacrosse game between the Saxons and Highlanders, Langley goalie Erin Long (40) saves the ball in heavy traffic. This past Friday night, Long had a terrific outing for the Saxons in their victory at Madison.

Langley Lacrosse Wins at Madison

Saxons win riveting Liberty District contest, 13-11.

BY PETER MAHONEY
SPECIAL TO THE CONNECTION

The Langley High varsity lacrosse team defeated the reigning Virginia State champion Madison Warhawks on their home turf in Vienna, 13-11, in a Liberty District showdown last Friday night between two of the state's top-ranked girls programs.

Propelled by a five-goal outing by junior Grace Goettman, who took and won the majority of the game's draws, and a stellar performance by the Lady Saxon defense, led by junior goalie Erin Long's 13 saves, Langley built a 13-6 lead with five minutes left and then withstood a furious comeback attempt by the powerful Warhawks.

Langley snapped the Warhawks' string of unbeaten games at 26 and emerged tied with Stone Bridge atop the Liberty District standings. Senior Nicky Pritchett contributed three second half goals for the Saxons.

Madison surged on Katie Kerrigan's goal at 4:04. Following a yellow card call against the Saxons, Kerrigan again tallied at 3:10 and a minute later

Kehoe scored, sending the home crowd into a frenzy and leaving the Saxon's lead at a sudden and perilous two goals at 13-11 with less than two minutes remaining.

But as they have all year, the Lady Saxons gathered themselves and refused to bend. Goettman skied for the draw, the Saxons snagged the ball, and the sure-handed Soutter, Glasgow and Martins were instrumental in outrunning the desperately chasing Warhawk defenders as time finally ran out.

"This was a terrific win over a championship-caliber Madison team," said Langley coach Richard DeSomma. "We had some calls go against us in the second half and Madison was able to pull off a run near the end, but we kept our poise and closed them out. The defensive unit played an outstanding game and I can't say enough about Erin Long's performance, which was the difference-maker tonight. We will see Madison again in the postseason, and I hope we will perform as well."

Earlier this week Saxons continued Liberty District play with a home game against Fairfax High on Monday night.

Supervisors Urged to Restore Funding

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ity, and being unable to find private therapists who didn't have a one or two-year wait list nearly drove me over the edge," she said.

When one of Elena's doctors referred her to the ITC, Arlt Escoto said it was a lifeline for her and her daughter. "They provided several therapy programs as well as a mom support group ... I am convinced that without ITC, Elena would not be nearly as functional as she is today." °

"I support a big chunk of those cuts being restored. Some are totally unacceptable, like ITC," said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee).

McKay said that the county's Infant and Toddler Connection touched his family in a profound and personal way. When his daughter Leann was 2 1/2, she stopped talking. At the time, she was attending the Bryant Early Learning (BEL) Center day care program in Alexandria, which referred her to the ITC. Through ITC, McKay's daughter received intense speech therapy for six months, and she completely regained her ability to speak. McKay said she is as chatty now as any four-year-old.

"It was one of those eye-opening moments when you appreciate that much more where you live. It's such a small budgetary item, and I'm glad most people never need these services," McKay said. "But it was a lifeline for us."

McKay said alarm bells went off when he learned that the ITC was going to stop admitting early intervention clients because of budget cuts, especially when referrals to the agency are up 38 percent in the past two years.

"When I saw it on the cut list, my jaw dropped ... I am more than appalled; I am outraged," McKay said.

"Not only are these budget cuts abdication of our moral responsibility to our children but they are a poor financial decision."

Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) said individual testimony that demonstrates the value of the county's human services programs is always compelling.

"It absolutely matters when people are courageous enough to come before us to share their personal stories and experiences," Bulova said. °



Lisa Arlt Escoto of Vienna brought her daughter, Elena, 5, to testify during the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors public hearing on Wednesday April 11 about the "lifeline" the county provides through its Infant and Toddler Connection Program. "I was shocked to learn that the proposed Fairfax County budget does not include increased funding for the ITC," Arlt Escoto said.

"The sheer numbers of residents needing help means the county must play a large role in ensuring that needed services are provided."

—Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville)

"It is also important for us to identify efficiencies and delivery methods that best leverage our county investments in human services programs and services," Bulova said.

"Ultimately, our job is to listen, care and weigh all of the options," said Supervisor Linda Smyth, (D-Providence). "We always end up with more requests than money. We're in a much better place than most of the country, but that doesn't mean people are not still hurting."

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The ten couples that were finalists in the Hilton McLean \$28,000 wedding giveaway, presented on April 4 at the hotel.

Hilton McLean Hosts Wedding Giveaway

Ten couple vie for free wedding package, honeymoon in Barbados.

On April 4 at the Hilton McLean, ten couples vied to win a wedding package valued at \$28,000. And all each couple had to do was to convince a panel of judges, through video or live performance, that they deserved to win the contest. An earlier essay competition narrowed the finalists to ten. Contestants had to tie-in their love to Fairfax County and Tysons Corner.

Contestants came from Vienna, McLean, Great Falls and Herndon, as well as points north and south. Hilton McLean, in partnership with local businesses, including Vienna's Karin's Florist, offered a wedding reception complete with photography and flowers. Hilton Barbados provided a four-night honeymoon and U.S. Airways offered complimentary air travel to Barbados.

"I found out about the contest two days before the essay contest ended," said Dominique Best, who graduated from James Madison High School in 2000. She and her fiancée Duc Pham live and work in Vienna. The money they have been saving will go toward their wedding or a house. "We're gravitating more toward saving for the house, now," said Best.

Christina Wong and Peter Huang met at Virginia Tech, from which the two graduated in 2010. They returned to campus on 2011; Huang proposed to Wong on the Virginia Tech gazebo that sits alongside the duck pond. They live in Great Falls and Tysons Corner is a familiar spot to them.

Danielle Proulx, a veterinarian, and Victor Sanguanboon,

a federal agent, met at a doggy happy hour. Sanguanboon hid the engagement ring in the limbs of their Christmas tree on Dec. 11. They and their pets live happily in McLean, planning a summer wedding of their own making at the McLean Hilton.

While many couples aired videos of their lives together, some tried a different approach, from creating a live in-the-future scenario to a talk-show. Several of the couples had children, another couple was awaiting the prospective groom's Afghanistan deployment. Each couple had a story to tell and most of the stories included a family dog or two. The winning couple, from Alexandria, are expecting their second child, both miracle babies.

Hilton McLean served drinks and laid out a small-plate spread. Nobody left a loser. Every couple received a goody-bag with certificates for discounts, including ten percent off a Hilton wedding, a free night at the property and dinner for two at Harth, the hotel's restaurant that specializes in locally-produced ingredients. The chef grows his own herbs and peppers and tends to a beehive on the roof.

As disappointed as many couples were, most thought it was a good experience.

"It was a contest," said Proulx. "There was one winner and nine losers. It was nice of the Hilton to do this. We had fun doing it."

"All we really want is a wedding with family at it."

— DONNA MANZ

"Meagulpa"



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As a veteran of the chemo wars, I should have been better prepared mentally for the food/taste challenges often caused by the infusion of such cancer-fighting chemicals, but I wasn't. Oh, I was ready for the hair loss, the fatigue, the diabetic-type neuropathy, the overall aches and pains (general feeling of discomfort/feeling out of sorts), but for some inexplicable reason, I wasn't ready for the food issue. Specifically, I refer to its lack of taste, and a directly-related effect: minimal interest in eating. Whether the effect/cause was in my head or in my taste buds, it was most definitely an effect from a cause.

Not that I appear, at present, to be the least bit undernourished (disheveled, maybe), or not in need of a modest reduction in weight; nevertheless, not being able to enjoy my daily bread, as but one example, was/is disappointing. Moreover, being one of the many individuals who uses food as a stress-reducer and oral-fixator, not being satisfied by any of my staples has made for a very dull boy. Not cranky. Not irritable. More like miserable. And this misery doesn't like company, and has made this four-time infusion much less palatable than I had anticipated. I had anticipated: been there done that; no problem. However, as experienced as I thought I was; having survived/endured six infusions (round one) three years ago, my overconfidence for this second round seems to have led me to a bit of an emotional thud. I thought I was going to slide through this treatment unscathed. Unfortunately, I have been scathed.

What upsets me most about my circumstances is that I think I should have known better, especially since I take such pride in trying to know better/be prepared (I'm not exactly a Boy Scout, but I am usually more on the ball). Yet I wasn't. And when the food began to taste bad a week or two after my second infusion (as if it were a surprise), emotionally I went south. Not only was I "disappointed" in the taste of food, I was more disappointed in my lack of awareness of a fairly likely/predictable occurrence when chemotherapy is infused. If Hostess Brands, the makers of Twinkies, Ding Dongs, Ho Hos, Cupcakes, etc., had not already filed for bankruptcy protection back in January, 2012; given my modest – and uncharacteristic – first quarter consumption of such delicacies, they likely would have been forced to file for bankruptcy in April of 2012. I wouldn't say however, that as an adult I've maintained the pace of my indulgent adolescence (almost a box a day); who could? But I have eaten my share (and a few others' shares, no doubt) and am proud of the hours I've spent satiated and of the product knowledge I've gained as a direct result. This second round of chemotherapy ended all of that. No taste, no pleasure. No pleasure, no patience. No patience, no happiness. And it's all my fault. I have been down this road before, bumpy as it was, and I should have been better prepared, mentally.

If there's one thing I believe I've learned during this whole cancer trip, and some wisdom I feel I can impart, it would be: managing expectations, both good and bad. Control what you can, don't worry about what you can't. Remember what you know and be mindful of what you don't. Expect the unexpected and don't take anything for granted. And though this food/lack of taste thing will pass soon enough, my arrogance in not preparing for/anticipating it will linger. I'll get over it, I suppose, but not before I've told you readers about it first.

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