

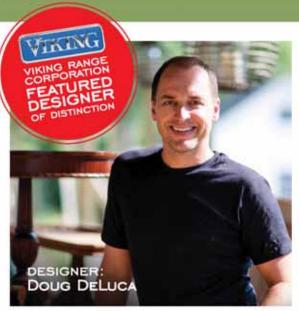


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The McLean High School Class of 2013 enters Constitution Hall for the Commencement Exercises last Thursday afternoon, June 13.



From right, McLean High School Principal Ellen Reilly talks with the keynote speaker, Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency Michael Morell. Also pictured are Virginia State Delegate Barbara Comstock (R-34) and Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville).

Highlanders Encouraged to Do 'Great Things'

Class of 2013 defines McLean High one last time.

BY ANDREW MINER The Connection

he light above the original 13 colony nameplates in Constitution Hall changed from a gushing green to a Highlander red in the late afternoon of Thursday, June 13, the day of McLean High's graduation. Of the 521 seniors who proceeded across the stage, 21 percent of them did so with honors.

Their keynote speaker, CIA Deputy Director Michael Morell, gave the Class of 2013 key principles of how to live one's life. He told two stories about Sept. 11, 2001: the two people's stories were Father Mychal Judge and Lieutenant Kevin P. Shaeffer.

Morell said that the stories underscored six life principles: do something that you love, work hard, have integrity, honor those who fight for our freedom, be a good family member and friend, and give back to the community. The Highlander graduating class was encouraged to possess the intangible characteristics of courage, commitment and passion to name a few.

Morell quoted President John F. Kennedy by saying "to whom much is given, much is expected." Morell went on to tell those sitting in the audience that they had hit the trifecta of attending "a great school, in a great region, in a great nation" therefore they were put in a great position to do great things.

Before finally graduating, Madelyn Paquette addressed her fellow students by asking them to define many different things from McLean. The words ranged from made up terms for everyday school activities, to rival schools such as Langley High School, and lastly to define what McLean means to them.



Kristy Leonard and Anna Leong.



Senior Class President Nicolas Echeverria poses for a photo with the senior class officers: Aamana Feroze, Maia Foster, Sarah Rindone and Taneen Maghsoudi.



Daniel J. Markoff.

PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT/CONNECTION

Where Are You Going Next and Where Do You See Yourself in 10 Years?

Gabe Brey:

"I am enlisted in the Army and will be doing basic training at Fort Sill, Okla. In seven years, I see myself as a geospatial intelligence ana-





Allie Monrony

"I am going to the University of Colorado to study sports broadcasting and in the future I will have my dream job at ESPN."

The Langley High School Madrigals and the Women's Chamber Choir sing "Battle Hymn of the Republic."



LOUISE KRAFFT/

Saying Goodbye at Langley

"Selfless" Class of 2013 has no problem with the delay.

By Andrew Miner
The Connection

he 469 graduates in Langley High School's Class of 2013 had to wait before they could walk across the stage in Constitution Hall to receive their long coveted diplomas. On the Thursday morning of June 13, when potential torrential rainstorms moved swiftly in the Washington D.C. area, a tardy bus delayed the ceremonies 16 minutes.

The Langley band, however, would eventually play Pomp and Circumstance as the Saxons walked down the aisle one last time as seniors. There would be no two separate entrances due to transportation difficulties, because those who made it on time waited for the one bus that was split up from the group but not left behind. In this way, it made sense that the Class of 2013 defined themselves as "selfless."

In fact their speaker, Ambassador Henry Crumpton's speech was all about selflessness and service. The man who was inspired to join the CIA

after seeing the James Bond movie "Thunderbolt," implored the graduating Saxons to "know themselves before you can achieve true virtue." Crumpton also quoted the Greek philosopher Heraclitus when he told the graduates "a man's character is his fate."

Crumpton, also the former head of the CIA's National Resources Division and the leader

SGA representative Nicole Dunne introduces school Principal Matthew Ragone.



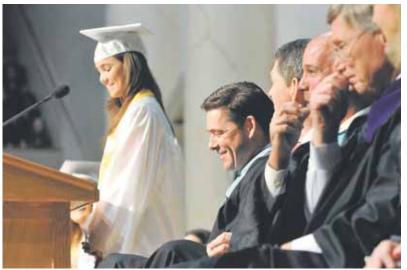
Ambassador Henry A. Crumpton delivers the keynote address at the Langley High School graduation.



Class President Natalie Rasmus is awarded one of the Principal's Awards.

of the United States' response to the 9/11 Terrorist Attacks, told his audience to forever continue self-less service throughout their lives to their nation, community and family. "You make a living by what you get," Crumpton ended his address, adding, "you make a life by what you give."

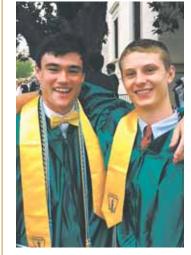
Principle Matthew Ragone awarded Margaret Rosie Mahoney and Zach Dailey the Principal's Service Awards and Senior class President Natalie Rasmus won the Principal's Award. Cameron Ayoub was given the Faculty Award. As promised by Mr. Ragone, there was no rain after the ceremony.





Where Are You Going Next and Where Do You See Yourself in 10 years?

-Andrew Miner



Eric Abravanel (left), Ty Kovacs (right).

Eric: "I will be attending University of Wisconsin, studying engineering and business and hopefully working for an engineering company in the future."

Ty: "I am going to University of Texas to study government and business and want to be involved in politics in the future."



Kady Kriner (left), Grace MacDougall (right).

Kady: "I am playing soccer at William & Mary and then want to do something with solar energy and engineering afterwards."

Grace: "I am going to Tulane University and then plan on going wherever life takes me, possibly in a public relations."



Grace Goettman

"I am playing lacrosse at Stanford University and then be in business after my career."



Paul Bernstein

"I am attending the London School of Economics and then be happily working someplace government related."

Week in McLean

Walmart Hiring To Fill 200 Jobs In New Tysons Store

Walmart will hire approximately 200 associates to work at the new Walmart slated to open this summer in Tysons Corner at Leesburg Pike Road and Westwood Center Drive. A temporary hiring center has opened at 8603 Westwood Center Drive, Suite 200, in Vienna.

Applications will be accepted from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and by appointment Saturdays. Interested applicants may also apply online at http://careers.walmart.com.

Through Walmart's Veterans Welcome Home Commitment, the company will offer a job to any qualified veteran who has been honorably discharged within the past 12 months.* Interested veterans may find out more at http:// walmartcareerswithamission.com/.

According to Store Manager Marty Reighard, the store will be hiring both full- and part-time associates. Applicants will be interviewing for a range of the 92 jobs to be offered at the Tysons store

including management, pharmacy, human resources, customer service, cashiers and sales associates, among others. In total, about 200 people will be hired in mostly fulltime positions. The majority of new associates will begin work in June to help prepare the store for its grand opening.

*Veterans must be within 12 months of active duty and meet Walmart's standard hiring criteria.

McLean Project For the Arts **Charity Dinner**

A fundraiser for McLean Project for the Arts has been announced by HBC Realty Group's (Keller Williams Realty) Community Charity Champions. Come to dinner on Tuesday, July 9, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Pulcinella Italian Host in McLean to support McLean Project for the Arts. Enjoy dinner and know that approximately 70 percent of the proceeds from food and drink will go to the charity, as long as the diner brings the flyer for the event. Contact HBC Realty Group 703-734-0192 or visit www.HBCRealtyGroup.com to receive a flyer.

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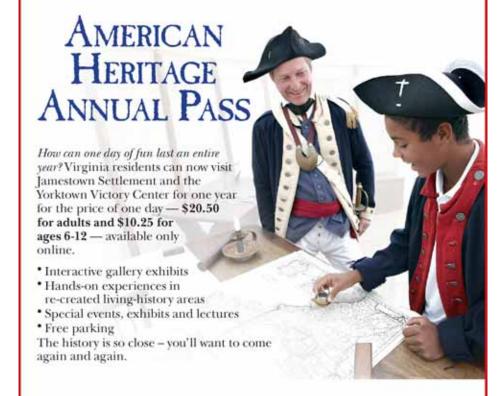
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The Marshall Class of 2013 begins to clap and cheer as the announcement is made to begin the procession into Constitution Hall for the graduation ceremony.

At Marshall, a Time to Start Over

Marshall High School graduates at DAR Constitution Hall.

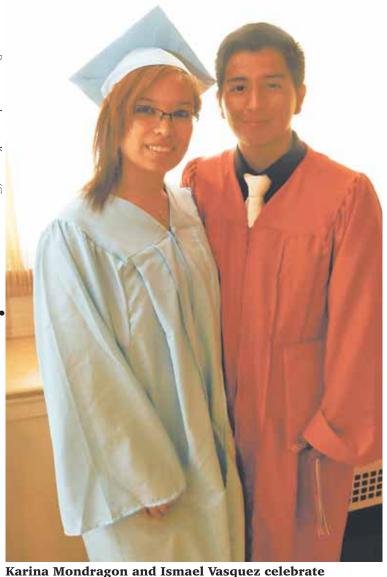
BY LAUREN YOUNG

n Friday, June 14, Marshall High School held their graduation ceremony at Constitution Hall. This year, 354 seniors marched down the aisles, in light blue and red robes, ready to walk across the stage to receive the diplomas they have been working their entire academic career for.

The first speaker at the ceremony was Senior Class Officer Sarah Chapin. The theme of her message to fellow graduates was "luck." "There's one word that describes our class: lucky. Luck is more than just a motto for us though ..." She went on to discuss how lucky the students are that the teachers at Marshall High School have offered them so much guidance over the years, and mentioned how lucky the students are to go to school in Fairfax County.

The keynote speaker, Lindsey Mask, founder and director of Ladies America, a "national network of young, professional women connecting to advance one another personally and professionally," shared some information about herself, including that she

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Marshall High School's graduation Friday, June 14.



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Patrick Kearney and Catherine Macklin of Mclean are 10th District Class of 2017 students chosen to attend academy prep schools: Patrick will attend the United States Military Academy and Catherine will attend the United States Naval Academy.

The below McLean students have made the dean's list at Bucknell Univer-

Kolbe C. McKee of McLean, son of Christopher and Caran McKee, and a graduate of Langley High School; Kameel F. Omar of McLean, son of Favez and Elahe Omar, a 2012 graduate of Landon School in Bethesda; Kendall L. Banks, of McLean, 2012 graduate of Langley High School, and the daughter of John Banks of McLean and Lisa Banks of Reston; and Rafael Enriquez-Hesles of McLean, son of Rafael Enriquez and Elisa Hesles, graduated from McLean High School in 2011.

Alexander C. Voorhees of McLean, son of Leslie and Coerte Voorhees and a senior at Christopher Newport University majoring in finance, received the Henry B. Poor, 1939 Award scholarship for the 2013-2014 academic year from the Psi Upsilon Foundation. The award is based on social, moral and intellectual excellence and achievement was awarded to Voorhees along with 22 other students.

David C. Madden, National History Bee and Bowl founder and executive director, congratulates Jonathan Leidenheimer, George C. Marshall High School '14, on his second place finish.

PEOPLE

Teaching Love of Learning

Arlene Connolly, Spring Hill Elementary kindergarten teacher, retiring after 22 years.

> BY ROB ENGLE FOR THE CONNECTION

ong-time Spring Hill Elementary kindergarten teacher Arlene Connolly is retiring after 22 years at the McLean school. Connolly, a native of Manhasset, N.Y., taught in New York before moving with her husband, Joe, to the Washington, D.C. area in 1971.

Connolly has had a major impact on thousands of McLean children, being their first elementary school teacher. Indeed, one of her proudest moments was when a graduating Langley High School commencement speaker thanked her for being such a positive early influence and making a lasting impression.

After raising her family of four—three girls and a boy—Connolly returned to teaching, starting at Spring Hill in 1981. It was former Spring Hill Principal Betsy Rice who recruited Arlene to teach kindergarten. According to Connolly: "Betsy said, 'you really should come back to teaching' and she talked me into it and I never looked back!"

Betsy recalls, "I like to joke that Arlene came into my office looking for a kindergarten aide job and



Arlene Connolly

walked out with a teacher's job; and she has spent the last 22 years proving that she was a great hire. Arlene brings joy into her classroom and she loves children. Arlene makes learning fun, such that the

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OPINION

Talking, Acting To Keep Them Safe

Reducing drug- and alcohol-related fatalities.

he pages and covers of most of this week's Connection Newspapers show the joy and accomplishment associated with high school graduation. The day celebrates graduates who accomplished much just by finishing, graduates headed to college and more.

Most area high schools also celebrate with an all-night graduation party, an event designed and coordinated by parents to provide graduates with safe and appealing fun, with many schools organizing an annual party for more than 20 years.

It was, for example, the 25th annual All Night Drug and Al-EDITORIAL cohol-Free Graduation Celebration for T.C. Williams High School when the class of 2013

held its party on Saturday, June 15. Since 1989, when this tradition began at T.C. Williams, there have been no drug or alcohol-related graduation night fatalities.

Herndon High School parents have been providing a memorable evening for our graduates in an alcohol and drug free atmosphere for more than 20 years, and report that, "since the All Night Grad Celebrations began, we are happy to say there have been no alcohol or drug related fatalities on graduation night."

Summer is the beginning of many celebrations for young people in this area, and many of them, whether underage or over 21, admit that they celebrate with alcohol. Chances are that if your household includes a high school student, that student sometimes consumes alcohol. Graduation night is not the only danger lurking, as everyone knows.

All night graduation parties provide not only a safe place on graduation night, but also many opportunities before and after to talk about drinking and driving. There is no substitute for parents talking to their children about drinking, no matter how awkward, no matter how



Grant Leibow is joined by classmates Alex Frolia, Haley Holder, Michael Evans, Alex Robinette and Cole Fleming in celebrating Marshall High School's graduation Friday, June 14.

many eye-rolls you must endure. Driving while crash. under the influence, or getting into a car as a passenger with someone who is impaired, is not the only danger of drinking, but it is one of the most avoidable.

On graduation day in 2007, West Potomac High School endured the unimaginable tragedy. Two young women who had graduated just hours before died in a car driven by another young woman who had alcohol in her system. The driver and another passenger, a 2005 West Potomac graduate, also died in that

If you've successfully raised a teenager through high school graduation, it is unbearable to think of losing him or her now. Talk. Tell them you love them. Tell them it's been way too much trouble to get to this point to risk losing them now. Tell them that you will come and get them, without consequences, any time they need a ride to avoid getting in a car with someone who has been drinking and/or otherwise under the influence. Look them in the eyes. Say the words.

For Adults Who Need a Reminder

/ ashington Regional Alcohol Pro- SoberRide service. gram will provide free rides for those over 21 who find themselves out celebrating on the Fourth of July without a safe ride home.

The 2013 Independence Day SoberRide program will be offered from 10 p.m. Thursday, July 4 until 4 a.m. Friday, July 5.

To receive a free cab ride home (up to a \$30.00 fare), please call 800-200-8294 (TAXI). You must be 21 or older to use the

WRAP's SoberRide has helped to ensure greater Washington, D.C. residents have a safe way home on high-risk holidays. Since 1993, WRAP has provided over 57,990 safe rides home, keeping impaired drivers off the

SoberRide operates during the December/ January holiday season, St. Patrick's Day, Independence Day and Halloween.

See http://wrap.org/soberride.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Call to Ban **Outdoor Smoking**

To the Editor:

As a teenager, I really dislike smelling smoke from cigarettes, cigars, etc. I highly agree with Starbucks' ban of smoking on their outdoor patios. The rest of the community should consider banning outdoor smoking also. My family and I want to eat outside, but most times people are smoking. Sometimes, we go outside and nobody is smoking, but after a few minutes, someone lights up. ever, not counting coaches, league Breathing second-hand smoke is not healthy for anyone, and dining outside is more enjoyable without smoke.

Young Referees Face Verbal Abuse

Youth recreational basketball has finally ended. These days, children can play in house leagues from November through final playoff games in June. What they need and can't play without howadministrators and venues, are the referees.

Mv 18-vear-old son has been a youth basketball referee for the past six years. At 12 he refereed

Alex Cicchetto second grade boys and girls games. Each year he worked his way up, reaching eighth grade games this season. This year, he also spent \$120 of his own money to join the Cardinal Basketball Official's Association; a 10-week program offering a blend of classroom and game-based learning that is intended to get you ready to referee junior varsity high school basketball.

It is a thankless job, and at times can be stressful when dealing with spectators and coaches. What I've never understood over all these years is the verbal abuse these young referees experience from coaches and parents alike. Approximately 75 percent of youth referees quit within two years due to this abuse. There would be no

games or leagues without a cadre of good, dedicated refs. Countless times my son has been called at the last minute to work a game. I've seen him sacrifice personal time to make sure these games can

So think about that, coaches and parents, the next time you yell at the ref. Leave the Bobby Knight antics for the college and pro games. Nobody gets every call right, but it's not for lack of training or effort. In the end, it's not about wins and losses at this level. It's about teaching children the fundamentals of the sport and more importantly, some basic fundamentals of life.

> **Bill Byrne** Oak Hill

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SATURDAY/JUNE 22

Prayer Retreat. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 a.m., The Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road in Vienna. The speakers will teach how to have a more intimate relationship with God through prayer in 20 days; breakfast included. http:// www.antiochdoc.org/ or 703-938-

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DO will discuss depression and pain
from a neurophysiology perspective
and why people stay in pain. 703356-0770.

Spring Hill Teacher Retires

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students don't even know learning is happening. She is a fantastic person."

Early on in her tenure, Connolly and fellow kindergarten teacher Nancy Stansberry started the Spring Hill tradition of the annual "Kindergarten Extravaganza." The show involved all students with fun and witty musical performances and skits set to the school calendar and holidays. It became a popular and memorable staple of the Spring Hill student experience.

"Thousands of parents have tapes of the Spring Hill Kindergarten Extravaganza and the six graders would sing along to the performances—so it was important that Arlene and Nancy not change the show," Betsy Rice said.

Current Spring Hill principal, Roger Vanderhye, said, "It is difficult to describe completely the impact Arlene Connolly has had on Spring Hill Elementary School during her tenure here. Arlene is an outstanding educator and a consummate professional. Besides her incredible teaching abilities, she also educates young children, mostly by example, to be ethical, respectful, helpful and hard working.

"Arlene has always used impeccable judgment in her interactions with all school stakeholders and her positions of responsibility as team leader, head mentor, representative from our school to the superintendent's advisory committee, and other leadership positions, has allowed Arlene to transcend her job of teacher to one of master educator. She will be sorely missed by all who know her both professionally and personally," he said.

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Henry Lopez, the Boys & Girls Clubs Youth of the Year for District of Columbia and Commonwealth of Virginia, was selected to speak at the 28th Annual Tim Russert Congressional Dinner presented by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington.

Education Learning Fun



Henry Lopez (center) is pictured at home with (from left) with his mother Emerita, his brother William, his sister Yuri and his father Arnoldo. Henry, who was selected as the Boys & Girls Clubs Youth of the Year for District of Columbia and Commonwealth of Virginia, credits his parents and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Fairfax with helping him realize his dreams.

Henry Lopez (pictured here in Guatemala with his sister Yuri) moved with his family to Falls Church in search of the American dream. Earlier this month, he graduated from high school with a 4.3 G.P.A., was awarded a full scholarship to George Mason University and was selected as the Boys & Girls Clubs Youth of the Year for District of Columbia and Commonwealth of Virginia.

"Looking back, the Clubs taught

me to channel my responsibilities

and develop a balance, providing me with a normal childhood. If it

were not for the Boys & Girls

Clubs, I would not be pursuing ev-

ery resource to make a better fu-

Representatives from George

Mason were in the audience for

Henry's speech. "There were mem-

bers of Congress, multimillionaire

donors and representatives from

one person who blew the crowd

away. People were teary and get-

ting choked up. He's the best ex-

ample of what those programs can

do for kids who don't have oppor-

fall, he will be embarking on a life-

opportunity and I'm willing to

work for it," said Henry.

When Henry begins college this

ture for myself and others."

Rising to Boys & Girls Clubs 'Youth of the Year'

With the help of the Boys & Girls Clubs, a local immigrant student has received a full college scholarship. Henry says that at the time, he was unaware of the danger that

wasn't always that way, however, ars Program and an Old Town Aland he remembers being a pre- exandria resident. school student in a foreign country, unfamiliar with the language the first time he impressed George a day laborer. and culture, fighting to learn, to fit Mason officials, however. While in, to avoid falling into a gang.

The Boys & Girls Clubs proved an invaluable help to him in this Early Identification Program, struggle, and Henry was actually just selected as the Boys & Girls Clubs Youth of the Year for District families to attend college. of Columbia and Commonwealth

dream when we came here in 1999 tive director. "Recently, I was lookwas survival," said Henry, who ing over his eighth grade applicagraduated from JEB Stuart High School in Falls Church last week. one goal was to go to college. Not "In Guatemala, my parents realized only has he met that goal, he has that there was no money [or] op- gained a positive reputation before portunity to obtain it, so the only he has even enrolled in classes here THE LOPEZ FAMILY moved to way to care for my [family] was to at Mason. come to the United States.

yond survival, as Henry was ac- of the JEB Stuart High School's Lopezes found protection for cepted into George Mason chapter of the Spanish Honor So-University's Honors College and ciety. awarded a full academic scholar-

lected from a pool of 1,500 appli- Association and ran on the varsity so we don't have much money for came to the club, he didn't speak son." sess exemplary records of academic proud of his accomplishments, he place for my kids while I worked was very shy."

By Marilyn Campbell dence of intellectual vision, a commitment to the obligations of citizenship and the potential to overoday, Henry Lopez has come obstacles and solve challenga bright future, com- ing problems," according to Anplete with a full schol- thony Dyer Hoefer. Ph.D., the diarship to college. It rector of Mason's University Schol-

> His college application wasn't still in the eighth grade, Henry was accepted into George Mason's which supports and enriches students who will be the first in their

"He was an exceptional first generation college student," said Lewis "For my family, the American E. Forrest II, the program's execution and he stated that his number

as a member of the National Honor **THAT DREAM** has gone far be- Society, as well as vice president but also gang activity, so the

Among an exhaustive list of aca- Girls Clubs.

port he received from his parents up at a young age," he said. and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington (BGCGW), Farifax region located in Falls

Church, Mount Vernon and

Henry says his appreciation of hard work came from his parents: Emerita Lopez, who works as a housekeeper, and Arnoldo Lopez.

"Witnessing my parents physically push themselves every day had a tremendous impact on me," said Henry. "I saw their situation and they constantly reminded me houses or mow lawns."

Emerita said she and her husband had loftier goals for Henry, his 21-year-old sister Yuri and his 13-year-old brother William. "I came here with my husband because it meant a much better life for my kids, but I had to & Girls Clubs gave activities, provided me work hard every day," she said.

the Culmore neighborhood of Henry graduated with a 4.3 GPA Falls Church 15 years ago. It's an area with affordable housing, their children in the form of the Culmore Chapter of the Boys &

ship to the Fairfax school as a Uni-demic and extracurricular accom-"I start working at 8 in the morn-him, he was 4," she said. "It was George Mason University. He got ing in front of so many people. plishments, he also served on his ing and finished at 8 at night," said right after he arrived in this couninto five universities, but he got a achievement ... demonstrate evigives much of the credit to the sup- long hours. When [they were] at Over the past 14 years, Kang has gressional Dinner presented by the cial limitations.

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lurked in Culmore. "I had to grow

The Boys & Girls Clubs not only provided safety, it taught him to dream. "It would have been very easy to be influenced by gang activity because my parents were working all the time," he said. "The Boys & Girls Clubs gave activities, provided me a place to go to learn about college and explore careers. Had it not been for the Boys & Girls Clubs, I would not have had the vision of going to college."

Wonhee Kang, regional director of the Fairfax County Region Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washingthat they didn't want me to clean ton, has served an important role made him strong academically and event for Henry.

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priate clothes for speaking engagements and competitions so we made sure that he had a suit. I took him to our Youth of the Year competition in Newport News, Va., and that was his first time staying a hotel. The kids may not have [much] financially, but these are Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater amazing young people." Kang said that Henry was always tant annual fundraising event for interested in academics. "He en- the Boys & Girls Clubs. Kang also joyed the power hour, which is time

for studying and homework. That

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watched Lopez evolve from that

shy little boy into an eloquent ora-

tor and a proficient scholar. "I've

been watching him grow year af-

ter year. He learned slowly about

culture, culture of the club and

community," she said. "There were

times when he didn't have appro-

It was the first time in Henry's life his father was able to attend one of his activities. "It is not that doesn't want to," Kang said. "A lot of times his work schedule doesn't parents were working all the time. The Boys allow it, but he is also afraid to go to events where the majority of the community who spoke," said people speak English and he Hoefer. Henry, however, "was the [with] a place to go to learn about college

Kang's effort to ensure that Henry's family attended the dinner proved to be a profound gesture. "I was overwhelmed the whole time because I had never gone to tunities.' such an elegant event," said Henry's father, Arnoldo, through an interpreter. "Tears could not stay time of potential and fulfilling one away as [Henry] spoke. It was hard of the first goals that he set for himin Henry's life. "When I first met helped him earn a scholarship to for me to believe that he was talk-self. "The chance of college is a real

Washington last month, an impor-

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cause this is a once-in-a-lifetime

Henry was one of 21 students se- high school's Student Government Emerita. "I work as a housekeeper try from Guatemala. When he first full scholarship from George Ma- **DURING HIS SPEECH**, Henry

"It is personal story for me, but told the crowd about the chalit is [also] a story for other youth cants who were expected to "poscross-country team. While he's babysitters. I was looking for a safe any English. He was hiding and he Henry was selected to speak at lenges he faced growing up in Viring search of the American dream the 28th Annual Tim Russert Conginia as an immigrant with finaneven if they have financial limitations."

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Churchill Road fourth graders **Emily Mortman** Arielle Moore, Alewx Zaccardelli Kevin Kaldes, (fourth grade teacher) Aubrey Beiswenger, Areej Khatri, Jenna Ashtar, Zoe Hendriks and **Mazin Khan** provide free samples of the chive butter and dip they made from homegrown chive plants at their farmer's market June 4th.



Farmer's Market Held at Churchill Road

Churchill Road fourth graders held their second annual farmer's market in the school's butterfly garden on June 4-5 and thanks to the efforts of fourth grade teachers Aubrey Beiswenger, Rachel Dunleavy, David Ickowski, Nick Kilpatrick, Claire McHale and Mary-Lynn Robosky, these 10-year-olds learned about entrepreneurship firsthand.

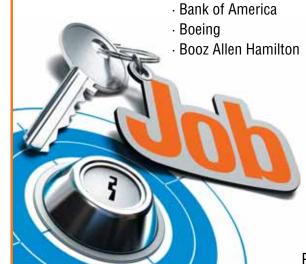
Over the course of the year, these students researched colonial herbs by planting them, finding ways to care for them, harvesting them and then turning them into products to sell at this school-based farmers market.

The young business owners participated in lessons taught by professional marketing and business analysts, which were designed to help with the economics behind the market, including the advertising and marketing of their products such as "Wholly Pooh" (homemade worm fertilizer), liquid cleaner, thyme olive oil, mint lemonade and soothing lavender soap. The students also decorated clay pots containing tomato plants as part of the silent auction. The students' marketing and pricing strategies paid off; they were able to turn a healthy profit on their products.

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Marshall Graduation Highlights 'Luck'

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grew up in a small town, and that her high school graduating class was 89 students. Once she graduated from Texas State University, she pursued broadcast journalism. It was soon after that she realized her true passion was politics. Through this story, she sent the message: "Listen to that little voice inside of you; it will guide you far."

The principal, Jay Pearson, received the senior

class gift, a statue of a griffin. The statue will be used to watch over future students at Marshall.

The final speaker was Matt Axelrod, a history teacher and IB coordinator. He told the students, "Learning takes time." He expressed this sentiment to encourage students to always be curious. He claims, "The end of high school is a natural time to say goodbye, and a natural time to start over." He ended with advice saying, "I hope you remember it's always worth it to stand up for what you believe in."

VIEWPOINTS

Where Do You Go Next and Where Do You See Yourself in 10 Years?

-Lauren Young



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"I'm going to Northern Virginia Community College in the fall. At first I was undecided, and then I decided international relations. I'm not sure where I see myself in the next few years, but I do see myself living in a different country."



Kate Randazzo

"I'll be going to Georgetown, and I'll be studying in the school of Foreign Service. I haven't decided on a major yet. Hopefully I'll have a career that involves traveling; maybe working in China.'



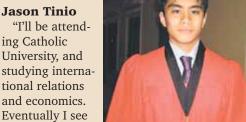
Megan Montes

"I'm going to Texas A&M to study telecommunications media studies. In the future I see myself with a job and family."



Luis Bernal

"I'll be going to Northern Virginia Community College. I'll be studying architecture, and hopefully after college I'll be working as an architect and still having fun."



Testing, 1, 2, 3; Testing, 4, 5, 6; Testing 7, 8, 9...

By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Different from last week's column on the testing subject, "Full Circle," this week's column addresses another emotional battleground: the unknown. Other than selling computers out of Frank Costanza's house and reaching a "Serenity Now"-type nirvana with each sale, outlets available to yours truly – one of many terminal cancer patients anticipating results from a CT scan of my lungs/upper torso, and in turn awaiting the electronic exchange from my oncologist advising me of said results - are difficult to come by. And even though I'm experienced at this process, four-plus years and counting, literally; and accustomed as well to the "cycle of loom," familiar it has become; easier however, it has not.

In effect, this testing and waiting for the results is its own test: of patience, self-discipline, endurance, forbearance; so I tell myself: "Serenity Now," and hope there's not insanity later, as there was for Lloyd Braun on this most memorable Seinfeld episode.

However much I want to pretend, deny and minimize the significance of these results, the reality is, my life sort of depends on them. Moreover the digital images that will appear on the computer screen in the doctor's office will indeed tell the tale, hopefully not of woe. Yours truly hemming and hawing and being asymptomatic are all irrelevant once the radiologist hits send and the images/results end up in my oncologist's inbox. That's when the rubber will truly hit the road and I will learn if my future is now or later.

So you bet it's a test, and it's no stinkin' multiple guess/multiple choice test either. It's a test of character, of will; you against yourself. And though you'd like the best man to win and for you to be the best man, the reality is: cancer may be the man and you may not be. As much as you try, there's an inevitability to science and medicine and not always does the best man win. Death and taxes are inevitable, as the old joke goes – for a reason!

Unfortunately, in many patients, cancer kills; it's not a feeling, it's a fact. My job as a cancer patient is to resist and not succumb to its devastating devices. Every day is a test, physically and especially emotionally. One's effects I can attempt to semi control, the other, not so much. As I cycle around to my next scan, I am reminded of how challenging this whole cancer trip has been. And though I've been there and been doing it now for nearly four and one half years post-diagnosis, each scan presents new risks. For cancer patients though, these scans are a necessity of life. Unfortunately – and this is our harsh reality, they may also be a precursor of death. Try studying for that.

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McLean Central Park Draft Plan Presented

Draft plan features new access points, amphitheater.

By Alex McVeigh The Connection

he Fairfax County Park Authority presented a draft of the Master Plan revision for McLean Central Park Monday, June 8 at the McLean Community Center. The 28-acre park, located at the north corner of the intersection of Dolley Madison Boulevard and Old Dominion Drive, is located next to the Dolley Madison Library and near the McLean Community Center.

The park authority kicked off the master planning process last December, soliciting comments from the public on what they would like to see at the park. According to park staff, the main comments from the public addressed keeping the park's general character intact, enhance its usability and support a sense of "campus" with the library and community center.

THE PUBLIC also expressed interest in new features in the park, such as an amphitheater, which is part of the draft plan.



The draft master plan for McLean Central Park.

"The amphitheater would be able to host a wide variety of community activites, and it would be shielded from street noise by berming and landscaping, which would also shield the adjacent properties from the noise of park events," said Gayle Hooper, the project's planner from the park authority. "We also have an opportunity to expand its usefulness, by converting the amphitheater to an ice skating rink in the winter, using synthetic ice, as well as a pop-up fountain to expand the use in the summer.

Hooper estimated the amphitheater would hold around 300 people, the maxi-

mum amount of people the park can currently hold for its summer concerts.

The plan also mentions an additional entrance to the Dolley Madison Library parking lot, at the intersection of Ingleside Avenue and Elm Street, which would have a circular drop off area much closer to the park's center.

"This is the only opportunity we have to get another access point off [Ingleside Avenue]," Hooper said. "It has a couple benefits, which include another clear entrance to the park, an entrance to the library and parking for the community center. With united signage plan, it would really give a unity to the plan, and highlight the facilities."

Additional parking is also proposed for Oak Ridge Avenue, which is between the library and community center. The plan calls for a traffic circle with parking spaces at the end of the road, with a dedicated private road for the residences at the end of Oak Ridge Avenue.

Jack Wilbern of the Friends of McLean Central Park said he appreciated the park authority's efforts and planning on behalf of the park, but has some lingering questions about the plan.

"A lot of concern has always been expressed about maintenance in the park," he said. "Things like ice rinks and fountains, and anything like that we think needs to be

very much supported by the community, so they will take a part in keeping it maintained."

Joyce Harris of the McLean Trees Foundation said she hopes preservation of trees is considered before any design is officially added to the master plan.

"Every effort should be made to preserve mature trees that define the natural aesthetic of the site, and provide numerous environmental, health and economic benefits to our community," she said. "Preservation of these trees should influence where any new facilities are placed."

Resident Sharon Williams said she was against the major changes proposed, and questioned the need for further facilities.

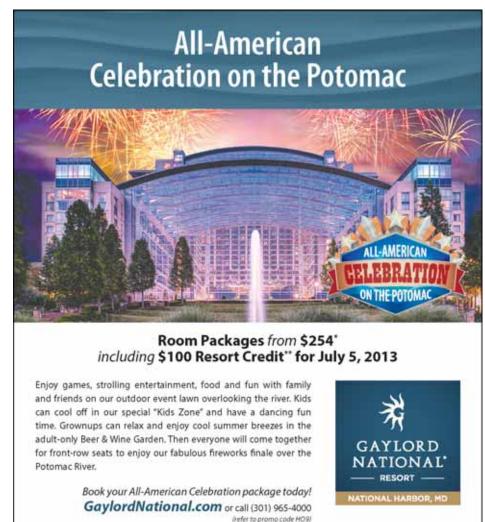
"I keep asking myself, why are these changes necessary? We're happy with the park. I've been in the neighborhood for over 25 years, and I like the green space," she said. "I'm not against a little tweaking here or there, like better lighting along the pathways, but, for example, they mentioned there's a demand for concert space. We have a gazebo. It works well. We have a theater, the Alden, it works well."

PUBLIC COMMENT on the draft plan is open until July 12. More information, including how to submit comments, can be found at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/mclean-central.htm.

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The Langley School Offers Basketball Camp Led by NBA Veteran

he Langley School is offering Keith Bogans' Langley Summer Jam, a coed basketball camp featuring NBA veteran Keith Bogans, for the third consecutive summer on the school's campus in McLean. The weeklong camp will run in two separate sessions—July 8-12 or July 22-26—for students entering grades three through nine. The cost is \$450 per week. To register, visit www.langleyschool.org or call 703-356-1920, ext. 728.

Students will work on a variety of basketball skills and drills led by Bogans each day, including dribbling, shooting and passing, while learning the fundamentals of sportsmanship and teamwork. The class will be broken into small groups by ability to ensure individualized attention from Bogans, Langley coaches and staff.

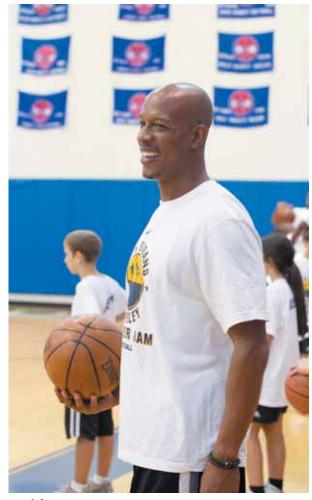
Bogans is currently a forward-guard for the NBA's Brooklyn Nets. Since he was first drafted to the NBA in 2003, Bogans has played for Orlando, Charlotte, Houston, Milwaukee, San Antonio and Chicago, appearing in more than 580 games, including more than 300 starts. A 1995 graduate of The Langley School who played basketball under Athletic Director Jim Gleason, Bogans went on to become a McDonald's and Parade All-American at DeMatha High School. At the University of Kentucky, he was

named SEC Player of the Year, First Team All-SEC, SEC Tournament MVP, and Third Team All-America during his distinguished college basketball career.

"We are thrilled to welcome Keith back to Langley for the third summer," says Coach Gleason, who remembers Bogans as being an extremely competitive, hardworking athlete with a great sense of humor. "We are so proud of all that he has achieved on the court and it has been wonderful for him to share his expertise with our students."

"Langley did so much for me, and it's fun to be able to give back in some way," says Bogans. "Langley was a true blessing to me. When I arrived in seventh grade, I struggled academically at first because the academics were so far ahead of what I was used to. But wonderful teachers worked with me and helped me turn the corner. I received an academic foundation and built habits at Langley that made school a lot easier for me from then on. Langley was a family—everyone knew and cared for each other."

Founded in 1942, The Langley School is an independent, coed day school for students in preschool through eighth grade. Situated on a 9.2-acre campus in McLean, the school reaches across multiple disciplines to discover, amplify and embrace the talents of every child, every day.



Keith Bogans

Wolf Announces Appointments to Nation's Service Academies

ep. Frank Wolf (R-10) announced the 10th District's Class of 2017 appointments to the nation's service academies, as well as those selected for Academy prep schools.

Those appointed to the United States Air Force Academy from our area include: Katherine Fitzgerald, Great Falls, Langley;

United States Marine Merchant Academy: Rachel Wehlburg, Herndon, Chantilly;

United States Military Academy: Phillip Grant, Herndon, Westfield; Patrick Kearney, McLean, Langley;

United States Naval Academy: Lucia Lee, Herndon, Thomas Jefferson; Catherine Macklin, McLean, Langley;

United States Coast Guard Academy: Alex LaBelle, Great Falls, Langley; Sierra Webb, Great Falls, Langley.

WEEK IN MCLEAN

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MPA is a non-profit visual arts center founded in 1962 to exhibit the work of emerging and established regional artists.

Shelter House to Present Volunteer Awards

Shelter House, Inc. will be hosting "Changing Lives Annual Meeting & Volunteer Awards" from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25, at the Capital One headquarters in McLean (1680 Capital One Drive, McLean). Light refreshments will be provided as the participants discuss the impact volunteers and programs have had over the last year and outline the vision for what is to come.

During the Volunteer Awards portion of the evening, Shelter House will recognize and thank those volunteers and partners who have helped to make Shelter House the premier organization in preventing and ending homelessness and domestic violence in Fairfax County. Attire is business casual. Individuals can register at the registration website:

http://shelterhouse.givezooks.com/

events/changing-lives-annual-meeting. There is no fee for attendance.

For more information about Shelter House visit www.shelterhouse.org.



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Tuesday July 9th 2013

@6:30 PM Greenberg Theater 4200 Wisconsin Ave, Washington,DC 20016



ENTERTAINMENT

announcements vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit www.connectionnewspapers.com

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 19

Juanes. 8 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Colombian-born Juanes built his musical appeal through Spanish-language songs featuring themes of peace and love, including "La Camisa Negra" and "La Señal." \$25-\$48. 1-877-965-3872 or http://www.wolftrap.org/ Filene_Center.aspx.

THURSDAY/JUNE 20

Billy Idol and Cat Power. 8 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Billy Idol comes to Wolf Trap for the first time, performing hits such as "Rebel Yell," "Dancing with Myself," and "White Wedding." Special guest Cat Power also performs. \$35-\$48. 1-877-965-3872 or http://www.wolftrap.org/ Filene_Center.aspx.

Nottoway Park Summer Concert

Series. 7:30-8:30 p.m., on Nottoway Park, 9357 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Albare, a jazz band, kicks off the free concert series; call after 6 p.m. for cancellation updates. 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ performances.

FRIDAY/JUNE 21

Opening Reception for Joan Marie

Giampa. 6-8 p.m., at The Red Caboose Gallery, 138 Church St. N.E. Vienna. Washington painter Joan Marie Giampa will be presenting her



most recent paintings at Vienna's Red Caboose Gallery, in her newest installation. 703-349-7178

Andrew Acosta String Band. 6:30 p.m., on Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Andrew Acosta is a traditional/roots/originals guitarist and singer from the Washington, D.C. area. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.gov/ index.aspx?NID=879.

The Tenors. 8 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. The four Canadian-based singers of The Tenors take a unique approach to classic and pop ballads such as "Hallelujah" and "Forever Young. \$25-\$48. 1-877-965-3872 or http:// www.wolftrap.org/

Filene_Center.aspx. **The Journey to Reims.** 8 p.m., The Barns, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Rossini's comedy is about a group of international travelers who converge on one tiny spa hotel en route to the coronation of Charles X; performed in Italian with English supertitles. \$35-\$85. http:// www.wolftrap.org/Barns.aspx

SATURDAY/JUNE 22

Elevation Burger Grand Opening. 11 a.m.-3 p.m., at 142 Branch Road

vices are at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for adults is at 9:30 a.m. and for children during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Youth Group for grades 7-12 meets Sundays at 6 p.m. A 20-minute service of Holy Communion is held each Wednesday

Agency (JSSA) offers a wide variety of support groups for those with lenges growth-learning.

HAVEN of Northern Virginia offers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly basis. Contact 703-941-7000 or www.havenofnova.org for schedules and registration information.

McLean Bible Church Fitness Class at Body & Soul Fitness. Balance is key, energy is renewed and strength is gained. 9:45 a.m. Mondays and Fridays. Free childcare for registered students. bodyandsoul@mcleanbible.org.

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, 1830 Kirby Road in McLean. The third Sunday service every month at 10:15 a.m. allows children to play active roles in the music and as greeters and ushers. Traditional services are every SunS.E.. Vienna. T-shirts for the first 200 guests, tastings, balloons and a ribbon-cutting ceremony with a donation to the Autism Society of Northern Virginia. 703-865-7277 or http://www.elevationburger.com/ EB.php.

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BSA Troop 152 80th Anniversary. 4-8 p.m., at Lake Fairfax Park, 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. The troop sponsored by the Vienna Presbyterian Church celebrates their 80th anniversary at a party open to current and former Scouts and adult leaders, RSVP. troop152.80thanniversary@gmail.com.

Sing-A-Long: Grease. 8:30 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. The remastered 1978 movie musical will be shown in its entirety, with lyrics, on huge screens in-house and on the lawn. \$20-\$38. 1-877-965-3872 or http:// www.wolftrap.org/ Filene Center.aspx.

SUNDAY/JUNE 23

The Journey to Reims. 3 p.m., The Barns, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Rossini's comedy is about a group of international travelers who converge on one tiny spa hotel en route to the

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coronation of Charles X; performed in Italian with English supertitles. \$35-\$85. http://www.wolftrap.org/ Barns.aspx.

The Tonics. 6:30 p.m., on Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. The Tonics cover everything from classic rock songs to popular hits. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.gov/ index.aspx?NID=879. **Happy Together Tour 2013**. 8 p.m.,

at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Flo & Eddie from The Turtles, Gary, Puckett & The Union Gap, Chuck Negron of Three Dog Night and Mark Lindsay of Paul Revere and the Raiders, Lewis & The Playboys come together to play hits from the 60's and 70's, \$25-\$42, 1-877-965-3872 or http://www.wolftrap.org/ Filene_Center.aspx.

MONDAY/JUNE 24

Steve Martin and The Steep Canyon Rangers ft. Edie Brickell. 8 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Actor/ comedian/musician Steve Martin tunes up for a performance with the Grammy Award-winning Steep Canyon Rangers and vocalist Edie Brickell. \$25-\$42. 1-877-965-3872 or http://www.wolftrap.org/Filene_Center.aspx.

TUESDAY/JUNE 25

Creole for Kidz and the History of Zydeco. 10:30 a.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna Grammy-winning artist Terrance Simien and his six-member band celebrate Mardi Gras style. introducing audiences to history of Louisiana Creole culture and zydeco music. \$10. http://

www.wolftrap.org/ Filene_Center.aspx

Counting Crows ft. The

Wallflowers. 7 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. California rockers the Counting Crows bring their indie pop-rock hits like "Mr. Jones," "Round Here," and "Color Blind" back to Wolf Trap. The Grammy Award-winning roots-rock band, The Wallflowers, also performs. \$35-\$48. 1-877-965-3872 or http://www.wolftrap.org.

Opera Learner's Permit: Rossini's "The Journey to Reims." 7:30-10 p.m., The Barns, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Wolf Trap Opera Company presents a family event featuring a two-hour performance, behind-the-scenes-interview feature, and the chance to meet the singers after the show. \$15; \$50 family 4-pack. Age 10 and older. http:// www.wolftrap.org/Opera.aspx.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 26

Creole for Kidz: History of Zydeco.

10:30 a.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Grammy-winning artist Terrance Simien and his sixmember band celebrate Mardi Gras style, introducing audiences to history of Louisiana Creole culture and zydeco music. \$10. http:// www.wolftrap.org/ Filene_Center.aspx

Jerry Garcia Symphonic

Celebration. 8:15 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Warren Haynes and the NSO celebrate the life and work of Jerry Garcia, founding member, singer, songwriter, and lead guitarist of Grateful Dead. \$22. http:// www.wolftrap.org/Home/ Find_Performances_and_Events/ Performance/13Filene/

- Faith Notes -

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to mclean@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls, offers three Sunday services and a host of musical, educational, outreach, and fellowship ministries to enrich spiritual growth. The services are: a 7:45 a.m. worship service without music; 9 a.m. worship service, children's chapel and children's choirs; 10 a.m. Sunday school and adult forum; and 11 a.m. worship service with adult choir. 703-759-2082

Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1545 Chain Bridge Road, McLean will start their new summer schedule June 23 with a 9 a.m. traditional service and a 10:30 a.m. contemporary service. Starting July 14 and continuing to Sept. 1, the contemporary service will be held at 9 a.m. and the traditional worship service will be at

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton, offers a rich and unique Religious Exploration (RE) program for all children, from pre-K toddlers through high school seniors, emphasizing exploration of all religious traditions while developing a personal spiritual path. Registration for the RE program, which offers classes on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings, is now open by calling 703-281-4230.

Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean, Sunday worship ser-

at noon. 703-356-3312 or umtrinity.org.

The Jewish Social Services emotional, social, and physical chal-

Vajrayogini Buddhist Center offers ongoing classes on meditation and Buddhist philosophy, Mondays at 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 1625 Wiehle Ave. \$10 per class. 202-331-2122 www.meditation-dc.org.

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Sports

Experiencing All-American Football Camp

Local players gain exposure to college coaches during camp and develop skills for football and life.

By Andrew Miner
The Connection

undreds of high school football players took the two fields at Flint Hill Upper School for the All-American Football Camp. There were participants, rising freshman, sophomores, juniors and seniors, from all across the mid-Atlantic region including Delaware, Ohio and the Carolinas. They came and stayed through the varying weather conditions of desert heats and gushing rains to put in the effort and get better.

Over four hours of grueling position workouts, offensive and defensive drills, and one-on-one they commanded the respect of the numerous collegiate coaches in attendance. There were even two representatives from the Washington Redskins who helped coach the offensive and defensive lineman. Over the past two years, over 100 athletes who have attended the camp are playing NCAA football, including 48 who received Division I scholarships in 2012.

Among those who have received a football scholarship is Lake Braddock quarterback Caleb Henderson. The 230 pound, 6-foot-4 North Carolina Tar Heel commit joked about turf toe and always vocally celebrated enthusiastically when anyone made a big catch down the sideline during the one-on-ones, no matter who threw it.

IT WAS UNCERTAIN whether or not Henderson would be able to attend the camp; however, he said that it was because of coach Kavanaugh that he came. "This camp is really fun, I'm glad I came out today," said Henderson. "I was debating whether to come because I just came back from the Elite 11 in Ohio yesterday, but I haven't see coach K in a while. He's a great guy and I like him a lot."

Another player who did not escape the attention of Kavanaugh was Centerville's linebacker Chad Wiggins who runs a 4.67 forty, stands 6-foot-1 and weighs 230 pounds and is a top linebacker in the Northern Virginia region. Wiggins' favorite part about being a linebacker is, of course, getting to hit people. Wiggins also loves the "exposure of the camp ... hanging with these guys and ... show[ing] off what you've been working hard for." The Linebacker MVP of the camp, Wiggins is considering Virginia Tech, yet wants to enjoy his senior season at Centerville first, looking forward to "winning a state championship next year"



The cornerbacks practice their footwork during specific position instruction.



The rising Lake Braddock senior Caleb Henderson rockets a pass downfield during an offensive drill.



Wiggins (left) defends Clover Hill HS tight end Chase Stanley (right) during a one-on-one drill.



DeMatha offensive lineman Devante Fox (center) lets out a victory yell after successfully protecting his dummy quarterback in a drill.



Jacob Atkinson, from East Christian Academy (DE), holds up motivational speaker Randy Beeman's "Character Bricks." Each brick represented a different value; yet those values are dependent on a solid foundation.

Before the camp ended and the sky opened up there was what the players took as the greatest drill of them all: the trenches. Here defensive and offensive linemen battled mano a mano in a simulation where a tackling dummy is used as the quarterback. The goal is to either protect or attack. DeMatha's offensive lineman Devante Fox dominated this drill and the one time he was beat, sparking impromptu trash talk from his opponent. Fox silently answered with a swirl of his finger and pummeled his overmatched defender to the floor the next time around.

IN THE FINAL CAMP MEETING at midfield, Kavanaugh introduced pastor and Kansas University's character coach Randy Beeman to the group. Beeman stressed the importance for young athletes to have their lives in order, to prioritize and become men of character. He focused on the usefulness of a guide, citing the Bible as his, and then asked for a volunteer and for examples of traits that men of character have. The volunteer was Jacob Atkinson and with each trait, integrity, trustworthiness, honesty, respect, and hence forth, Beeman place a brick in Atkinson's hand. The student from East Christian Academy in Delaware and the camp MVP held each five-stacked bricks before it became unstable and they fell to the turf. The moral was to provide a realization that even having these traits of character was meaningless without a solid foundation. A foundation, both Beeman and Kavanaugh hope, that can lead to success long after football.

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