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# Highlander Heroics

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McLean High girls' soccer forward Melanie Norton (pictured) scored the game's lone goal in the Highlanders' Liberty District tournament title game win over Stone Bridge last Friday evening at Madison High School. Later, on the same field, the Highlander boys won their championship game over cross-town rival Langley, by an identical 1-0 score. It was a magical McLean night for Highlander soccer. This week, both McLean teams are starting up play in Northern Region tournament action.

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Children throw ping-pong balls for a chance to win goldfish at McLean Day, Saturday, May 19.

# McLean Day Celebration

Festival brings thousands to Lewinsville Park.

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

While Enid Tate of McLean enjoys going to McLean Day to check out the local businesses, live music, carnival rides and other staples of the annual festival, her two daughters come for only one thing.

"Slides. They love slides. As soon as we show up, we go to the big one where you slide down on potato sacks. Then we go to the inflatable ones. Then we go back to the big one," she said. "Justin Bieber could be performing here, and I don't think it would take them away from the slides."

While Tate and her daughters had their goals clear in mind before they got to Lewinsville Park, there was plenty at the festival for all to enjoy. While the baseball field was turned into an archery tag arena, the parking lots and paths were turned into booths featuring local organizations and businesses.

"It's sort of a way to see who's who in McLean, because the groups that come here are really plugged

into what's going on with the people," said Harold Randall of McLean. "I know that we're all sort of on the same team, when they come to events like this, hopefully people will get to know them and support them in the future."

The parking lot closest to Chain Bridge Road was filled with carnival rides for all ages, where the younger children could ride the Tilt-a-Whirl and the more daring guests could defy gravity on the Zipper.

"It's too much for me, but this was the first year my son wanted to ride it, so he twisted my arm," said Karin Sans of McLean. "I'll spend the rest of my time right side up from now on, thank you."

Her son Erik, 15, said he couldn't wait to get back on line.

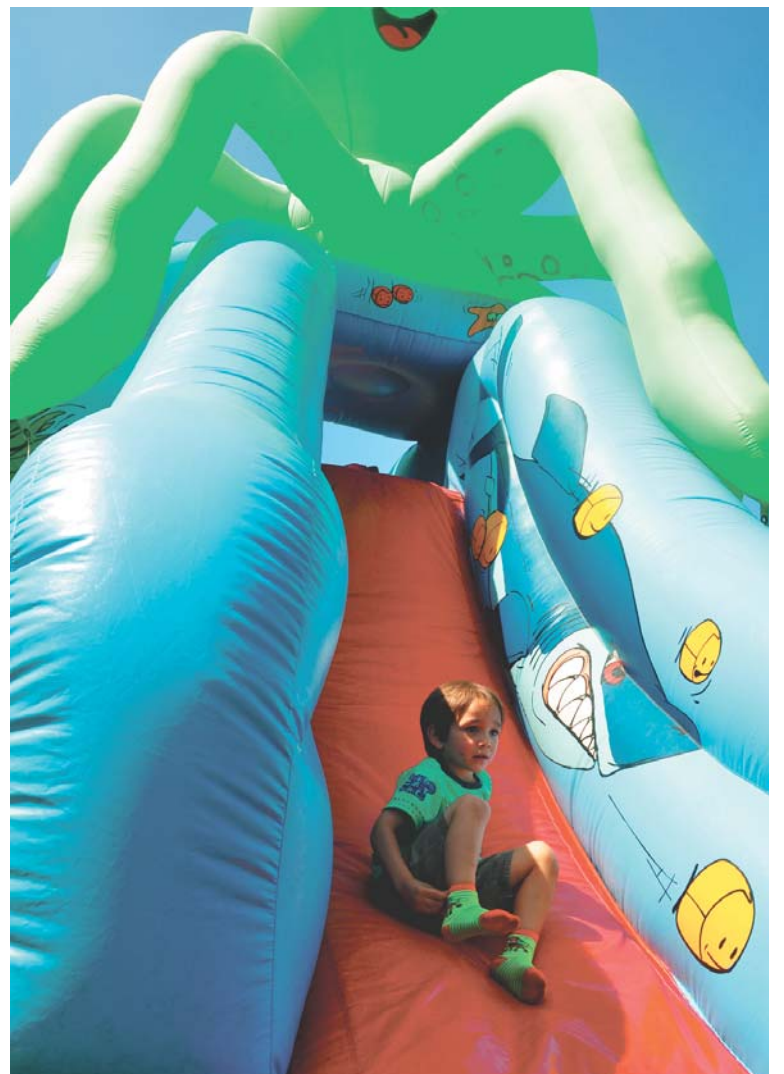
"It was pretty awesome, and I have to admit, it was fun torturing my mom a little bit by spinning the car as much as I could," Erik Sans said.

For others at the festival, the live entertainment was the highlight.

"I've always like 'Mutts Gone Nuts,' it's something I look forward to every year," said James Hood of McLean, referring to a dog stunt show that performed twice during the day. "I also like seeing the [McLean Community Center program] Joy of Dance kids out there, it's fun to watch such talented young people."



Children ride the mini carousel at McLean Day Saturday, May 19 at Lewinsville Park.



Galder Maull, 3, rides down the Octopus slide at McLean Day at Lewinsville Park, Saturday, May 19.



Scott Ramminger and the CrawStickers perform at McLean Day Saturday, May 19.



## First-timer Vs Longtimer

**Former Navy pilot hopes to defeat Moran with charges of conflict of interest.**

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE CONNECTION

**F**ormer Navy pilot Bruce Shuttleworth's campaign to oust U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) in the Democratic primary is fashioned as an indictment, a campaign in which the issues are framed as an attack on the incumbent. The first-time candidate hopes to knock off the 10-term congressman by describing him an insider who uses his power to help campaign contributors and himself.

"I think that Congressman Moran sides with big business too often," said Shuttleworth. "And too often those big businesses have given him big campaign contributions, and in fact he is number one in all of Congress in taking campaign contributions from his earmark recipients."

Supporters of Moran say these kinds of charges are nothing new, and the same accusations are resurrected every election cycle. They say candidates have to raise money to get elected, and that the congressman is an experienced legislator who votes his conscience. Several said that if Moran was known as a legislator who votes in favor of contributors he would have raised a lot more than \$600,000, the amount of money he's raised and spent so far in this election cycle. Ultimately, they say, voters have considered these charges and dismissed them.

"Voters in the 8th District know Congressman Moran," said Austin Durrer, a spokesman for the congressman. "He fights for their issues they care about, provides strong, progressive representation, and has helped strengthen the region's economy through his work as a senior member on the Appropriations Committee as a leader who understands the importance of the federal role in our regional economy."

**ON THE ISSUES,** Shuttleworth says he would have voted differently than Moran on a number of key votes. One is the F136 engine, developed by General Electric and Rolls-Royce. Shuttleworth says that he would have voted against funding for the project, which the Pentagon opposed. Shuttleworth says the project was unnecessary, adding that Moran took campaign contributions from General Electric and Rolls-Royce.

"It puts him in a conflict of interest position," said Shuttleworth. "I disagree with any congressman who will embrace that kind of conflict of interest, especially if they're voting against the Pentagon's wishes."

Supporters of the project say it's important to consider the cost ramifications of eliminating the project, which some people call "the alternative engine." They say that the military would have benefited from improved engine performance, increased contractor responsiveness and enhanced operational readiness while sustaining an industrial base for future aircraft programs.

"In Econ 101, you learn that competition brings



**Bruce Shuttleworth**

### Bruce Shuttleworth, 47

A native of Amsterdam, N.Y., Shuttleworth grew up in Severna Park, Md. He has a bachelor of science in history from the Naval Academy and a master of businesses administration from the Harvard Business School. He was in the Navy from 1983 to 1995, stepping down as a lieutenant. He is currently a strategy management consultant and was formerly employed by the Boston Consulting Group.

down costs," said Durrer. "In this case, having an alternative engine would have saved taxpayers more than \$20 billion over the life of the F-35 program."

**ANOTHER ISSUE** where Shuttleworth would have voted differently than Moran is the 2005

bankruptcy reform. Shuttleworth criticized the law as making it harder to declare bankruptcy, preventing people from getting a fresh start. He described the law as a "big win" for the credit card companies, repeating the charge that the congressman took a loan from credit card company MDNA in advance of the vote.

"Four days later, he cosponsored legislation to make it harder for citizens to declare bankruptcy, the very bankruptcy he avoided by taking that sweetheart loan," said Shuttleworth. "So there's another example of having an extreme conflict of interest."

Moran supporters scoff at the idea that a 10.7 percent mortgage loan is a "sweetheart deal," dismissing the idea that there was any relationship between the loan and the congressman's support for the reform.

**SHUTTLEWORTH ALSO SAYS** he would have voted against the repeal of the Glass-Steagall Act, which he says helped contribute to the global financial crisis. Moran voted to repeal the act, and Shuttleworth says he would have voted to maintain a separation between investment banking and commercial banking. Because that was at the heart of the financial crisis, Shuttleworth says, Moran bears some of the responsibility for the downturn.

"Too many investment bankers are intent on getting those short-term bonus checks," said Shuttleworth. "They take wild risk knowing that the downside is capped but the upside is not."

In a meeting with Connection Newspapers reporters and editors, Moran pushed back on criticism of his actions during the height of the financial crisis. He criticized a book titled "Throw Them All Out" by Peter Schweizer, which reports that the day after a meeting between Secretary of the Treasury Hank Paulson and New York Federal Reserve Chairman Tim Geithner that Moran sold 92 stocks.

"The book says two things, and then you naturally assume there's a connection. It doesn't actually say I was at the meeting. I wasn't. I never attended the meeting," said Moran. "To suggest that you would make a decision based on some meeting is a little absurd."

## Strike Up the Band!

**McLean's Goodson takes to Arena Stage in 'The Music Man.'**

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
MCLEAN CONNECTION

**F**or two grueling days, 13-year-old Jamie Goodson joined 120 other young hopefuls in a rare open audition casting call last December for the Arena Stage production of "The Music Man."

Singing "Part of Your World" from "The Little Mermaid," Jamie survived the first cut then waited nearly a week before getting the call: the McLean resident had been cast as Gracie Shinn, one of only four young actors to get selected to perform in the popular musical about slick-talking salesman Harold Hill and his attempts to start a boy's band in River City, Iowa.

"I've been into singing and acting pretty much ever since I was born," said Jamie, who attends Cooper Middle School in McLean. "My mom and sister were already doing theater and my first role on stage was as a Munchkin in 'The Wizard of Oz' when I was 5 years old."

**JAMIE'S JOURNEY** from McLean to Arena Stage began at the age of 3 when she first started studying dance at McLean's James School of Dance. Singing, acting and piano lessons followed for the triple threat performer who has spent the last four summers participating in the French Woods Festival of the Performing Arts in Hancock, N.Y.

"The only girl part I was familiar with was Amaryllis," said Jamie, who was ultimately cast as Gracie, the youngest daughter of River City Mayor George Shinn. "There were lots of boys and girls auditioning. After the audition, we waited in a separate room until some of us were told to come back the next day."

Only 19 performers made it through to the second round of auditions, where Jamie was asked to sing "Good Night My Someone" and do some improvisational scenes. The final casting was announced in mid-December and rehearsals began in early April.

"It's exciting but also a challenge for the family," said Jamie's mother Wendy Goodson. "I have four other kids - two girls and two boys. One is a senior at Langley and had the lead in 'The Crucible' and another had the



PHOTO COURTESY ARENA STAGE

**Jamie Goodson plays Gracie Shinn in the Arena Stage production of "The Music Man."**

lead in his school play at Thomas Jefferson. And we had to fit in the Arena Stage audition between shows at Ford's Theater, where Jamie was performing in 'A Christmas Carol.'"

"The Music Man" opened May 11 and performances will continue through July 22.

"This is such an amazing experience," Jamie said. "I am learning so much, especially from [director] Mollie Smith. She is amazing and has given me so many tips on acting and how to expand on parts."

Some of Jamie's other credits include "Ragtime" at the Kennedy Center and "101 Dalmatians" at Way Off Broadway Dinner Theatre.

"The show is coming along great," said Jamie a few days before opening night. "I am surprised at how quickly it all went by but I am excited now that all my cousins and grandma and grandpa will be coming to see the show. A lot of people from school will be coming as well."

Jamie, who admits to sacrificing time with her friends to keep up with schoolwork and the demands of performing, leaves no doubt about what she wants to be when she grows up.

"I definitely want to be in the theater business," Jamie said enthusiastically. "I can't imagine doing anything else. Everything else sounds boring to me."

**"THE MUSIC MAN"** is playing now through July 22 at Arena Stage, 1101 Sixth St. SW, Washington, D.C. For tickets or more information, call 202-488-3300 or visit [www.arenastage.org](http://www.arenastage.org).



# Governor Signs Voter ID Bills

**McDonnell directs state to send every voter a new voter card before Election Day.**

By VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

**G**overnor Robert McDonnell (R) signed watered-down versions of Virginia's Republican-backed voter identification bills on Friday, adding the Commonwealth to the growing list of states adopting stricter voting standards.

Under the new law, voters will be required to show ID before they cast their ballots, a measure that Democrats in the Virginia General Assembly have said will disenfranchise many voters, especially minorities, the poor and the elderly.

To subdue critics, the Governor signed measures expanding the type of ID acceptable at the polls – which include a utility bill or a Virginia student ID card – and directed the State Board of Elections to send every registered voter a new card before the 2012 presidential elections in November.

“Every qualified citizen has the right to cast one vote. Not two votes; not zero votes,” McDonnell said in a statement released Friday. “This legislation does two things. It increases the forms of identification that can be used for purpose of voting, while helping to further prevent voter fraud and ensuring Virginians that they can have faith that votes have not been fraudulently cast.”

**THE PREVALENCE** – or absence – of voter fraud is at the heart of the debate over whether Virginia or other states need any new legislation.

“The ‘voter identification’ bills are a solution in search of a problem,” said State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) in an email on Saturday. “Our current system is working fine. By agreeing to these gratuitous changes, the Governor is making the system less open and convenient to law-abiding citizens.”

State Sen. David Marsden (D-37) has said that using voter fraud as a justification for new voter identification rules is a smokescreen for voter suppres-



**The Burke Centre polling place at the Commons Community Centre preps for Election Day.**

## Acceptable Forms of ID

Under the new legislation and existing law, the following are acceptable forms of ID for voting:

- ❖ Virginia voter registration card
- ❖ Social Security card
- ❖ Valid Virginia driver's license
- ❖ Any other identification card issued by an agency of the Commonwealth, one of its political subdivisions, or the United States
- ❖ Any valid student identification card issued by a Virginia institution of higher education
- ❖ A valid identification card issued by an employer containing a photograph of the voter
- ❖ A copy of a current utility bill
- ❖ A copy of a bank statement
- ❖ A government check
- ❖ A paycheck that shows the name and address of the voter

sion. “When we’ve asked these legislators (in Virginia) to cite one example of voter fraud, they just can’t do it,” Marsden said.

Even McDonnell noted Virginia’s “tradition of honest elections” and a voter compliance rate of nearly 100 percent in a survey of localities from the last presidential and gubernatorial elections in 2008 and 2009.

Currently, Virginia voters are allowed to vote without ID by signing a sworn affidavit affirming their identity. Under the new law, voters without ID cards will still be able to vote provisionally, on the condition they provide proper ID later for the vote to be counted.

“Some have argued that there are voters who do not have any form of ID to bring to the polls. For that reason, we will be sending every voter in Virginia a free voter card between now and Election Day to ensure they have at least one form of ID to bring with them to the polls,” McDonnell said.

In addition to issuing every active voter a new card, McDonnell also ordered election officials to

coordinate a public education campaign to help raise awareness about the approved ID to the polling place on Election Day, and the process for obtaining a free voter card if someone does not have a form of ID.

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— Governor Robert McDonnell

McDonnell said the additional steps his administration is taking to implement this legislation ensure that no voter is “overly burdened by the provisions included in this legislation.”

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, a bipartisan research organization, Voter ID continues to be a high-profile and highly-contentious issue in many state legislatures. Currently, 32 states have voter ID legislation pending, and several states have pushed for rigorous

## Voter Information

- ❖ If you have not received a new card, but would like to check your voter registration status and information, go to the Virginia State Board of Elections at [www.sbe.virginia.gov/](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/)
- ❖ For more information, go to Fairfax County Office of Elections website at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections)
- ❖ Or contact the Office of Elections at 703-222-0776, TTY 711.

laws that require voters to present a state-issued photo ID card.

**JUST BEFORE** McDonnell’s pronouncement, the Fairfax County Office of Elections launched a campaign to alert voters to new voter registration cards the state is in the process of mailing to approximately 195,000 county voters this week.

But the cards are being mailed only to voters affected by Congressional redistricting and voters still holding a card that included their Social Security Number (SSN), which will be replaced with a system-generated identification number.

Now, every registered voter will get at least one new voter card. The cards mailed out this week also indicate a language preference.

According to Cameron Quinn, Fairfax County’s chief elections official, as a result of the 2010 Census, Fairfax County falls under Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act, which requires the county to provide voting and elections-related materials in English and Spanish.

She said Fairfax County is now providing voter information and materials for Spanish speakers. And the county’s website [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections) has a Google Translations line that can translate information into Spanish and several other languages.

Quinn said that while the Fairfax County and state websites are updated, not all voter election web pages and links have been updated with the new congressional district information.

“Those voters whose congressional district changed as a result of redistricting are currently being mailed a new voter card,” Quinn said. “Whether or not you received a new voter card, if you have questions or to be certain you know your congressional district information, refer to the county or state election office’s website for the correct information or call us at 703-222-0776.”

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to [vienna@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:vienna@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday.

## THURSDAY/MAY 24

**Fairfax County presents Legal Tools for Caregivers.** 7 p.m. Thomas Jefferson Library, 7415 Arlington Boulevard, Falls Church. Free. Register at 703-324-5205, TTY 711, [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices) or [caregiver@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:caregiver@fairfaxcounty.gov).

## TUESDAY/MAY 29

**Lunch Bunch of Italian Heritage Lodge, Order Sons of Italy in America.** 12 p.m. Sfizi Café, 800 W. Broad St., Falls Church. Open to the public. \$8.95-\$13.95. Reserve at 703-354-2454 or [www.italianheritagelodge.org](http://www.italianheritagelodge.org).

## WEDNESDAY/MAY 30

**Auditions for Vienna Youth Players’ Summer Production.** Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna. Ages 11-18 invited to audition for “Footloose.” Call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360 to schedule an audition.

## THURSDAY/MAY 31

**DEQ Public Meeting on Water Quality in Holmes Run and Tripps Run.** 6:30 p.m. Woodrow Wilson Library, 6101 Knollwood Drive, Falls Church. Holmes Run and Tripps Run do not meet water quality standards due to poor health in the benthic biological communities. Learn what the state is doing to address the problem. 703-583-3859 or [jennifer.carlson@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:jennifer.carlson@deq.virginia.gov).

## SATURDAY/JUNE 2

**Vienna Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Vienna Caboose, 131 Church St. N.E., Vienna. Producers only, Saturdays through Oct. 27. [viennafarmersmarket.com](http://viennafarmersmarket.com).

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## SUNDAY/JUNE 3

**Dog and Cat Adoptions.** 1-4 p.m. PetSmart, 8204 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. Every Sunday. Sponsored by Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation. [www.lostdogrescue.org](http://www.lostdogrescue.org).

## TUESDAY/JUNE 5

**Senior Housing and Care Program.** 12 p.m. Church of the Good Shepherd (United Methodist), 2351 Hunter Mill Road, Vienna. Buckley Fricker, J.D., GCM, Certified Geriatric Care Manager and an attorney with a background in Elderly Law, on Senior Housing and Care: What are the Options and How Much Do they Cost? Brown-bag lunch. 703-281-3987 or [www.GoodShepherdVA.com](http://www.GoodShepherdVA.com).



## SCHOOLS



Spring Hill students are growing healthy vegetables in the raised bed outdoor classroom and are donating them to the local food bank, SHARE.

### Spring Hill Shares their Veggies with SHARE

As part of their nutrition study and community service requirements, Spring Hill second and third graders are growing healthy vegetables in the Raised Bed Outdoor Classroom and are donating them to the local food bank, SHARE. Cool weather veggies donated in May included lettuce, spinach, radishes, carrots, and parsnips. During recess they will be transplanting the warm weather seedlings that have been growing in greenhouses since February. With fingers crossed the plants will grow tomatoes, peppers and lots of herbs to share before school releases in June. The plants will continue to be tended over the summer with help from Spring Hill families. Veggies will be taken to SHARE weekly during the summer.

### Kids Inquiry Conference

Twenty-five 6th grade students from Spring Hill attended the Kids Inquiry Conference at the National Wildlife Federation Center in Reston on Thursday, April 26.

The students attending were: Teddy Daniel, Kat Johnston, Danielle Sterling, Lauren Divney, Madeleine Duley, Alexa Fermin, Su-A Kim, Kyoko Minamino, Sam Etemad-Moghadam, Matthieu Shivnen, Yunus Ozsoy, Ben Hunt, Nicholas Mill, Lauren Nazarian, Kevin Hanlon, Andrew Chilton, Nathan Shin, Will Baruch, Jenny Kim, Kelsey Gilchrist, Jessica Park, Emma Gilmore, Terry Keffer, Josh Havermale, Byron DeJesus.

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# Remembering on Memorial Day

**Time to honor, also time to ensure proper care of veterans.**

**I**n February, Brig. Gen. Terence J. Hildner, 49, of Fairfax, was the highest ranking military officer to die in the war on terror. Hildner died Feb. 3, 2012 in Kabul province, Afghanistan.

On Memorial Day, we remember all of those who have died in military service, more than 400,000 in World War II, more than 30,000 in Korea, more than 50,000 in Vietnam.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, more than 6,400 U.S. military service men and women have died in support of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. In 2012, there is just one reported death in Iraq, and more than 115 in Afghanistan.

Nearly 50,000 U.S. Military service members have been wounded in the war on terror, although that number is likely to be revised upward. The New York Times reported earlier this month that the military confirmed traumatic brain injury in more than 220,000 of the 2.3 million troops who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The long-term consequences of many of these injuries are unknown, but they will require a national commitment to excellence in health care for both active duty military personnel and veterans.

On Memorial Day, we honor and thank all those who have served in the military, in times of war and peace. It is also a time to reinvigorate efforts to provide the best services and opportunities to our veterans. The Post-9/11 GI Bill dramatically increases the educational benefits extended to members of the military who have served at least three months of active duty since Sept. 11, 2001. Steps to provide better, faster and more responsive health care to veterans, including mental health care are underway, but have a long way to go. This is one place where we must commit the resources to do better.

More than 175 U.S. Military service personnel from Virginia have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, including several in the last year.

Aaron Carson Vaughn, 30, was one of 30 American service members and 22 Navy SEALs killed Aug. 6, 2011 when their Chinook helicopter was shot down in Afghanistan. Vaughn's family has ties to McLean and Burke. He is survived by his wife, Kimberly, and their two children.

Spc. Douglas Jay Green, 23 of Sterling, died Aug. 28, 2011. when insurgents attacked his unit using a roadside bomb in Kandahar province, Afghanistan. Green enlisted in 2007, after attending Potomac Falls High School.

Other Virginia losses since Memorial Day 2011:

Capt. Jesse A. Ozbat, 28 of Prince George, Va., died earlier this month on May 20, 2012 in Afghanistan when enemy forces attacked his unit with a roadside bomb.

Constructionman Trevor J. Stanley, 22, of



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**Command Sgt. Maj. Guitaud Leandre, 13th ESC, hands Cindy Hildner an artillery shell moments after it was fired from a cannon in her husband's honor at Fort Hood Feb. 9. Brig. Gen. Terence J. Hildner of Fairfax died in Afghanistan Feb. 3.**

## EDITORIAL

Virginia Beach, Va., died April 7, 2012 while deployed to Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti. Stanley, a Seabee, was assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 3

Pfc. Michael W. Pyron, 30, of Hopewell, Va., died Jan. 10, 2012 in Parwan province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 25th Signal Battalion, 160th Signal Brigade, 335th Signal Command Theater, East Point, Ga.

Maj. Samuel M. Griffith, 36, of Virginia Beach, Va., died Dec. 14, 2011 in combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan.

Staff Sgt. James Ronald Leep Jr., 44 of Richmond, died Oct. 17, 2011 at Forward Operating Base Kalsu near Iskandariya in Babil province, Iraq.

Spc. Levi Efrain Nuncio, 24 of Harrisonburg, died June 22, 2011 when enemy forces attacked his unit with small-arms fire in the Narang district of Kunar province, Afghanistan.

Capt. Michael Wray Newton, 30 of Newport News, died June 11, 2011 in Meymaneh, Faryab province, Afghanistan.

**HERE ARE** the names of other local men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan and in support of the "war on terror." We repeat these names at least twice a year on Memorial Day and Veterans Day to honor their service and to keep their memories in our consciousness.

If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

Capt. Charles A. Ransom, 31, of Midlothian was one of eight airmen who died April 27, 2011, at the Kabul International Airport, Afghanistan, from gunfire. Sgt. Sean T. Callahan, 23, of Warrenton was one of two Marines who died April 23, 2011 in combat in Helmand, Afghanistan:

Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Venetz Jr., 30, of Prince William died Jan. 28, 2011 in Afghanistan, in a non-combat incident. Venetz had been seriously wounded months before.

Spc. Sean R. Cutsforth, 22, of Radford, Va., died Dec. 15, 2010 in Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked his unit using small arms fire. Spc. William K. Middleton, 26, of Norfolk, was one of two soldiers who died Nov. 22, 2010 in Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked with an improvised explosive device. Staff Sgt. Christopher F. Cabaco, 30, of Virginia Beach, was

one of two soldiers who died July 5, 2010, in Kandahar, Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked their vehicle with a roadside bomb.

Pfc. Benjamin J. Park, 25, of Fairfax Station, Va., died June 18, 2010 at Zhari district, Kandahar, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device.

May 12, 2010, Donald J. Lamar II, 23 of Fredericksburg, was killed in Afghanistan. Christopher D. Worrell, 35 of Virginia Beach, was killed in Iraq on April 22, 2010. Steven J. Bishop, 29 of Christianburg, was killed March 13, 2010 in Iraq. Kielin T. Dunn, 19 of Chesapeake, was killed Feb. 18, 2010 in Afghanistan. Brandon T. Islip, 23 of Richmond, was killed Nov. 29, 2009, in Afghanistan. Stephan L. Mace, 21 of Lovettsville, died Oct. 3, 2009 in Afghanistan.

Bill Cahir, 40 of Alexandria, died Aug. 13, 2009 of a gunshot wound while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. After 9/11, Cahir decided to leave his career as a journalist and join the Marine Corps. After his application to become a Marine had originally been denied because of his age, he lobbied members of Congress to get a special exemption.

Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq Oct. 29, 2005.

Lance Cpl. Daniel Ryan Bennett, 23 of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand province, Afghanistan. "He loved his country, and we're so proud of him," said his mother.

2nd Lt. Sean P. O'Connor of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008 while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Ga. O'Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington.

Pfc. David Sharrett II, 27 of Oakton, died Jan. 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son. But the senior Sharrett has battled to learn the truth about his son's death, that he was killed by his lieutenant in the confusion of a firefight. Just last month, April, 2012, Sharrett Sr. obtained documents confirming some of the details of his son's death and a subsequent cover-up, according to Tom Jackman of the Washington Post.

Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq. His unit came under small arms fire, and Brown, 26, died from his wounds.

Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, calls him the "warrior poet," and he and his wife help injured vets at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon fund (www.yellowribbonfund.org).

Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Spc. Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb in Iraq. He was 22. Since her brother's death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (www.taps.org), an amazing organization which provides emotional support and other services for families of the fallen. This Memorial Day weekend, TAPS will bring together survivors in Arlington for the 18th National Military Survivor seminar, along with a "good grief" camp for children who have lost a parent.

Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007. Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, when an IED exploded near his vehicle.

Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, during combat in Anbar province in Iraq. Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed by enemy fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6, 2006.

Airman 1st Class LeeBernard E. Chavis, 21, was killed Oct. 14, 2006, by sniper fire in Iraq, trying to protect civilians from a roadside bomb.

Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, a 2003 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### SHARE Acknowledges Community Support

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Share Inc. of McLean, I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the members of the McLean and Great Falls communities who support their neighbors in need throughout the year. Among our major programs for clients are our food pantry and clothing rooms, furniture exchange, crisis interventions to ward off evictions and utility shut-offs, transportation for medical appointments, refurbished computers, and back-to-school supplies.

The 2008 economic downturn was particularly hard on the working poor, the majority of Share's clients. Similarly, the people at the bottom of the earnings ladder are among the last to see the benefits of our prolonged economic recovery. These events have caused a large increase in the numbers of clients seeking our assistance and a doubling of the amount of groceries we are distributing through our food pantry.

Due to the generosity of our many benefactors, we have been able to maintain historic levels of assistance to satisfy increased client

needs during this period. Share would like to provide public recognition to the faith communities, service organizations and local businesses that, along with a number of private donors have made this possible. And of course we are most appreciative to the hundreds of volunteers that support our programs.

Last year Share's programs provided significant assistance to more than 1250 families including 3000 household members. Established in 1969, Share is an all-volunteer operation with no paid staff, no offices and no expenditures for professional fund raising. Share relies solely on community support as we receive no government funding. If you are interested in learning more about Share visit the SHARE website, [www.shareofmclean.org](http://www.shareofmclean.org) or visit food and clothing rooms on Wednesday and Saturday mornings located in space generously donated by the McLean Baptist Church.

We would like to express gratitude to the Giant of McLean, which hosts food drives for Share on a regular basis, Chesterbrook Safeway, which regularly donates bread and bakery items, The Gannett Foundation, BB&T Bank, Sharon Chapter #63 Order of the Eastern Star, Winter Fest, the Lewisville Residents' Association, the Reserve Residents Association, Potomac Hills Women's Club, Keller Williams, Salon Daniel, The

Women's Club of McLean, New Dominion Women's Club, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, students and faculty from Spring Hill School, Cooper Middle School, Longfellow Middle School, Langley High School, The Langley School, Churchill Rd. School and Franklin Sherman School. We have also been frequent beneficiaries of grants from the McLean Community Foundation.

In addition Share receives generous financial support for our programs from a large number of individuals, too numerous to mention, and many faith communities in our area. We would like to thank McLean Baptist Church, St. Luke's Catholic Church, Temple Rodef Sholom, St. John's Episcopal Church, Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Charles Wesley United Methodist Church, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, St. John's Catholic Church, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, St. Francis Episcopal Church, Garfield Memorial Christian Church, Langley Hills Friends Meeting, Vision of Peace Church, the Dominican Sisters, Christian Science Church, Trinity United Methodist Church and many others!

**Vic Kimm**  
President

### POETRY

## Goodbye Summer

BY KATHERINE ROHLOFF/LANGLEY HIGH

Seagulls scatter as they see me run towards the ocean

Over the hot sand covered with broken shells, but I never break my motion

I sail past the castles and holes

Past the scuttling crabs and the fishing poles

And splash into the cold ocean waves

I look out towards the horizon and I gaze

The sky is a beautiful painting of fiery colors

With shades of pinks, yellows, and oranges that are like no other

As the sun continues to set, the brilliant colors quickly fade

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Children throw ping-pong balls for a chance to win goldfish at McLean Day, Saturday, May 19.



Scott Ramminger and the CrawStickers perform at McLean Day Saturday, May 19.

# Community Celebrates Annual McLean Day

## Festival brings thousands to Lewinsville Park.

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

While Enid Tate of McLean enjoys going to McLean Day to check out the local businesses, live music, carnival rides and other staples of the annual festival, her two daughters come for only one thing.

“Slides. They love slides. As soon as we show up, we go to the big one where you slide down on potato sacks. Then we go to the inflatable ones. Then we go back to the big one,” she said. “Justin Bieber could be performing here, and I don’t think it would take them away from the slides.”

While Tate and her daughters had their goals clear in mind before they got to Lewinsville Park, there was plenty at the festival for all to enjoy. While the baseball field was turned into an archery tag arena, the parking lots and paths were turned into booths featuring local organizations and businesses.

“It’s sort of a way to see who’s who in McLean, because the groups that come here are really plugged into what’s going on with the people,” said Harold Randall of McLean. “I know that we’re all



Children ride the mini carousel at McLean Day Saturday, May 19 at Lewinsville Park.

sort of on the same team, when they come to events like this, hopefully people will get to know them and support them in the future.”

The parking lot closest to Chain Bridge Road was filled with carnival rides for all ages, where the younger children could ride the Tilt-a-Whirl and the more daring guests could defy gravity on the Zipper.

“It’s too much for me, but this was the first year my son wanted to ride it, so he twisted my arm,”



S.H. Kim shows Tristan Farmer, 4, how to deliver a flying kick during a Tae Kwon Do demonstration at McLean Day Saturday, May 19.

said Karin Sans of McLean. “I’ll spend the rest of my time right side up from now on, thank you.”

Her son Erik, 15, said he couldn’t wait to get back on line.

“It was pretty awesome, and I have to admit, it was fun torturing my mom a little bit by spinning the car as much as I could,” Erik Sans said.

For others at the festival, the live

entertainment was the highlight.

“I’ve always like ‘Mutts Gone Nuts,’ it’s something I look forward to every year,” said James Hood of McLean, referring to a dog stunt show that performed twice during the day. “I also like seeing the [McLean Community Center program] Joy of Dance kids out there, it’s fun to watch such talented young people.”

## ENTERTAINMENT

Send announcements to [mclean@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:mclean@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday for the following week’s paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit [www.connectionnewspapers.com](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com)

### THURSDAY/MAY 24

**Place Flags on Veterans’ Graves.** 10 a.m. Flint Hill Cemetery, Route 123 between Hibbard St. and Courthouse Road, Vienna. The American Legion Auxiliary of Vienna welcomes volunteers to help decorate veterans’ graves for Memorial Day. Meet inside the cemetery beside the tool shed. All welcome. 703-938-1379.

**Dangermuffin and David Mayfield Parade.** 8 p.m. Jammin’ Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. [www.janminjava.com](http://www.janminjava.com).

**“Sleuth.”** 7:30 p.m. James Lee Community Center, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church. Providence Players in a whodunit classic. \$15-\$18. 703-425-6782 or [www.providenceplayers.org](http://www.providenceplayers.org).

### FRIDAY/MAY 25

**An Evening with Steve Forbert** at 7 p.m.; **In The Lobby Bar with The Blackjacks** at 10 p.m. Jammin’ Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. [www.janminjava.com](http://www.janminjava.com).

**“Flora the Red Menace.”** 8 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tyson’s Corner. A musical by John Kander and Fred Ebb, set in the Great Depression. \$15-\$30. [www.1ststageysons.org](http://www.1ststageysons.org).

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

**“Sleuth.”** 7:30 p.m. James Lee Community Center, 2855 Annandale

**Dani Stoller as Flora and Joshua Dick as Harry in the 1st Stage production of “Flora the Red Menace.”**

Road, Falls Church. Providence Players in a whodunit classic. \$15-\$18. 703-425-6782 or [www.providenceplayers.org](http://www.providenceplayers.org).

### SATURDAY/MAY 26

**Model Railroad (HO Scale) Open House and Display at Via Vienna Days.** 1-5 p.m. Historic Vienna Depot, 231 Dominion Road NE, Vienna. The layout depicts the Western North Carolina Railroad (now a portion of the Norfolk

Southern) during the period of transition from steam to diesel. Free, donations accepted. [www.nvmr.org](http://www.nvmr.org) or 703-938-5157.

**Children’s Show: The Smithsonian and Jammin Java present Shine & the Moonbeams.** 10:30 a.m. Jammin’ Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [www.janminjava.com](http://www.janminjava.com).

**“Flora the Red Menace.”** 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tyson’s Corner. A musical by John Kander and Fred Ebb, set in the Great Depression. \$15-\$30.



[www.1ststageysons.org](http://www.1ststageysons.org).  
**Plant Clinic hosted by the Master Gardeners.** 10 a.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Answers to gardening questions. Adults. 703-790-8088.

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**Ketura, The Storyboard and Typefighter.** 6 p.m. Jammin’ Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. [www.janminjava.com](http://www.janminjava.com).

**National Men’s Chorus Memorial Day Concert.** 5 p.m. Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. With Artistic Director Thomas Beveridge, pianist Thomas Pandolfi and organist Paul

Skevington. Patriotic music, including a selection of songs from WWII. Adults \$15, students and children free. 202-244-7191 or [www.nationalmenschorus.org](http://www.nationalmenschorus.org).

**Music Friends’ Concerts Final Season Concert.** 3 p.m. Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. Young Soloists recital, featuring pianists Anna Wang, David DiMeglio and Grace Wang plus violinist Mabelle Young-eun Park, in a program of classical music. Free. 703-620-9535 or 703-324-8344.

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### MONDAY/MAY 28

**Memorial Day Ceremony.** 11 a.m. Freedom Memorial, Great Falls Library at 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Sponsored by Great Falls Freedom Memorial Committee, with speaker LCDR John A. “Sandy” Pigeon, a retired Navy SEAL. Boy Scout Troop 55 will raise the flags. 703-759-3282.

**Photographers’ Field Day.** 5:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Join area photographers and Meadowlark staff for a day of learning and field shoots. \$5. [www.nvrpa.org](http://www.nvrpa.org) or 703-255-3631.

**Twilight Hike.** 8:30 p.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Learn the history of the property, the wildlife and plant life. \$5 admission fee, hike is free. Photographers welcome. Reservations required at 703-255-3631.

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### WEDNESDAY/MAY 30

**Who Hatches from Eggs.** 10:30 a.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Discover the many kinds of animals that lay eggs. Activities, songs, and stories. Presented by Riverbend Park. Children. 703-356-0770.

**Dopapod.** 8 p.m. Jammin’ Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. [www.janminjava.com](http://www.janminjava.com).

### THURSDAY/MAY 31

**Kopecky Family Band and MyNameIsJohnMichael.** 8 p.m. Jammin’ Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. [www.janminjava.com](http://www.janminjava.com).

**“Sleuth.”** 7:30 p.m. James Lee Community Center, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church. Providence Players in a whodunit classic. \$15-\$18. 703-425-6782 or [www.providenceplayers.org](http://www.providenceplayers.org).

# A Musical About Tough Times

## 1st Stage present ‘Flora the Red Menace.’

BY DAVID SIEGEL  
THE CONNECTION

It is daring of 1st Stage to take up the not often produced musical “Flora the Red Menace.” It is a show that ran for only 87 performances in mid 1965. It is a musical about out-of-work actors putting on a musical about the search for love and jobs set in the Depression when lives were hurting.

While it didn’t last long on Broadway, “Flora, the Red Menace” is a show with a great pedigree. It was the debut for the young Liza Minnelli. She won the Tony Award for Best Actress in a Musical for her performance as Flora. It was also one of the first collaborations for the Kander and Ebb, who went on to write award-winning musicals such as “Cabaret” and “Chicago.”

The “Flora” story is set in 1935 New York City. The economic woes of the Depression abound. Lives are stressed out. And there is Flora, a determined young woman who



**A Depression-era bread line in the 1st Stage production of the musical “Flora the Red Menace.” From left, Kelsey Meiklejohn, Sherry Berg, Mary Beth Luckenbaugh, Mikey Cafarelli, Joshua Dick, Sam Edgerly, Davis Hasty, and Stephen Hock. The show runs through June 17 in Tysons Corner.**

wants a job in the fashion industry. She meets Harry, a young man who wants her to become a signed-up, dedicated Communist Party member. Love and politics begin to float about.

With lively direction by Susan Devine, the cast of nine take on any number of characters though each has a central presence throughout the production. Under musical direction by Paul Nasto, a seven-piece band slides through a score of 18 diverse songs that range from ballads to spirited, up-tempo pieces. There are times when the cast can

## Where and When

1st Stage presents “Flora the Red Menace,” 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner, VA. Performances thru June 17. Friday-Saturday evenings 8 p.m., Saturday matinees at 2 p.m. Sunday’s at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets: \$30, Visit [www.1ststageysons.org](http://www.1ststageysons.org) or call 703-854-1856.

seem played over by the band

Stefan Sittig’s choreography keeps the action moving with determined actors turned dancers. One of the “wow” choreographed scenes is when Kelsey Meiklejohn and Sam Edgerly tap dance an energetic, synchronized duet.

There are no show-stopper songs that carry beyond their purpose within the musical itself. Their titles give a sense of their function, “Express Yourself,” “Unafraid,” “ Sign Here,” “You are You” and “Sing Happy.” Mary Beth Luckenbaugh in a supporting role has a stand-out lovely voice that comes through even in larger ensemble offerings.

The earnest Dani Stoller is a sweet, caring Flora. At times, a needed passion seems missing to nail her role. Joshua Dick, her love interest, flourishes more when paired with Sherry Berg, a dynamic comedienne. Berg energizes the production with a voice that saturates the theater along with a big glint in her eyes.

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## NEWS

# Tyson's Partnership Names Executive Director

Group brings all parties together to plan for Tysons Corner redevelopment.

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Tysons Partnership, a nonprofit formed to promote the development of Tysons Corner around the Metro and beyond, has selected Michael Caplin as its executive director. Caplin, a 16-year resident of McLean, is an attorney and chair of the Global Advisory Board at the George Mason University Center for Social Entrepreneurship.

"Tysons is changing before our very eyes. When you don't interact with it on a daily basis, all you think about is the traffic problems, but we like to say we're trying to build America's next great city," he said. "Our dream is a Tysons that you won't have to use your car, you can walk to the Metro, to the bus, to the stores, to the culture, it's all together."

The group meets once a month to discuss their own goals, and members regularly meet with county organizations and other advocacy groups.

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chair Sharon Bulova said she believes the partnership will be an "invaluable tool" for the future of Tysons Corner.

"We're here to come around the table and discuss all the moving parts of a city, and how to manage them in a way that meets everyone's goals," Caplin said. "Our challenge is to make Tysons homogenous, but also to allow the individual developers to come up with their own distinct flavor."

Caplin said one of the group's goals is to find ways to finance the half billion dollars in infrastructure improvements needed, which include fire and police stations, as well as elementary schools.

He also said one of the partnership's most notable qualities is how the entities are trying to work together for a common goal.

"Normally, as a developer, you develop your parcel and don't think about anything next to you," he said. "But the innovative thing we're trying to do is make sure everyone understands the implications on each other's properties, part of our assignment to look at everything as a whole."

One of the overriding philosophies is an emphasis on planned open space in exchange for increased density.

Tysons Corner currently has about 28 million square feet of office space, and a 13.1 percent Class



Michael Caplin has been named executive director of the Tysons Partnership.

**"Our challenge is to make Tysons homogenous, but also to allow the individual developers to come up with their own distinct flavor."**

— Michael Caplin

be a mix of office, hotel, residential and retail use, totaling 6,658,900 square feet spread out over 16 buildings on a 29-acre plot. The third is a 340,000 square foot office building located at the intersection of Dolley Madison Boulevard and Colshire Drive.

Keith Turner, chairman of the Tysons Partnership and vice president of Cityline Partners said they are committed to "creating a vital, exciting new downtown for Northern Virginia... and it will require unprecedented cooperation among all stakeholders."

Capital One Bank has a proposal in for a total of 14 buildings over 26 acres, which would feature a mix of office, hotel, retail and residential. The Metro Corporation also has an application in for an additional office building and parking structure on their site.

Cityline Partners also has an application in near the Tysons Central 123 station, for an eight-building complex featuring 2,575,685 square feet of office, hotel and residential use.

The Campus Realty Group has an application for their property near the SAIC buildings. The three SAIC buildings will remain, with a fourth converted to a hotel and removal of the existing hotel. Up to 4.9 million square feet over 14 buildings of mixed use development is also part of their application.


The Town of Vienna and the McLean Citizens Association are also active participants with the partnership board. More information on the Tysons Partnership can be found at [www.tysonspartnership.org](http://www.tysonspartnership.org).

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# Twice the Thrill for McLean Highlander Soccer Teams

Both the McLean girls' and boys' teams capture Liberty titles.

By RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he athletic grounds within Madison High School's Norman Bradford Stadium were, for one night at least, a Highlander Haven last Friday, May 18 as both of the McLean High varsity soccer programs - the Highlander girls' and boys' squads - earned Liberty District champion status for 2012 as a result of tournament finals victories.

In a double-header evening of district tournament title games, both of the McLean teams won their respective finals games by 1-0 scores. The Highlander girls, the defending state AAA champions, bested No. 1-seed Stone Bridge in the first game of the soccer twin bill. That was followed by the Highlander boys' triumph over local rival Langley.

"It's awesome," said McLean boys' senior goalie Rob Maffei, whose simple sentiment, while specifically referring to the No. 4 Highlander boys squad's triumph over No. 2 Langley, could also have summed up the euphoria surrounding both the boys' and girls' teams on this night.

Both McLean championship teams were scheduled to begin play in their respective 16-team Northern Region tournaments this week.

**THE MCLEAN GIRLS** (11-5), seeded No. 3 going into the eight-team district tournament, were on their heels for much of the first half in their championship match versus Stone Bridge, a contest played on a gorgeous spring evening on Madison's turf field. The Bulldogs had controlled much of the play throughout the 40-minute half. But within a moment, the game's flow turned with a rush when Highlander forward Melanie Horton, during a first half Highlander possession, gathered a pass from her left from teammate Rose Sommovigo before, from 15 yards off the right wing area, sending a soft bouncer across the goal and into the far side net with less than a minute remaining until intermission, stunning Stone Bridge and giving McLean a 1-0 lead with about 40 seconds showing.

"Stone Bridge had the momentum and had outplayed us the whole half," said McLean head coach Rob Bouchard. "Melanie did a great job and made it count."

As it turned out, the late first half goal would stand the remainder of the game for McLean, which played a much better second half on way to the title game win.

Stone Bridge, in the game's closing seconds, was making a rush before McLean defender Liz Overby made a clearing kick towards the right side of the field just as the final horn sounded to end the contest.

"This is invigorating," said McLean de-



**Brianna Nielsen (17) played an excellent game for the Highlanders in their district title match win over top-seed Stone Bridge. Nielsen, despite hampering health issues, has put together an outstanding season for the defending state champions. For more, please go to [Connectionnewspapers.com](http://Connectionnewspapers.com), and go to [McLean.sports](http://McLean.sports).**

fender Brianna Nielsen, part of a bend-but-not-break back line which also included Caroline Gray, Audrey Freeman, Evelyn Robinson, and Overby. "I felt as a team we played great, kept it together. This has definitely been a goal for us from the beginning [of the season]. We wanted to win the district and did that."

One of the game's dramatic moments came about six minutes into the second half when McLean starting goalie, freshman Maddie Daizell, was knocked hard to the ground on a Stone Bridge free kick scenario. Annie Bolulic sent a fairly long free kick from the right side of the field towards the right goal area. Daizell came out a few steps in an attempt to catch or knock away the ball as it made its downward descent. As she went for it she was slammed to the turf by a charging Bulldog player. It was not clear who, if anybody, actually touched the ball which, while not moving rapidly, teasingly crossed the goal, left to right. The spherical did not go into the net, instead going wide left.

**MEANWHILE**, Daizell was on the ground, apparently having hit her head to the turf. She remained down and was attended to for eight minutes or so. Finally, she sat up, to the delight and applause of the fans on hand. A few moments later, with help, she stood up and was helped off the field.

"She's a tough fighter," said Bouchard. "I thought Maddie did everything to get the ball [on the free kick play]. There happened to be a collision. The first thing she asked me was, 'Did they score?' when they were taking her out. You can't ask for much more [heart] than that."

Backup goalie Grace Desmarais, a sophomore, replaced Daizell in the net. Over the remainder of the game, the Highlander substitute, with the help of her defender teammates in front of her, would fend off the

best she could several Stone Bridge rushes.

"Grace did a great job as a backup goalie who didn't have but three or four minutes to warm up," said Bouchard.

Daizell, following the game, was tested for concussion symptoms on the field. Later, she tried to recollect what had happened on the play in which she was injured.

"I don't really remember," said Daizell, who was told she might have suffered a mild concussion. "I just remember coming out [towards the ball] and ...I was on the ground. I never went unconscious."

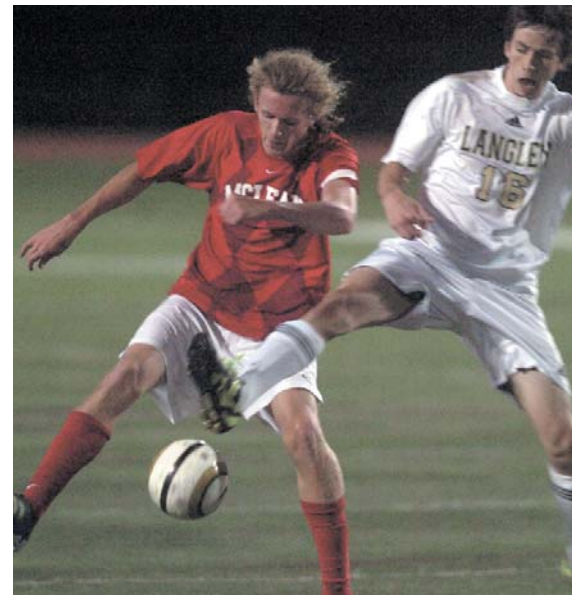
The net-minder did recall watching the remainder of the game and the play of her back-up.

"I'm very proud of Grace," said Daizell, with a smile. "It was real stressful to watch the game. But I'm just real proud of the team. Our whole goal was to win districts."

McLean reached the district finals with playoff wins over No. 6 Fairfax, 1-0, and No. 2 Langley, 2-1.

**THE NIGHTCAP BOYS'** championship contest had all the drama one could want with two McLean-area cross-town rivals - Langley and McLean - once again playing one another for the district title. McLean had beaten the Saxons two years ago in the 2010 district finals.

In Friday's title game meeting, both squads played with great heart and determination throughout the 80 minutes of play. The game's lone goal came with just over six minutes remaining in the first half when Highlander senior forward Mark Saunders, after receiving an up-field pass, made a couple of sweet moves with the ball in order to create room from a Langley defender before spinning and sending a well-struck grounder off his left foot. The shot came off the right side of the field from about 25 yards out and zoomed into the right side of the goal for a 1-0 Highlander lead, which



**McLean's Mark Saunders works to keep the ball away from Langley's Roddy Haight during Friday night's Liberty District boys' soccer finals at Madison High School.**

would hold up.

"The ball bounced through," said Saunders, of initially gaining possession of the ball. "I took a touch and saw a spot open. [The kick] was a solid connection."

McLean coach Mike Anderson said Saunders was playing with a high left leg sprain in the title game.

"Mark is the heart and soul of this team," said Anderson, whose team has now captured two district tournament crowns in the past three years. "That was a brilliant goal and he was playing in pain."

Langley hardly went down easily. The Saxons, under head coach Bo Amato, made several strong runs for the goal the remainder of the game following Saunders' score. But the Highlander defense did not break and goalie Maffei was outstanding in the net.

"They were pressing us and we were forced to defend," said Anderson, of the potent Saxon attack.

"That's the best game our defense has ever played," said Maffei. "Our outside backs did a great job stopping their outside wingers."

McLean, which lost in the first round of districts last year and failed to qualify for regionals, is back among the region's elite teams once again.

"It feels good to win the district title again after winning it two years ago," said Saunders.

McLean finished 4-3 in district play during the regular season. One of the losses came to Langley, 2-1, at home on May 2. Since that setback, the Highlanders have won five straight games, including three district playoff wins. McLean reached the district finals with playoff wins over No. 5 Stone Bridge, 2-1, and top-seeded Jefferson, 5-1.

"It's coming together," said Anderson, of his team's play. "We have great senior leadership and we're not making mental mistakes."



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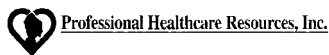
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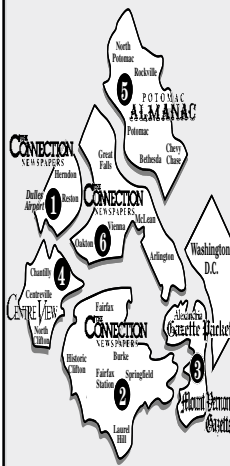
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## Living Longer, Sort of Prospering

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



Though my column has appeared in the newspaper as usual the last few weeks, I haven't felt much like writing. Typically, I'm weeks ahead with my column inventory, having regularly found the time and inclination to put pen to paper and provide the prose you regular readers have come to expect. To say I haven't been in the mood lately would be an oversimplification of epic proportions. To say that I've been depressed and dealing with the weight (subconsciously for sure, consciously for maybe) of my diagnosis, prognosis, life expectancy, and life as a cancer patient in general, would be more accurate. It's an admission I take no pride in making. I never wanted to be a victim of my own circumstances (unless I was quoting Curly Howard from The Three Stooges) and I never wanted to use my having cancer for an excuse/explanation for anything. However, given my mood and manner these last few weeks and minimal literary output, that's exactly what I'm now doing; and I'm not too happy about it either, which almost makes its use even more disturbing.

Obviously, living with a terminal disease is heavy duty. To think I could shrug it off — all the time, is a bit naive. Not that cancer has a mind of its own, but it does find a way to infiltrate your defenses and occasionally bring you to your knees, literally and figuratively. After all, I am human, not Vulcan. I am ruled by emotion, not logic. Though the good of the many outweigh the good of the one, this one is weighed down pretty good by the one not being so good. When I see and read and hear about real people and even fake people (television, movies, etc.) dying of cancer (and lung cancer is a particularly pernicious player), it's impossible for me, after repeated exposure, to not take it personally; as in: you're next!

So yes, I feel it. And the longer I live beyond my original prognosis, the heavier the weight of inevitability becomes. In spite of lifestyle choices and changes I've made, and the miscellaneous supplements and homeopathic-type remedies I've employed, there does seem to be a reality that one would be hard-pressed to ignore: a terminal diagnosis (which stage IV lung cancer is) is not identified as such because of where one was diagnosed (at the airport), it's how long one can expect to live based on the best medical and statistical information known at the time. And as much as I want to believe that such prognostications are merely educated guesses and subject to interpretation — and reinterpretation (which of course they are, to a degree), there is some reasonably acceptable medical data to support the notion that cancer kills. Though dismissing that notion and maintaining a positive attitude has thus far been my approach, there are days — and weeks, like now, where that approach seems arrogant and pretentious, and I suffer accordingly, mentally mostly.

Not because of any recent change in my health or results (although this new chemo drug I'm on is exhausting me), it's more about the evolution of the reality: one can't live with terminal cancer forever, can they? I mean, it wouldn't be terminal if you could. There must be an end in sight. Otherwise, the end wouldn't have been mentioned at the beginning, during the original Team Lourie meeting with my oncologist. Sure, doctors can be wrong and I could be an anomaly: "the exception," as my brother, Richard has said, "that proves the rule," statistically speaking, anyway. But betting against long odds seems illogical; and if my years of faithful "Star Trek" viewing has showed me anything, it's that one's feelings can sometimes get in the way of how one acts, and not always with great results.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

## News

# Langley Dedicates Courtyard

Improvements include wildflower section, wildlife habitat certification.

By ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

**L**angley High School welcomed students, faculty and staff to their courtyard Friday, May 18, showing off student's artwork and the Eco Club's recent garden plantings.

The courtyard has also been certified as a Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation, meaning it meets the four basic elements for wildlife to thrive: food, water, cover and places to raise young.

For Lala Johnson, who volunteered for years at Langley, returning to the courtyard was a reunion of sorts.

"I feel like I have a familiar relationship with almost every planting here," said Johnson, who led a group on 2003 to start trimming back plants to make the courtyard presentable. "I remember when it looked like a jungle in here, but as we got students involved they really took ownership and it became a point of pride for the entire student body."

Many of the courtyard's flowers bloomed early this year due to the warm weather.

"They came out with our early Spring, but we've had some cold nights, which has helped things last a bit," said Langley science teacher Deanna Den Hartog.

Students could attend the pen house between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Friday, to enjoy the weather, see the plants and examine some nature-themed artwork on display from the art classes.

"It's pretty cool to see my piece on display in the courtyard where people will be hanging out most of the day," said sophomore Owen Lee, who had a piece on display.

Senior Paige Stuhlmuller has two pieces on display in more permanent locations. She designed signs for the wildflower section on the north side and the woodland



From left, Langley science teacher Deanna Den Hartog and volunteer Lala Johnson examine the woodland habitat in the Langley High School Courtyard Friday, May 18.

habitat in the southeast corner. The names are made to look like part of a natural landscape, interwoven with flowers, branches and other plants.

"I went through a lot of pictures of native flowers, and figured out ways to combine them together and fit the words in," said Stuhlmuller.

The plants in the various sections are labeled, and the Eco Club spent time cataloging them.



Langley High School senior Paige Stuhlmuller stands next to one of the signs she designed for the Langley courtyard.

"We put together a binder of all the plants here, so we know what's there, what berries or flowers it produces and how it looks in bloom," said Jill Baker, a parent with the club.

Den Hartog said the information gathered can also be used by other schools that might be interested in a garden.

The Langley EcoClub has had a busy year, kicking off the county's pilot program for athletic field recycling, securing a grant that allowed them to work on the courtyard and helping recycle 165 cell phones.

# Time to Honor

FROM PAGE 6

U.S. Army Specialist Felipe J. Garcia Villareal, 26 of Burke, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washington Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006. He was a graduate of Herndon High School.

Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children. His parents live in Alexandria.

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11. Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005. Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded. Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

Staff Sgt. George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Samarra, Iraq, Oct. 17, 2005.

Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005. Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32 of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq.

1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan. CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005 in Buhruz, Iraq.

Operations Officer Helge Boes of Fairfax was killed on Feb. 5, 2003, while participating in counterterrorism efforts in eastern Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Lance Cpl. Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; 1st Lt. Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; 1st Lt. Jeff Kaylor, 25,

of Clifton; Coast Guard Petty Officer Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Army Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Command Sgt. Maj. James D. Blankenbecker, 40, of Mount Vernon; Capt. James F. Adamowski, 29, of Springfield; Sgt. DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Staff Sgt. Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obles-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church; Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington; Maj. Joseph McCloud, of Alexandria, and Major Gloria D. Davis, 47 of Lorton.

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