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NEWS

Bolivian Artist Comes to Herndon

**Herndon
Artspace opens
its doors to
Fabricio Lara;
exhibit open
through July 8.**

BY KATHERINE HEATH
THE CONNECTION

The Herndon ArtSpace opened its doors the evening of June 9 to the public for their Artist Reception Mas Alla De Las Cavernas, the paintings of Bolivian artist, Fabricio Lara.

Dozens gathered to marvel at Lara's paintings, which were created especially for this exhibit, as well as get a feel of Bolivian culture.

Besides showcasing over 20 of Lara's acrylic paintings there was a spread of refreshments such as cheeses and sangria and a dance performance of Bolivian dancers, Caporales San Simon.

Lara's paintings are designed to depict his culture through evoking the spirit of Andean myths found in cave paintings where figures of men, women, bulls, and horses were common subjects.

Lara said, "The close relationship between man and the stars is where my inspiration starts."

Lara's paintings are mainly in the realm of abstract and his use of contrast and color inspires the viewer to see what they want from the painting.

Sandra Blake, local Herndon photographer said, "As I looked at all the paintings I tried to find the one that I could hang in my house and never tire of and when I saw the painting of the brown bull [acrylic painting On My Turf], I felt it was just timeless."



Artist Fabricio Lara describing where he draws his inspiration from and about what his paintings mean to him.



Vice Mayor Lisa Merkel giving a speech congratulating the artist as well as volunteers.



Matthew and Ashley Green standing in front of their favorite painting "Subliminal Sisters." Ashley said, "His use of color is captivating and the women's faces are absolutely beautiful."

Fabricio Lara is the son of renowned artist, Gustavo Lara Torres and nephew of equally renowned Raul Lara Torres. He studied sculpture at the Universidad Mayor de San Andres in La Paz, Bolivia and started his career as an artist during the 1990s. Lara has held numerous solo exhibitions and has been part of many collectives both in his native Bolivia and abroad such as the Art International in New York, Arte BA in Buenos Aires,

and Pintura Latino Americana in Copenhagen. Lara has received many first prizes and honorable mentions for his work in painting, drawing, and sculpture.

Lara will be teaching art at the local high school and has also agreed to paint some local icons of Herndon.

The exhibit will be open through July 8, for more information go to www.artspaceherndon.com or call 703-956-6590.

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Dominion Power's Mobile Command Center, which provides field crews with a link to corporate facilities during emergencies. The center was deployed to Norfolk during Tropical Storm Ida, as well as Richmond, Charlottesville and North Carolina during recent events.



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Dominion Simulates Hurricane

Exercise allows Dominion Power to practice for severe storm events.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Dominion Power hosted a hurricane drill Wednesday, June 6, simulating the effects of fictional Hurricane Joseph and showing how they would manage such a storm. The Herndon headquarters serves about 900,000 customers.

The simulated Hurricane Joseph left 800,000 customers without power, a number similar to the real Hurricane Irene, which hit the area in 2011. Phillip Sandino, director of customer solutions, said that the customer number, which is used by Dominion, is a different measurement than numbers quoted by places like the governor's office.

"The governor's office uses a people without power number, which is a head count," he said. "We use a customer numbers, which is households without power, and we estimate about 2.5 people per home, which is why sometimes the numbers are different depending on where you look."

As power outages become wider, Dominion uses a list of priorities when they start repairs, based on a descending order of customers effected. First they look at the transmission lines, which affect more than 10,000 customers. From there, they work down to substations (which serve around 6,000 customers), main circuits (which serve 1,500), residential lines (which serve around 50 customers), individual transformers (which serve one to eight customers) down to individual households.

FACILITIES LIKE HOSPITALS, water treatment plants and public safety facilities are in the first wave of restorations.

"Our priority list is why at first it seems like the number of customers without power begins to get smaller very early, but takes a while to get everyone back online," Sandino said.

Sandino also said it was very important for customers to report outages, because depending on the damaged equipment and how many people it serves, they might not know about outages.

He also urged anyone to use extreme caution if they should see downed power lines.

"Never, ever approach a power line, even if it's been down for 10 days," he said. "The smartest thing to do in that situation is to always assume that there's power running through it."

Dominion does not start repairs until the storm or other event is over and the roads are clear, though trucks are often dispatched to gather information about outages.

Deborah Johnson, Dominion's manager of Regional, State and Local affairs said that they went through all the precautions during the heavy storms on Friday, June 1.

"We didn't know if it would be a multi-day event, so we sent notices of warning to our contacts, state and local officials who can get the information out via e-mail, Twitter and Facebook," she said.

Lynn Chaffin, director of New Media and Communications Planning, said that customers are increasingly looking at social media for information.

"Social media is mobile, so when the power is out and the laptop batteries are dead, people are using their phones to stay updated," he said. "We try to start posting information two days ahead of a storm and during it we'll share pictures and other information about damages."

Chaffin added that while social media allows them to get information out, it isn't particularly helpful to perform account-level services for customers, since most social media information is public, meaning account numbers cannot be used.

DOMINION'S CALL SYSTEM can handle up to 10,000 calls per hour, and Le-Ha Anderson, Media and Community Relations manager, says that the wait time for customers calling about outages comes when people want to report outages to a person, automated reporting works much faster.

More information on Dominion can be found at dom.com, and information is also published on their Facebook, Twitter and YouTube accounts.

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— Lynn Chaffin,
director of New Media and
Communications Planning



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Fairfax County Fire and Rescue personnel explain some of the ways to stay safe and avoid hazards at the Herndon Neighborhood Resource Center Thursday, June 7.

Summer Safety

Neighborhood Resource Center hosts safety briefing.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department hosted a summer safety briefing Thursday, June 7 at the Neighborhood Resource Center in Herndon. Lt. Bill Vance of Station Four on Spring Street explained some of the more common summer safety hazards.

Vance also cautioned against cooking fires, saying it is important to have a lid, salt and baking soda nearby while cooking on a stove to douse any grease fires that might erupt. When grilling outside, he said people should leave charcoal ashes in the grill to cool for about a week, to ensure that they won't still be hot when tossed into a trash can or placed next to a residential unit.

"It's important to turn the handles of your pots in toward the back of the stove, because children tend to grab the handles and can get burned very severely," he said. "Complacency kills, you can be cooking, the phone rings and all it takes is a second for a child to hurt themselves."

He also cautioned against various heat-related illnesses, saying if someone is sweating and woozy to put a cold compress on them, and cool body temperature.

"It's when the sweating stops that you're in trouble," he said. "That's your body suffering from heat stroke and shutting down."

In case of power loss due to storms or other events, Vance

recommended people have one gallon of water per person per day on hand, as well as canned goods, a can opener and other items like a sterno stove, first aid kit, batteries and toilet paper.

When it comes to the summer favorite, fireworks, Vance recommended that people treat them like they were a fire.

"Anything with projectiles are illegal, which includes Roman candles. Sparklers and fountains are legal," he said. "Don't have anything combustible within 15 feet, and always have a bucket of water or a garden hose at the ready, anything you can control it with."

Master Technician Timothy Palmer said that their goal is to get rescue personnel out of the station to a call within 45 seconds, "but the time it takes depends on the emergency, if it's a fire, we have to put our gear on, and things like that can make it a little longer."

Many people who attended the briefing were from the center's Personal Care and Aid Class, offered by Express Care, a Herndon-based nonprofit that helps train people with the skills needed to care for others.

"Our students learn about safety when caring for people, particularly seniors and people with low incomes," said Naila Alam, CEO of Express Care. "A lot of the class is made up of recent immigrants, many of whom come from countries where there aren't fire departments like we have here, so it was helpful for them to learn how they operate."

OPINION

Partnerships That Make a Difference

Strategic partnerships with businesses, community organizations, benefit public good and fill gaps since government cannot do it all.

A few weeks ago, the Connection was lucky enough to be included in a group of Fairfax County organizations honored for their efforts in giving back to the community.

Fairfax County and the Fairfax County Public Schools recognized their business and community partners for their continued contributions to the community at the Celebrate Partnerships awards ceremonies on May 21 at the Mason Inn. More than 55 businesses and community groups were nominated for these annual awards which focus on individuals and groups who partner with the County and FCPS to give back to the community.

The mission: "The Office of Public Private Partnerships (OP3) develops partnerships between the business community and local community organizations that address critical

needs in Fairfax County. ... to stimulate positive change in the community and encourage civic involvement and responsibility. One of the goals of OP3 is to bring together resources between the public and private sectors to effectively transform the quality of life in the community."

Those efforts in the county and in the schools were on display at the awards. It was remarkable to hear about how partnerships between organizations, schools, businesses led to thousands of hours of volunteer work and millions of dollars raised. The benefits are tangible, significant and a part of what makes Fairfax County a leader in many areas.

The Connection award was based significantly on our special edition on homelessness in Fairfax County, but also cited the Connection's dedication to covering the com-

munities we serve.

This year Anthony Griffin was given a special award for his work with partnerships. Other business honorees include MV Transportation, Helios HR, Nadar por Vida, Great Falls Friends and Neighbors, Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce and Doug Brammer of Verizon.

The event was attended by more than 380 people who heard from Fairfax County Chairman Sharon Bulova; Fairfax County Schools Chair Janie Strauss; Jorge Haddock, Dean of the School of Management, George Mason University; Fairfax County Executive Ed Long, and Superintendent of Schools Jack D. Dale. To find out more, visit <http://www.fairfaxcountypartnerships.org>

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Partnering with Communities

The Connection was nominated by Dean Klein, Executive Director of the Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness, and the award springs from the Nov. 13 special edition coverage about the complex challenges of the homeless in Fairfax. Coverage of the issues included a "moving array of impactful photos and informative articles" that conveyed the scope of the challenges faced by those who are homeless in our community and the collaborative work of Partnership to End Homelessness. The award also cited other examples of the Connection's community partnership including "weekly highlights of neighborhood school activities and events, Thanksgiving story called 'Season of Giving' that featured 12 gifts that give back to the community, and extensive coverage of the Stuff the Bus Food campaign."

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Large Business Resource Champion, MV Transportation nominated by Michael Artson of the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services. Chad Hockman, Regional Vice President of MV. In Fairfax County, MV Transporations has locations in Herndon, Chantilly and Lorton. The Stuff the Bus - Food for Fairfax campaign was actually the idea of MV General Manager Patrick Healy, who approached County staff in 2010 when he read about those struggling to feed their families in Fairfax County. MV provided the busses, energetic outreach and more to make these critical food drives successful.

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NEWS

Pocket Change

After saving pocket change for 20 years, Northwest Federal Credit Union member George Shoemaker brought his coin collection - pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters totaling \$7,124 - to the Herndon-based credit union for deposit. It was the largest, single deposit of coins ever counted at Northwest Federal, and it took more than two hours to complete.

After 20 years of collecting pocket change, Northwest Federal Credit Union member George Shoemaker, delivers his \$7,124 coin collection for deposit to the Herndon branch.



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WEEK IN HERNDON

Smoking Materials Cause Herndon Townhouse Fire

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department units responded to a townhouse fire, at approximately 11:55 p.m., Friday, June 8, in the Herndon area of Fairfax County. The single-family home is located at 2542 Peter Jefferson Lane, in the McNair Farms West subdivision.

Firefighters reported heavy smoke and fire coming from the rear and extending up the eaves to the roof area of the three-story end unit townhouse upon arrival. The Incident Commander struck a second alarm bringing approximately 60 firefighters to the incident scene. Firefighters conducted an interior and exterior fire attack and brought the fire under control in approximately 15 minutes. Despite knocking the fire down quickly, fire had already spread to the roof and attic of the adjacent townhouse causing major damage to the roof, attic, and top floor. All the occupants escaped prior to firefighters arriving on scene. Both townhouses are uninhabitable. Two adults and two children from each of the units have been displaced. Red Cross is assisting both families. There were no injuries.

The home is a total loss. Damage to the townhouse at 2540 Peter Jefferson Lane is estimated at \$40,000.

According to fire investigators, the fire was accidental. Improperly discarded smoking materials near the rear of the home caused the fire.

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Nate and Michele Ament, who live on Young Dairy Court, will be one of the stops on this year's Herndon Garden Tour, which will take place Sunday, June 24.



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Banana trees and a solarium in the backyard garden of David Boldt and Lorna Schmidt on Monroe Steer, one of the stops on this year's Herndon Garden Tour.

Herndon's Gardens on Display

Annual garden tour highlights creativity of local gardeners.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The Town of Herndon's Cultivating Communities initiative will host their annual Garden Tour Sunday, June 24 from noon to 4 p.m. The tour will feature five different stops within the town borders, all representing a variety of approaches to suburban residential gardening.

"There will be a variety of looks at gardens, and they're all ones that don't require huge yards," said Diane D'Amico, committee chair for the tour. "People tend to enjoy seeing how realistic it is to put a beautiful garden in a regular neighborhood, you don't need a sprawling property in Middleburg."

As landscape architects, Nate and Michele Ament know what they like to see in a garden. But years of living in a Reston townhouse didn't allow them to reach their full potential. Once they moved into their house on Young Dairy Court two years ago, they immediately set to work, adding gardening beds, a deck, bar, hot tub and water feature to the property.

"We wanted to present a lot of different textures and have the plants cycled so they bloom throughout the year," Michele Ament said.

Nate Ament says they didn't want to take down many trees, opting instead to go with pockets of plants that love the shade in the backyard, along with the water feature.

"The front yard is a little more manicured, we lowered the grass level, took out a few trees to open up the front and ex-



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The garden of Tom Spiers of Florence Place, one of the stops on this year's Herndon Garden Tour Sunday, June 24.

panded the front porch," Nate Ament said. "The back is a little more wild, with some boxwoods along the edges and the sound of water, it's a little more natural."

THE COUPLE used a lot of throw-aways from their business, and searched around for bargains on other items, like the chairs at the bar. Other than a little pruning, they say their plants are mostly maintenance free.

"What's been fun is the other neighbors have seen what we've been doing and started doing gardening themselves," Michele Ament said.

This summer will be the first with their back yard fully complete, so the Aments are looking forward to college football season and a lot of entertaining throughout the season.

Husband and wife David Boldt and Lorna Schmidt did a bit of gardening while living in a

wildlife habitat, and its most prominent feature is a water feature, a stream leading into a pond that is stocked with koi and one perch, which aren't immune to local predators.

"We've had a heron that has been coming to the pond and taking the fish," Boldt said. "We set up a defense system, sprinklers with motion detectors, which worked for a while, but I think he's starting to get used to it."

Schmidt and Boldt added the pond about four years ago, as well as a solarium attached to the house where they house a few of the more delicate species.

"We've got a few kinds of cactus, and some other plants that do much better in here than they would outside," Boldt said. "We also had the edge built with brick on top of sand, and with a draining system, so we don't have to worry about any sort of water damage."

D'Amico says the garden tour is popular for gardeners looking for inspiration.

"There's a lot of plant exchange, and swapping of ideas," she said. "The gardeners themselves will be at home, along with members of Cultivating Communities, so visitors can ask any questions they like."

Tickets are \$10 in advance and can be purchased at the Herndon Community Center (814 Ferndale Avenue), the Herndon Florist (716 Lynn Street) and ArtSpace Herndon (750 Center Street). They can also be purchased for \$15 on the day of the tour from the community center and ArtSpace.

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FRIDAY/JUNE 15

"Flowers for Algernon." 8 p.m. Industrial Strength Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. After experimental surgery to dramatically increase his IQ, a man's life is changed forever. \$20. www.eldenstreetplayers.org.

Riverdance. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Final performances. www.riverdance.com or www.wolftrap.org.

Taste of Reston 2012 and Carnival. 3-11 p.m. Market St. Reston. Restaurant samples, community vendors, cooking demonstrations and wine pairings, carnival rides, live entertainment on four stages and a Family Fun Zone. Sponsored by the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce. 703-707-9045 or communications@restonchamber.org.

"Fake" by Jim Gordon. 8 p.m. CenterStage Theatre, Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Reston Community Players in their first fully-staged New



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Matt Baughman as Charlie Gordon and Lauren Kiesling as Alice Kinnian in the Elden Street Players production of "Flowers for Algernon," which runs through June 30 at the Industrial Strength Theater.

Play Project production, about secrets and scandals in the world of high-priced art. \$12-20. 703-476-4500 or www.restonplayers.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 16

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"Fairy Tale Courtroom" by Dana Proulx. 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Industrial Strength Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. The audience is the Judge and jury for the Wolf and the Witch in this interactive comedy. \$8. www.eldenstreetplayers.org.

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Master Gardeners Plant Clinic. 10 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Experts available to answer gardening questions. Adults. 703-242-4020.

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Fishing with Fathers. 10:30 a.m. Walker Nature Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston. Fish at Lake Audubon. Learn fish facts, fishing basics and practice casting. Rods and bait provided. \$5-\$8. All ages. Under 12 must be accompanied by adult. Reservations required by June 13. Reserve at 703-476-9689 or naturecenter@reston.org.

SUNDAY/JUNE 17

Father's Day Concert. 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. The Al Robertson Quintet featuring Mauricio Salguero



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Pictured, from left, are Uriel Carbajal, Jaime Carbajal, Gregory Eubank, Sean McKinley, Janey Carballo, Derren Burke, Stephanie Alfaro, Jimmy Nguyen, Chelsey Anzengruber, Jenna Odeh, Izzy Perez, Jennifer Schimmel, Emily Stanley, and Rebecca Majano. Also graduating but not in attendance are Shirley Alvarez, Alan Berens, Michael Bizon, Ryan Eisnagle, Brendan Eyerman, Aubrey Henderson, Natasha Russell, Brian Salmeron, Lisa Sheffer, Mario Sorto-Cabrera, and Aidan Toole.

Also pictured are Mayor Steve DeBenedittis, Vice Mayor/Mayor Elect Lisa Merkel, Councilwoman Connie Hutchison, and Councilman Jasbinder Singh. Officers present are Captain Larry Presgrave and Crime Prevention officer Tanya Henry.

Taste of Reston/June 15-17

◆When: Friday, June 15, 3 p.m. – 11 p.m. Saturday, June 16, 12 p.m. – 11 p.m. Sunday, June 17, Carnival Only, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. ◆Where: Reston Town Center, 11900 Market Street, Reston, VA 20190. ◆Beverages: Beers on tap include Bud Light, Dominion Ale and Starr Hill Northern Lights India Pale Ale. Wine provided by Market Cellars and The Wine Cabinet. Restaurants: Big Bowl; Buffalo Wing Factory; Clyde's of Reston; The Counter; Hyatt Regency Reston; Il Fornaio; La Sandia Mexican Restaurant; Mamma Lucia of Reston; Milwaukee Frozen Custard; Midtown Kabob; Melting Pot; Mon Ami Gabi & Community Canteen; Obi Sushi; Paolo's Ristorante; Paradise Ice Cream; Pitango Gelato; Pollo Peru; Robeks Fruit Smoothies; Sweetgreen; UNO Chicago Grill; Vie de France; Vinifera Wine Bar & Bistro. ◆Entertainment: The Fabulous Djaltones; Abby Miller; School of Rock; The Fuzz; Almost Journey. For a complete entertainment lineup visit <http://www.restontaste.com/music>.

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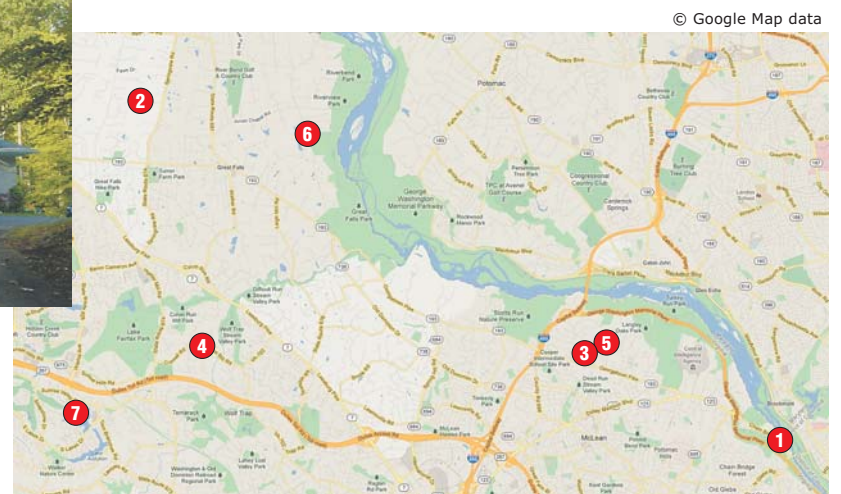
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Home Life Style

Trends in Landscape Design

Local tastemakers offer suggestions for making the most of backyard space.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Whether creating a tapestry of bold colors, a sanctuary to escape stress or simply a low maintenance landscape, local designers say taking a backyard from dull to dazzling is easier than one might think, and offer insight into hottest landscape elements as well as trends in sustainable design.

"The biggest overall trend is that people are cocooning — that is, people are staying at home and creating multi-use spaces," said landscape architect Mark White, owner of Garden Wise in Arlington. "They want to be able to cook outdoors and have a dining area. They might want a water feature. They are creating a place for a mini-vacation in their backyard."

WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE. From custom waterfalls to simple, self-contained systems in an urn, fountains and ornamental water features are surging in popularity as homeowners strive to create a tranquil oasis in their backyards.

"Given the state of the economy and the fact that people are leading hectic lives, many are wanting calm spaces in their backyards," said White. "They are using water elements to create soothing sounds."

LET IT RAIN. Rain gardens are popular as eco-minded homeowners look for ways to decrease water pollution. Rain gardens allow rainwater runoff from surfaces like roofs, driveways and walkways to be absorbed into the ground instead of storm drains.

Landscapers at George Mason University in Fairfax, created rain gardens across campus using water-loving, native plants. The gardens help alleviate stormwater runoff and pollution.

"Also, rain gardens help to eliminate standing pools of water that might otherwise have been the perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes," said Archie Nesbitt, landscape supervisor at George Mason.

HARVESTING RAINWATER. "Many people are now collecting rainwater in rain barrels and using it to water their plants," White said. "You can connect a hose to the barrel and use it to water your garden."

HOW DOES ONE'S GARDEN GROW? Landscapes that incorporate both edible and decorative plants are popular now and serve dual purposes: providing both food and beauty. "There has been a huge interest in vegetable gardens, container gardens and fruit gardens, especially dwarf fruit trees, tomatoes, peppers and herbs," said Sherrye Schenk of Potomac Garden Center in North Potomac.

MAKING ROOM. Designers can make accommodations when space is scarce.



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Landscape architect Mark White uses ornamental water features to create a soothing space in the backyard of this Arlington home.

"Because many of the yards in this area are small, people don't have the space to dedicate to a larger garden, so we're putting plants in containers and growing what is known as 'patio vegetables,' which don't get as large," said White. "For example, there are certain varieties of tomatoes and eggplants that are suitable for a smaller space."

KEEPING BAMBI AT BAY. Homeowners who live in areas where deer abound also search for plants that don't attract these four-legged friends.

"Anything that is deer resistant is popular now," said Alex Dencker of Behnke Nurseries in Potomac. "Nandina and cherry laurel are deer resistant. 'Green giant arborvitae' works if you're looking for screen plants to create privacy. They grow tall very quickly."

GOING NATIVE. Designers say indigenous plants often grow beautifully with little maintenance and no fertilizer. "Whenever possible, allow things to be what they want to be ... the more a planted area can be self-sustaining [and] not require upkeep, the better," said Nesbitt.

Drought tolerance is another bonus that makes native plants favorites among homeowners and landscape designers. "Purple cone flower are popular, as are creeping phlox which blooms early, provides great ground cover and requires little maintenance," said Dencker. "Black-eyed Susans and redbud trees are also native plants that have colorful buds. There are so many birds and other critters that need our native plants to survive. That is another reason why our native plants are so important."

— Mark White

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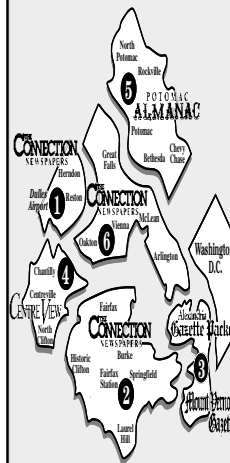
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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I last celebrated my father's day six years ago, in 2006. Six months later, in early December, he finally succumbed to that which had been ailing him: old age for sure, the effects of two strokes for certain and the realization that it was, as we like to say in our family: "Enough already." Pain and suffering is all it's anticipated to be, so when my father died in his sleep that early Saturday morning in late fall, 2006, it was a blessing; one occasionally in disguise, but one nonetheless. He wasn't ever getting better, he was already in hospice care, it was time. He was 87.

"Barnet, Barnet, Barnet," I would call out to my father in my best from-Boston accent when I would first enter the residence my parents maintained in Leisure World in Silver Spring.

"Yo! Yo! Yo!," my father would respond, specifically, as he had for as long as I could remember. (I don't think my generation uses the word/expression "Yo" to account for one's presence.) "Barnet," his adolescent given name; "Benet," on his birth certificate; "Barry" (later in life) to his friends, family and business associates; and "Beez," a nickname given to him by a fellow member of a knothole gang in the 1920s/30s (who said everybody had to have a nickname), to me; the name that I respectfully called him my entire life. My brother, Richard and I miss him very much, as we do our mother, Celia, who died nearly two years later, also in early December.

Our parents, and for the focus of this column, our father, was devoted to his children and family. We were very fortunate. Let me try to explain.

My father was the father who, for years, every morning, drove about a dozen Elementary School kids to school, crammed into his Oldsmobile. If I heard the word "laps," once, I heard it a thousand times, maybe literally. My father was the father always present at Little League games, sitting in the grandstand rooting for his son and his son's team (the Little League Red Sox as it happened to be) and behaving. Never once did he engage or enrage an umpire or another team's coach. He did, however, often come down behind the bench where I would be sitting between innings to offer fatherly advice – and encouragement about my pitching: "Don't drag your right leg." "Take a deep breath between pitches." And of course, the constant throughout my entire life: "Stop biting your nails!" My father was the father who played catch with his son – at every opportunity, and on weekends would drive me to the local Junior High School where he would stand me up against the baseball backstop and hit me grounders, fly balls and pop-ups – for practice. My father was the father who took his kids to baseball games at Fenway Park and basketball games at the old Boston Garden. The Red Sox games would usually be on Saturday afternoons (or Sundays, depending on the time of year) so as not to interfere with my mother's standing hair appointment at her Beauty Salon. The Celtics game was typically the first Sunday afternoon game of the season (my father owned a jewelry store in downtown Boston and other than July and August, only had Sundays off), usually against the Philadelphia 76ers, which meant Bill Russell against Wilt Chamberlain; it didn't get any better than that. My father was the father who, after driving his son (yours truly) to my driver's license driving test (which I passed the first time), had me drive him to the subway just so I could drive myself to school that very first day and have a car – without waiting one extra day, despite the obvious inconvenience to him and my mother (there was only one car in the family).

My father was the most positive, supportive, encouraging and enthusiastic person I knew. His influence on his children while he was alive is only surpassed by his continuing influence on us after his death. He lives on in our hearts and minds despite his absence, and so we honor him, especially on Father's day. He is gone, but certainly not forgotten. He was one-of-a-kind, and his two children were lucky he lived as long as he did.

Happy Father's Day, Beez. I'll see you at the cemetery on Sunday.

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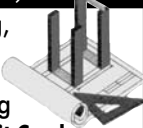
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This Time, It's Cougars All the Way

Oakton girls lacrosse, in return trip to state finals, finishes deal.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

A year after losing in the state title game, the Oakton High girls' lacrosse team took the next step and won this year's state crown when the Cougars defeated Langley High, 12-7, in the finals game played last Saturday evening, June 9 at Westfield High School.

It marked the first state championship triumph in the history of the Oakton girls' lacrosse program and came one year after the Cougars had reached the state title game before losing to Vienna cross-town rival Madison.

This time, however, Oakton prevailed, against a Langley squad which was making its first-ever state finals appearance. In the championship game match-up between the two Northern Region teams, the Cougars, who finished the season with an overall record of 18-2, jumped in front 3-0 and never relinquished the lead thereafter.

"Last year we were denied pretty badly, losing by eight or nine," said Oakton head coach Jean Counts, recalling the 2011 state finals loss to Madison.

Now, Oakton has the taste of being on the winning side of the state finals game.

"We worked so hard for this - 70 practices, we count them," said Oakton senior goalie Emily George, with a huge smile, in the moments following the Cougars' victory. "It feels amazing. We didn't get it last year so we worked hard to get it this year. This is what we've been working for."

Counts, in the championship affair with the Saxons, saw her team play a solid, overall strong game in which the Cougars' played suffocating defense while, on the offensive end, running when they could and displaying good passing, ball movement, and patience. Oakton dominated in time of possession throughout the game. Six different Oakton players score goals, with sophomore midfielder Jackie Rupp, celebrating her birthday, leading the way with four of those scores. George, in the net, played a typically solid game with her Cougars' teammates in front of her doing a thorough job of keeping the Saxons at bay.

"I felt great - like my defense had my back," said George, of her play and mindset during the championship game.

OVER THE GAME'S first eight-plus minutes, Oakton gained the early momentum with three goals, the first two coming from Rupp. Her close range score of a drive from the left side opened the game's scoring with 22 minutes, 23 seconds showing on the clock. A few minutes later, Rupp, on another Oakton possession, gained open space with



Oakton Cougars players, including senior attack Carly Palmucci (18), hold up the state championship trophy during postgame festivities. Palmucci had two goals and two assists in the victory.

a nice move before moving to her right and scoring on a sizzling bouncer shot from 10 yards out at 19:21 to make it 2-0.

"Jackie is our coast to coast girl and plays full tilt the entire game," said Counts, with a smile. "She's really done a great job for us."

The Oakton lead went to 3-0 on a line drive shot from 10 yards off the right wing by senior midfielder Alex Revel (2 goals in the win).

Langley gained momentum over the next three minutes with scores from Kelly Martins and Olivia Sisson, the latter goal coming off a fastbreak to get the Saxons within 3-2 with 13:28 remaining in the first half.

Following a timeout, Oakton came out firing but saw two outstanding close range scoring chances turned away on nice stops from Langley goalie Erin Long. However, the Cougars broke through several minutes later when sophomore attack Tori Anderson, after taking the ball down the left side of the field, made a nifty turn-around move to create space from a defender before flinging a liner in from 18 yards out to five Oakton a 4-2 lead with 7:45 left.

George, the Oakton goalie, came up with one of the game's key plays a minute later when she blocked a penalty shot on goal by Saxon Margo Swomley. That led to Cougars' possession of the ball and an ensuing Oakton score moments later when senior Claire Stikeleather (2 goals), moving left to right with the ball across the Langley goal

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give Langley a 5-2 advantage.

Both teams would score again before the end of the half, the final score coming from Rupp with 3:42 left to make it 6-3 Oakton. The Cougars, following Rupp's score, gained possession again on the face-off and worked three minutes off the clock. Langley, following a Cougar turnover, did make a good scoring try in the final seconds of the half but George stopped a Kelly Martins close range scoring attempt off the left side in the final seconds.

OAKTON scored three of the second half's first four goals, conversions from Rupp, Revel, and Stikeleather, to surge ahead 9-4. Stikeleather's score came off a penalty shot around the top of the circle with 18:12 left.

Langley showed its resiliency with a couple of scores over the following minute to get within 9-6. The Saxons looked as if



Oakton's Alex Revel, wearing jersey No. 1, appropriately enough, makes her move with the ball during the Cougars' Virginia State girls' lacrosse championship game win over Langley last Saturday evening at Westfield High School. Oakton had lost in the 2011 state finals but was not to be denied this time, defeating the Saxons, 12-7. Revel netted two goals in the program's first-ever state title win.

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Jean Counts (wearing hat), the Oakton High girls' lacrosse coach, said her team's state playoff experience from a year ago was a huge factor in the Cougars' capturing the crown this season.

area, roped a hard overhand shot in from 12 yards out to

they might score again off a fastbreak a few minutes later, but goalie George made a nice save to prevent a score and keep Oakton ahead by three.

The Cougars, over the following seven minutes, effectively put the game away with three goals, two coming from senior attack Carly Palmucci. Also scoring during the key stretch was senior attack Allison Turk, who scored from six yards out off a Palmucci pass from behind the net.

Langley, down 12-6, scored with five seconds remaining for the game's final goal.

"We were very patent on offense," said Counts, who added that slowing the pace down is not necessarily her team's style. "We spread it out and were careful about taking good shots."

Langley, which qualified for states last year for the first time, was making its first appearance in the finals.

"Oakton is a great team and we knew that," said Langley's Kelly Martins, a senior midfielder and a Saxon team captain. "We competed and gave it our all."