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Pickleberry Pie Washington D.C.-area liaison Irene Light of Vienna and Kilmer Center Expressive Arts Teacher Stacy Kafka described the relationship between the performing arts non-profit service organization and the school.



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A Gift of Live Music

Pickleberry Pie adopts Vienna center for disabled students.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

If you've never witnessed the therapeutic power of music, you've never seen a Pickleberry Pie-sponsored live performance for hospitalized children or disabled students. Prominent professional performers—from musicians and storytellers to animals—bring their specialties to school or hospital centers or to the hospital rooms of children too sick to leave their beds. Pickleberry Pie, a national service organization with a large network in the D.C. area, funds the performances. Most participating performers hire out at reduced rates as a public service.

In 2013, Pickleberry Pie, Washington region, “adopted” the Kilmer Center in Vienna, bringing to the school for severely disabled children, aged 5 to 22, the dynamics of live music and culture. Miraculously, Pickleberry Pie performances have inspired breakthroughs in the lives of the disabled children.

“People underrate the power of live performance,” said East Coast Liaison for Pickleberry Pie Irene Light, of Vienna. Light teaches piano in Vienna, as well. “When we’ve sent performers to schools or hospitals, we’ve made breakthroughs or brought happiness to sick kids.”

Light emphasized that all Pickleberry Pie performers are professionals who entertain for a living. Some, she said, are attracted to school shows while others prefer hospital visits. Performers who visit hospitals, whether they are for a crowd or at a bedside, must follow the hospital’s rules for participation. Once they get the happy smiles and engagement of the sick children, the performers want to return soon, Light said. Light’s job is to pair the performer with an appropriate venue.

Light said that if a hospital or special needs school wants a program with a special theme, Pickleberry Pie performers meet the challenge and do whatever is requested even though they have to go through the work of creating a one-time program. Perhaps, she said, the responding performer composes new songs or creates new stories. “That is true profes-

Locations for Pickleberry Pie-sponsored shows in D.C. region

Northern Virginia to Charlottesville: Inova Keller School, Inova Keller Partial-hospitalization Program (hiatus), The Kilmer Center—Vienna, and University of Virginia Children’s Hospital [beginning mid-2013]; Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Hospital—Pediatrics Department, Lombardi Pediatric Cancer Center and the Lab School of Washington; Baltimore: University of Maryland Children’s Hospital, Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital, Johns Hopkins Children’s Center [currently under redevelopment], Samuelson Children’s Hospital at Sinai, Kennedy Krieger Institute and Baltimore Lab School; Miami, Fla.: Miami Children’s Hospital, the Michael Fux Family Center, Camp FunRise for children with rheumatology issues and Lion’s Camp for children with diabetes.

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sionalism and devotion to the cause,” said Light.

A Kilmer Center teen, abnormally sensitive to sound and stimulation, did something during a concert presentation he had never done before. He removed his ever-worn earphones, the ones that buffered sounds. He wanted to hear the music.

LIGHT REMEMBERS the child about to undergo chemotherapy who asked Pickleberry Pie go-to artist Fred Karam to be there for her chemo treatment because it would make her feel better. “Fred was right there for her and they had a blast,” said Light. Karam, who lives in Virginia Beach, is a Pickleberry Pie regular who frequently donates his performances. He is putting on a show at the Kilmer Center on April 8 and is buying a sound system for the school.

“The performers themselves are so generous,” said Light. “About a third of them donate additional shows at no cost to us.”

Kilmer Center is a Fairfax County public school serving students, aged 5 to 22, with severe disabilities. The school maintains two programs. One is for students with severe intellectual disabilities paired with a medical fragile status. These students are non-verbal and non-ambulatory, with serious medical conditions such as seizure disorders, respiratory issues, gastrointestinal issues, and a myriad of congenital and birth trauma injuries. Students in that program are wheelchair-bound with little control over limb movement. They typically are tube-fed, and

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New Vienna Police Chief Settles in

James “Jim” Morris comes to Vienna from 24 years with Fairfax County Police.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

As the weather grows warmer, you’ll see new Vienna Police Chief James “Jim” Morris walking the streets of town, introducing himself and greeting local people and local businesses. The intimacy of Vienna, the small-town feel, are some of the town’s attributes that attracted Morris to the police department here. And now that he has taken over the position vacated by former Chief Robert Carlisle, Morris is happy with his decision to move from the Fairfax County Police Department to the Town of Vienna’s.

“Vienna was always a known-commodity to me,” said Morris, “and when Bob (former Chief Robert Carlisle) left, I knew it was a unique opportunity I couldn’t ignore.”

Morris, who lives in the Gainesville/Warrenton area, drives in to Vienna early every morning since taking over on March 25, usually by 7 a.m., to see the shifts change and talk to his officers and staff. “I really like the intimacy of a department and community this size,” said Morris, referring to a police force of about 40 sworn officers and support staff of about 20 more people.

Morris served with the Fairfax County Police Department for 24 years, working his way from patrol officer to commander of Internal Affairs, to acting chief of police and deputy chief of investigations and operations. He went through the academy with former Vienna Police PIO Bill Murray and Vienna motorcycle officer Eric Hall. He knows Carlisle from his days at the McLean police station. It’s that kind of familiarity that attracted Morris to Vienna.

Morris was one of 108 candidates for Vienna police chief and Town Manager Mercury Payton, who hired Morris, described Morris as a “strong leader with high integrity.”

Morris spent his first week—his first day on the job was March 25—meeting with officers and town officials. He’s



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After a 24-year career with the Fairfax County Police Department, the opportunity to head Vienna’s police department was one new Vienna Police Chief James “Jim” Morris could not ignore. Morris plans to meet the community up-close.

looking forward to meeting residents and business owners and is not surprised by the support the police department has from residents. As chief of police, Morris said he has to look at issues from policy to looking out for his officers, making sure they have what they need to serve the community.

The new police chief is married and has three children: a daughter, 18, a student at Christopher Newport University; another daughter, 16, a high school junior; and a son in fifth grade.

Morris believes in community policing, and the size and layout of Vienna is conducive to officers making themselves known to businesses, schools and residents. He plans on getting to know the community as he settles in to his new responsibilities, very soon he hopes.

“I’m honored to be here,” said Morris. “Everyone has been so friendly, so nice, in the department and in the community.” As spring sticks its heels into the ground, so will Chief Morris. “Vienna is known as a close community. I want to walk the streets, get out and meet people, answer questions. This is a great place to do that.”

“That’s what I love about being here.”

WEEK IN VIENNA

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Now's your chance—check out your commute to the office. Explore new exits in Merrifield at Route 29 and in Tysons at Westpark and Jones Branch. Free travel available from Saturday, April 6 at 12:01 a.m. until Sunday, April 7 at 11:59 p.m. Vehicles with 3 or more axles are prohibited. E-ZPass required all other times.

Vienna Town Council Candidates Forums in April

On Tuesday, May 7, Town of Vienna residents will elect three town council members who will begin two-year terms on July 1, 2013. The candidates include Laurie A. DiRocco, Carey J. Sienicki, Howard J. Springsteen and Ryan G. Thomas. DiRocco, Sienicki and Springsteen serve on the current town council.

Election Day is Tuesday, May 7, 2013. The Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., is the sole polling place for town elections.

There will be two candidate forums held during the month of April at the Vienna Community Center. The Vienna-Oakton National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) will host a candidate forum on Tuesday, April 9, at 1:30 p.m. The forum will be part of NARFE's regularly scheduled meeting. The Northeast Vienna Citizens Association and the Southwest Vienna Neighborhood Association will host a forum on Wednesday, April 24, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Both forums are free and open to the public.

Residents of the Town of Vienna who are eligible but not registered to vote must do so by April 15, 2013, to vote in the town election. Voter registration applications are available through the Fairfax County General Registrar's Office at 703-222-0776 or online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov; completed applications must be printed and mailed or delivered in person to the General Registrar, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 323, Fairfax, VA 22035.

If you will be out of town on Election Day or are unable to go to the polls because of illness or disability, you may vote by absentee ballot in person or by mail. The last day to vote absentee in person is May 4, at the Fairfax County Office of Elections. The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot by mail is Tuesday, April 30. Applications are available at county government centers and libraries or may be downloaded from the county's website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections.

Voter registration forms and absentee ballot applications are also available in the Town Clerk's Office, 127 Center St. S., 703-255-6303.

For more information, visit www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=851.

Marriage Equality Play On April 12

Only two weeks following the March 26 Supreme Court hearing in the federal constitutional challenge to California's Proposition 8, Equality UUCF will present a one-night only staged reading of "8," a play chronicling the historic trial on Friday, April 12, at 8 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax (UUCF). This landmark marriage equality play is written by Dustin Lance Black, the Academy-Award winning screenwriter of *Milk* and *J. Edgar*. The play will have American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation. There will be a talk back following the play led by Claire Guthrie Gastanaga, executive director of ACLU Virginia. Free childcare is available with advance reservation (by April 8) by emailing childcare@uucf.org. The \$10 tickets are available for advance purchase at www.uucf.org/8. Tickets (if available) will be sold at the door. Proceeds benefit the American Foundation for Equal Rights.

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NEWS

'Remission Riders,' Oakton Wine Shop Fight Lymphoma

Vienna bikers, lymphoma survivors and their supporters at 2nd Annual Spring Fling Wine Festival.

BY CHELSEA H. BRYAN
THE CONNECTION

A team of 21 "Remission Riders" were at the Oakton Wine Shop to raise funds for the Seventh Annual Lymphoma Research Foundation Bike Ride on Saturday, March 9. The bike team and wine shop hosted lymphoma survivors and advocates as well as those wanting to relax and enjoy some wine.

Everyone who attended, however, benefited lymphoma research as Oakton Wine Shop donated a portion of event proceeds to the Remission Riders, who race in the Lymphoma Research Ride, slated for Sunday, Sept. 22, in Barnesville, Md. Last year's ride raised more than \$500,000, with 300 riders cycling for a cure.

THE REMISSION RIDERS' team captain, Valerie Kappler, a 50-year-old mother of four, was diagnosed in November of 2008 with lymphoma. Because of recent lymphoma research, Kappler was able to participate in a clinical trial and is now in full remission.

"Our team does not have any corporate sponsors," said Kappler. "We raise every penny ourselves either through events or personal donations."

The founders of the Lymphoma Research Ride, Dr. Bruce Cheson and his wife Christine, were at the Oakton Wine Shop in support of the Remission Riders as well. The Chesons founded the research ride five years ago to increase lymphoma awareness and raise vital funds for cancer research. Since its inception, the Lymphoma Research Ride has raised nearly \$3 million for lymphoma research. Cheson is also Kappler's oncologist.

"The Lymphoma Research Ride is such a wonderful experience—the celebration, the spirit, the support; it is so important to these riders to show the world that when they put their bottom on a bike seat, and ride many miles uphill, this is no more steeper a climb than the one they have undertaken in their fight against a potentially fatal disease," said Dr. Cheson, deputy chief of the division of Hematology-Oncology and Head of Hematology at Georgetown University Hospital as well as chair of the Lymphoma Research Foundation Scientific Advisory Board.

"The support is overwhelming," says Mary Heppner, a Remission Riders team member. "It's amazing how many people are associated with someone who is touched by this disease and want so much to help find a cure."

Remission Riders member Suzanne Zolldan rides and fundraises for her husband John, who was diagnosed 22 years ago. Annual check-ups continue to show that he remains in remission. Other team members have also had family members and friends stricken with this disease.

The number of lymphoma patients has nearly doubled in the past years, and is striking much younger people. In 2013, there are more than 600,000 people living with lymphoma or who are in remission. It is estimated that more than 74,000 new cases will be diagnosed this year as well. The numbers for this disease are growing.

Bryan Gauthier, owner of Oakton Wine Shop, said,



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(Pictured from right) Sheila Morris, Janet Hunter and her fiancé Jim enjoy Oakton Wine Shop's 2nd Annual Spring Fling Wine Festival on Saturday, March 9. A portion of event funds raised go to the Remission Riders, who raise funds for lymphoma research in the Lymphoma Research Foundation Bike Ride.



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From left, supporters of the Lymphoma Research Foundation Bike Ride: Pam Sellers, Deb Granato, bike team captain Valerie Kappler, Mark Kadonoff (a Remission Rider team member), Jennifer Hosking and Amy Feather.

"I am very humbled by the support the community showed today. I am also pleased with all of the selections people were making as the wines were all truly some of our favorite selections and the community agreed. I cannot wait for our next event."

Team captain Kappler is on the lookout for additional riders to join the Remission Riders for the September fundraising bike ride. "We have a pasta and helmet decorating party the night before and then head up to Barnesville together. It's such a rewarding and wonderful experience."

THE LYMPHOMA RESEARCH RIDE is a non-competitive bike ride where survivors, families, friends, individuals, community teams and corporate teams ride in honor and in memory of those whose lives have been touched by lymphoma. Participants can choose to ride either a 25 or 50 mile route.

Donations to the Remission Riders are being accepted until November. Go to lymphoma.org/ride2013/remissionriders to donate.

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We'd love to have a note from you about what inspired your poetry, and an illustration, photo of you, etc., are welcomed as well. Include the text of your poem, your name and address (we will only print your name and town name, not your full address), email address and phone number to editors@connectionnewspapers.com.

Here are some poetry happenings from around the area:

Alexandria's new poetry society, based at the Duncan Library, will hold its second meeting at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub on April 8 from 8-10 p.m. and will explore beat poetry. For more, contact the Duncan Library at 703-746-1705.

At presstime, Alexandria was expected to announce the name of the new Alexandria Poet Laureate, replacing Amy Young.

Bernadette Geyer of Vienna was selected for the 2012 Hilary Tham Capital Collection for

her poetry manuscript, "The Scabbard of Her Throat."

The Iota Club and Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, holds an annual poetry event on Mother's Day. This year's event, Sunday, May 12, 6-8 p.m., will feature Bernadette Geyer of Vienna and James Arthur. Iota Club and Café is at 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington.

Virginia's current Poet Laureate, Sofia M. Starnes, has launched The Nearest Poem Anthology project, which will collect 50-100 poems submitted by Virginia residents "that are most meaningful to us and thus create a testimony to the immediacy of poetry and its closeness to everyday life." Submissions will be accepted through June, and should include the full text of the poem, the name of the poet and the source, including where you encountered the poem, and 200-250 words of persuasive explanation of why you selected the poem. "This should include some information about yourself and why you consider your selected poem 'nearest' to you," Starnes writes. "The compelling nature of your write-up — your story — will play an important role in the se-

EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Great First Step

To the Editor:

I am sharing my story to let our community know that Delegate Comstock's "Lyme Testing Disclosure," House Bill 1933, is a great first step. It was six years ago when I was first diagnosed with Lyme disease.

It was then that my life took a turn I wasn't expecting. I am writing the editor today because I want to share my story with other members of our McLean community to help spread awareness on this debilitating disease. I also would like to let our community know about issues regarding testing for Lyme disease.

One of the first steps towards a successful treatment is an early diagnosis. This is why Governor McDonnell's signing of this legislation sponsored by our McLean Delegate Barbara Comstock was both critical and necessary. The current Lyme Disease Test conducts an examination of anti-bodies and as a result this test frequently returns a high false negative result rate. This false negative result will delay a patient in receiving the medical treatment necessary to treat this disease.

In my personal experience, it became so difficult for me to get

treatment for Lyme disease here in Virginia. I was given the absolute runaround and had to travel all the way to New Jersey to seek necessary treatment to make a full recovery. I am most grateful to see Virginia's medical climate changing with respect to this serious illness and appreciate the governor's continued support of the Lyme disease community starting with his task force and continuing with his signature to put this law into legislation.

**Nancy B.
McLean**

Discussing Internet On Capitol Hill

To the Editor:

The Internet is an engine for significant economic growth and innovation in the United States and around the world, revolutionizing how we communicate with one another and how goods and services are purchased. However, as the Internet becomes a central part of our lives, attempts to regulate it oftentimes have been ill conceived and harmful.

That's why it's crucial for our elected officials to understand how the Internet works and the impor-

tance of the free and open Internet.

Last month, the Internet Infrastructure Coalition (i2Coalition) spent time on Capitol Hill discussing with lawmakers, including Rep. Gerry Connolly, the Internet and important cyber issues facing the 113th Congress.

We would like to thank Rep. Connolly for taking the time to meet with us to deepen his understanding of the Internet. It's clear that he is committed to preserv-

Contrary to Popular Belief

Poem by Bernadette Geyer of Vienna

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as solid
as a pan flute
carved from a grain of rice
passed down
through generations
in folk tales and dreams.

Information about submitting your favorite poem for a Virginia anthology: <http://sofiastarnes.com/NearestPoemAnthologyBrochure.pdf>

lection of the poems to be included." Visit <http://sofiastarnes.com/NearestPoemAnthologyBrochure.pdf>.

Mother's Day Photos

Mother's Day is May 12 and every year at this time we call for submissions to our Mother's Day photo gallery. Send photos of you and your mother, grandmothers, great-grandmothers. Please name everyone in the photo, describe what is happening in the photo and include your name, address, email address and phone number. Send photos to editors@connectionnewspapers.com.

You can also submit poetry, poetry about mothers and photos celebrating mothers directly through our website at <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/contact/letter/>.



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Going Green on St. Patrick's Day

Chesterbrook ES sixth graders Jennie and Stephanie go green for Saint Patrick's Day.

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FRIDAY/APRIL 5

Unstuck & On Target. 10-11:30 a.m., at the Dunn Loring Center for Parent Resources, Room 100, Entrance 1, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring. An expert discusses an executive function curriculum that increases flexibility and on-task behavior in elementary school students with autism spectrum disorders. Registration required. 703-204-3941 or www.fcps.edu/ccp/prc.

Advances in Autism Research. Noon-1:30 p.m., at the Dunn Loring Center for Parent Resources, Room 100, Entrance 1, 2334 Gallows Road, Vienna. Workshop on current research topics and factors associated with better outcomes among children with autism spectrum disorders. Register. 703-204-3941 or www.fcps.edu/ccp/prc.

SATURDAY/APRIL 6

The Smart Split: What You Need to know About the Legal of Separation and Divorce. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at The Women's Center, 127 Park St. NE, Vienna. An attorney summarizes the important of legal aspects of separation/divorce process, including child custody, spousal and child support, property and retirement asset division. \$55, \$45 for Members. 703-281-2657, ext. 276 or www.thewomencentre.org.

TUESDAY/APRIL 9

ESL Registration. 7 p.m., at the St. Mark Christian Formation Center, 9972 Vale Road, Vienna. Register and get tested for class placement; classes will meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning April 16. 703-300-3936 for English or Spanish; 703-505-0123 for Korean; or 703-237-0085 or st.mark.esl@gmail.com.

Non-profits Organizations Meeting. 7:30 p.m., at the Great Falls Library Conference Room, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. The Fairfax County Officer provides information discussing the databases, resources, and other assistance available from the Office's Grants Research and Training Center for non-profits and other grant seekers. <http://gfca.org/>.

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When & Where:

Vote between the hours of **10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.** at the McLean Day 2013 festival on **Saturday, May 18**, at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Rd.

Meet the Candidates

Adult Candidates—Three Positions Open



MARK A. BEHRENS

My experience in McLean bridges generations. I was raised in McLean (Langley '83) and returned with my wife to raise our two girls. Professionally, I co-chair a practice group for a national law firm in DC and would bring my legal experience to the Board. If elected, I will listen to the community to shape programming for diverse ages and interests. I will also ensure that our taxpayer dollars are spent wisely and I will be fiscally responsible. In addition, I will support exploring efforts to revitalize downtown McLean to help our teens and small businesses while preserving our culture.



CATHLIN A. BOWMAN-YOUNG

I possess a unique blend of knowledge, skills and attitudes that I believe would be beneficial to the board. I offer a solid business acumen with depth of experience in team leadership and organizational development, revenue growth, partnership development, not-for-profit and for-profit board management, and grant development. I'm also a lifetime resident of McLean, Virginia, who appreciates the arts having grown up in an artistic family. I have enjoyed watching the community evolve and am now looking forward to the opportunity to donate my time and talents to such a wonderful organization that is a focal point within the community.



KEVIN DENT

I've been a member of MCC's Governing Board since May 2007. During that time, I've spearheaded efforts to reduce the tax rate paid by the community in support of MCC. In the last five years, we've reduced this tax rate by almost 22%. I actively worked to provide the McLean community with greater transparency to Governing Board activities. If re-elected, I intend to focus on four issues: assure MCC provides high-quality programs; assure the ongoing fiscal integrity of MCC; the renovation of MCC's facility on Ingleside; and continue to explore opportunities for MCC to expand its presence in downtown McLean.



DENNIS FINDLEY

I'm a 24-year resident of McLean, an architect and widowed father of twin, 17-year-old boys. I've been an instructor, a class participant and enthusiastic supporter of MCC for years and I now seek your support in joining the board to offer my time and talent to help it thrive into its bright future. I hold a Bachelor of Architecture from Auburn University and a Master in Architecture from Harvard University. As a special needs parent, I was appointed by former Governor Tim Kaine to the Virginia Board of People with Disabilities in 2009 and re-appointed by Governor McDonnell in 2012.



JAY HOWELL

I'm excited to be a candidate for re-election. My wife Betsy and I have been actively involved in the community since 1985, our three boys attended Fairfax County schools and participated in McLean Youth Sports. I'm self-employed, having formed a government relations consulting firm after 30 years in the public and private sectors. I'll continue to work in a fiscally responsible manner to improve MCC activities and programs. As Program Committee Chair, I've supported programs for seniors and adults with lifelong disabilities. I'll continue to pursue options for a new downtown facility as well as improvements to our existing facility.



MARSHAL J. HYMAN

I began working in McLean in 1975 and have lived, worked and/or played here since. I am currently active in several organizations around McLean; service officer and board member of the McLean American Legion, treasurer and board member of Chesterbrook Residences, Inc., board member of the McLean Orchestra and member of the Rotary Club of Tysons. I enjoy the programs currently available at the community center but feel they can be improved, especially for active seniors. My legal and accounting background can be put to good use with the expansion and remodeling of the facility. Your vote will be appreciated.



PAUL KOHLENBERGER

A resident since 1986 and president of the McLean Historical Society, I care deeply about McLean and am actively involved in the community. I'm a local small business owner and happily serve on the boards of Friends of Pleasant Grove, McLean & Great Falls Celebrate Virginia, and the alumni association of The Potomac School. MCC is a catalyst for engagement within McLean, one from which I have personally benefited for 25 years. I would be honored to have the opportunity to protect and extend the wonderful legacy of the MCC in a fair-minded manner. I respectfully ask for your support.

Youth Candidates—Two Positions Open

McLean High School Area



STEVEN PARDO

I'm a freshman at McLean High and am running for the student position on the board. I was born and raised in McLean and MCC has played a significant role in my life. As a child, I took computer, cooking and art classes and participated in summer camps. In middle school, I went to the Old Firehouse and participated in school break trips. For four years, I've been a cast member in Alden Theatre's productions. MCC plays a valuable role for youth in our community and I'm interested in serving on the board to maintain and broaden its quality programs.

Langley High School Area

No petitions were submitted for the Langley High School Boundary Area; however, write-in candidates are allowed.

Qualifications to Vote:

1. You must be a resident of the McLean Community Center tax district (Dranesville Small District 1A); however, you need not be registered to vote in the general election.
2. You must be at least 18 years old to vote for an adult candidate. Adults may vote for up to three candidates.
3. You must be 15 through 17 years old by McLean Day to vote for youth candidates. Youth voters have two votes, and may vote for one candidate in each of the two school districts, or may vote for just one candidate in either district. Youth may not vote for more than one candidate in the same district.
4. You must bring identification and proof of residency, such as a driver's license. If you do not have identification, you may sign a sworn statement.

Absentee Voting:

Want to vote, but can't make it to the McLean Day festival on May 18? Vote by absentee ballot! Call the Center or send a request by E-mail to "ellen.barial@mcleancenter.org" to have a ballot package sent to your home. Or, stop by the Center and pick up an absentee ballot package. Completed ballots must be received by close of business (5 p.m.) on **Wednesday, May 15**, to be counted.

Write-in candidates are allowed.

Write-in candidates must have at least 10 votes from 10 residents of the Center's tax district in order to have their votes counted. For youth write-in candidates, the 10 votes must come from teens who live within the same high school boundary area as the candidate.



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WEDNESDAY/APRIL 3

Home Buyer Seminar and Wine Tasting. 6-7:30 p.m., at Total Wine, 1451 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Review today's market, the home buying process and sample wines while you learn. www.totalwine.com.

THURSDAY/APRIL 4

Rent, School Edition. 7 p.m., at the McLean High School Burke Theater, 1633 Davidson Road, McLean. The award-winning musical about young artists facing AIDS, HIV, the throes of love and the struggle to find their voice. \$12 for students and seniors; \$15 for adults. www.brownpapertickets.com/event/346908 or www.mcleandrama.com.

FRIDAY/APRIL 5

2013 Asian American Chamber Gala. 6-10 p.m., at The Westin Tysons Corner, 7801 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. AACC Chamber Award Gala recognizing businesses and leaders of Asian & Pacific Island descent who have made outstanding contributions to the D.C.-area business community and economy; cocktails, dinner, auction and cultural performances included. www.asian-americanchamber.org/2013gala.

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Mason Symphony and the Virginia Chamber Orchestras Concert. 7:30 p.m., at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. N.E., Vienna. \$20; free for students through grade 12 and Wounded Warriors and their families; \$15 for college students and seniors. 703-993-1380 or <http://music.gmu.edu>.

"Never the Sinner." 8 p.m., at 1st Stage in Tysons, 524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner, McLean. Playwright John Logan's riveting first play about the 1924 "crime of the century." General: \$25; students: \$15. or 703-854-1856 or www.1ststageitysons.org.

A Night of Music with Peter Kolkay. 8 p.m., at The Barns, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. The Wolf Trap National Park presents the bassoonist and first-prize winner of the Concert Artists Guild Competition, Peter Kolkay. \$35. http://purchase.tickets.com/buy/TicketPurchase?agency=WOLF_TRAP&pid=7295869.

SATURDAY/APRIL 6

"Never the Sinner." 2 p.m., 8 p.m., at 1st Stage in Tysons, 524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner, McLean. Playwright John Logan's riveting first play about the 1924 "crime of the century." General: \$25; students: \$15. or 703-854-1856 or www.1ststageitysons.org.

Freeman Store and Museum Dedication Celebration. 10 a.m., at the Freeman Store and Museum, 131 Church St. N.E., Vienna. Celebrate the placement of the store on the Virginia Landmarks Register and in the National Park Service National Register of Historic Places; the Civil War 150 HistoryMobile, a nation-wide, mobile artwork display and interactive exhibit, the "Roads to



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McLean High Presents 'Rent'

From left, Camila Alfonzo, as Mimi, connects with Damian Leverett, as Roger, in McLean High School's production of "Rent." [See listings Thursday through Saturday, April 4-6.]



"Erika and Bluebells," encaustic painting, by Nick Deff.

'It's a Spring Thing' At Vienna Art Society

"It's a Spring Thing" is The Vienna Art's Society's annual member-judged show, through April 29 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday at the Vienna Art Center. Meet the artists at the Award Reception for the best artist, held Sunday, April 14, from 2-4 p.m. The Vienna Art's Center is located at 115 Pleasant St. N.E., Vienna, and is free and open to the public.

Rails to Trails" exhibit and the Little Library and Caboose are open while the James Madison Madrigals and the Vienna Community Band play until the 2 p.m. dedication, to be followed by an old-fashioned picnic. www.vienna.gov/index.aspx?NID=1024.

Gustafer Yellowgold's Rock Melon Tour. 10:30 a.m., at the Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Equal parts pop rock concert and animated storybook, Gustafer Yellowgold concerts are a truly different multimedia experience. \$10. 703-255-1566 or <https://jamminjava.com/events/gustafer-yellowgold-april6>.

Tour of the Bluebells in Memory of Eleanor Weck. 11 a.m., at Riverbend Park, 8814 Jeffery Road, Great Falls. A guided tour of the bluebells in the park in memory of Eleanor Weck, founder of the Great Falls TrailBlazers; light refreshments follow. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend/visitorcenter.htm.

Riverbend Park Nature Center Open House. Noon-2 p.m., at the Nature Center, 8814 Jeffery Road,

Great Falls. Hands-on demonstration of the Nature Center's wildlife collection including a new outdoor turtle habitat. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend/visitorcenter.htm.

Runway Fashion Presentation. Noon-2 p.m., at Saks Fifth Avenue Tysons Galleria, 2051 International Drive, McLean. Lafayette 148 New York Design Director Edward Wilkerson and Teri Agins, fashion journalist and author, discuss the inspiration behind the spring 2013 Lafayette Collection, a free-spirited marriage of eclectic detail with city style. www.saks.com.

Our Town. 2:30 p.m., at the McLean High School Burke Theater, 1633 Davidson Road, McLean. Thornton Wilder's play centered on the small town of Grover's Corners, in which the Webb and Gibbs families watch their children fall in love, marry, and in a famous scene, die. \$12 for students and seniors; \$15 for adults. www.brownpapertickets.com/event/347032 or www.mcleandrama.com.

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Marshall Road Elementary Raises Money to Support Veterans

Marshall Road Elementary School (MRES) is donating \$532 as part of its project to support military veterans.

MRES partnered with the American Legion to raise money to help homeless veterans in the D.C. metropolitan area.

"All of us at Marshall Road are sensitive to the unbelievable toll that 11 years of war has taken on our armed forces," said Gary Hinson, assistant principal at MRES. "We are proud to extend a helping hand to our veterans through these donations from our students, their families and our faculty and staff."

Last school year, MRES completed 50 service projects in honor of its fiftieth anniversary. This year, MRES continues the momentum in community service with its plan to complete 10 new school-wide



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Jennifer Heiges, MRES principal, Beth Eachus, PTA president, and Amanda Waltrip, PTA vice-president, present a check for \$532 to Ron Patterson from the local chapter of the American Legion. The American Legion will use the money to help homeless veterans in the DC metropolitan area.

projects—known as the "Big Ten"—by the end of the school year. This is their fifth project.

"Serving the community is such a large part of who we are," said Beth Eachus, MRES PTA president.

In addition to a monetary donation, some members of the MRES community participated in the

Wounded Warrior thank you card program to send digital thank you cards to Wounded Warriors. The thank you cards are distributed in hospitals and at wounded warrior events.

For a list of other projects, visit <http://marshallroadpta.org/community/the-big-ten/>.

ENTERTAINMENT

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Chamber Music Evening. 7:30 p.m., at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. N.E., Vienna. An ensemble including Danielle Talamantes, soprano, Kristen Berthelotte, harp, Marian Rian Hays, harp, Igor Zubkovsky, cello, and Diane Winter Pyles, piano presents music of Ravel, Debussy, Schumann, Dussek and others. Donations accepted. 703-421-9211.

Asphalt Orchestra. 8 p.m., at the Alden Theatre at McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The street band that plays processional music from Frank Zappa, David Byrne, Annie Clark, Tatsuya Yoshida and the like performs in their Virginia debut. \$25; \$18 for MCC residents. 703-790-0123, www.asphaltorchestra.com or www.aldentheatre.org.

SUNDAY/APRIL 7

Run & Remember 5K Corporate Challenge. 8:30 a.m. (7 a.m. day-of registration), at Tysons Corner Center, 1961 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Run to benefit TAPS, the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, which honors fallen military heroes by caring for those who they loved and left behind; call for info on sponsorships. 703-281-1333 or

www.tysonschamber.org.

Food for Others Power Pack. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at 7925 Jones Branch Drive, McLean. NOVA Terp Alumni group hosts a food-packing event to give to Food For Others to distribute to children in Fairfax County who might otherwise have to often skip meals. Jeff@AfenKnowsHomes.com.

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Joni Chan. 3 p.m., at the Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. University of Indiana's award-winning pianist plays Ravel's Valses nobles et sentimentales, Prokofiev's Piano Sonata No. 6 in A Major, and works by Chopin; sponsored by the Music Friends of the Fairfax County Public Library. 703-620-9535.

TUESDAY/APRIL 9

Coffee & Conversation with Unified Prevention Coalition. 10-11:30 a.m., at Unified Prevention Coalition Office, 2970-B Chain Bridge Road, Oakton. UPC hosts an events with Fairfax County coalition leaders and PTSA/PTSO/PTA leaders from middle school and high schools. www.fccpta.org/content/coffee-conversation-unified-prevention-coalition.

HBC Realty Group Fundraiser Dinner. 5-8 p.m., at Pulcinella Italian Host, 6852 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. HBC Realty Group's Community Charity Champions host a fundraiser for Kent Gardens PTA; bring a flyer for the fundraiser and 60 percent of dinner and drink proceeds go to the charity (call or visit website to receive flyer). 703-734-0192 or

www.HBCRealtyGroup.com.

Civil War History of the Mill. 7:30 p.m., at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Mike Henry, site administrator at Colvin Run Mill since 1988, will deliver a lecture on its Civil War history to the McLean Historical Society. PaulKohl@msn.com.

Non-profits Organizations Meeting. 7:30 p.m., at the Great Falls Library Conference Room, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. The Fairfax County Officer provides information discussing the databases, resources, and other assistance available from the Office's Grants Research and Training Center for non-profits and other grant seekers. <http://gfca.org/>.

FRIDAY/APRIL 12

Chili Cook-off. 5:30-8 p.m. at the Vienna American Legion, 330 Center St. N., Vienna. The owner of the crockpot with the best-tasting chili therein goes home with a prize. 703-938-9535.

MoveMENT: Christopher K. Morgan and Artists. 8 p.m., at the Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Choreographers and dancers bring athletic, contemporary dance; a collaboration between male choreographer sand composer/cellist Ignacio Alcover perform with special guests. \$25; \$18, MCC residents. www.aldentheatre.org.

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WELLBEING

A total of 844 low-income and uninsured patients received dental care during the Northern Virginia Dental Society's 10th Annual Mission of Mercy (M.O.M.) project.



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Hundreds of Low Income Residents Receive Free Dental Care

Event was part of The Northern Virginia Dental Society's 10th Annual Mission of Mercy.

Several hundred low income and uninsured residents of Arlington, Alexandria and Fairfax County received free dental care recently when the Northern Virginia Dental Society (NVDS) hosted its 10th Annual Mission of Mercy (M.O.M.) project.

During the two-day event, which was held at Northern Virginia Community College's Medical Education Campus in Springfield, area dental care professionals donated their time and expertise to help those in need.

"It really is an incredible initiative and I truly believe in the work that the Northern Virginia Dental Society does. There were so many volunteers, especially dentists helping hundreds and hundreds of patients. This was my second year helping out," said

Jenny Del Carpio, of Molina Healthcare, one of the event's sponsors.

A total of 844 low-income and uninsured received dental care. "The M.O.M. Project ... was a wonderful event," emailed Cathy Griffanti, Executive Director, Northern Virginia Dental Society. "Many of the area legislators stopped by the Project and witnessed the dedication of the oral health care providers in Northern Virginia and what we do to give back to the community."

Griffanti said that patients were pre-screened and pre-registered for the MOM Project through local social service agencies, and estimated that the value of services provided was approximately \$355,000.

— MARILYN CAMPBELL



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Researchers in George Mason University's College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) joined the Advancing Healthcare Initiatives for Underserved Students (ACHIEVES) project to offer concussion education.

Local Researchers Address The 'Concussion Culture'

Education and proper health care are keys.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

With the impending warmer weather comes an increased number of children participating in outdoor activities. Some local health care professionals and researchers are issuing words of caution.

"More children will be outside playing with friends, riding bicycles and engaging in contact sports. These activities and others where impact is a possibility place children at risk for a concussion," said Dr. Faith Claman, who holds a doctor of nursing practice and is an assistant professor in the Malek School of Health Professions at Marymount University in Arlington.

Local educators say it is important to know the facts. "A concussion is a brain injury, which often occurs as a result of a fall or blow to the head or body," said Dr. Dalila Birem, associate medical director of Molina Healthcare of Virginia and Fairfax Community Health Care Network. "Normally, the brain is cushioned by fluid, but when jolted violently, the brain crashes into the skull, resulting in damage to the soft tissue."

Birem says that while some people may lose consciousness, more common symptoms of a concussion include headache, blurred vision, fatigue or irritability.

"Others may experience no symptoms at all [and] with

rest, most people fully recover from a concussion," said Birem. "However, severe concussions or repeated incidents may lead to more serious consequences, such as problems with speech, mobility or learning."

Researchers at George Mason University in Fairfax are taking action. "Concussions are running rampant across the country right now and it seems that no one, from middle school student athletes to professional players, are exempt," said university spokeswoman Catherine J. Probst. "As a result, some states are enacting new laws to change this concussion culture. Virginia's General Assembly [passed legislation] that requires student athletes and their parents to receive annual concussion education. ... The law also states that schools form concussion management teams to provide and document concussion education for students, staff, coaches and parents."

Implementing the legislation presents challenges, however. "Many Virginia public schools lack the necessary resources to properly deliver concussion education," she continued.

To address the dearth of resources, researchers in Mason's College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) joined the Advancing Healthcare Initiatives for Underserved Students (ACHIEVES) project to offer effective medical care and concussion education.

"The project has already reached more than 80,000 student athletes, staff, coaches and parents to deliver more effective medical care and concussion education," Probst said.

Area Jazzercise Holds 'Dance for a Cure'

Local Jazzercise students will participate in a three-hour dance fitness marathon at Jazzercise of McLean and Tysons Corner's under the auspices of Dance for a Cure, a fundraiser benefiting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Both members of the center and members of the community are invited to participate.

Dance for a Cure runs from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 20, featuring a raffle, a silent auction, and three different hour-long dance fitness classes, the last of which will be led by professional choreographer Tim Roberts.

Register by emailing mcleanjazzercise@gmail.com. Information is also available on the event fundraising page: <http://nca.11s11sevent.org/mcleanjazzercise>.



The McLean and Tysons Corner Jazzercise students and dancers.

SPORTS

Senior defenseman Brad Dotson and the Langley boys' lacrosse team lost to Robinson on March 28, but bounced back hours later with a victory against Chantilly.



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Saxons Bounce Back

Langley boys' lax overcomes missing players, loss to Robinson.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

With its top attackman sidelined due to injury and a standout midfielder out for disciplinary reasons, the Langley boys' lacrosse team took the field hours after losing to Robinson during the Ram Slam spring break tournament.

The Saxons' opponent: Chantilly, which Langley defeated in three of the previous four state championship games.

While the odds were in favor of the Chargers knocking off Langley, the Saxons instead issued a reminder of their standing as four-time defending state champion.

Langley defeated Chantilly 8-5 on March 28 at Robinson Secondary School. The Saxons built a 5-1 halftime lead, survived a Chantilly comeback attempt and held on for the victory.

THE WIN came hours after the Saxons lost to Robinson, 9-6. After the game, senior midfielder Luke Salzer was ejected for swearing at an official, forcing him to miss the Chantilly contest. Injured junior attackman J.T. Meyer was also unable to play.

With Salzer and Meyer out, junior attackman Brian Orme stepped up with three goals against Chantilly.

"That was an ugly game the first game," Langley head coach Earl Brewer said about the loss to Robinson. "I'll take some blame for that. I didn't coach a good game [and] we definitely didn't play a good game. ... It said a lot about our kids to be able to bounce back like that. That was some very good lacrosse we played [against Chantilly]. You can't play two lacrosse games in one day — it ain't baseball — but we did and I'm very happy with that."

Nick Guglielmo, Sean Kacur, Jon-Michael Duley, Brian Ochoa and Luke Brugel each scored one goal for Langley. The Saxons also

received a strong defensive effort.

"My defense is just outstanding," Brewer said. "They're big — they look like a basketball team. [Brad] Dotson at [6 feet 7], [Robby] Byrne [is] 6-4, the other guy [is] 6-3; that's a front line for some small college."

Langley defeated Chantilly in the 2012, 2011 and 2009 state championship games. The Saxons also beat the Chargers in last year's Northern Region final.

"It's fun to come out and play them," Dotson said. "The target is always on our back and they're always trying to get us. It means a lot to both teams and it's a big game every time."

Dotson said the Saxons might have benefited from hanging out together inside Robinson Secondary School between games during the spring break tournament.

"We have a lot of new guys this year and the chemistry is kind of bad, and that leads to us coming out slow a lot of the time," Dotson said. "We definitely came out slow [against Robinson]. We went down early and it's just hard to fight back from that. ... I think [spending time together] actually helped a lot. We haven't really had a time for everybody to come together and pal around. I think that really helped us."

Three consecutive Chantilly goals cut the Langley lead to 5-4 in the fourth quarter, but the Chargers couldn't complete the comeback.

"I don't think that we played good team defense," Chantilly head coach Kevin Broderick said. "... Langley dictated what they wanted to do. They're a very skilled group of players, they took advantage of it."

Mike Marson led Chantilly with three goals.

EARLIER IN THE DAY, the Chargers defeated Highland, 15-10.

Langley improved to 3-3 with the win over Chantilly. The Saxons will travel to face McLean at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 5. Chantilly dropped to 4-1. The Chargers host Yorktown at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, and Hamburg (New York) at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 6.

"Not having Luke this game and after losing to Robinson," Dotson said, "we definitely had a chip on our shoulder and we wanted to come out and win this game."



Madison senior Kyle Mancini scored two goals against Yorktown on March 28.

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Madison Edges Yorktown

Madison goalie Hayden, Yorktown keeper Pollack play well.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The Madison Warhawks and Yorktown Patriots each have talented goalkeepers. During the teams' spring break matchup on March 28, the Warhawks and their senior netminder bested the Patriots and their up-and-coming freshman.

The Madison boys' lacrosse team beat Yorktown 6-5 during the Ram Slam tournament at Robinson Secondary School. The Patriots led 3-2 at halftime and 4-3 with 8:08 remaining in the third quarter, but the Warhawks scored three straight goals to close the third and held on to win.

Yorktown freshman goalkeeper Mason Pollack finished with 14 saves. Head coach Greg Beer said it was the best Pollack had played all season, but he also said Madison senior goalkeeper Matt Hayden was the difference.

"We've seen the two best goalies in the region already — the kid from Westfield (Tucker Winfrey) and Hayden," Beer said. "Those are the two best goalies in the region by far. Offensively, we got the shots we wanted, (but Hayden) made more plays. He made the plays and that's why they won."

MADISON HEAD COACH Rich Hodge said Hayden's performance rescued the Warhawks from some selfish play.

"We're happy with the win," he said. "[Yorktown is] a good team. Their goalie played very well. ... I thought they played a very good game. I think sometimes when we play too much as individuals, some of our guys try to do too much and it just kills us. ... Luckily, Matt was awesome in cage tonight. ... He just has ice in his veins. He's never too high, never too low."

Yorktown senior attackman Joe Crawford solved Hayden for a game-high three goals. Crawford scored back-to-back goals in the second quarter, giving

the Patriots a 3-2 halftime lead.

"He's fantastic," Beer said. "He's just one of those kids; he does everything. He can pass, he can shoot, he's just the consummate leader on the field (and) off the field."

Junior midfielder Kyle Harwood and senior midfielder Andrew Liddle each scored a goal for Yorktown. Crawford, Harwood, junior attackman Nico Pollack, sophomore long-stick midfielder Tim Aldinger and defensemen Jonathan Shears (senior) and Conor Shears (freshman) are some of the team's top players, along with Mason Pollack in the net.

"He's going to be a stud," Beer said about his freshman goalkeeper. "... He's only going to get better."

Senior Kyle Mancini had two goals for Madison. Senior Kyle Rowe had one.

With the loss, Yorktown fell to 2-3. The Patriots will travel to face Chantilly at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3.

"We just want to compete with (defending district champion) Edison and try to get the National District back," said Beer, whose Patriots last won the district title in 2011. "... We play all these [tough] games early. ... We want to play Concorde [District teams and] we want to play the Madisons, the Langleys, because it gets us battle tested. I feel it helps us down the road."

MADISON DEFEATED ROBINSON 15-9 on Monday to improve to 3-0. The Warhawks are looking to take the Liberty District title away from four-time defending state champion Langley. Madison lost to the Saxons in the district final each of the last two seasons.

"Our goal all year is we want to compete for a district title," Hodge said. "We've been there the last couple years. The boys have really focused on how do we get over that hurdle, how do we beat Langley. They put a lot of work into it."

Madison will face Hamburg (New York) at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, at Shenandoah University.

News

Pickleberry Pie supporter, musician Fred Karam, plays bedside for a sick child at Georgetown University Hospital.



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Pickleberry Pie Brings Live Performance to Kilmer Center

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several of them are dependent on portable ventilators for breathing and attend Kilmer Center with a personal nurse.

The other program is for students with varying degrees of intellectual disability paired with severe autism and behavioral /conduct disorders. These severe behaviors require very low staff-student ratios.

“Our school is the last and best hope for keeping our community’s most challenging and vulnerable learners in the public education system,” said Stacy Kafka, expressive arts teacher at Kilmer Center. “We serve as the center of influence for connecting our students and families with all available services. This holistic approach embraces each family with warmth and hope for the very best outcome for each of our learners.”

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The grant for Pickleberry Pie programming at the Kilmer Center, which was funded in December of 2012, comes from the Harry and Zoe Poole Foundation.

FOR PICKLEBERRY PIE to offer the vast array of performance services that it does, Light spends a large percentage of her day seeking funding for the metro-area programming. She needs, at least, \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year to cover the performances at the region’s dozen locations.

Kilmer Center, too, has needs without the funding to cover all of them. “We have a lot of needs and an intense need of fundraising,” said Kafka. “Our biggest need right now is renovation of our sensory room, and our technology needs are vast.

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Week in Vienna

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audition schedule is available on the Caffè Amouri website www.caffeamouri.com.

Vienna Idol 2012 raised over \$5,000 for the Khristin Kylo Memorial fund—enough to fund one scholarship for a worthy local student who otherwise might not have had the ability to attend college.

Auditions will be held throughout April and May at Caffè Amouri, Whole Foods Vienna and the Vienna Community Center, with the Grand Finale to be held on the Vienna Town Green on Friday, June 7. Last year’s Grand Finale was attended by over 300 people.

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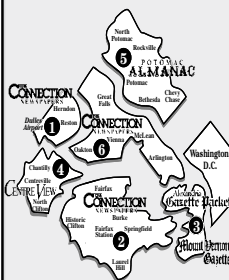
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Joan was born and raised on a small farm in Polo, Missouri, the daughter of John Perry and Grace Brown Mesimer. She was preceded in death by her loving husband Vern, her parents, her sisters Verle Williams, Mary Lillian Cook, Gertrude Burns, and her brother, Woodrow Mesimer. Surviving are her children Dale Sanders of Washington, DC, Joyce Sanders of York, SC, and Wade and Sarah Sanders of Fleetwood, NC. , brother-in-law, Raymond Morales of Sterling, Virginia, nieces and nephews.

She was employed by the FBI in Kansas City, MO where she met her husband-to-be, Special Agent Charles Vernon Sanders. Following their marriage in 1949, they resided in McLean, VA until their retirement to Whispering Pines, NC in 1980. In 2009 they moved to Park Pointe Village, Rock Hill, SC. Joan was a lifelong volunteer, giving of herself and her time, beginning as a Red Cross Nurse's Aide in Kansas City during World War II and continuing to serve those in need wherever she lived.

Joan was a beautiful woman, inside and out. A Christian in heart and deed, she loved life but was unafraid of death. She was committed to her God, her family and her friends. She will be remembered for her love, her kindness, her encouragement, and her lifetime of service. Well done, good and faithful servant.

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Selfless or Selfish



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Just in case anybody is paying attention, and my behavior plays some kind of role/has any effect on my outcome whatsoever, I'd just as soon be one more than the other. However, receiving a terminal cancer diagnosis (stage IV and let me remind you there's no stage V) out of the blue at age 54 and a half, less than three months after burying your widowed mother, tends to upset this delicate balance. If I've heard it once – since my diagnosis – I've heard it multiple times, and from trusted, respected sources: "It's all about you, Ken." And when the oncology nurse sticks that needle in your arm for the first time and then hooks you up to a six-hour I.V. drip containing chemotherapy drugs "cocktailed" to poison you (kill your tumor-carrying white blood cells actually), the decision about whom to care about most, you or someone else, begins to take on a life of its own.

Controlling that other life has become one of my biggest challenges. It's very easy to lose yourself in the midst of a metastatic malignancy when your oncologist gives you "13 months to two years" to live. For all anybody knows, it's your attitude or even your personality that keeps you alive as your treatment ramps up. However, thinking and doing for others is extremely difficult at this time, a time when you can barely get out of bed. Chemotherapy has a way of leveling the playing field: You can't do anything for anybody, least of all for yourself. As you begin to bounce back after your treatment (if there is an interval), you semi-regain your composure in anticipation and preparation for the next infusion. Nevertheless, before too long, the mental demons begin to take hold yet again, attempting to tear down every emotional underpinning you've devised. No one said it was going to be easy. In fact, one of our best friends, Lynne, a recent breast cancer survivor said quite the opposite: "Ken, this is going to be the hardest thing you've done." Of course, she was 100 percent correct.

Over time and over treatment, you begin to assimilate the demands: the infusions, the frequency, the doctors' appointments, the diagnostic scans, the lab work, the side effects, the straight-on effects, the highs, the lows, the hopes, the prayers, the statistics; until it becomes, at least for me it has, sort of mundane and part of a process that takes over your life – for some very unfortunate reasons. You accept it because: it appears there are very few exceptions. Cancer rules and thinking it doesn't is disrespectful almost and incredibly naive.

Giving respect to such a dreaded – but previous to my diagnosis, not a part of my family's history – disease, helped guide me back to becoming more selfless and less selfish; understanding that reclaiming that dignity and integrity in this context anyway, can have a powerful effect on both myself and those around me, which in turn works back to me (the old what goes around comes around-type karma) and ultimately benefits and enhances my life. The longer I've survived with this diagnosis, the more characteristic of the pre-Kenny-with-cancer I've become. That's not to say that I don't occasionally slip and fall – emotionally, but now, getting up is not nearly so difficult. I've been there, and I've done that. Besides, I'm happier being me, and happiness can work miracles.

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