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Samantha Burgess of Brownie Troop 5696 in Herndon assembles a toiletry kit with a comb, soap, hand sanitizer, moisturizer, toothbrush and toothpaste in recycled blue wrap for distribution by INOVA Health Systems to local homeless residents as part of Volunteer Fairfax's Give Together Day on Monday, Jan. 21.

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From left, Jeff Levy, commissioner of the Fairfax County Oversight Committee on Drinking and Driving, William Hauda, an emergency room physician at INOVA Fairfax, Samara Kimmelman, a George Mason University graduate student, Capt. Bruce Ferguson, commander of Fairfax County Police Department's Youth Services Division, and Mary Ann Sprouse, director of Drug, Alcohol and Health Education at George Mason, were part of a presentation on under-age drinking at McLean High School Thursday, Jan. 17.



Program Tackles Drinking Culture

McLean High School hosts first Perils of College Drinking Culture presentation of year.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Leading up to graduation last year, and in the summer before his freshman year, Denny Shiram's parents spent a lot of time warning him about the dangers of alcohol. Part of what they learned came from attending "The Perils of College Drinking Culture," a program hosted by the Unified Prevention Coalition of Fairfax County.

The program features a panel discussion from medical, law enforcement and legal professionals, as well as other anti-underage drinking advocates. It also contains the showing of "HAZE," a film that documents college drinking, including the death of 18-year-old Gordie Bailey as a college freshman.

"My parents told me about this movie last year, and I thought they sort of played up the things they saw in this movie to scare me before freshman year," said Shiram, a freshman at Northern Virginia Community College. "But last semester, I saw a lot of things straight out of this movie. People that didn't even seem interested in having fun, just putting as much alcohol in their body as fast as humanly possible. And that's how you end up like Gordie."

BAILEY DIED IN SEPT. 2004, the fall of his freshman year, after drinking as part of a fraternity initiation ritual at the University of Colorado. His family founded the Gordie Foundation, which creates awareness of alcohol abuse and hazing.

Jeff Levy, commissioner of the Fairfax County Oversight Committee on Drinking and Driving, who lost his son in a drunk driving accident, served on the panel during the program.

"The problem with alcohol is that the second drink tastes better than the first, and the third tastes better than the second," he said. "My son was one of five college students that died in drinking-related accidents one weekend in 1997."

Dr. William Hauda, another panel member and an emergency physician at INOVA Fairfax Hospital said that the almost 2,000 deaths of college students per

year in alcohol related incidents is only scratching the surface of what is happening.

"Those 1,800, 1,900 deaths are just the tip of the iceberg, when it comes to the number of sexual assaults, physical assaults and other damages," he said. "Anecdotally, almost all sexual assaults have alcohol as a factor, whether in the victim, the perpetrator or both."

While audience members said they found the panelists educational, what really hit home was the film, especially the young man who died of alcohol poisoning.

"What terrifies me is that the things we saw here are just a few small examples that happened to be caught on videotape and put into the film," said Jennifer Sauers of McLean. "These are things I wouldn't expect from anyone over the age of three, yet here are supposedly 'educated' young men doing these crazy things under the influence of alcohol. Every single one of them could have ended up like Gordie in the movie."

While the movie is intended to show a big picture view of the damage caused by alcohol abuse, for many in attendance, it was Bailey's story that will stick with them.

"I got chills when they showed the pictures of Gordie's body on the floor while the audio of the 911 call was playing," said Paul Miller of McLean. "My eyes started tearing up, and then when they show that last shot of his face all blue as he lay there, I lost it. It's a tragedy that every year, there are 1,800 families that go through the same thing Gordie's family did."

THE PROGRAM'S SPEAKERS examined the consequences of alcohol abuse, especially for underage drinkers, from a variety of different angles.

McLean High School PTSA President Loretta D'Erme says underage drinking is a real issue in the McLean High community, citing the annual Fairfax County Youth Survey, which among other things, collects anonymous student responses about their experience with drugs and alcohol.

"Our latest youth survey data for McLean High School, 26 percent of our seniors admitted to participating in binge drinking, which is defined as five or more drinks in a row, in the past 30 days. That's significant, but there's also good news in that 74 percent of our seniors aren't drinking."

The full data from the Fairfax County Youth Survey for McLean High School will be presented later this spring by the McLean High School PSTA.



Cutting the ribbon on the new Express Connector Service, from left, Christin Wegener, planning operations manager, Fairfax Connector, County Board Chair Sharon Bulova, Supervisors John Cook (R-Braddock) and Pat Herrity (R-Springfield), VRE CEO Doug Allen, FCDOT Director Tom Biesadny.

Express Buses From Burke to Tysons

Fairfax County launches Express Connector Bus Service.

ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

With the expansion of Tysons Corner firmly underway, Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) is getting ahead of the commuting curve with the launch of its new Express Connector bus service utilizing the recently opened 495 Express Lanes to carry commuters from Burke to Tysons Corner. The service is the first in the county to use the express lanes, and the first public transportation offered between the two locations.

There were local officials, public and press on hand at the ribbon-cutting ceremony and inaugural bus ride on Saturday morning, Jan. 12, at the Burke Centre VRE station, where the service will originate week-day mornings. Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova handled the scissors, assisted by Supervisors John Cook (R-Braddock) and Pat Herrity (R-Springfield), FCDOT Director Tom Biesadny and VRE CEO Doug Allen.

"This is exciting stuff," said Bulova. "It's a marriage between the VRE (Virginia Railway Express) and our Fairfax Connector system, working with VDOT and the Express Lanes. People have to pay tolls to use those lanes," Bulova reminded. "It's a tremendous opportunity for commuters, shoppers and business people."

"In survey after survey, the number one reason people say they take public transportation is for a time efficient commute," said Herrity. "This route pro-

THE SCHEDULE

- ❖ Mornings departing from Burke VRE station, 10399 Premier Court, 6:30 to 9 a.m.
 - ❖ Midday from Tysons to Burke VRE station, 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
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vides just that." Cook added, "Giving people more choices ultimately makes everyone's living experience here in central Fairfax County better."

After the speeches and the acknowledgements of the efforts behind the scenes, it was time to get on board the brand new bus and experience the trip. Obviously, traffic patterns on Saturday morning differ from the weekday commute. FCDOT Director Biesadny says the average trip should normally run about 40 minutes one way. There are four different routes. Routes G and J are basically mirror images of each other, covering the major employers in the Tysons area and giving commuters a choice of directions depending on where they want to disembark. Route F is the longest, covering the largest portion of area. "M route is the one for you if you are heading to Tysons for the shopping," said Christin Wegener, manager of Operations Planning and Customer Service with Fairfax Connector.

As an introduction to the commuting public, FCDOT is offering the service for free for the first two weeks. Starting Jan. 26, a one-way fare will cost \$3.65 with a SmarTrip card, or \$4 cash. Additional routes are scheduled to begin service to Tysons in March from the Lorton VRE station and from the new Saratoga Park and Ride.

THE COUNTY LINE

A Family Made Whole

After a tragic loss, Reston couple creates a family through adoption.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

The Granvilles look like a made-for-TV family. On a bright October afternoon, Chris, a computer engineer, is teasing his teenage son Kenny about what kind of pet to adopt, while Tiffany sits on a sofa, cradling Elijah, Kenny's baby brother, who has just woken up from an afternoon nap.

"Fish? No way," Kenny, 15, says. "They just go 'round and 'round in a bowl."

Kenny is lobbying hard for a dog or—at the very least—a guinea pig or hamster.

"What I'm saying is you start with the fish, okay, and then you move up to guinea pig or something else," Chris says.

"Can you tell we've been talking about this for just a little while?" Tiffany asks a visitor, rolling her eyes in mock exasperation.

It's quickly apparent the Granvilles are a close-knit family who like spending time together.

What is not so apparent is how this family came to be, and why an ordinary Sunday afternoon laughing with two children is a minor miracle for the Granvilles.

Chris and Tiffany, both in their 30s, were married in New York City on Christmas Eve, 2007. One of three children, Chris was raised in Queens. Both were very close to their parents and grandparents, whom they credit for inspiring their Christian faith.

IN FEBRUARY 2008, the couple moved to Reston, where they both had demanding careers as computer engineers. They also found out that same month that Tiffany was pregnant.

"We were like 'wow.' We just got married, and now we're going to have baby. We were living the dream," Chris said.

Jamison Granville was born on Oct. 23, 2008. He was a healthy 8.6 pound baby, and the light of his parent's life. When Chris's mother was diagnosed with aggressive kidney cancer that spring, Jamison kept a smile on his grandmother's face as she went through grueling chemotherapy sessions.

"He was my mother's first grandchild. She and Jamison were tied at the hip," Chris said.

When Chris's mother died on July 4, 2009, both Chris and Tiffany were devastated by the loss, but they took comfort in Jamison's smile, their large network of friends and family and their faith.

Like many working parents, the Granvilles had carefully researched and selected a day care center for their child. It wasn't unusual to get a call from staff at the center if Jamison was sick, or if other minor issues cropped up.

But on Sept. 16, 2009, Tiffany received a call from the center's director. She said she sensed something was wrong immediately.



A Granville family portrait, taken in February, 2012. (From left) Kenny; Tiffany holding baby brother Elijah; Chris Granville.

"I got a phone call about 3 p.m. The director said she needed to meet us at Reston hospital. She wouldn't give me any other information," Tiffany recalled, pausing. "Jamison was 10 months and 24 days old..."

Chris said he got a message from a detective. "He said to call this doctor, and the doctor said you have to stop whatever you're doing and get here," Chris said. "I didn't know what was happening."

"I can't tell you how I got from my desk on the sixth floor to my car," Tiffany said. "When I got there, doctors were working on him, but I could tell he wasn't there anymore. . . . You feel like you're in a movie, or a dream. You get through it, but you're not there."

Tiffany said the pain of losing Jamison was almost unbearable, and even her strong faith in God could not keep her from waking up some mornings and thinking there was nothing left to live for. "I have to be honest; there were days I did not want to be here."

But it was the couple's strong faith in God kept that kept them moving forward.

"We became more involved in our church, but at that point, it's just a day-by-day existence," Chris said. Tiffany said she drew strength from her grandmother, who had also lost her firstborn son. Her grandmother went on give birth to eight children, and adopted two more.

"I pulled from her strength. I thought to myself, this woman from Louisiana, with an eighth-grade education, through all this adversity, she was able to overcome it in a time when things were horrible for black folks," Tiffany said. "I remember what a loving and patient person she was. . . . I started to think about everybody I had here. . . . I thought we all have to leave one day, so you have to make a positive impact while you're here. We did not want what happened to us to define us."

THE COUPLE, who had always talked about adopting a child, had maintained friendships with other couples who were foster parents, and they decided

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Beverly Howard

Fairfax Families4Kids

Fostering bonds with children.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Nationwide, more than 463,000 children live in foster care. In many states, including Virginia, the number of foster youth has tripled in the last 25 years. As of Sept. 30, 2011, nearly 5,000 youth were in foster care in Virginia, according to the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), a division of the U.S. Health and Human Services Department. Physical abuse is the most common reason children enter foster care, but it's not the only reason. Often there's emotional abuse, sexual abuse and the parent or caretaker's inability to provide a safe environment due to substance abuse. The prospects for youth who age-out (or "emancipate") from foster care are bleak, according to the ACF. More than half of the children who age-out of foster care end up "couch-surfing," and essentially homeless. In a 2009 ACF report:

- ❖ Less than 3 percent go to college;
- ❖ 51 percent are unemployed;
- ❖ Emancipated females are four times more likely to receive public assistance than the general population;
- ❖ In any given year, foster children compromise less than 0.3 percent of the state's population, and yet 40 percent of persons living in homeless shelters are former foster children. A similarly disproportionate

percentage of the nation's prison population comprises former foster youth.

In 2005, Fairfax County launched a program called FairfaxFamilies4Kids, which actively seeks mentors to connect with older children in foster care, those most at-risk for homelessness. Beverly Howard, the program's coordinator, agreed to a Q&A interview. To find out more about the Fairfax Families4Kids program or becoming a volunteer or mentor, contact Beverly Howard, Ph.D., coordinator of the Fairfax Families4Kids Program at 703-324-7518.

Q: Tell us a little bit about the background of the program? What niche does it fill?

A: Fairfax Families4Kids is a mentoring program, now housed out of the Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, which focuses on supporting older youth in foster care (or those youth who are at risk of re-entering foster care). The program's goal is for the youth in foster care to form and maintain healthy, positive and long-term relationships with caring adults and peers while learning essential life, leisure and social skills. It works to accomplish this through group mentoring events and individual mentoring relationships. The twice-monthly group mentoring events are outings in the community where the youth, mentors, volunteers, and prospective adoptive families come together in a safe, super

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to explore that option.

“God works in mysterious ways. We actually used to go on outings with this couple and their foster children before Tiff and I were married,” he said. “We still had a lot of love to give.”

“That was the core of it, the love we had for each other,” Tiffany said. “You know, a lot of people say that when you lose a child, it tears a couple apart. Well, nothing could tear me away from him. He is my rock. His mental strength is astounding.”

FAIRFAX FAMILIES4KIDS

They connected with a small agency in Fairfax County called Fairfax Families4Kids, a unique foster-mentoring program run by the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services. Created in 2005, the program’s mission is to build bonds between volunteers and foster children, a majority of whom are 14 years old or older.

According to Beverly Howard, Ph.D., coordinator of the program, every year in Fairfax County, as many as 20 teens in foster care leave the system without a family and are unable to return safely to their parents or relatives.

The children who wait are typically African-American, and are age 9 or older when they enter foster care. They have emotional, medical and educational needs. Many have lived in a series of foster homes or residential facilities.

Kenny was one of the children in the program when the Granvilles decided to become mentors.

Howard said volunteers who become mentors have a lot of flexibility, and there’s no specific amount of time mentors must spend with children. Some are assigned a particular child while others work with several children. Every month there are group activities for the participants and their mentors.

“We want people to know they can get involved without feeling too much pressure,” Howard said.

Mentors can attend as many group outings as they want, depending on their schedule.

Outings have included a Christmas Cruise on the Potomac; the DC Kite Festival; fundraising events for the homeless and a variety of sports events and clinics, from basketball to handball. Farm Day, held twice a year in Ashburn, is a favorite event for the children. Donated by a benefactor of the program, the event is held twice a year in Ashburn, and includes horseback riding, bike-riding, games and a picnic.

Howard said all the activities are structured to allow “natural matches” to develop over time as the youth interact with the volunteers and actively help select their mentors. “Mentors see the value, the strengths and possibilities in the youth and the youth begin to form trusting relationships with the mentors,” she said.

Kenny met the Granvilles during Farm Day. He had just turned 13, and had been in a series of foster homes since he was 9 years old.

Before formal foster care, he was living sporadically with his biological mother from the time he was 3 years old.

Born in Dumfries, Kenny’s mother had substance abuse problems. When she could not care for him, he would stay with her friends for weekends—or weeks at a time. When he was placed in foster care full-time, he had no more contact with his biological mother.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JOAN BRADY

Kenny Granville

Sitting on a sofa at home, Kenny shows a visitor a book of photos from several outings. When asked if he remembers the first time he met Chris and Tiffany, he smiles broadly, and mentions that he left his coat in their car so they would have a reason to seek him out again.

The Granvilles said they felt an immediate connection to Kenny, and they would have come back to see him, even if he hadn’t left his coat in their car.

“Oh yes, I definitely remember Farm Day,” Tiffany said.

“We had been going to different events as mentors, and then Farm Day came along,” she said, shaking her head and wiping away tears. “It was weird. There was this big gush of wind and this kid came out of nowhere. Literally, leaves are flying around, and I saw Kenny playing... I said to Chris ‘I feel like he’s going to be our child.’ I mean, we thought we would adopt a younger child, but we just jelled with him.”

“As soon as they walked in, I went up to talk to them,” Kenny said.

“There was just something about him. His smile, his sense of humor, something that tugged at our hearts,” Chris said.

Kenny began spending weekends with the couple, playing basketball with Chris, watching football games, and just being a “regular” kid with a family.

“Everything just fit,” Chris said, “It felt like it was meant to be.”

Tiffany and Chris said there’s no one “aha” moment they can point to when they decided to adopt Kenny. “It just seemed like the natural next step,” Chris said.

As the Granvilles spent more and more time with Kenny, they became determined to adopt him. And then the couple got a surprise that some might consider a “game-changer.”

She learned she was pregnant with Elijah.

“And no, we never thought about not adopting Kenny,” she said, laughing.

Kenny was formally adopted by the Granvilles when he turned 14. Elijah was just weeks old, but “we wanted him there to be with his big brother,” Chris said.

During the adoption proceeding, the judge asked Kenny if there was any reason not to go forward, and why he wanted to be adopted.

“Because I love them. And they love me,” Kenny said.

“There wasn’t a dry eye in that courtroom,” Tiffany said.

NEXT WEEK : Interviews with mentors and child who aged-out and is now homeless.

Joys and Challenges

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vised and supportive group environment to participate in enjoyable activities together. (Events have included chess tournaments, basketball clinics, kite festivals, a Broadway show, exercise classes, horseback riding, Internet and web design classes, and community service projects.)

Q: What does FFX4Kids offer foster children, and the parents who foster them?

A: FFX4Kids provides a social network where youth in foster care can interact with mentors, prospective adoptive families, dedicated volunteers and other children in foster care.

The dedicated FFX4Kids mentors are at the core of the “relationship-building” that keeps the youth coming back. Every participating youth experiences group mentoring for several months prior to being assigned a one-on-one mentor who agrees to mentor for at least two years. Many of these caring adults commit to being life-long supports for the youth they mentor. Some have even adopted their mentee. Other mentors have been consistently and actively involved in the program for five, six, and seven years, and have mentored a number of different youth during that time.

Q: What are some FFX4Kids “success stories?”

A: We have many success stories. We have participated in 10 adoptions of youth ages 11 to 18 (most have been between ages 14-16 at the time of the adoption) and 10 permanent connections for youth ages 18 to 21. A “permanent connection” means that these young adults leave foster care with a caring, adult connection who can provide guidance and emotional support as they embark upon adulthood. Most of us know that just because you turn 18 or 21 years old, you don’t automatically have all the answers, and it is always good to have an adult to help answer some of the questions that come with being an adult.

Success Stories: “Mason” was adopted by his mentors when he was 15 years old. He had already spent six years in foster care, and lived in numerous

adoptive homes and residential facilities. He is a charming, likeable, athletic young fellow who is now a freshman in college and working part-time. He regularly returns to the FFX4Kids events to encourage and motivate the other kids, and just to share in the fun. His parents also continue to be active mentors for other youth in FFX4Kids and a strong supporter of the program.

“Mason” is good friends with “Paul.” “Paul” has been in foster care for almost 10 years. “Paul” has also had numerous placements. He is still in foster care, participating in the Independent Living program, and enjoying his freshman year in college also. As he participates in the twice-monthly FFX4Kids activities, he finds continuous support and encouragement from the group mentors, who genuinely admire his strength and his tenacity. He is a role model and “Jr. Mentor” for the younger kids in the group.

Q: Knowing all of the obstacles, all of the challenges for foster children, what motivates you to keep working with foster children?

A: I love what I do. The youth that I have been blessed to know, are wonderful and all of them have enriched my life immeasurably. The adoptive families and mentors never cease to amaze me—by their commitment to the youth, their dedication, their energy and creativity, and their ability to see well beyond the labels that so many of our youth have gathered along their journey in foster care. They see the gifted artists, the aspiring scientists, the comedians, the athletes, and the beautiful children waiting for an opportunity to bloom.

I also have been blessed to have my own family expanded through the adoption of two older youth (ages 8 and 9). I know firsthand the joys and challenges this brings. I also know that love is not enough. The decision to adopt an older youth must come from both the head and the heart. It is critical that the adoptive family make an informed decision cognizant of all of the challenges before them, with realistic expectations, and knowledge of resources available to support the family. It is hard work, and not for the faint of heart.

OPINION

Expanding Medicaid Good for Virginia

Real health coverage for an additional 400,000 people is in reach.

Virginia has an opportunity to expand Medicaid in a way that could extend health coverage to more than 400,000 residents who currently have no health insurance while the Federal government picks up the tab; Virginia would pay 10 percent of the additional cost after 2020.

The Medicaid expansion would give medical insurance to 25,000-30,000 Fairfax County residents, where more than 132,000 have none.

More than 12 percent of the slightly more than 1 million people who live in the wealthiest county in the nation are without health insurance. Household income in Fairfax County averages more than \$122,000 a year.

In Arlington, 17 percent of adults under age 65 lack health insurance.

Under the health care reform act, many of Virginia's uninsured residents could be covered

by an expansion of Medicaid to cover residents who earn up to 133 percent of the poverty line, and that expansion would be paid for almost entirely by federal funds. But while the reform act itself was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court, the court also opened a door for states to opt out of the expansion of Medicaid.

Virginia's current eligibility requirements for Medicaid are so strict that although it is the 11th largest state in terms of population and 7th in per capita personal income, Virginia ranked 43rd in Medicaid enrollment as a proportion of the state's population and 47th in per capita Medicaid spending, according to a 2013 Fairfax County report.

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The report says that new coverage would extend to individuals earning less than \$15,302 per year or families earning less than \$31,155 per year, low income children who lose Medicaid when they turn 19, and adults with disabilities not currently eligible.

It isn't as if there were no health care costs for these currently uncovered residents. Right now, they access health care when they are very sick by going to an emergency room, where the hospital spreads the cost of care around.

But this is inefficient, expensive and unhealthy. Expanding Medicaid coverage would allow far less expensive preventative care and lead to better health outcomes.

A new analysis by the Commonwealth Institute shows that expanding Medicaid to 133 percent of the poverty level would generate state general fund savings and new revenues that would total \$2.08 billion and more than offset the state's share of expansion costs over the next eight years, plus provide significant numbers of new jobs and economic growth. Expanding health care will add tens of thousands of new jobs. People with access to preventative and early health care use fewer sick days and are more productive on the job as well.

From a practical perspective, declining federal money to provide healthcare to uninsured Virginians makes no more sense than declining federal funds for transportation because you don't like the feds telling you to wear your seatbelt.

From a human perspective, passing up the chance to offer health coverage to 400,000 Virginians is inconceivable.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Getting Back to Business

To the Editor:

Virginia is no longer "the best state [in which] to do business." We lost that coveted designation when the state leadership made national headlines and punch lines by focusing on their social agenda instead of our dwindling transportation resources. If we continue to neglect the problem, our transportation construction money, including our federal matching funds, will be depleted in 2017.

Governor McDonnell has called for new revenue. The centerpiece of his transportation plan is a proposal to eliminate the gas tax and replace it with additional sales tax. The plan diverts general fund revenue that supports education, public health and public safety to transportation, and raises vehicle fees, especially on alternative fuel vehicles. The plan also assumes tax revenue for transportation from a bill that has not yet been introduced in Congress, let alone passed. This ephemeral revenue source alone counts for more than one third of the funds in the governor's plan.

We have been talking about transportation funding shortfalls in Virginia for a generation, and the governor made the issue a priority in his 2009 campaign. His plan has been called "bold" by its champions. But bold is not the same as wise. If the governor got every cent of funds in his wish list,

in five years we would have less than half the funds we need for transportation funding today.

Legislators, including members of the governor's own Caucus have offered competing plans or even downright criticism, including the no-tax disciples of Grover Norquist. Nine northern Virginia legislators—including local delegate Barbara Comstock—have taken the "No Tax Pledge." How do they reconcile their pledge with our need for more transportation money and congestion relief?

Meanwhile, legislators in the current session are calling for more graduates from our colleges and universities, smaller class sizes for K-12 students, armed guards in schools, and improved mental health support and awareness. As we add these responsibilities to our general fund requirements, where will we siphon off funds for transportation?

Despite calls for reducing dependency on foreign oil the governor proposes a \$100 annual fee for vehicles that are cleaner and use less fuel. Why punish good practices?

Arguments against the proposals to eliminate the gas tax and replace it with a sales tax have been aired on these editorial pages ("Transportation Money", January 16-22). But the essential question remains: Why should we forego a "user fee" gas tax, shared broadly beyond Virginia, and depend primarily instead on a tax that falls squarely on Virginia citizens?

State leaders recently announced that the federal and state

transportation construction revenue is forecast to be down by over \$700 million over the next five years. We need new revenue for transportation that we can count on—approximately \$1 billion annually statewide—and we need to know that funding our infrastructure does not come at the expense of our education system, the key to our future workforce and continued prosperity.

Now that the governor has renewed the call for transportation funding, a good place to seek common ground might be the 2007 transportation legislation that passed both houses of the legislature. With some adjustments we might get something for everyone, including revenue that stays where it is generated! The "No Tax" crowd might object, but their pledge is their priority instead of our prosperity.

Our northern Virginia citizens and business leaders want to earn back our "best state to do business" label. We know what it means to our communities. We know that if we are short-changing our own transportation and education needs, we are neither pro-business nor pro-jobs. Working together, we can solve transportation funding problems that have not been successfully resolved in a generation, but we need dedicated, sustainable revenue, and we need it soon.

Achieving that would be bold!

Margaret G. Vanderhye

Former State Delegate

McLean

Overcrowded Classes

To the Editor:

Our world-class schools are the number one reason businesses and families come to Fairfax County. But people will not move here once they see many of our overcrowded classes.

We now have the distinction of having among the largest class sizes in the area and Virginia state law does almost nothing to protect our children. Current student to teacher ratios are calculated at the county level and afford administrators way too much leverage where they can place as many kids as they want in a classroom, just as long as divisionwide, they do not exceed the state ratios.

Given that Virginia already has the highest caps in the country, we are headed down a very slippery slope. How are children expected to learn and teachers to teach when there are as many as 37 little 8-year-olds stuffed into a crowded classroom, which we see at Wolfrap Elementary School?

Parents from Wolfrap and other schools met with Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34) this past week-end to discuss this very issue. The meeting room was packed with parents, educators, taxpayers, even people without children—it was standing room-only—clearly indicating that class size is a huge problem in our area.

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Barbara has been listening to her constituents. She proposed a bill to reduce average class sizes, by requiring the state's class size ratios to be applied to each school, instead of allowing excessively large classes in some schools to be balanced by much smaller classes in others.

We need to support Barbara's new bill (HB1556) so that crowded classrooms do not erode Fairfax County's growth and economic base and to also ensure that our school system remains the best in the country.

Kim Farrell

Mother of two FCPS students
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Langley Fork Scenic Pull-off Completion Ceremony. 11 a.m., at 6266 Georgetown Pike, McLean. The project to build a scenic pull-off on Georgetown Pike is completed after 10 years of work; Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust hosts a ceremony with Virginia Department of Transportation representatives and the Fairfax County Park Authority. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dranesville.

12B Business Mixer. 5:30-8 p.m., at Clyde's of Tysons Corner, 8332 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. McLean Orchestra presents its third business mixer to expand circles, enjoy presentations from the McLean Chamber of Commerce and Leadership Fairfax. \$38 pre-registration or \$45 at the door (valet parking, appetizers and two drinks included). www.mclean-orchestra.org.

Ralph Stanley & The Clinch Mountain Boys. 8 p.m., at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Grammy Award-winner, recipient of the Living Legend Award from the Library of Congress and National Medal of Arts recipient Ralph Stanley and his late brother Carter's band the Clinch Mountain Boys play. \$40. www.wolftrap.org.

THURSDAY/JAN. 24

Art Appetizers Returns! 7-9 p.m., at the McLean Project for the Arts, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Art,

appetizers and conversation compose the evening in the gallery sponsored by the New Dominion Women's Club. \$20. www.ndwc.org/home.html.

Livingston Taylor w/ Chelsea Berry.

8 p.m., at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Singer/songwriter and guitarist Livingston Tayllor headlines with introspective lyrics and Alaskan singer/songwriter Chelsea Berry makes her first appearance at The Barns with her folk-rock music. \$25. www.wolftrap.org.

FRIDAY/JAN. 25

The Discovery Series: Cellist Steven Isserlis and pianist Kirill Gerstein. 8 p.m., at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. A virtuosic duo recital featuring Liszt's Romance Oubliée, Die Zelle im Nonnenwerth, Busoni's Kultaselle, Variations on a Finnish Folkson, Bartók's Rhapsody no. 1, and Brahms's Sonatas no. 1 in E minor and no. 2 in F Major. \$35. www.wolftrap.org.

Proposals. 8 p.m., at the Vienna Community Center, 127 Center St. S., Vienna. The Neil Simon comedy recalls the Hines family gathered at their retreat in the Poconos in the summer of 1953: romantic entanglements coalesce in one idyllic afternoon in the elegiac memory play. \$11 for students and seniors 65-plus; \$13. 703-255-6399.

SATURDAY/JAN. 26

Celebration of American Tradition. By reservation at The Ritz-Carlton, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Wine Director Vincent Feraud hosts an intimate wine and food pairing dinner at the Entyse Bistro including five courses with tastings. \$110. 703-917-5496.

Tom Chapin. 7:30 p.m., at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Folk singer/songwriter and three time Grammy Award-winner plays songs from his 22 full-length records. \$22. www.wolftrap.org.

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Tap Kids. 8 p.m., at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Eight tap dancers from all over the U.S. dance out the story of a group of teenagers in their last month of high school. \$20, \$15 for residents. www.aldentheatre.org.

SUNDAY/JAN. 27

McLean Chocolate Festival. 11 a.m.-6 p.m., at McLean High School, 1633 Davidson Road, McLean. An afternoon of chocolate decadence featuring everything and anything chocolate, games for the family and candy, cookies, ice cream, cupcakes and more for sale to benefit McLean Rotary, with 25 percent of the sales going towards local community organizations. \$2, children under 6 free. www.mcleanchocolatefestival.org or www.mcleanrotary.org.

29th MASC Awards Gala. 6 p.m., at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. A night of performances by award-winning songwriters and the announcement of the competition winners. \$10 in advance/for Songwriters' Association of Washington; \$12 at the door. 703-

255-1566 ext. 8 or www.saw.org.
Music From Oberlin at Oakton. 7:30 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Oberlin students perform Brahms, Roger Sessions, Schubert and Debussy on clarinet, cello, flute, viola, harp and piano with a baritone. 703-281-4230 or bethcole@world.oberlin.edu.

FRIDAY/FEB. 1

Next to Normal. 8 p.m., at McLean Community Center's Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. This ground-breaking musical shows how far two parents will go to keep themselves sane and their family's world intact. \$18; \$20. www.mcleanplayers.org or 866-811-4111.

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Italian American Reconciliation. 8 p.m., at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. A romantic comedy from the author "Moonstruck" and "Doubt" follows Huey Bonfigliano as he takes to the arts after his divorce, but bad poetry isn't enough and he decides to try and win back his ex with the help of friends. \$25; \$15 for students. 703-854-1856 or www.1ststageTysons.org.

SATURDAY/FEB. 2

Sixth Annual McLean Jewelry Showcase. 11 a.m.-5 p.m., at the



Chocolates from Connie's Chocolate Confections of Alexandria on display at last year's McLean Chocolate Festival. This year's festival will be at a bigger venue, McLean High School, and will take place Saturday, Jan. 27.

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McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. A juried event featuring handmade jewelry collections and designs by exhibitors region-wide. \$3. 703-790-0123 TTY 711.

Italian American Reconciliation. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. A romantic comedy from the author "Moonstruck" and "Doubt" follows Huey Bonfigliano as he takes to the arts after his divorce, but bad poetry isn't enough and he decides to try and win back his ex with the help of friends. \$25; \$15 for students. 703-854-1856 or www.1ststageTysons.org.

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Mardi Gras Fundraising Gala. 8 a.m.-noon, at the Vienna American Legion, 330 Center St. N, Vienna. A costume contest, heavy hors d'oeuvres, silent auction and music by Terry Lee Ryan benefit the Dan

Dellinger campaign for national commander of the American Legion. \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. 703-938-9535 or www.Legion180.net.

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Proposals. 3 p.m., 8 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 127 Center St. S., Vienna. The Neil Simon comedy recalls the Hines family gathered at their retreat in the Poconos in the summer of 1953: romantic entanglements coalesce in one idyllic afternoon in the elegiac memory play. \$11 for students and seniors 65-plus; \$13. 703-255-6399.

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Veal Parmesan Dinner. 5:30-8 p.m., at the Vienna American Legion, 330 Center St. N, Vienna. Enjoy veal parmesan on spaghetti with salad and garlic bread with the community. \$10. 703-938-9535.

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Meredith Solomon of INOVA Health Systems assists Brownie Grace Torgerson of Reston to tie a bow on a toiletry kit she assembled as part of Volunteer Fairfax's Give Together Day at the Herndon Senior Center.

Hundreds Gather to Give Volunteer Fairfax holds Give Together Day.

On Monday, Jan. 21, over 300 volunteers spent their day at the Herndon Community Center to support several nonprofit organizations from the area by making holiday crafts

for the infirm, toiletry kits for the homeless, and fleece toys for homeless dogs. The event was one of several taking place in Fairfax County as part of Volunteer Fairfax's Give Together day.

LaShawna Smith, leader of Daisy Troop 6747 of Herndon, helps her daughter Nicole make an art piece at the Volunteer Fairfax Give Together Day at the Herndon Senior Center on Monday, Jan. 21.



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Their Dreams

Studying Martin Luther King's speech at Churchill Road.

Over the past month, Libby Diffie's, Robyn Fry's and David Suchoski's first graders at Churchill Road have been learning about famous Americans from the past to the present. The students spent extra time studying Martin Luther King, Jr. and his "I have a dream" speech. After hearing his speech, students created a bulletin board of their own dreams by completing the phrase: "I had a dream that..."

Among the children's dreams are:

"All the kids (in the world) have food to eat" (Emilia Torterola).

"All people are to be friends" (Tessa Jones).

"There is peace throughout the world" (William Wynne).

"If I lived back then, I would give speeches just like Martin Luther King" (Riley Buddie).

"All children have clean water and food" (Raka Adakroy).

"All animals be safe and all people be healthy" (Jacob Sedaca).



PHOTO BY KIM MORAN

Churchill Road first graders Emilia Torterola, Tessa Jones, William Wynne, Jacob Sedaca, Raka Adakroy and Riley Buddie stand in front of the Martin Luther King, Jr. bulletin board where their dreams for the future are displayed.



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Chorus Directors Deborah Rudd and Marilyn Harwood during the Jan. 12 performance at the opening of the Wizards basketball game (vs. the Atlanta Hawks). The 70-member chorus filled the 20,000-seat arena with the sweet sounds of the National Anthem.

Spring Hill Chorus Sings National Anthem at Wizards' Game

On Saturday, Jan. 12, 72 students of the Spring Hill Elementary Chorus sang the National Anthem for the Wizards' basketball game at the Verizon Center, a 20,000-seat arena which is home to the Washington Wizards and other sports teams. Chorus members started the evening before Verizon opened the doors for the public on the basketball court with the sound crew for a sound check. When they were taken upstairs, the stands

were almost empty, but before the 7 p.m. game time the seats were filling with Wizards fans. Just before 7, the singers were led out on the court in position; they focused and sang beautifully. The audience members enjoyed seeing close-up pictures of the musicians on the indoor high-definition LED scoreboard. Directors Deborah Rudd and Marilyn Harwood took their chorus to new heights with this performance and the musicians "did Spring Hill proud."

SCHOOL NOTES

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Kendall L. Banks of McLean, daughter of John and Lisa Banks of McLean and a 2012 graduate of Langley High School, was added to the Dean's List at Bucknell University for the 2012 fall semester.

Seven students from Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) have been named semifinalists in the 2013 Intel Science Talent Search. The students, with their project names, are:

♦Arrush Choudhary of Chantilly High School, A Novel Method to Increase the Lipid Yield of *Chlorella vulgaris*: An Exploration of the Role of Cofactors on the Inhibition of Starch Synthase (E.C. 2.4.1.21).

♦Alec Brenner of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST), Viscoelastic Modeling of Tidal Heating in Terrestrial Exoplanets.

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SPORTS

Manner's 37 Points Lead Oakton Past Centreville

Cougars beat Wildcats in battle of Concorde's top two teams.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The Centreville girls' basketball team, owner of an up-tempo style and winner of 14 of its first 15 games, approached Friday's contest confident it could beat Oakton despite a losing streak against the Cougars dating back to 1995.

But after the opening tip, the Wildcats' confidence turned to timidity against 6-foot-1 Oakton senior Elizabeth Manner and the eight-time defending Concorde District champion Cougars.

Manner scored 37 points and grabbed 14 rebounds as Oakton defeated Centreville 65-48 on Jan. 18 at Oakton High School. The defending state champion Cougars improved to 14-2 overall and moved into sole possession of first place in the Concorde District with a 4-0 mark.

The Wildcats had no answer for the physically imposing Manner, who burned Centreville in the paint, from the perimeter and at the free-throw line. At the other end of the floor, head coach Tom Watson said the Wildcats weren't their usual attacking selves.

"I think we came out scared in the first half," he said. "I think we were awful. I think we didn't bring our game. We were afraid to penetrate—that's not our game. I think that big girl from Oakton intimidated [our players]."

Manner scored 16 points in the paint, made one jumper, knocked down one 3-pointer and went 16-for-19 at the free-throw line.

"We don't have bunches of plays for her," Oakton head coach Fred Priester said. "We're an equal-opportunity offense. But when things break down, the kids have great trust in her and great faith in her. She's a big girl, but she's extremely agile and she moves around that basket very well. . . . She has worked as hard and has come as far as, really, any kid I've ever coached."

OAKTON LED BY 12 at halftime, but Centreville pulled to within five on three occasions late in the third quarter and trailed 43-36 entering the fourth. Manner extended the Oakton lead with a pair of buckets in the opening minute and finished with 15 points in the final quarter. She made seven of eight free-throw attempts during the final four minutes, 25 seconds.

Oakton led 17-8 at the end of the first quarter. Manner scored 11 points in the opening period, making nine of 10 free-throw attempts.

Priester said Manner has come a long way at the foul line since her freshman season. According to stats from the Washington Post's website, Manner



Oakton senior center Elizabeth Manner scored 37 points during a 65-48 victory against Centreville.



Oakton senior guard Helen Roberts scored 11 points against Centreville.

shot 76 percent from the line through this season's first 16 games.

"Her freshman year, I think she started the season something like 3-for-28," Priester said. "She got better to get it up to some reasonable number by the end of the year. We didn't do anything ridiculous or strap her to a waterboard or anything like that. Every day we work on form shooting, form shooting, form shooting. It just comes about."

Manner said improvement at the line was about building confidence.

"We work on our shot every day in practice," Manner said, "so I started to get more comfortable with it and then I just stopped thinking about it and just shot the ball like we do in practice every day."

While Watson praised Manner, the Centreville coach wasn't pleased the Oakton center was not whistled for a foul during the game.

"She's great. She's a good player. She's another [Washington Mystics guard and former Oakton star] Jasmine [Thomas]—she gets every call in the world," Watson said. "It doesn't matter what you do, she gets a call. That's irritating for a coach. That's why I was barking. It just gets old. She had 16 free throws and she had zero fouls. How could she not have a single foul in there? You don't think we drove on her and bumped her the same way she bumped us?"

Oakton senior guard Helen Roberts scored 11 points. Senior forward Angela Sickels finished with seven points and sophomore guard Karlie Cronin had six.

Sophomore guard Lindsey Abed added four points and seven rebounds.

"I think Lindsey played phenomenal tonight," Manner said. "She has a good sense of where people are open and she has a good calmness about her where she can take what Priester tells her and put it into action."

OAKTON TRAVELED to face Westfield on Tuesday, after the Connection's deadline. The Cougars will host Herndon at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 25.

The second meeting between Oakton and Centreville will be Feb. 5 at Centreville High School.

"I can't wait," Watson said.



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McLean junior guard Elena Karakozoff, seen earlier this season, scored nine points against South Lakes on Jan. 18.

South Lakes Girls' Basketball Beats McLean

The South Lakes girls' basketball team moved into first place in the Liberty District standings with a 53-45 victory over McLean on Jan. 18 at South Lakes High School.

The Seahawks improved to 14-2 overall, including 7-1 in the district, and snapped McLean's 11-game win streak.

SPORTS BRIEFS Junior guard Caitlin Jensen led South Lakes with 14 points, including a trio of 3-pointers. Sophomore forward Princess Aghayere scored 10 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, junior guard Sasha Sprei totaled nine points and five assists, and junior center Abigail Rendle added nine points and six rebounds.

McLean dropped to 12-4 overall and 6-2 in the district, with both losses coming against South Lakes. Senior post Lisa Murphy led the Highlanders with 15 points and junior guard Elena Karakozoff had nine.

McLean head coach Mike O'Brien wrote in an email that the Highlanders were "out-hustled and out-worked" by South Lakes.

The Seahawks, who are ranked No. 17 in the Washington Post's top 20, traveled to face Langley on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline. South Lakes will go on the road to face Thomas Jefferson at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 25.

Langley Hockey Continues Its Undefeated Season

The Langley hockey team played another strong game in a divisional matchup, beating up on Yorktown 12-3 on Jan. 18. Langley is now 5-0 in the NVSHL at the halfway point in the season.

Langley limited Yorktown's star player, Cameron Smith, to the three goals scored by Yorktown. Langley registered 41 shots on goal, led by a breakout game by sophomore Colin Dibble, who had a six-point night, including a hat trick.

Not to be outdone, senior captain Evan Sterling also registered a hat trick and three assists, while the other six goals were scored by senior assistant captain Kevin Diner (two goals with one assist), junior Drew Schneider (two goals with two assists), senior Derick Paxton (one goal with four assists) and senior Zach Shames (one goal with one assist). Additional assists were registered by sophomore Will Clemson (3) with one each by senior Peter Nam, senior assistant captain Logan Pontell and sophomore Conor Maddry. Junior Colin Framinan had another strong game in goal.

Langley has only given up seven goals all season.

Herndon Boys' Basketball Loses to Westfield

The Herndon boys' basketball team had its three-game win streak snapped with a 56-53 loss to Westfield on Jan. 18. The Hornets dropped to 10-5 overall and 2-2 in the Concorde District.

According to stats from the Washington Post's website, Will Ferguson led Herndon with 19 points. Dorian Johnson finished with nine points, Trevon Wright scored eight, and Kent Auslander and Ryan Griffin each had seven.

Herndon hosted Robinson on Tuesday, after the Connection's deadline. The Hornets will host Oakton at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 25.

HOME SALES

In December 2012, 98 homes sold between \$4,350,000-\$138,000 in the McLean and Falls Church area. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$4,350,000-\$700,000 range. For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

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1017 FOUNDERS RIDGE LN	6	7	2	MCLEAN	\$4,200,000	Detached	1.28	22102	THE RESERVE
1463 KIRBY RD	4	5	2	MCLEAN	\$3,800,000	Detached	2.00	22101	KIRBY
6723 LUCY LN	5	5	3	MCLEAN	\$3,650,000	Detached	0.87	22101	LANGLEY FOREST
917 WHANN AVE	6	6	2	MCLEAN	\$3,400,000	Detached	0.96	22101	LANGLEY FOREST
871 CENTRILLION DR	5	6	3	MCLEAN	\$2,820,000	Detached	1.56	22102	THE RESERVE
8894 WINDY RIDGE WAY	5	5	2	MCLEAN	\$2,120,000	Detached	1.73	22102	FOSTER
6900 BENJAMIN ST	7	7	1	MCLEAN	\$2,000,000	Detached	0.97	22101	LANGLEY FOREST
7231 ADDINGTON DR	5	5	1	MCLEAN	\$1,975,000	Detached	0.17	22101	EVANS FARM
1023 SHIPMAN LN	6	6	2	MCLEAN	\$1,899,000	Detached	0.27	22101	BRAEWOOD
1508 PATHFINDER LN	6	6	1	MCLEAN	\$1,800,000	Detached	0.42	22101	WEST MCLEAN
1236 EARNESTINE ST	5	5	1	MCLEAN	\$1,750,000	Detached	0.35	22101	HANSBOROUGH
8605 LANCIA CT	5	7	2	MCLEAN	\$1,650,000	Detached	1.11	22102	BLAKELY MANOR
1305 SCOTT'S RUN RD	5	5	0	MCLEAN	\$1,518,330	Detached	0.50	22102	THE PRESERVE AT SCOTT'S RUN
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1601 MADDUX LN	5	4	1	MCLEAN	\$1,450,000	Detached	0.31	22101	CHESTERBROOK FARM
6624 IVY HILL DR	6	5	1	MCLEAN	\$1,427,661	Detached	0.28	22101	CHESTERBROOK GARDENS
1300 SCOTT'S RUN RD	6	6	1	MCLEAN	\$1,422,656	Detached	0.87	22102	THE PRESERVE AT SCOTT'S RUN
6853 STRATA ST	4	4	1	MCLEAN	\$1,350,000	Detached	0.25	22101	DEVON PARK
1717 STRINE DR	6	4	1	MCLEAN	\$1,260,000	Detached	0.35	22101	ESQUIRE HICKS
6611 CHESTERFIELD AVE	6	5	2	MCLEAN	\$1,250,000	Detached	0.28	22101	CHESTERBROOK GARDENS
6500 SPARROW POINT CT	5	3	1	MCLEAN	\$1,199,000	Detached	0.64	22101	LANGLEY OAKS
6509 ORLAND ST	6	6	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$1,175,000	Detached	0.19	22043	POWHATAN HILLS
1916 ARMAND CT	4	3	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$1,135,000	Detached	0.15	22043	LAMBIANCE OF MCLEAN
6431 OVERBROOK ST	4	3	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$1,100,000	Detached	0.25	22043	SIGMONA PARK
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1538 FOREST VILLA LN	4	3	0	MCLEAN	\$755,000	Detached	0.47	22101	FOREST VILLA
1841 BIRCH RD	4	3	0	MCLEAN	\$750,000	Detached	0.30	22101	HIGHVIEW TERRACE
5931 CHESTERBROOK RD	3	1	0	MCLEAN	\$731,000	Detached	0.57	22101	CHESTERBROOK WOODS
6764 BARON RD	4	2	2	MCLEAN	\$725,000	Detached	0.14	22101	KINGS MANOR
7107 WESTBURY RD	4	3	0	MCLEAN	\$714,500	Detached	0.31	22101	WEST LEWINSVILLE HEIGHTS
6810 HAYCOCK RD	4	2	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$710,000	Detached	0.38	22043	HAYCOCK HEIGHTS
6800 DEAN DR	5	3	0	MCLEAN	\$705,000	Detached	0.24	22101	HILLSIDE MANOR
1601 HOLLY CT	4	3	0	MCLEAN	\$700,000	Detached	0.25	22101	PIMMIT PARK

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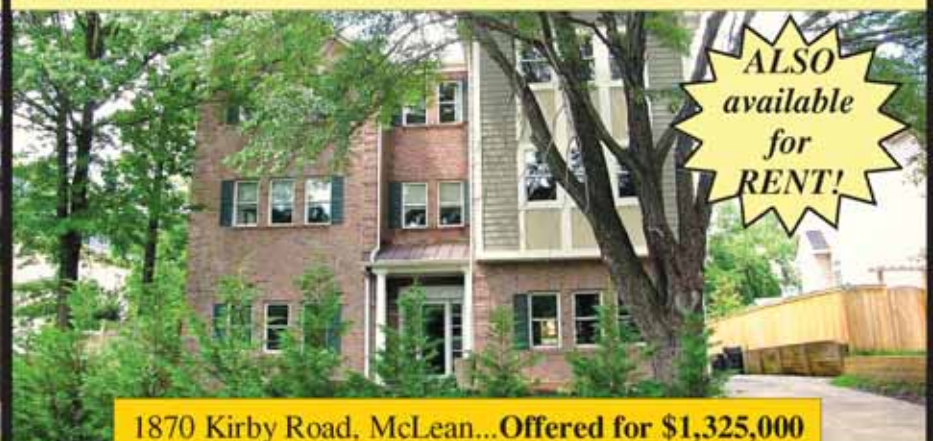


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