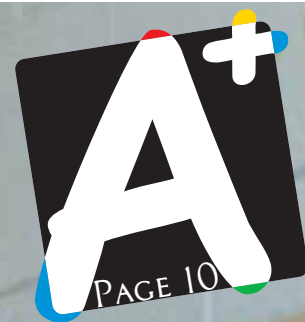


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Longfellow Principal Wins State Award

Carole Kihm named Outstanding Middle School Principal by VASSP.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

Carole Kihm, principal at Longfellow Middle School, remembers her love for educating children and pre-teens when she was in high school.

Her lifelong love for education paid off when she was named Outstanding Middle School Principal of Virginia by the Virginia Association of Secondary School Principals earlier this year.

"This is my absolute favorite job," she said. "I have the ability to impact the life of a student or family every single day, and it's an exciting place to be."

She said that during her first year as Longfellow's principal seven years ago, she turned around test scores in a major way. The school did not make Adequate Yearly Progress that summer, she said.

"As principal, you just come in and feel everything out that first year, but I had to really come in and make some changes," she said.

THE FOLLOWING YEAR, every one of the criteria measures were in the 90s, she



PHOTO BY REENA SINGH/THE CONNECTION

Longfellow Middle School Principal Carole Kihm is named Outstanding Middle School Principal of Virginia.

said.

Kihm believes the award is not just for her - it's also for the students, teachers and parents that make the school a successful place to learn and a fun place to be.

In addition to her position as principal, she has served as an assistant principal, counselor and high school teacher. She and her husband Ed moved around a lot. One of her positions was in Germany, she said.

She received her award last week during a conference. She met with the award recipients from every state and learned how

many schools - just like her own - educate their students well despite budget cuts and staffing shortfalls.

"It was such a great collaboration among the 50 states," she said.

As a former teacher, she relishes the opportunity to work with students. She has a 30-person Chesterbrook Assisted Living Club weekly for students to visit the community. Once a month, she holds "Pizza with the Principal" after school to get feedback about what students love about the school and what they would change about it. When

she's not communicating with students, she is giving feedback to teachers.

"I'm in the classrooms 85 percent of the time," she said.

IN PAST YEARS, Kihm headed the middle school principals' association, where she got to know Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Karen Garza well. Garza came to support her last week when Kihm received recognition for the award.

"Carole is a student-centered innovative education leader who has developed a strong school community at Longfellow Middle School," said Garza. "We are fortunate to have her as a friend and colleague in Fairfax and congratulate her on this well-deserved recognition."

Chief of Staff Marty Smith has also worked with Kihm directly and was impressed by her drive.

"Carole has done an exemplary job as principal at Longfellow Middle School," he said. "Since being named FCPS First-Year Principal of the Year in 2009, Carole has been recognized and heralded for her collaborative team building and innovation."

While Kihm is excited about the award, she was especially excited the reception was nearby in Arlington. While many of the principals she met had to fly across the country, she just got back in her car. She was ready to come back to work.

"I get up at 4:30 every morning and, really, I'm like a little kid again," she said. "I can't wait to get here."

Neighbors Feeding Neighbors 5K

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

Approximately 5 percent of the people who live within Northern Virginia's boundaries, 90,000 people, struggle with poverty.

This is according to local nonprofit Food for Others.

Food for Others is creating a 5K to bring Tysons together as a community and raise money through the Neighbors Feeding Neighbors Tysons 5K Race held Oct. 19.

"We're the largest distributor for free food in the Northern Virginia area that goes directly to individuals and families," said Food for Others Executive Director Roxanne Rice. "We have distributed 2 million pounds of food last year to our neighbors in need."

She said the nonprofit is raising money to fill a \$60,000 hole in their budget after the Help the Homeless walk, organized by Fannie Mae, was discontinued.



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A volunteer works in the Food for Others warehouse.

Most of the food is donated, but money is still needed to transport it in trucks, pay for gas and have leverage to attract donors and volunteers.

With a little more than a month until the

inaugural race, 32 people have signed up so far.

"People usually wait until a week or two beforehand," said Sarah Crump with Food for Others. "However, we're hoping to get

Oct. 19 inaugural race to boost community spirit.

100 to 300 people."

She plans to attend local races to advertise, in the meantime.

"We have no goal this year, money-wise," she said. "We're just trying to break even this year, so it's wonderful that we have some great sponsors."

Race Chairperson and Food for Others board member Sara Singmaster said Food for Others mission in a wealthy urban center like Tysons Corner is important.

"There's so much success in Tysons and in Northern Virginia, but there are people struggling every day to put food on the table," she said.

Race registration is \$35 plus a \$3 processing fee. Those who sign up a week and a half before the race will also get a race t-shirt by the day of the race. According to their website, those who register on race day will be able to pick up a race t-shirt at a later date.

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The Regal Beagle performs onstage at the Silver Line Music and Food Truck Fest.

Silver Line Music and Food Truck Festival

Inaugural gets rained on, not rained out.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

A little rain didn't deter hundreds of locals from trekking out to Tysons for a new festival last weekend.

The Silver Line Music and Food Truck Fest became more crowded when the downpour turned into a drizzle.

"We heard from Metro that there's a fair amount of turnout from the Silver Line," said Tysons Partnership Assistant to the Director Drew Sunderland. "Our goal is to continue to build momentum."

More than a dozen food trucks from throughout the D.C. metro area fed hungry festival-goers. Visitors had their pick of anything from pizza to Vietnamese cuisine.

Additionally, seven bands rocked the stage from noon until 9 p.m., with many of the visitors coming in later to see Love Canon and Green River Ordinance.

"This was a Living Social deal, and I thought it would be fun to come," said Vanessa Maldonado, Centreville.

Maldonado brought some of her friends, who enjoyed the beer after the rain began to clear.

"I think the weather didn't help," said Barbara Vazquez, Vienna, referring to the lack of people in the afternoon.

Sunderland believed the event was successful for an inaugural festival.

"I think it's great," he said. "We have a lot of people having fun even after the rain."

He said the diversity of people there, ranging from families to groups of friends, reflects the type of the event Tysons Partnership wanted to create.

Local Phil Brune, owner of Brunescapes, lived in



People line up at food trucks for late lunch at the Silver Line Music and Food Truck Fest.

Tysons Corner for 10 years and was excited that there are more festivals being planned this year.

"Next week, I'll be going to the beer festival," he said. "There's not a lot of entertainment in the area."

He said that the festival should continue to keep their prices low if it becomes an annual event. This year, an all-day ticket was \$12 in advance and \$15 onsite.

"I think it's good," said Brune. "I hope they don't give up after one try."

Robert Kettler Elected to the Tysons Partnership Board

Robert Kettler was elected to a seat on the Board of the Tysons Partnership, an association of citizen and business organizations working with local government to transform Tysons into America's next great city. Tysons Partnership was founded by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in 2011 to help facilitate the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan for the Development of Tysons. Governed by a 32-member Board, the Partnership is engaged in matters pertaining to land use, sustainability, quality of life, urban design, transportation, finance and marketing.

Kettler is one of the largest diversified real estate companies in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area. Its headquarters is in Tysons. Bob Kettler has developed over 5 million square feet of commercial space, nearly 50,000 homes in 30+ master-planned communities and many of the region's premier mixed-use developments. The National Association of Home Builders honored Mr. Kettler as Developer of the Year in 1986. He also received the Building Industry Association's Monument Lifetime Achievement Award in 2006.

For more information about Tysons Partnership, contact Michael Caplin, Executive Director: macaplin@tysonspartnership.org.

Super H 5K Race to Benefit Adaptive Athletes

MedStar National Rehabilitation Network will host the 11th annual Super H 5K Run, Walk & Wheel on Sunday, Sept. 21 for runners, walkers and adaptive athletes. The event begins and ends at the Sport & Health Club in Tysons Corner (8250 Greensboro Dr., McLean).

All proceeds from the race support MedStar NRH's adaptive sports programs. These programs enable athletes with disabilities to compete in various sports such as wheelchair basketball, wheelchair tennis, sled hockey, quad rugby, sit volleyball, hand cycling and rowing.

Funds raised from the Super H race have recently helped the MedStar NRH wheelchair basketball team place sixth in the national wheelchair basketball tournament and allowed an adaptive rower to go to Korea for the International Paralympic Games.

Registration begins at 7 a.m., and the race begins at 8 a.m. The post-race party begins at 9 a.m., with refreshments from Paolo's Ristorante in Reston and Munchiez in Georgetown. This year the party will have live music by acoustic guitarist Timmie Metz.

The race registration fee is \$45. For more information and to register online, go to: MedStarNRH.org/SuperH5K. Or call Leslie Concha at 202-877-1781.

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OPINION

Protecting Those Threatened by Domestic Violence

September marks 20th Anniversary of Violence Against Women Act.

BY GERRY CONNOLLY
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE (D-IL)

This month marks the 20th anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) – landmark legislation in which our nation committed new prevention and response resources so that our mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends would no longer have to suffer in silence through domestic abuse.

Though meaningful progress has been realized, domestic violence continues to be a real and troubling challenge in our communities. Far too many of us have been touched by domestic violence in one way or another. According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, an estimated 1.3 million women are victims each year, and one in every four women will experience such violence

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in their lifetime.

Just last year, Turning Points, the only domestic violence intervention program in Prince William County, served 6,000 clients. In Fairfax County there were more than 8,000 incidents reported, and we have seen a 40 percent increase in homelessness due to domestic violence.

This is why I was so disappointed when the House Republican majority blocked a bipartisan modernization of VAWA for 18 months before relenting last year. The Senate passed the bill in a strong and bipartisan 78-22 vote, but some House Republicans objected because they did not want to extend protections to Native Americans, LGBT Americans, and immigrants. Thankfully, House leadership finally put aside this obstructionism and ultimately allowed the House to pass the improved VAWA bill, which I and an overwhelming number of Democrats supported.

Thanks to VAWA, we have strengthened and expanded critical protections for all victims of domestic violence and enhanced our nation's criminal justice response. Specifically, VAWA has instituted stricter sentencing guidelines for repeat federal sex crime offenders and pro-

vided resources to tribal, local, and state law enforcement communities to address violent crimes against women. In addition, VAWA funds specialized training for 500,000 law enforcement officers, prosecutors, judges, and other personnel every year. The National Domestic Violence Hotline, which responds to more than 22,000 urgent calls for help every month, also was created under VAWA.

The updated VAWA is renewing our successful partnerships with local nonprofits and law enforcement agencies. It is improving protections for underserved communities, particularly immigrants and victims of human trafficking. And of particular importance for helping victims through the recovery process, the new bill is expanding housing assistance and providing support regardless of sexual orientation.

Sadly, recent events in the news demonstrate that although we have made great progress, as a community we must remain vigilant in protecting those threatened by domestic violence. Please know that I will continue to push Congress to maintain and expand the investments needed to support these critical programs in our community and continue to be a voice of support to those who might otherwise not speak up for themselves.

School Board Ready to Tackle Fiscal Challenges

BY TAMARA DERENAK KAUFAX
CHAIRMAN, FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as the chairman of Fairfax County School Board for the 2014-15 school year. My colleagues on the board and I – working closely with our superintendent, Dr. Karen Garza – have an ambitious agenda for the year ahead. Our top priority remains adequate funding for our schools at both the state and county levels. State support for education remains at unacceptable levels and we will continue to work with our county Board of Supervisors to provide our schools with an adequate level of financial support when the state fails to do its job. As a consensus builder, I will continue to urge the School Board to work in partnership with the Board of Supervisors to find solutions to our budget dilemma.

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We have already taken steps to build a stronger relationship with the Board of Supervisors. This past year, Dr. Garza provided a new level of transparency in the budget process by meeting with the Board of Supervisors and other community leaders, conducting listening tours in each of the magisterial districts, and developing the Citizens Guide to Understanding the Budget, all of which were well received by the supervisors and the community. Our boards have already met jointly in September to outline our fiscal forecasts. In addition, we have established the Joint Budget Development Committee composed of three supervisors and three School Board members. The committee will review budget factors impacting Fiscal Year 2016 and provide guidance to both boards. The committee will deliver a report to both boards

before the County Executive presents his Advertised Budget and before the superintendent presents her Proposed Budget in early 2015. Last year, the county and School Board created the joint Infrastructure Financing Committee to review the facilities needs of both FCPS and the county. The committee report released earlier this year resulted in an additional \$13 million that will be invested each year beginning in FY 2016 for school infrastructure upgrades. I will continue to encourage this kind of collaboration to build trust and realistic expectations for the supervisors, the school board, and the community.

In the next few weeks we plan to make a final decision regarding school start times for the 2015-16 school year. Superintendent Garza made her recommendation to the board at a meeting in early September. We will provide the community with sufficient time to comment on the proposal before we take final action at our Oct. 23 meeting. As you may recall, the School Board adopted a resolution in April 2012 with the stated goal to start high schools after 8 a.m. The board subsequently hired Children's National Medical Center to serve as consultants to develop a plan to achieve that goal. CNMC developed four options. Those options were taken to the community in a series of eight public meetings held in May and June. After analyzing the feedback from parents and the community, CNMC made their recommendation and, based on school board direction, Option 3 is the framework being used to develop a final recommendation for school board consideration. I invite you to learn more at www.fcps.edu.

Other new initiatives include the FCPS Por-

trait of a Graduate, which will serve as a foundation on which to build a long-range strategic plan for FCPS. Once a strategic plan is in place with a direct and clear vision for our schools, our work will be very focused and the outcome will be improved student achievement for every student.

We have had great success with our launch of full day Mondays for our elementary students. The community is very supportive of the change which will increase instructional time for students and dedicated planning time for teachers. Beginning this school year, we also have a new standard school calendar in place that eliminates the need to make up inclement weather days at the end of the school year, if fewer than 13 days are missed.

The Bailey's Upper Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences opened Sept. 2 with a community ribbon-cutting celebration scheduled for Oct. 15. This new school was converted from a five-story office building on Leesburg Pike and will solve the overcrowding problems that have plagued Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences. Under the leadership of one principal, the new campus houses grades 3-5 while the existing campus remains home to preschoolers through second graders.

The start of a new school year is always an exciting time for students, parents and teachers. As chairman, I pledge to maintain and build upon the excellence for which our schools are known. Working with our state elected officials, supervisors, superintendent and other stakeholders, I am confident that we can solve our most pressing problems while continuing to offer a world-class education for our families. Have a safe and productive school year.

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Board of Supervisors Approves 2015 Revised Budget Plan

FCPS full-day Mondays at discussion forefront.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

When students at the 142 public elementary schools around Fairfax County stayed there the full day on Monday — the first time in about four decades — they likely weren't worried about the cost. That's between the School Board and Board of Supervisors.

On June 26 this year, the School Board voted 10-1 in favor of banning early-dismissal Mondays. Then the Board of Supervisors followed suit at its Sept. 9 meeting, passing the fiscal year 2015 Revised Budget Plan 8-2, that includes continued budget "guidance" from the FY 2014 carry-over that would help "accommodate" the school change into the 2015-2016 school year.

The county would offer additional money to the schools to help cover the cost of full-day Mondays for both the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years, as well as tentatively extend a three percent increase in the transfer. Both of which would factor into the next school budget.

Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova introduced the line-up of speakers slated to address the board regarding the 2014 carry-over. According to the July 29 review package, that amount is a "non-recurring balance" of \$11.22 million.

CO-PRESIDENT of the League of Women Voters Helen Kelly led off describing the effects of new voting equipment funded by the carry-over. Receiving the \$3.5 million in 2015 rather than 2016, she said, would not only increase training opportunity for 2016 election day volunteers and thereby potentially reduce lines for the presidential election, but afford a \$2.5 budget savings in that same year.

Chief Fairfax County public defender Todd Petit followed, making a case "for the first time" for the county to supplement public defenders' salaries. "We are state employees," said Petit, "as is the Sheriff and all of her employees. As are all the magistrates, commonwealth attorneys. This board has supplemented, historically, and continues to supplement those offices today."

Bulova responded in her motioning that the defenders' salaries are a state matter,

and that the board would refer Petit's request to the county's legislative committee.

"It is a real problem," Mount Vernon Supervisor Gerry Hyland said, "if we want our criminal justice system to work for those who can not afford counsel. Hopefully we'll have success at the state level."

In all, Bulova made one further funding adjustment and two additional motions. The former included \$535,000 in

"The fact is we are giving the schools more money for an item that wasn't considered important enough to put into their budget request last spring."

— Supervisor Michael Frey (R-Sully)

various environmental initiatives — applauded my several faith-based activists present, such as Scott Peterson of the Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions.

She then motioned for approval of a one-time funding of \$179,000 to support master site analysis and area use recommendation study for Lake Accotink Park. And then came matter of support for FCPS implementing full-day Mondays.

Funded by a salary placeholder of \$7.6 million (from the school board), with an additional \$600,000 (county supplement), the proposal would bankroll the extra class time. The allocations include increasing health services, changes to School Age Child Care (SACC) and projected losses from changes to recreation and nature centers that would lose Monday programming.

Language in the motion caused Providence Supervisor Linda Smyth to question the amount of latitude being given to the School Board.

"That \$7.6 million is a very round guesstimate," said Smyth. "The schools are saying they think it's going to be less than



PHOTO BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

Braddock Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) addresses the Board of Supervisors on Sept. 9.

that — they just don't know how much yet. How long does this go on? Every year are we going to be paying for full-day Mondays again?"

But other supervisors clarified the estimating was a necessary evil and meant as a bridge to reaching the 2015-2016 budget-planning.

"Once we get to next year's budget," said Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay, "we're going to be weighing this against everything else. This is singularly one of the most important things they could've done."

Sully Supervisor Michael Frey was similarly frustrated with the way the motion reflected on the board itself, with respect to credibility.

"The fact is we are giving the schools more money for an item that wasn't considered important enough to put into their budget request last spring," Frey said. "We're re-

warding behavior I think is simply picking and choosing what they think is most popular at the moment."

THE MAJORITY SENTIMENT, however, was that the School Board amending its budget request, partially as a result of the excessive snow days last winter, was unique timing, justified and necessary.

"This is guidance at this point in time," said Springfield Supervisor Pat Herrity. "I can support it as guidance. But this is a decision, basically, that increased their structural deficit. We'll have to look at it. It was the right thing to do, I'm happy we did it, but it increased the structural deficit."

Hunter Mill Supervisor Cathy Hudgins echoed the team, role-playing sentiment. She said, "That is the most difficult part for us: We say in one breath that they set their own policy. And we fund it. We're not setting their policy. They're now ready to do it, but it is their process."

PRIOR to the public hearing on the budget plan amendment, Bulova opened the day with a slate of formal recognitions and proclamations. The first group recognized was the Guardians of the Ribbon, Pink Heals Tour.

This love-based initiative led by Dave Graybill has brought a fire truck, police car and tour bus — all head-to-toe pink — to 440 cities across the U.S. to bring the needs of women and families in particular in line with community funds. "I give this to you; it's why we don't take donations," said Graybill.

Among other proclamations was the designation of the week of Sept. 8-14 as Suicide Prevention Week in Fairfax County. Supervisor John C Cook (R-Braddock) raised the issue.

"There were 150 suicides in Fairfax County last year," said Cook. "You compare that to homicides, where there's usually about 14-15. That's one almost every other day. Not every one makes the newspapers, but every single one represents a life that didn't have to be lost. The good news is we have a lot of people, organizations that are doing a lot of good work in prevention."

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Noor Naveed hopes to become the first person in her family to graduate from college. After graduating from NOVA, she transferred to George Mason University.



PHOTO COURTESY OF AMY ZUASO
Amy Zuaso became the first person in her family to graduate from college. She says the guaranteed admission agreements at NOVA allowed her to complete her associate's degree and transfer to her dream school: James Madison University.

A Different Path to a 4-year Degree

NOVA's Guaranteed Admissions Program gives students opportunities to attend their dream schools.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Noor Naveed immigrated to the United States from Pakistan with her family shortly after the 9/11 attacks. The family settled in Northern Virginia and, years later, Naveed graduated from Hayfield Secondary School in Alexandria. She dreams of becoming the first person in her family to graduate from college.

"My mother was forced to drop out of junior high and at 32 got her GED. I just knew that there wasn't anyone in my immediate family who had graduated from college and was determined to be the first person," said Naveed. "I knew I wanted to [go to] George Mason because I didn't want loans and I knew I could pay for George Mason out of pocket."

Naveed used Northern Virginia Community College's Guaranteed Admissions Program to complete her associate of arts degree and is now finishing a bachelor's degree in criminology, law and society at George Mason University in Fairfax.

"Counselors were great at telling me what classes I should take so they would transfer," she said. "Almost all of my classes transferred."

NOVA's admissions agreements guarantee current and future NOVA students who earn associate degrees admission to more than 40 four-year colleges and universities.

Students do have to meet certain academic requirements, such as earning a minimum grade point average, in order to be accepted into their chosen four-year colleges.

"It's very beneficial to the students because before these agreements, there weren't any perimeters as to what it takes to be admitted to universities," said Julia Brown, coordinator for transfer policy at Northern Virginia Community College. "As long as you have a certain GPA, the guaranteed admission agreement takes all of the guess work out of whether you will qualify. It is a huge relief. ... Students don't want to waste money or time by taking a class that isn't needed."

NOVA officials say that popular majors include engineering, nursing, computer science and general studies.

For example, a student can earn an associates degree in engineering from NOVA then transfer to Virginia Tech's College of Engineering or the University of Virginia's School of Engineering and Applied Science. A student who might be unsure of the major he plans to pursue can earn a general studies degree and then transfer to George Mason University.

George Mason University, University of Virginia and Virginia Tech are the top transfer schools for NOVA graduates.

"The [Guaranteed Admission



PHOTO COURTESY OF NOVA
NOVA Community students can earn admission to more than 40 colleges and universities through the school's guaranteed admission agreements.

Agreement] program allowed me to complete my associate's degree close to home. The GAA gave me the opportunity to transfer to my dream school, James Madison University, with ease and with no debt," said Amy Zuaso, a first year advising specialist at NOVA. "At NOVA, I met with a JMU transfer representative that informed me about a full ride scholarship program, The Centennial Scholars Program, that I applied for and was awarded. Start-

ing at NOVA first and using the GAA helped me graduate from a four-year school and to be the first person in my family to graduate from college."

Zuaso is now completing an online Master's Degree in counseling at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va.

THE PROGRAM WAS CREATED after the release of a workforce trends report prepared by George Mason University's Center for Regional Analysis showed professional, scientific, technical and health care fields as the key sources of new net job growth in Northern Virginia from 2010 to 2020.

"The GAA is designed to offer students a seamless transfer process," said Darren Troxler, associate dean of admissions and chief transfer officer at George Mason University. "Students who meet all of the requirements for GAA admission are not only guaranteed transfer admission to Mason, but are considered juniors for class standing, registration and financial aid purposes, and are considered to have completed the

Mason Core, our lower-level general education requirement."

Troxler says another advantage to GAA enrollment is the significant cost savings for students and parents. "There is a \$271.00 per credit hour differential in tuition rates between Mason and NOVA for Virginia residents," he said. "Students will realize a significantly lower debt burden by taking advantage of the Virginia Community College System."

Portrait of a Graduate Discussed

By REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

The heart of the school system's new strategic plan is closer to being approved.

The Fairfax County School Board discussed the five component Portrait of a Graduate - with some asking for a component emphasizing a caring quality - at Monday's work session. "We haven't truly captured what we're trying to say with 'goal-directed,'" said Mason District board member Sandy Evans.

She and a handful of other board members felt the last component, "Goal-directed and resilient" came across as cut-throat. She said the word "caring" needed to be in the heading of the component because character ethics is a priority.

THE FIVE COMPONENTS for the Portrait of a Graduate that was created for approval are Communicator, Collaborator, Global Citizen, Creative and Critical Thinker in addition to Goal-Directed and Resilient Individual.

"You can be all of these things and be a horrible human being," said Braddock District board member Megan McLaughlin.

She said her reason for needing the heading's name change stemmed from her social work background.

"It's one of the most important things we can do, create a young person who cares," she said.

Hunter Mill District board member Pat Hynes agreed that the name sounded "pushy."

"It's really all about ambition - that's what it comes across as sounding," she said.

Portrait of a Graduate was announced by Superintendent Dr. Karen Garza last October during an education summit. Since then, stakeholders have sent in a flurry of comments on what the final product should look like.

"We've had hundreds and hundreds of people submit feedback to the committee," she said. "It resonates with a lot of people."

Even retired teachers, she said, have supported the measure.

Part of the new FCPS strategic plan.

FCPS Chief of Staff Marty Smith showed a video about the importance of the five components for a students and what type of student they want graduating from the school system.

"This is what we call the heart of the strategic plan," he said.

Smith said that Portrait looks at skills even the youngest students might need when they graduate. In addition, he said that everyone, including himself, could identify with the qualities they need to be good at school, their job and their life.

"It's not changing the 'what,'" said Garza. "It's changing the 'how.'"

She said she wants to honor the committee's work by keeping most of the wording, but there could be some room to put the word "caring" into the last component's heading.

Several other board members felt that changing the wording was not necessary.

"We're at the Queen Elsa moment where we need to just let it go," said at large board member Ryan McElveen.

Springfield District board member Elizabeth Schultz felt that the words "goal-directed" were being misconstrued. While other members felt that it was pressuring students to become world leaders, Schultz said goals are different from person to person depending on their situation, whether that means having a 4.9 Grade Point Average or dressing themselves.

"Having goals isn't a bad thing," she said. "Being resilient isn't a bad thing."

BOARD CHAIRMAN Tamara Derenak Kaufax encouraged those unhappy with the name to submit amendments by the end of the week. The board is scheduled to vote on the proposal at the next School Board meeting Sept. 18.

The components for Portrait of a Graduate can be found at [http://www.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/files/9NNHVC4A210A/\\$file/POG%20Chart%20FINAL.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/files/9NNHVC4A210A/$file/POG%20Chart%20FINAL.pdf).

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Great Falls Rotary Club. 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. River Bend Country Club, 375 Walker Road, Great Falls. Weekly meeting and speaker series. If interested in joining, visit <http://www.rotarygreatfalls.org>.

Artists Meet for Coffee. 8:30 - 10 a.m. Katie's Coffeehouse, Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Local artists get together for weekly coffee. Drop in.

Adventures in Learning Classes Open House. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Rd, Oakton. Visit the Open House and learn more about classes you can attend on a variety of topics of interest. Tuition: \$40. Visit <http://www.scov.org/> for more info. Ages 50+.

Reading Buddies. 4:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Grab a book, grab a buddy! Beginning readers and teens practice reading together.

Evening Book Group. 7:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Call branch at 703-757-8560 for book title.

Classic Books Discussion Group. 1 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Join writer/scholar Amanda Holmes Duffy for a discussion of A House for Mr. Biswas by V.S. Naipaul. Adults and teens.

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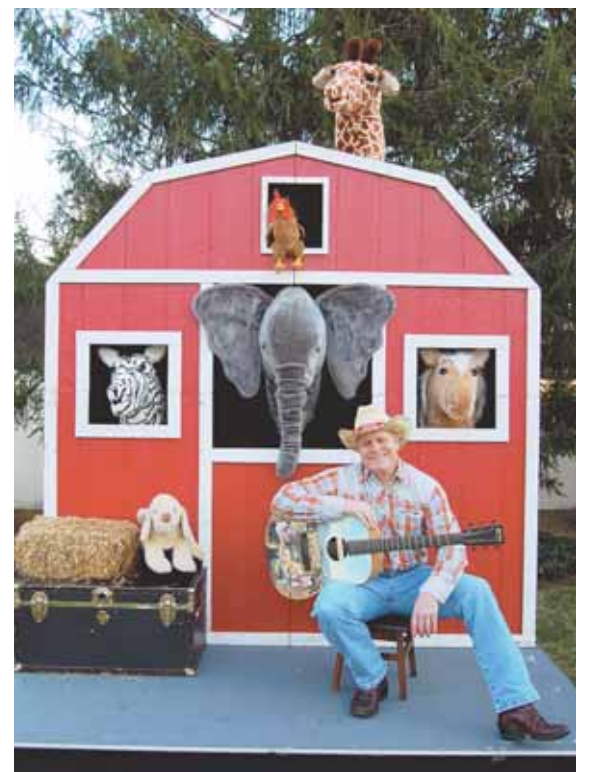
Oakton Book Discussion Group. 7 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Come and join Oakton's book discussion group. We will discuss The Woman Upstairs by Claire Messud. Adults.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 19

**McLean American Association of University Women
45th Annual Used Book Sale.** 9 a.m.-7 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. Open to the public. www.mcleancenter.org or 703-790-0123.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 19 - SATURDAY/SEPT. 20

St. John the Beloved Annual Fall Festival. Friday: 6-10 p.m. Saturday: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. St. John the Beloved, 6420



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No Better Off. 5 - 7 p.m. The Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean. Outdoor alternative rock music. Free. 703-288-9505.

Colonial Autumn Chores. 1 - 4 p.m. The Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Help the colonial farm family prepare for winter with their autumn chores. Learn to spin wood for yarn, help preserve the last of the garden's bounty, clear brush from fields, stack wood for the hearth, help repair old fencing or participate in other 18th century farm tasks. Regular admission: \$3 adults, \$2 children and senior citizens. Complimentary admission with farm membership. Weather permitting call 703-903-9330 day of event.

Walk for Mental Health! 9:30 a.m. Tysons Corner Center. Join "NAMIWalks Northern Virginia" National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI) Northern Virginia provides local education/support programs at no cost to individuals living with a mental health condition and family members. More information at www.NAMI-NorthernVirginia.org.

Fall into the Garden: Tour the Salvia and Herb Garden. 10 - 11 a.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Enjoy the beautiful colors of fall while touring the Salvia and Herb Garden with Tammy Burke, Senior Horticulturist. Learn about plants that will make your autumn garden glow. http://www.nvrpa.org/park/meadowlark_botanical_gardens/events

SUNDAY/SEPT. 21

Super H 5k Run, Walk and Wheel. 7 a.m. Sport & Health Club, 8250 Greensboro Drive, McLean. Proceeds from the race will support MedStar NHH's adaptive sports programs, which enable adaptive to participate in paralympic sports. \$35. 202-887-1781 or www.medstarhealth.org/SuperH5K.

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MONDAY, SEPT. 22

Tiny Tots. 10:30 a.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Avenue, McLean. Head on over to Dolley Madison for an exciting storytime featuring stories, rhymes and songs. Ages 13-23 months with an adult.

Kids Book Club. 5:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Ages 8 and up. The Book of Three by Lloyd Alexander.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 23

Colvin Run Tuesday Dance for Everyone. 6:30-10 p.m. Colvin Run Community Hall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Come participate in weekly dance lessons ranging

from 'Dance of the Month to Generl with Hustle, Shug, Latin and more. Admissions: \$12. 703-435-5620 or Ed Cottrell, EdCottrell@MACP.org.

Great Falls Writer's Group. 7-9 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Author Pamela Palmer discusses her newest book, "Wulfe Untamed," with the GFWG while the audience engages in intellectual stimulation and interesting dialogue. Come for a light potluck dinner at 7. Free admissions. Call 703-757-8560 for more info.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 24

Jammin' Juniors Vanessa Trien and the Jumping Monkeys. 12:30 p.m. McLean Central Park Gazebo, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd, McLean. Free admission. www.mcleancenter.org or 703-790-0123.

Fall Color Magic. 10:30 a.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Avenue, McLean. Discover the wonders of fall! Presented by Riverbend Park. Cosponsored by the Friends of Dolley Madison Library. Age 2-5 with adult. You can make arrangements for sign language interpreters, listening systems, or real-time captioning by calling the library at 703-356-0770.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 26

Old Firehouse Teen Center Friday Field Trips. 3:30-10 p.m. Trip will depart from OFTC, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Virginia State Fair. Prices vary based on activity. www.mcleancenter.org or 703-790-0123.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 27

Welcome the Change of Season Harvest Happenings. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. \$5. www.mcleancenter.org or 703-790-0123.

McLean Community Center's Annual Harvest Happening Festival. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. General admission is \$5 at the door; admission is free for children up to 36 months old. Piglets, chickens, goats and guinea pigs are just a few of the many farm animals young children ages 3-8 will be able to see and/or touch.

"The Emperor's New Clothes." 2 p.m. The Alden, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, inside the McLean Community Center. Tickets are \$15 for the general public and \$10 for McLean tax district residents. Hans Christian Andersen's classic fable takes on a whole new dimension as it is transformed with an all-animal cast.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 28

Friends of MCC Reception to Celebrate 50 Years of Service. 2-4 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. Free admission. www.mcleancenter.org or 703-790-0123.

Amadeus Orchestra with the Silver-Garburg Piano Duo. 4 p.m. Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Amadeus Concerts welcomes back the exciting Silver-Garburg Piano Duo for the first concert of the 2014-2015 season. Tickets \$30 and may be purchased at the door or online at <http://www.amadeusconcerts.com>. Students 17 and under are admitted free of charge.

FAITH NOTES

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

The Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road, Vienna, is inviting the community to hear guest speaker Dr. Randall Terrill on Sunday, Sept. 21st and 28th at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Dr. Terrill has served as Lead Pastor at church in Missouri, Texas and Kansas. His Doctorate is in Family Counseling and Psychology. Childcare is available at all services and more information can be found at <http://www.antiochdoc.org/> or by calling 703-938-6753.

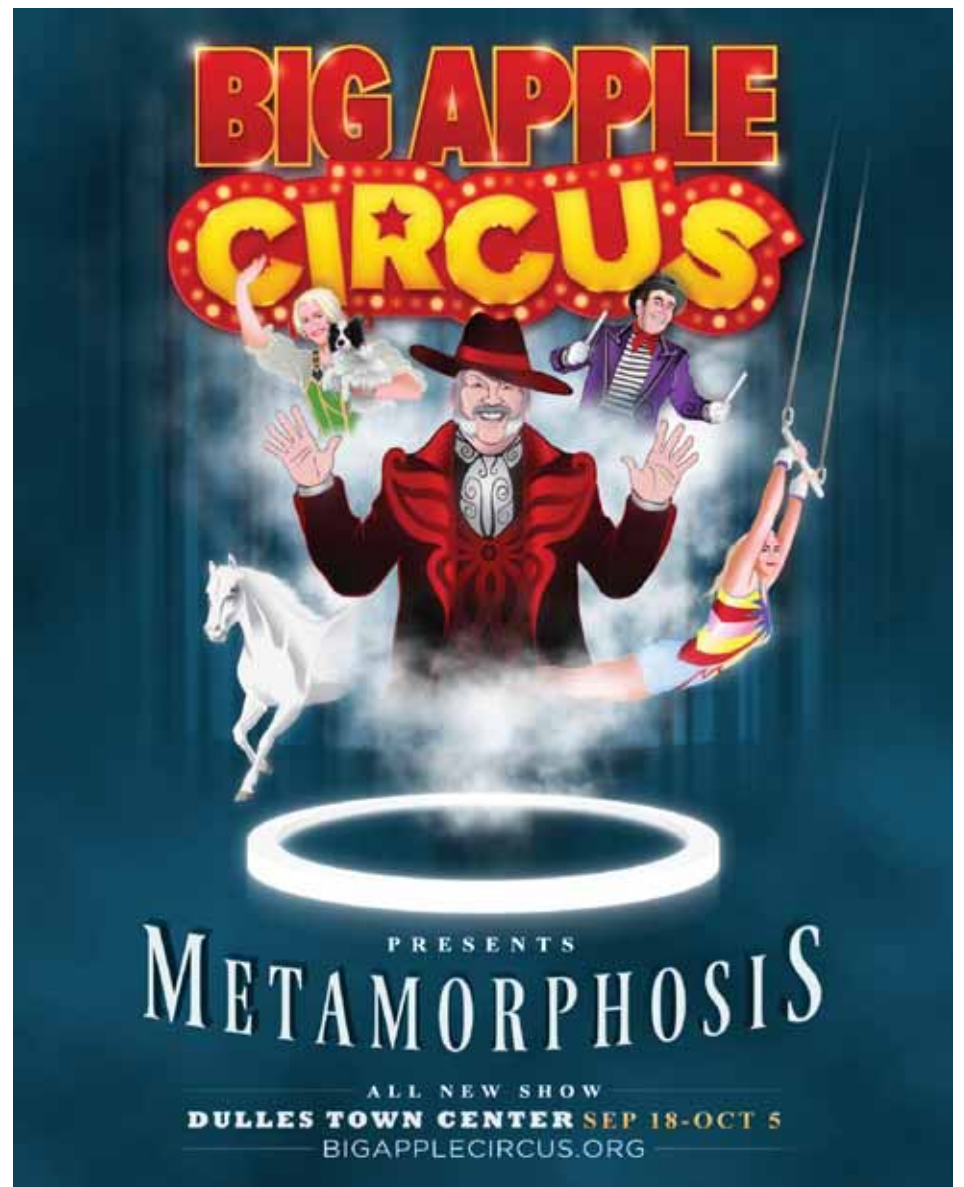
The Antioch Christian Church offers a time of Prayer and Healing on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for anyone wanting encouragement and healing through prayers.

People are available to pray with you or for you. Antioch Christian Church is located at 1860 Beulah Road in Vienna. www.antiochdoc.org

The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA) offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. www.jssa.org/growth-learning.

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

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THE CONNECTION

Be the first in Northern Virginia to see the prolific D.C. area playwright and Helen Hayes Award recipient Ken Ludwig's farcical whodunit, "The Game's Afoot, or Holmes for the Holidays." It is receiving its area premiere from the McLean Community Players.

Helmed by veteran director Bob Sams, "The Games Afoot" is the recipient of the 2012 Mystery Writers of America Edgar Allen Poe Awards – Best Play. Sams described the play as "simply fascinating." He knew he wanted to direct the show and bring it to "first life" at the Alden.

The mystery-comedy takes place in the mid-1930s as the cast of a long-running Broadway production of "Sherlock Holmes" are at the Connecticut castle home of the show's author and star, a fictionalized William Gillette. The show revolves around solving murders, both attempted and successful, even as the Broadway Holmes and his actor colleagues become suspects.

As winter sets in, Police Inspector Goring works to unravel the crime. Bodies appear, disappear and reappear with many a misunderstanding among the guests. Of course, the castle has plenty of hidden rooms and gadgets.

Sams has a spirited cast of eight, with many newcomers to the Alden Stage. The police inspector is Elizabeth Replegle. "The other characters underestimate the Inspector. What they first see is dowdy, frumpily dressed woman. They don't understand her resolve to solve," said Replegle with a sly smile. "But, they will be so surprised!"

Featured as Gillette/Sherlock Holms is Frank Gorrell. The two characters are quite



"The Game's Afoot" cast. From left — Aggie Wheeler (Carolyn Schaumburg), Police Inspector Goring (Elizabeth Replegle) and Simon Bright (Michael Schwartz) discussing events leading up to the murder.



"The Game's Afoot" cast. From left — Daria Chase (Dina Soltan) refuses the offer of a cup of tea from Martha Gillette (Kathryn Johnston).

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Where and When

McLean Community Players present "The Game's Afoot, or Holmes for the Holidays" at McLean Community Center, Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave, McLean. Performances Sept. 26-Oct. 12. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sunday matinees on Sept. 28 & Oct. 12 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$18-\$20. Group rates available. For tickets and information call 703-790-9223 or visit www.McLeanPlayers.org. Note: Through a cooperative agreement between the Metropolitan Washington Ear and The McLean Community Players, along with the support of The Alden Theatre at The McLean Community Center, audio description services for those with vision challenges will be provided on Saturday, Oct. 11.

elementary, my dear fellow! Elementary."

"The Game's Afoot" is a fast-paced comedy-mystery with a surprise ending for audience enjoyment and fun, said Cathy Farnsworth, publicist, McLean Community Players.

"When an actor who has played Sherlock Holmes for 20 years is faced with a murder to solve – he's Sherlock Holmes, what could possibly go wrong?" added Sams, "Come and see."

Baseball and Life Drama at 1st Stage

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

Stepping out into its new season, 1st Stage in Tysons brings audiences a satisfying production of "Take Me Out," winner of a Tony Award for Best Play and a Pulitzer Prize finalist. A seemingly baseball-centric play, the ball field and locker room become much more than fields of dreams.

"Take Me Out" is not so much about playing the game of baseball. Rather it is a drama leavened with brilliant comic touches and robust performances that take on big issues including the conse-

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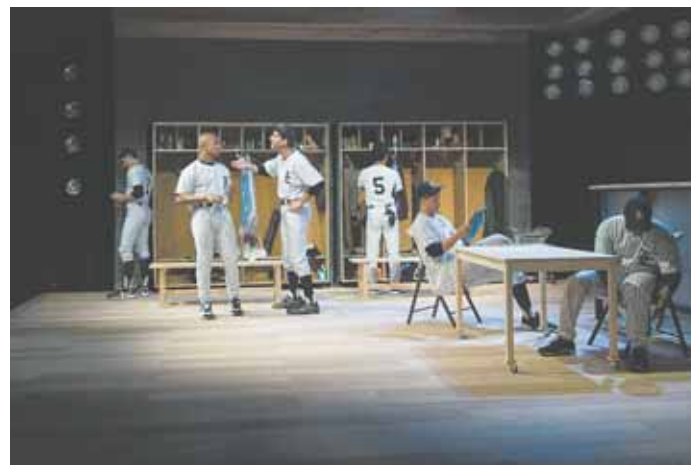
"Take Me Out" at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons. Now through Oct. 12. Performances: Fridays 8 p.m., Saturdays 2 p.m. & 8 p.m., Sundays 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. Tickets: \$15-\$28. Call 703-854-1856 or go to www.1stStageTysons.org. Note: Some male nudity, strong language and adult situations.

quences of bigotry, race, homophobia, communications break-downs, fears and fate.

Written by the prolific Richard Greenberg and confidently directed by Doug Wilder, the show is staged for mature audiences.

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"Take Me Out" - a drama leavened with brilliant comic touches.



From left — Tim Torre, Jaysen Wright, Sun King Davis, Jacob Yeh, Adrian Vigil and Steven Soto in "Take Me Out" at 1st Stage. The show runs through Oct. 12.

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ENTERTAINMENT

McLean Kids Series Opens at Alden

Grey Seal Puppets of Charlotte, N.C. will open The Alden in McLean's 2014-2015 McLean Kids Performance Series with "The Emperor's New Clothes" at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27. Tickets are \$15 for the general public and \$10 for McLean tax district residents. The Alden is located at 1234 Ingleside Avenue, inside the McLean Community Center.

What's big and fat and pink and loves to dress up in fancy clothes? Give up? It's the Emperor himself in Grey Seal Puppets' clever adaptation of "The Emperor's New Clothes." Hans Christian Andersen's classic fable takes on a whole new dimension as it is transformed with an all-animal cast. Not only is the emperor a pig, the crafty tailors are foxes, the prime minister is a near-sighted camel and the councilor a befuddled old walrus. Even the audience takes part—as animals, of course. This production is appropriate for children age four and older.

Tickets are on sale for tax district



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The Alden Opens its 2015-2016 McLean Kids Series with Grey Seal Puppets' "The Emperor's New Clothes."

residents only; general public tickets go on sale at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 10. For more information

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1st Stage Presents 'Take Me Out'

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The show's focus is on the star center fielder of the Empires. He is bi-racial and decided to "come out" as gay during mid-season. From there team dynamics fall apart and the team goes on a losing streak. A new pitcher is brought up from the minors. While a brilliant pitcher, he openly clashes with others after going public with bigoted views about those who do not meet his definitions of a true American.

The eleven member cast is fearless giving all of themselves to their characters. Noteworthy performances include Jaysen Wright as the superstar gay ball player. Wright gives off a sense of arrogance, entitlement and smugness that may make him a great ballplayer but not always a likeable character. His sharp points give him real-life complexity.

Sun King Davis is a well-educated Empire teammate speaking with a steady stream of words directly to the audience as the narrator of the proceedings. He tries to help explain "how the whole mess started." He also has his own inner conflicts that readily appear as time goes by. Ryan Kincaid is the bigoted pitcher. He is an accomplished raging bull in the role.

The brightest star of the production is a non-ball player: a wide-eyed, nebbish, fey accountant



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From left — Jaysen Wright and Adam Downs in "Take Me Out" at 1st Stage. The show runs through Oct. 12.

played by Adam Downs. He steals the show with his observations about the almost mythical importance of baseball to America, conveyed with nervous mannerisms and hands that never stop moving in the air. His words come fast and furious.

Set design by Ruthmarie Tenorio includes a working shower room with strategic placement of translucent plastic panels. Jane Chan's lighting with props by Deb Cerie and Kay Rzasa are effective in setting mood and place.

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Oakton Football Beats T.C., Improves to 3-0

Cougars force six Titan turnovers.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Leading by 10 points in the fourth quarter, the Oakton Cougars had a chance to put away T.C. Williams on Saturday afternoon, but lost a fumble deep in Titans territory.

Two plays later, Oakton senior linebacker David Allely got the ball right back, recovering a fumble at the T.C. 16-yard line. This time, the Cougars wouldn't let the Titans off the hook.

Junior quarterback Sal Tutone connected with junior receiver Jarrett Bacon for game-clinching 16-yard touchdown with 7:09 remaining and the Oakton football team defeated T.C. Williams 24-7 on Sept. 13 in Alexandria.

Oakton scored three offensive touchdowns and a field goal during a rainy day at T.C. Williams High School, but the Cougars' defense was the primary reason they remained undefeated. Oakton (3-0) forced six Titan turnovers, including a fumble recovery on the game's opening possession. The Cougars recovered three T.C. Williams fumbles and intercepted Titans quarterback Darius Holland three times.

"I think our defense played great, especially toward the end, just causing the turn-



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE CONNECTION

Oakton running back Patrick Francisco carries the ball against T.C. Williams on Sept. 13.

overs," Allely said. "... The defensive line stopped the run pretty much the whole game."

Oakton limited T.C. Williams (1-1) to 81 yards on the ground, while Holland completed just 5 of 17 passes for 119 yards.

"We felt confident if we were able to stop the run game, they wouldn't be able to consistently move the ball against us in the air,

either," Oakton head coach Jason Rowley said. "We put them in some bad positions because we were able to take away half of their offense in terms of stopping the run."

Allely, a three-year starter who transitioned from defensive lineman to linebacker as a senior, finished with an interception and two fumble recoveries.

"He's a scholarship kid," Rowley said.

"He's really good."

While Allely, listed at 6 feet 1, 208 pounds, was a force on defense, the Oakton offense was led by an athlete of considerably smaller stature.

Sophomore running back Patrick Francisco, listed at 5 feet 3, 132 pounds, carried the ball 26 times for 80 yards and a touchdown. Francisco scored on a 2-yard run during the Cougars' opening drive.

"My confidence in him is due to the work he put in in the offseason," Rowley said. "He worked super hard this offseason with weights. I know he looks very diminutive. He's very small, but nobody ever hits him square."

Oakton led 10-7 at halftime after kicker Nick Delgado booted a 30-yard field goal late in the second quarter. The Cougars extended their lead to 17-7 in the third quarter, when Bacon threw a 51-yard touchdown pass to junior Derrick Beale on a trick play.

Tutone completed 7 of 16 passes for 62 yards and a score.

Last season, Oakton opened with a 38-2 home loss to T.C. Williams. The Cougars won their next four games, but finished the season 5-5 and missed the playoffs.

This year, Oakton is off to a 3-0 start, including wins over Woodson and Madison.

"I think we're feeling pretty good," Allely said. "It's early in the season. We haven't started district play, so we've got a lot of work to do."

Oakton will host Annandale at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 19.

Marshall Field Hockey Loses in Strokes to Mount Vernon

Statesmen fall despite 14-6 advantage in penalty corners.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The Marshall field hockey team held a 9-4 advantage in penalty corners during regulation of Monday's contest against Mount Vernon.

In the closing seconds of the second half, junior Victoria Novak smacked the ball just outside the left post, but none of her Statesmen teammates were there to put the ball in the cage.

In overtime, the Statesmen held a 5-2 advantage in corners, but failed to score.

Marshall had opportunities to capture a victory on Sept. 15, but the Statesmen failed to find the back of the cage. Instead, Marshall went to strokes with Conference 13 foe Mount Vernon, and Majors goalkeeper McKenzie Moore came up clutch.

Moore made three saves during the shootout, helping the Majors to a 0-0 (3-



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Marshall's Chelsea Taylor (5) defends Mount Vernon's Amber Sable during Monday's game at Mount Vernon High School.

2) victory over the Statesmen at Mount Vernon High School.

Marshall held a 2-1 advantage after three rounds of strokes. However, Moore saved the Statesmen's final two attempts, while Mount Vernon capitalized on its final two and walked away a winner.

"You just have to stay calm," Moore said. "Strokes are not designed for keepers to really save, and if you do save it, it's like you're a hero. [You can't] put a lot of pressure on yourself."

Marshall senior captain Lauren Kaup and Novak each converted a stroke during the shootout. Junior goalkeeper Emma Frasier made one save.

Marshall head coach Christina Carroll said the Statesmen lacked a sense of urgency.

"The way we played, it was disappointing because we weren't really going to goal, we were letting things come back out," she said. "Our second effort wasn't there. ... Sometimes the girls don't realize you can end it here, or you can play for 25 more minutes."

The loss dropped Marshall's record to 7-3. The Statesmen will host McLean at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 17.

SCHOOLS

The Langley School Opens New Middle School Facility

The Langley School officially opened the doors of its new Middle School building during a special student assembly and ribbon-cutting on the first day of school, Wednesday, Sept. 3.

Named in honor of Langley's former head of school, Doris Cottam, the 28,000-square-foot facility will provide a state-of-the-art learning environment for students in grades 6-8 to develop academically, socially, and emotionally. Although it will be home to Langley's oldest students, the new Middle School will impact the learning experiences of the entire preschool to eighth grade student body. Key features of the building include:

- ❖ A rooftop "classroom in the sky," equipped with chalkboards and benches, will provide outdoor educational space and offer students of all ages an opportunity to learn outside the walls of a traditional classroom.

- ❖ Designed with guidance from the National Science Teachers Association, unparalleled science laboratories will be used by grades 3-8 and include dramatic ceiling images that will inspire students to think beyond the classroom. The dynamic new space will allow an emphasis on interdisciplinary connections and collaboration in science, technology, engi-



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The Langley School new facility will provide a state-of-the-art learning environment for students in grades 6-8.

neering, art, and mathematics among faculty and students.

- ❖ An Innovation Lab includes writable walls, a 3-D printer, and movable furniture to encourage students to dream, pon-

der, create, and develop design-thinking skills.

- ❖ Energy-efficient and environmentally-friendly features are throughout the building, including motion-censored lighting, a

safe chemical disposal filter, a variable HVAC system, a "green roof," and water-bottle refillers.

- ❖ Exposed wiring and piping in the ceilings and hallways will allow students to see and learn about the systems that help buildings run.

- ❖ The student commons, project rooms, and nearby gazebo will provide additional spaces for students to collaborate, receive small-group instruction, participate in mentorship programs among grade levels, and develop leadership skills.

"We are thrilled to kick off the school year with the opening of this magnificent new building," says Head of School Dr. Elinor Scully. "Designed with the specific needs of adolescents in mind and with the flexibility to adapt to changing teaching practices in the future, the facility provides the ideal space in which to deliver the innovative and student-centered pedagogy for which Langley is known."

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.

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Bright Horizons to Host Grand Opening

Bright Horizons opened its newest early education and preschool center on July 14, 2014 in Vienna. The new center's opening allows parents in the Tysons Corner area the opportunity to balance their work life and family life while providing high-quality education for their children. Bright Horizons at Boone Boulevard has capacity for 191 children with Infant, Toddler, Twos, Preschool and Kindergarten Prep programs and is open Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., year round.

On Saturday, Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. area families are invited to Bright Horizons at Boone Boulevard's Grand Opening Celebration. The Celebration is open to the public and free to attend.

Activities include live musical performance with Cody & BJ, a puppet show with Carousel Puppets, face painting, raffle prizes, children's activities, a ribbon cutting ceremony and more.

Center Director, Hala Hachwi, is host-



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The grand opening celebration on Saturday, Sept. 20 is open to the public and free to attend.

ing this event and introducing the community to Bright Horizons.

"We offer a unique curriculum that includes a world of discovery guided by skilled teachers who recognize each child's individual strengths," Hachwi said. "Whether it's our Movement Matters Zone, complete with a rock climbing wall, or our wonderful, caring teachers, we're truly excited to introduce our center to families in the community and celebrate."

For more information call 703-288-3850 or visit www.brighthorizons.com/boone



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Under the watchful eye of Greg Butler, Churchill Road sixth graders Benjamin Scott, Ben Thrasher, Jimin Byeon, Audrey Leins and Katie Williams wait expectantly to see how high their rocket will go.

Rocket Launch at Churchill Road

During the second week of school, groups of Churchill Road sixth graders conducted a scientific experiment using the rockets they built in science class. The cardboard rockets were fueled with a mixture of alka-seltzer and water in their boosters (film canisters). Science teachers, Chrissy Frantz and Bob Timke, as well

as Greg Butler (instructional assistant) helped with the launch and measurements. After each launch, the students recorded the height each rocket traveled; then looked at the correlation between rocket weight and launch height. The students discovered that the lighter rockets gained the most height.

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Rummage & Bake Sale.
Sat 9/20 8-2. Clo, furn, bks,
toys, HH. St. Paul's Lutheran
Church, 7426 Idylwood Rd,
Falls Church. 703-573-0295.

28 Yard Sales

Estate/Multi-family Yard Sale
Saturday, Sept. 20th.
8:30 - 3:00 1014 Harriman
Street, Great Falls - No checks
Rain date: Sunday, Sept. 21st

21 Announcements

ABC LICENSE
C2 LLC trading as Highline
R&R, 2010 Crystal Drive,
Suite A and A-1, Arlington, VA
22202-3799. The above estab-
lishment is applying to the
VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE
CONTROL (ABC) for a Wine
and Beer On; Mixed Beverage
(seating capacity 151 seats or
more) license to sell or manu-
facture alcoholic beverages.
Geoffrey O. Dawson, member
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or 800-552-3200.

ABC LICENSE

La Tasca Inc trading as La
Tasca, 2900 Wilson Blvd,
Arlington, VA 22201-3851.
The above establishment is
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PARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC)
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Javier Candon, President
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OBITUARY



Brendan Bernard Francis McKay, 30

Brendan Bernard Francis McKay, 30, passed away
Monday, September 8, 2014, in Rome, Italy, following a
tragic accident.

An AmeriCorps volunteer, artist, multi-instrumentalist,
snowboarder, world traveler, counselor, historian, Ph. D.
candidate, and Seanchai in the Irish storytelling tradition,
Brendan was born June 30, 1984 in Summit, New Jersey,
the second of Bernard and Mary McKay's four children. He
grew up in Alexandria and McLean, Virginia, where he
graduated from McLean High School in 2002.

Brendan began undergraduate studies at Virginia
Commonwealth University, later attended Western
Connecticut State University and John Cabot University in
Rome, and in 2012 graduated magna cum laude from
Rhode Island College with a Bachelor's in History. Most
recently, Brendan completed his Master's degree in
International Relations at St. John's University in Rome,
Italy in June 2014.

Throughout his teens and early twenties, Brendan strug-
gled with addiction issues. With the support of loved ones,
he participated in therapeutic and rehabilitation programs
in Utah, New York, Pennsylvania, Florida, and Kansas. In
2008, Brendan emerged from this period secure in his
recovery, and with a renewed passion for education,
adventure, and experience which would come to define
the rest of his life.

From 2008-2010, Brendan served with AmeriCorps as a
volunteer with Big Brothers, Big Sisters in Worland,
Wyoming. Within a matter of months he was promoted to
Vice President of Development, going on to raise hun-
dreds of thousands of dollars on behalf of at-risk youth,
before leaving to accept a position as an AmeriCorps
Program Manager in Rhode Island. Before leaving
Wyoming he was urged by locals in Worland to stay and
run for mayor. He was flattered and seriously considered
it.

Brendan is remembered fondly by his loved ones in the
U.S. and around the world for his legendary sense of
humor, a classic Irish storyteller vividly sharing his many
adventures. He ran with the bulls in Pamplona, Spain. He
rode a hot air balloon through the Atlas Mountains of
Morocco. He skied across the Swiss-French border in the
Alps, not entirely on purpose. Completing an Asian journey
that included Malaysia, Cambodia and Nepal, he returned
to Rome over the Himalayas and Mt. Everest. He criss-
crossed the United States by car, camped in the badlands
of North Dakota, and lived on a mountain in Southern
California. During academic travel to North Korea he

became one of only a small number of Americans to have
seen the demilitarized zone from the north side.

Brendan was also intellectually brilliant. He was an enthu-
siastic reader, with particular interest in philosophy, his-
tory, physics, and comparative religion. His collection of
unusual tattoos included the Fibonacci sequence on his
arm. His creativity and humor led to unique inventions; on
one occasion, Brendan created what he called a "Scra-
bbanjelo," a playable banjo which he constructed from
the wooden box of a Scrabble set — a game at which he
was renowned as unbeatable.

At the time of his passing, he was looking forward to his
doctoral work at King's College in London. His studies
were to focus on the little-told story of the town of Fiumi
on the Italy-Croatia border, which formed its own inde-
pendent state in World War I in defiance of the warring
countries around it.

Brendan's 6' 6" physical presence was the outer manifes-
tation of an unusually humble, sensitive, self-deprecating
person, whose generosity, kindness, and compassion for
friends and family alike will never be forgotten. His
beloved dog, Anastasia, is the physical embodiment of
that kindness. Brendan had encountered a group of drug
dealers about to shoot a young puppy for which they had
no use. He persuaded them to let him adopt her in
exchange for what little money he had in his pocket, a
meager five dollars. For more than a decade, Anastasia
has been a cherished member of the McKay family, dis-
playing a level of emotional intelligence that is extraordi-
nary to find in an animal.

Brendan was not immune to accidents, and indeed had
scars going back to toddlerhood. But he always stood up,
brushed himself off, and went at life again, charging
boldly at every experience the world could offer. His
enthusiasm for adventure inspired all who knew him.

Brendan is survived by his parents, Bernard and Mary, his
two brothers, Patrick and Conor, his sister, Rosemary,
sister-in-law Nora, and his beloved, Camilla Valeriano. He
will be sorely missed.

A memorial service and Mass of Christian Burial will be
held at Our Lady of Mercy Chapel at Salve Regina
University in Newport, Rhode Island, on Saturday
September 20, 2014, at 9:00A.M. A reception will follow at
Ochre Court on the University campus. All are welcome.
The family suggests, as an alternative to flowers, that
contributions could be made to the Brendan McKay
Memorial Scholarship Fund, Salve Regina University,
Ochre Point, Newport, Rhode Island 02840 USA.

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