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Area children wait for the arrival of Santa Claus during the annual festivities on Friday night.

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Pike Setbacks, Community Center Discussed

APR Task Force forwards plan language to keep houses away from Georgetown Pike, open discussion on community center.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

A large home recently built on Aziza Court and abutting Georgetown Pike inspired a nomination for a change to the county's Comprehensive Plan calling for "limited density" within 100 to 150 feet of the historic byway. The amendment was changed to one that called for greater setbacks along the road and was forwarded to the Planning Commission, along with another amendment that would initiate a discussion about a possible community center in Great Falls, by the Dranesville District Area Plan Review (APR) Task Force last Tuesday, Dec. 2.

"We saw this as being inconsistent and not what we want," Eric Knudsen, who co-nominated the amendment, said of the imposing building, which was built uncommonly close to Great Falls' main traffic artery.

A **SETBACK** of 50 feet is already required along the road, and it remains unclear whether the new home is in compliance with existing rules.

The amendment would also note that Georgetown Pike is not only a designated



This newly built home on Aziza Court, abutting Georgetown Pike, inspired a nomination for Comprehensive Plan language calling for larger setbacks from the road.

Virginia Scenic Byway, but also is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register.

Aaron Klibaner of the county's Planning Division said county staff supported the language regarding the road's historical value, but not an amendment calling for limited density along its length.

The nomination addressed the stretch of the road that runs through Great Falls, between Leesburg Pike and Old Dominion Drive, because the Comprehensive Plan already applied such language to the eastern half of the road in McLean.

"We're actually in kind of a tough position on this one," said Marianne Gardner, chief of policy and plan development for the county Department of Planning and Zoning, noting that county staff and the Board of Supervisors had approved the language for the other half of the road in 1990. Only 12 acres along Great Falls' portion of

the road are zoned at lower density than designated in the Comprehensive Plan and are therefore eligible for a rezoning, she said.

And the Comprehensive Plan is consulted only in the case of a rezoning or application for a special exception. In 18 years, there has not yet been a chance to enforce the amendment in McLean. "What we're trying to get across is ... it may not have the effect that people think it would," Gardner said.

Klibaner said the phrase, "should limit densities," was too vague to provide guidance. "It doesn't say what density things should be limited to," he said.

"We're trying to, every place we can, state it — this is what we want the Pike to look like," said Knudsen, who is also the co-chair of the Great Falls Citizens Association's (GFCA) Transportation Committee.

Charlie DiBona, who owns 50 acres of

land abutting Georgetown Pike and River Bend Road, took issue with limiting density on the land closest to the road, which he said cost him the most in county real estate taxes. "I could live with a statement that you can't build within 75 feet, 100 feet of the road, but wouldn't affect density," he said. DiBona said the task force should "think of constructive ways of dealing with what I agree is kind of a problem," noting that he did not appreciate the house on Aziza Court either.

AFTER SOME DEBATE, task force member Rich Bliss suggested that setbacks should be encouraged along the road, and the group approved an amendment saying, "Setbacks that preserve and protect the historic significance and scenic beauty of Georgetown Pike should be encouraged for all development." Bliss noted that these setbacks could vary between commercial and residential properties.

Gardner said there was a chance county staff would support such an amendment, and task force Chairman John Ulfelder asked county staff to discuss the reworded amendment and let the task force know at a later date what might improve its chances of approval.

All task force recommendations will be vetted by the Planning Commission and those that are approved will be placed before the Board of Supervisors.

Staff approved of a nomination that would call for the exploration of possible sites for a community center in Great Falls. Clara Quintero Johnson said existing plan language would mandate studies regarding the need for and location of such a facility and cited a clause in the plan advising that public facilities should be built before they

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Holiday Evening At Colvin Run

Enjoy an old-fashioned evening of holiday fun at Colvin Run Mill Saturday, Dec. 13, from 3-6 p.m. Visit Santa in the mill and peek at the antique toys under the Victorian tree. Join the costumed members of the 49th Virginia Infantry in singing carols around the campfire. Other activities include holiday crafts and roasting marshmallows. This is the event for the whole family. The cost is \$6 per person. For more information, call 703-759-2771. Colvin Run Mill is located at 10017 Colvin Run Road in Great Falls.

Public Input on Watersheds

The introductory and issues scoping forum of the Fairfax County watersheds management plan for Nichol Run and Pond Branch will be held Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009. The county is seeking public input in the development of the watersheds management plan.

The public participation meeting, which is open to all residents, will be held at the Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/gf/. Registration is from 6:30-7 p.m.; the meeting is from 7-9 p.m.

The meeting is part of an ongoing process to develop comprehensive watershed management plans for each of the 30 watersheds in Fairfax County. Watershed management plans are a tool to identify and address issues affecting the environment and to protect and restore streams and other water resources. Meeting presenters will provide an introduction to the watershed planning process and a report on watershed conditions. Participants will learn about and discuss specific watershed issues, make comments and provide ideas. The headwaters of Nichol Run and Pond Branch are located in the northern-most portion of Fairfax County. The streams drain north to the Potomac River. For more information, call 703-324-5500, TTY 711 or see the Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/watersheds. Select the link, "Get Involved in Your Watershed," then click on Nichol Run and Pond Branch on the map.

Share Collects for Holiday Store

Share Inc., the charitable organization that serves the needy in McLean, Great Falls and Pimmit Hills, will be taking up donations for its annual holiday store in the next couple of days. With the faltering economy, Share is seeking gifts for 30 percent more families this year than it served last year.

Clients receive a grocery card to help them buy a holiday meal and a gift or two from their wish lists before they "shop" for a few more free items. All gifts are donated by

the community, and residents are invited to drop off donations between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11 and Friday, Dec. 12 at Share's headquarters in McLean Baptist Church, 1367 Chain Bridge Road.

Share is asking for new, unwrapped items such as toys, games, house wares, small appliances, clothing ranging in size from infant to extra-large adult, and gift cards. Cards in \$25 increments are especially helpful. Gently used bikes and winter coats

would also be appreciated. Warm clothes or gift cards that can be used for their purchase, for adults who work outside or wait for buses, are priorities, as are underwear, pajamas, towels and bedding. To donate more personal gifts, e-mail bonniewithshare@gmail.com. To volunteer at the holiday store on Dec. 13, e-mail rebecca@ayresmchenry.com. To learn more about the organization, visit www.shareofmclean.org.

— MIKE DICICCO

Bank Robbery In McLean Area

Police are investigating a bank robbery that occurred around 9:45 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 2. A man walked into the United Bank, located at 1320 Old Chain Bridge Road, and approached two tellers at the counter. He brandished a handgun and announced the robbery. The victims complied and the suspect fled from the bank with an undisclosed amount of money.

The suspect was described as black, 25 to 35 years old, 5 feet 8 inches to 5 feet 10 inches tall with a medium build. He was wearing a Halloween mask, a brown, hooded jacket, light-colored

Robbery at the United Bank in McLean is caught on security camera.



painter's pants and dark-colored boots and gloves.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS(8477),

e-mail www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES(274637) or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.



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Suspect Charged In Galleria Shooting

A 34-year-old Damascus, Md., man was charged with carrying a concealed weapon, carrying a concealed weapon into an establishment that serves alcohol and brandishing a firearm in an officer-involved shooting at the Tysons Galleria, located in the 2000 block of International Drive.

Around 12:40 p.m., Nov. 15. Police were called for a disorderly man who reportedly had a gun on the mall property. Responding officers located the man outside on the upper-level parking deck and confronted him.

The man failed to comply with the officers' commands and made a movement toward a gun in his waistband. One officer discharged one round and the suspect was shot in the lower body. He was transported by ground to Inova Fairfax Hospital with non life-threatening injuries and remains hospitalized for treatment of his injuries.

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Drama Blossoms at Cooper Middle

Langley High students direct Cooper middle-schoolers in One-Act Festival.



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From left, eighth-graders Shy Daraeikia, Nick Pashoian, Victoria Tovic and Jenna Dean rehearse a scene from "After School Special." The one-act play takes place at a café.

BY JANELLE L. PLUMMER
THE CONNECTION

Laura Stewart, a 15-year-old sophomore at Langley High School, holds "This is a Test" in her hand, a popular one-act comedy written by Stephen Gregg. She listens to the cast, mostly eighth-graders from Cooper Middle School, rehearsing their lines.

Stewart offers them advice. "Forget there is an audience," Stewart said, "and pretend no one is watching and have fun."

While this is Stewart's first time directing a one-act play, she said the greatest challenge was finding a play that was appropriate for middle-school students and still incorporated humor.

"It's hard sometimes to get control," she said, referring to the eighth-graders. "They helped direct the show and they would

come up with ideas."

MEG BABER, the drama teacher at Cooper Middle School, said bringing students from both schools helps to build on-stage theater experiences for middle- and high-school students.

Baber said she was motivated to have Langley students direct Cooper students in one-act plays, after students from both schools performed in "Children of Eden" through McLean Summer Theatre

Program.

She said she saw a connection. "One of the most striking things between the middle- and high-school kids was that they already knew each other," Baber said.

During Halloween, students from both schools were actors in Spooktacular, a haunted house, at Langley. Nonperishable items were collected and donated to Trick or Treat, so Kids Can Eat.

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Drama Festival at Cooper Middle

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Baber said more students are getting involved in the performing arts. "I wouldn't do it if there wasn't so much interest," Baber said. "Every year it gets bigger and bigger and to have a big production has been very exciting."

Baber said doing the one-act festival allows those students who did not make the fall production, a chance to perform on-stage.

Shannon Keene, a 13-year-old eighth-grader at Cooper, said she auditioned for the fall production and did not make it. Now she's had the opportunity to be on-stage for this year's one-act festival. Keene was a part of the heavenly trio in the one-act play "This is a Test."

Keene commended the joint effort between Langley and Cooper. She said she enjoyed working with the directors.

"They were awesome directors," Keene said. "I hope to see them next year at Langley. It's been great hanging out with them and being on stage with my friends."

While the six directors were from Langley, the stage manager was not. Sixteen-year-old Alex Heisman, who attends Cortona High School in Herndon, is a former Cooper Middle School student.

Heisman was also the stage



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Director Lindsey Perotti, eighth-grader Nick Pashoian, director Taylor Heigel, and eighth-grader Sierra Webb.

manager for the summer and fall productions at Cooper.

"[Ms. Baber] is outstanding," he said. "She's my favorite teacher ever. She has all these kids here. There are not enough words to describe how great she is."

IN THE END, Baber said the students' energy keeps her enthused. She said the one-act festival has been a good experience for the student directors.

"They have to step into an authoritative role," Baber said. "In the beginning, it's challenging for them and me."

Baber said she would love to

find other ways to collaborate with Langley High School's drama department.

"I already have kids talking about wanting to do another one-act festival in the spring," she said.

However, Baber said the theater department at Cooper usually puts on a musical during the spring. "We'll see," she said, laughing.

The one-act plays included: "Small Actors" directed by Tess Higgins, "Oh, What a Tangled Webb" directed by Emily Mannon, "This is a Test" directed by Lauren Stewart and Lena Welch, "After School Special" directed by Taylor Heigel and Lindsey Perotti.



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The possible consequences of driving drunk and underage drinking are often hard to comprehend. But the stories and grief of local families who have lost loved ones to such accidents should provide enough of a cautionary tale.

William Cameron Schlifke, 22, born in Fairfax and a graduate of Robinson Secondary School, died Monday, Nov. 24, 2008, less than three days after his Volkswagen Jetta was rear-ended in Newport News. Schlifke was serving as designated driver for friends in his fraternity at Christopher Newport University. The driver who crashed into him, also a student at CNU, was arrested at the scene and charged with DUI refusal, reckless driving and underage possession of alcohol, and later with involuntary manslaughter.

Earlier this fall, a young man from Fairfax was sentenced to three years in jail for involuntary manslaughter because of a drunk-driving accident on Dec. 3, 2007 that resulted in

Get Involved

Join the Northern Virginia chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving for 14th Annual MADD Red Ribbon Run 5K on Wednesday, Dec. 31, at George Mason University in Fairfax. The run begins at 4 p.m., with many activities for families. See www.maddnova.org or call 703-379-1135.

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From Dec. 12 through New Year's Day, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., the Washington Regional Alcohol Program offers a free cab ride home (up to \$50) to local callers who are 21 or over. Call 800-200-8294.

unspeakable tragedy for three families. One family lost a beloved daughter after she clung to live for five brutal days; one family has seen their active son reduced to 70 pounds and "unresponsive" and living in a nursing home; the family of the defendant has also seen life as they knew it change.

DON'T TAKE THE RISK. Plan ahead, arrange for a designated driver, or choose to abstain if a designated driver isn't available.

But if you find yourself in the unfortunate position of drinking without a safe way home of your own, the Washington Regional Alcohol Program has provided you with a safety net called SoberRide. Take their number with you when you head out, and be sure any young adults in your family are similarly armed.

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metropolitan area.

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Parents are well advised to talk to their teens and let them know that if they find themselves without a safe ride home, that they can call their parents to be picked up. There are consequences of binge drinking for teens that go beyond driving under the influence. But it is also important for parents to let their teens know that whatever happens, it is not OK to drink and drive or to get into a car driven by someone who has been drinking.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Make Sure They're Soccer Fans'

To the Editor:

The following open letter is addressed to President-elect Obama.

No doubt you have spent weeks and months giving serious thought about the makeup of your foreign and defense policy team. Your likely candidates will include experts and veterans of previous administrations, but for all their qualities, please see to one key criterion: make sure they're soccer fans.

Those who follow "the beautiful game" are already predisposed to be effective foreign affairs practitioners, for the same qualities of the game that endear people are also well suited to the shaping of foreign policy. Several come to mind.

❖ Patience is a virtue. Most spectator sports Americans enjoy are rife with the prospect of instant gratification. We're always one swing away from a home run, one long pass from a touchdown, or one "alley oop" away from a slam dunk. A successful soccer goal can take several minutes to set up and may only become an opportunity after seeing a narrow opening. The

same tenet can be applied to foreign policy initiatives.

❖ Most Americans like their sports to the extent to which we get to see the stuffing beat out of something. A baseball, basketball rim, visiting football quarterback and golf ball all have one thing in common: crowds go wild when they're assaulted. Soccer can have its violent moments. Last year, for example, a British match witnessed a player's shin bone sawed in half from a slide tackle with his leg nearly being amputated. This is the exception. The general rule is for the team to share passes setting up what frequently becomes a finesse shot. Appreciation of this enhances approaches to the nuances of foreign and defense policy.

❖ Concentrate. American sports fans seem plagued with ADHD. We tend to get anxious if we go more than five minutes without a timeout or commercial break. Soccer requires you to park it and focus for 45 minutes (plus stoppage time!), before you do it again in the second half. The inability to patiently focus on the big picture has led to some noteworthy foreign policy blunders.

❖ Strong bladders only, please. Attend a European soccer match, and you'll find that the quickest way to irritate those around you

is to take a comfort break before the half's end. You're there for the game, not the men's room. Squirming during the game because your mind is on a commode is a sure sign of weakness and lack of purpose.

❖ "Friendlies" aren't. In the U.S., we have exhibition games. Many view the exhibition season as tune-ups or tryouts but with relatively little relevance to the regular season. Soccer's variants are called "friendlies." They are anything but. Friendlies can have an enormous impact on how a team is viewed on its home turf and may even lead to fans calling for a manager's ouster. In summer 2006, Scotland's Celtic played D.C. United at RFK Stadium. D.C. United won 4-0. Back in Glasgow, people stayed up until 3 a.m. to watch the game on television, and Celtic's fans both at the game and back home were literally in tears at the outcome. The D.C. Metro system that night even saw some fabled "soccer hooligans" who were more than a little distraught. Likewise, you should never treat an international gathering as a "friendly." You are being watched and evaluated, and the outcome will shape other countries' approaches to the U.S. during your administration.

❖ Everybody else "gets it."

American foreign policy, especially recently, has been littered with examples of how our policy-makers were both baffled and frustrated by other countries' seeming inability to understand U.S. perspectives and act accordingly. This stems in part from our own reluctance to acknowledge that other countries' views have at least some merit worthy of consideration. Trying to see the world through others' eyes can profoundly influence your own views.

❖ It brings the world together. U.S. foreign policy can either unite the world or divide it. Despite the fierceness of international rivalries (the U.S. and Mexico immediately come to mind), soccer brings people together. Every four years, the world's best national teams come together in the globe's largest sporting event in what may be politely called a "frenzy" to crown the world champion. In June and July 2010, fans will converge on South Africa for the World Cup. Almost every hotel has long since been booked in anticipation. A carefully crafted U.S. foreign policy has the potential to generate the same level of enthusiasm. How you do that, of course, is up to you.

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Community Center Initiative Explored

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are needed as the primary reason staff supported the proposed amendment.

Nominator and task force member Kathleen Murphy said the number of clubs and organizations, the collective desire for "coaching and mentoring among generations," and a rapid emer-

gence of "higher creativity" in the community necessitated a hub for all of these activities. Meanwhile, she said, the library and the Grange are generally booked well in advance and the Grange has problems with handicapped accessibility.

She said the ball field behind the library, along with adjacent, county-owned land, would be one

possible site for a community center.

"The other question is, how do you pay for it?" Ulfelder said, noting that residents would likely have to decide whether they wanted to create a special tax district like the one that supports the McLean Community Center to fund the center.

SEVERAL RESIDENTS spoke on behalf of the initiative.

Candace Campbell said the lack of a place for teens to meet was a problem. "We don't want them hanging out in front of the 7-Eleven," she said, adding that gathering at the mall or in a basement was not exactly a community-building activity. "There's not a place like that for adults either,

but I'm not as worried about us because we've got more money," she said, noting that the grown-ups could find commercial meeting places.

"I think we're very fragmented right now and we need a place where we can bring it together," Joda Coolidge told the task force.

The amendment was approved unanimously.

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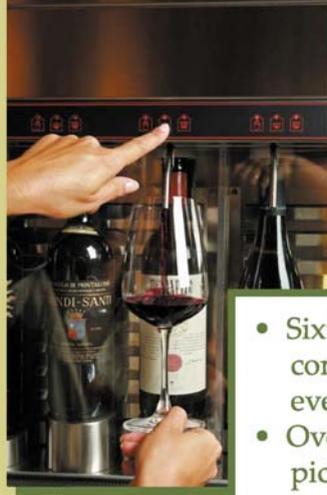
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Ranked 55th on the list of America's Best High Schools is McLean High School. Langley High School was ranked 76th, and Woodson High School was ranked at 90.

U.S. News and World Report uses a methodology developed by School Evaluation Services to assess more than 1,900

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Schools recognized for meeting specific criteria were designated as Silver high schools and additional schools were identified as Bronze schools based on their performance on state tests. Seven Fairfax County high schools received Silver recognition: Chantilly High School, Lake Braddock Secondary School, Madison High School, Marshall High School, Oakton High School, Robinson Secondary School and Stuart High School.

Spring Hill, Panera Sandwich Showcase

To raise money for the not-for-profit Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children, Spring Hill Elementary School students partnered with local Panera Bread cafés to create a cookbook, consisting of recipes dreamed up by the children who attend the school. The cookbook will launch at a special morning, before school opens, event at the Tysons Corner

Center Level 1 Panera Thursday, Dec. 11, at 6:15 a.m. Select students from Spring Hill Elementary will do their own cooking show, creating their sandwiches live.

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Graham Colton, Michael Tolcher, Bryan Greenberg and Tim Brantley. Acoustic/pop/rock. 7 p.m. \$17 in advance, \$20 at the door. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.
Preschool Sing-a-Long with Miss Belle. 10:30 a.m. All ages. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. 703-356-0770.

THURSDAY/DEC. 11

VTRCC Annual Holiday Luncheon. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Chima-The Brazilian Steakhouse, 8010 Towers Crescent Drive, Vienna. Santa Claus, The Madison Madrigals. Bring unwrapped new toys to donate to Toys For Tots. 703-281-1333.
Susan Mero Shelton, author of "A Most Reluctant Caregiver," 7:30 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Rd. Vienna. www.elcvienna.org.
Holidays in Days Past: Traditions Retold. The McLean Historical Society, 7:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. 703-790-0123.
Storytime for Tots. 10:30 a.m. Short stories and songs. Birth-3 with adult. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 703-757-8560.

FRIDAY/DEC. 12

Robbie Schaefer with John

Jennings. Acoustic/folk. 8 p.m. \$17 in advance, \$20 at the door. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

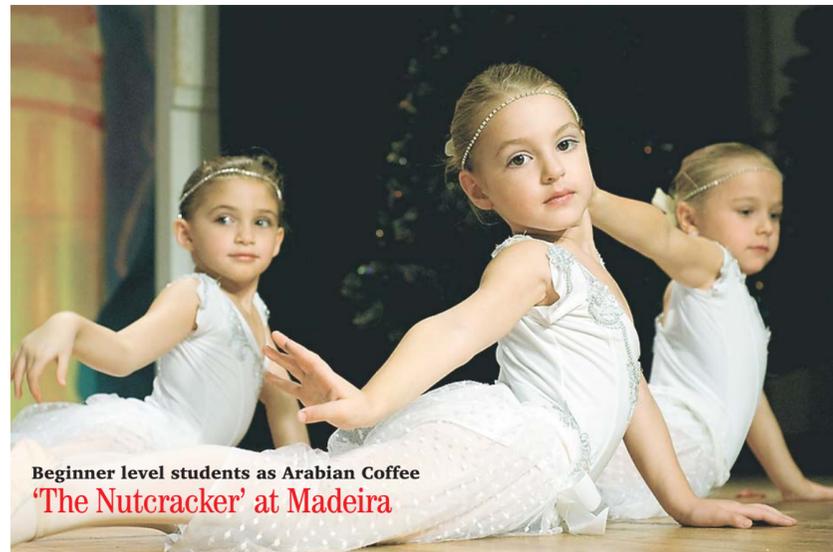
Terrific twos. 10:30 a.m. at the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library. Stories and activities, ages 24-35 months with adult. 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. 703-790-8088.
A Christmas Carol, the Musical. 8 p.m. at the Alden Theater in the McLean Community Center. Tickets at 703-790-9223 or 703-573-SEAT.

SATURDAY/DEC. 13

Santa Claus at the Freeman Store and Museum. 131 Church St. N.E., Vienna. 1-3 p.m. 703-938-5187 or fs@historiciennainc.org.
Lunch with Santa, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 at the Vienna Community Center. Hot dogs, chips and sodas. Turley the Magician will perform after lunch. \$5.
Elizabeth, Phil, and Chris. Acoustic trio. 6 p.m. \$12. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.
Jeremy Enigk. Rock. 9:30 p.m. \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Mortimer's Important Job at Santa's Workshop. 11 a.m. KayDee puppet show. All ages. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. 703-356-0770.
The Biggest, Most Beautiful Christmas Tree and the Gingerbread Man. 10:30 a.m. at the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library. Interactive stories with Miss Cathy. 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. 703-790-8088.

Holiday Open House. 2-4 p.m. at the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library. Music and entertainment for the holiday season. 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. 703-790-8088.
A Christmas Carol, the Musical. 8 p.m. at the Alden Theater in the McLean Community Center. Tickets at 703-790-9223 or 703-573-SEAT.
Christmas Concert with Victor Lopez and the Lopez Performing Arts Youth Choir. 12-3 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple



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Hobby Ford and his Golden Rod Puppets with Tales of Light, 2 p.m. at the Alden Theatre. \$12, \$8 for McLean district residents. 1234 Ingleside Ave., in the McLean Community Center. 703-744-9363 or www.mcleancenter.org.
McLean High School Holiday Bazaar, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at 1633

Ave., Vienna. Tickets \$30-\$75 at 703-787-0071 ext. 100. www.jamminjava.com.
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The Great Falls Studios Holiday Show and Sale, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Colvin Run Historic Schoolhouse, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Paintings, pottery, photography, jewelry, art quilts, and drawings

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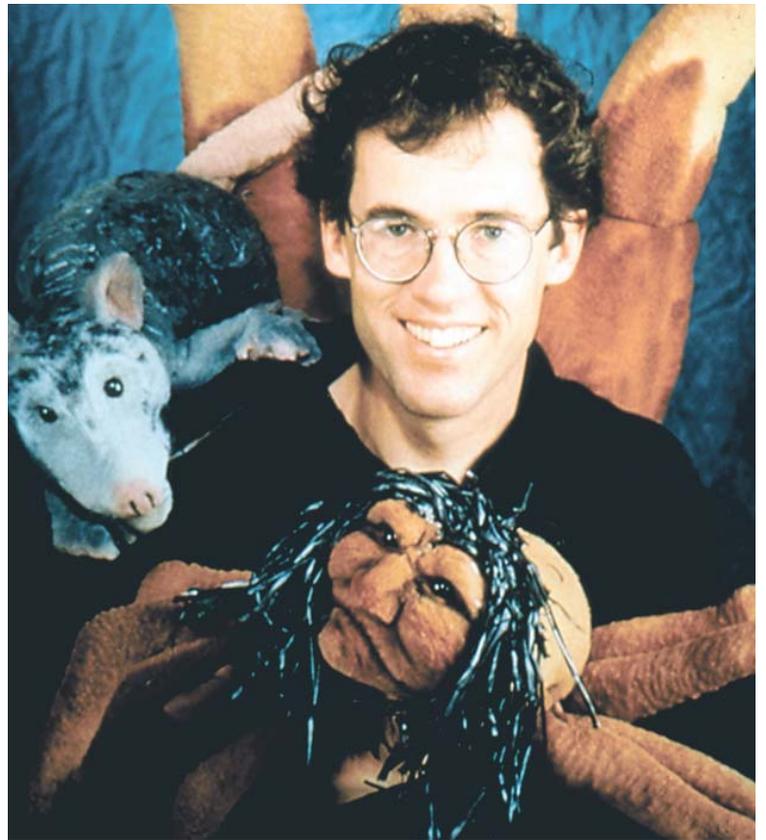
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Hobey Ford and his Golden Rod Puppets will be at the Alden Theatre in the McLean Community Center on Saturday, Dec. 13.

Age 6-12. Great Fall Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 703-757-8560.

Personalized Internet Training. 2:30 p.m. at the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. 703-790-8088.

SUNDAY/DEC. 14

Carrie Rodriguez full band and Carsie Blanton. Roots/country. 7 p.m. \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

A Christmas Carol, the Musical. 2 p.m. at the Alden Theater in the McLean Community Center. Tickets at 703-790-9223 or 703-573-SEAT. Non-perishable food or toy donations accepted for SHARE.

Kid's Cookie Class at Wildfire with Allison Seymour. 1-2:30 p.m. at Wildfire Tysons Galleria, 3rd Floor, 1714U International Drive, McLean. \$10 for a parent and up to two children. 703-442-9110 or wildfirerestaurant.com.

The Great Falls Studios Holiday Show and Sale, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Colvin Run Historic Schoolhouse, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Paintings, pottery, photography, jewelry, art quilts, and drawings created by Great Falls artists. Admission is free. 703-442-9251.

MONDAY/DEC. 15

The Dog Waggers: "Wassailing With the Waggers." 7 p.m. \$10. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Bedtime Stories. 7 p.m. All ages. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. 703-356-0770.

Animal Survival. 3 p.m. Hands-on exploration of skulls, bones and fur to learn how animals survive winter.

TUESDAY/DEC. 16

Book Discussion. 10:30 a.m. Call for title. Adults. Great Fall Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 703-757-8560.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 17

2008 GFBPA Holiday Social, will be held at the Riverbend Country Club. Dancing Through the Decades program features D.J. - Megawatts, Inc. - Jon Paul. Cost \$125.00 couple /\$65.00 per person. Cocktails, Appetizers (cash bar) start at 6:45 p.m.; dinner is at 7:30 p.m. followed by dancing until 10:00 p.m. Respond by Friday, Dec. 12. E-mail g.s.dulaney.bv7f@statefarm.com or call 703-759-415. GFBPA P.O. Box 1454 Great Falls, Va. 22066

Book discussion. 7:30 p.m. Call for title. Adults. Great Fall Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 703-757-8560.

THURSDAY/DEC. 18

Rude Buddha and Cerca Trova. Rock. 8 p.m. \$10. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Tiny Tot Tales. 10:30 a.m. Stories and activities. Age 13-23 months with adults. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. 703-356-0770.

A Christmas Carol, the Musical. 8 p.m. at the Alden Theater in the McLean Community Center. Tickets at 703-790-9223 or 703-573-SEAT. Non-perishable food or toy donations accepted for SHARE.

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NEWS

Search Is On for Art School Space

Arts Foundation's gala raises \$35,000.

Thanks to a successful fund-raising gala held Nov. 21, Great Falls Foundation for the Arts has announced it now has the resources to search for teaching space to house an expanded art school to serve adults and children in Great Falls.

The foundation, a nonprofit organization that promotes the arts in Great Falls, credits individuals, artists and local businesses in Great Falls with providing the financial help to expand the nonprofit Great Falls School of Art. All took part in the fund-raising effort that included a silent auction of art and raised more than \$35,000 for the school.

"We want to express our thanks to everyone who helped make our gala a success," Mollie Vardell, president of Great Falls Founda-



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Mollie Vardell, chair of the Great Falls Foundation for the Arts.

tion for the Arts, also known as GFFFTA, said. "Their generosity was overwhelming and is a first step in an ongoing fund-raising effort that we hope will lead to a permanent arts center to serve the community."

The inaugural annual gala took place at GFFFTA's headquarters at 1144 Walker Road in the Colvin Run area of Great Falls. More than 150 guests enjoyed locally do-

minated gourmet cuisine while bidding on an extensive selection of top-quality local and regional art.

The Walker Road location is also the current center for several existing art activities, including the temporary home of the art school. GFFFTA also administers rotating art exhibits there and rents working studios to 14 local artists. The current space, which is funded

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The National PTA is celebrating 40 years of promoting and encouraging artistic expression through its Reflections Program. This year's theme was "Wow!" Cooper students participated with works in six categories: visual arts, photography, literature, music, dance, and film/video production. Two Great Falls artists evaluated the submissions: painter **John Francis McCabe** judged the visual arts, and photographer **Dennis Liberson** judged the photography. Eighth grader **Andrew Kim** placed first in the visual arts category with his colored pencil work "Future Inventions." **Connie Chung** received second place, **Ivy Lim** third place, and **Jhazmin Calderon** honorable mention. Seventh grader **Alexandra Cramer** placed first in the photography category with her photograph "Must Read!" **Ty Kovacs** received both second and third place. Seventh grader **Alicia Melendez** placed first in the literature category with her poem "The Marine." The winning entries will go on to represent Cooper Middle School at the county level.

Navy Reserve Seaman Recruit Leslie A. Rouse, son of Leslie A. Rouse of McLean, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

John Frederick Spalding has been inducted into the Alpha Zeta Rho Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Northern Virginia Community College. Spalding, the son of Sidney and Nancy Spalding of Great Falls, is majoring in Theatre/Music/Dance.

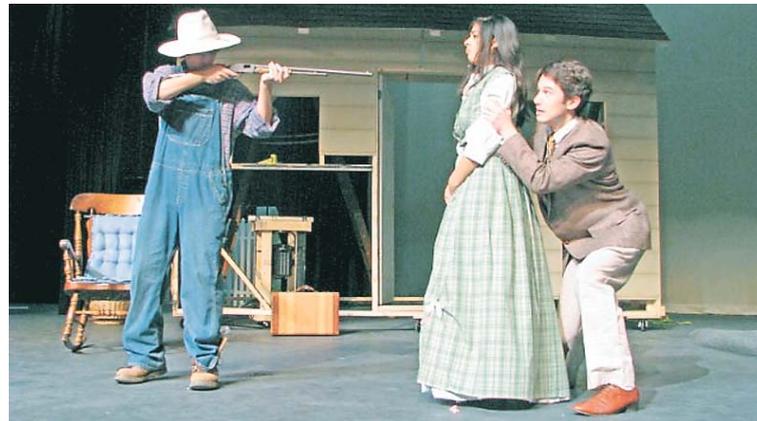


Laurey (Nicole Boyd) asserts that she does not need a man in "Many a New Day."

TJHSST Presents 'Oklahoma!'

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology's production of Roger and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!" will be performed Friday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 14, at 2 p.m., at the school's auditorium. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

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Ado Annie's father (A.J. Smith) convinces Ali Hakim (Sam Pell) that Ado Annie (Rajni Rao) is the gal for him.

LETTERS

FROM PAGE 8

I wish you all the best during the next four years. On Jan. 20, you'll kick off. Will you immediately charge the goal, or take time to set something up? Both have been successful, and both have led to disappointment.

Jerry E. Sullivan
Vienna

Retired Army colonel, and the director of Intra-governmental Affairs for the Africa Center for Strategic Studies on Fort McNair, Washington, D.C. The views expressed in this article are those of the author and do not reflect the official policy or position of the National Defense University, the Department of Defense, or the U.S. Government.

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COMMUNITY

Chanukah Wonderland Returns to Tysons Corner

The Chanukah Wonderland is returning to Tysons Corner for 12 magical days from Sunday, Dec. 14 through Friday, Dec. 26. The Chanukah Wonderland is 4,000 square feet of Judaic activity and entertainment for the entire family and includes Chanukah programs and activities that will appeal to both children and adults.

Admission is free.

This holiday attraction is a project of Chabad Tysons Jewish Center.

"For 12 days this December, the Chanukah Wonderland will provide Jewish families in the area with the opportunity of celebrating their Judaism in a very hands-on and engaging manner," Rabbi Levi Deitsch, director of the Chabad who is overseeing the event, said. "The array of activi-

ties has been carefully planned to pique the interest of every age group. From toddlers to teens, from adults to seniors, there will be something for everyone."

The location for the Wonderland is at 8100 Oak St., just off Gallows Road in Vienna.

Hours are Sundays-Thursdays, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Fridays, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

The activities and programs that will be ongoing at the Wonderland include: meet Judah Maccabee; tour the scenic Chanukah House; arts and crafts kiosks; giant tabletop Chanukah games; olive oil show and olive press; holiday video station; exciting computer center; candle making; build a giant Lego menorah; design cards for Israeli soldiers; Chanukah super store; Chanukah Café.

Entertainment activities include Chanukah Mad Science, Katie Balloons and Comedy and magic shows. Every day is different, so come once and then come back again. For further information, call the Wonderland Hotline at 703-821-7770. To schedule a group or school, call Rabbi Levi Deitsch at 703-821-7770 or e-mail Rabbi@ChabadTysons.com www.chabadtysons.com.



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The Chanukah Wonderland includes activities of interest to every age group.

Fairfax May Expand Water/Sewer Requirements

Fairfax County staff has recommended a local code amendment that would require more new subdivisions to have public water and sewer connections.

The change could potentially impact parts of the county that do not currently rely on public systems such as Great Falls, Clifton and Mason Neck.

County officials have suggested Fairfax County's public facilities manual be adjusted to require a home builder or owner to provide a public water hook up for all new homes on lots less than 75,000 square feet, which is about two acres. This would eliminate a current exemption for two-lot subdivisions that create lots between 20,000 and 75,000 square feet, according to county documents.

The change has been proposed in reaction to specific problems that arose in the Mount Vernon district, where the water well serving a new house at 1400 Alexandria Ave. failed and a new well could not be drilled. The estimated cost to extend public water to the home was between \$50,000 and

\$60,000.

"They built a house for \$2 million and then the well went dry. ... In my opinion, they should have been required to have a hook up in the first place," Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D) said.

County staff has also suggested requiring public sewer service to all structures located in an approved sewer service area. These include existing structures where there is no well or septic system and those where the well or septic system has failed and cannot be repaired. Current plumbing and gas provisions encourage, but do not require public sewer service in these areas.

According to county documents, the changes in water regulations could make it economically impossible to create certain two-lot subdivisions. Out of the 32 two-lot subdivisions in Dranesville from July 2004 through June 2007, none have been affected by the proposed amendments.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

Government Center, Conference Room 8, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, 703-324-1380.

THURSDAY/DEC. 11

Architectural Review Board, 6:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Rooms 4/5, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-1380.

Board of Equalization, 7 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 7 and 8, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-4891, TTY 703-222-7594.

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WEDNESDAY/DEC. 10

Planning Commission

Environment Committee, 7 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, Board Conference Room, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-2865, TTY 703-324-7951.

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Contact Pam Ryan at 703-988-9656 or volunteer@wfcmv.org.

Messiah Sing, with soloists and orchestra, Saint Luke Festival Choir and chamber orchestra, Paul Skevington, artistic Director, and Cheryl Branham, conductor. 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14. Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Adults \$15, seniors and students \$12. 703-356-0670 or www.musicinmclean.org.

GFFFTA

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entirely by the studio artists, is too small to meet the community's demand for classes and is unsuitable for teaching children. The search for space will begin in the new year with targeted occupancy for the spring semester beginning in early May. While the final requirements for the school space are still in the planning phases, GFFFTA anticipates needing approximately 600 to 1,000 square

Vienna Assemblies of God, located at 100 Ayr Hill Ave. N.E., Vienna, have several events scheduled in December. 703-938-7736 or www.viennaag.com.

❖ **Motion for Missions Banquet**, following services on Sunday, Dec. 14 from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

❖ **'The Last Straw' Children's Christmas Play**, based on the book by Frederick H. Thury. Dec. 14 at 10:30 a.m.

❖ **A Blue Christmas**, services for those who have lost a loved one or have family departed.

Dec. 22 at 7 p.m. Not a celebratory service: where those who are mourning can experience comfort.

❖ **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service**, celebratory service for the whole family. Dec. 24 at 7 p.m.

Chanukah Wonderland at Tysons Corner, 8100 Oak St., just off Gallows Road in Vienna, from Sunday,

Dec. 14 through Friday, Dec. 26. Sunday-Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Free admission. Meet Judah Maccabee, tour the Chanukah House, make candles, build a giant Lego menorah, design cards for Israeli soldiers.

Arts and crafts, games, olive oil show and olive press, Chanukah Superstore and café, Chanukah Mad Science, Katie Balloons and comedy and magic shows. 703-821-7770 or www.chabadtysons.com.

Christ the King Lutheran Church Annual Christmas Program on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 4 p.m. Seasonal music by the King's Chimers, classic Christmas songs by grades PK-2, and an original play, "The Activity Scene," by grades 3-6. Potluck dinner in the church fellowship hall following the Christmas Program. 10550 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. ChristTheKing.greatfalls@verizon.net.

feet.

The success of the gala is due to the financial support of its many sponsors including Great Falls Studios, Founder's Circle members, benefactors, patrons and contributors. Additional support was given by more than 50 artists who donated artwork for the silent auction and a variety of local businesses who donated the food that was offered during the festivities. GFFFTA extends thanks to Fresh

Catch (formerly Cannon's Seafood), Dante Ristorante and Window's Catering Company, which provided gourmet fare. GFFFTA also recognizes Mediterranean, Deli Italiano, Maison DuVin, Mediterranean Restaurant/Kabob House, The Great Falls Tavern, National Confectioner's Association and Safeway for their food, sweets and beverage contributions for the evening.

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Saxon Girls Ready for District Schedule

Buffo's basketball squad has solid trio back from last year's starting lineup.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The Langley High girls basketball team, with three returning starters from last year's squad that finished third in the Liberty District's regular season standings, has gotten off to a bit of a slow start this season. But the Saxons are a good enough team this winter that it is just a matter of time before they begin to get things going.

"We're still trying to put it together," said Langley coach Cheryl Buffo, whose team was 1-2 following last Saturday's 50-44 loss to South County at the Saxons' own first annual Tip-off Tournament.

Langley, in the setback, received a game high 19 points from sophomore center Audrey Dotson, who a year ago earned First Team All-Liberty District honors. Senior forward Rachel Warrick added eight points for Langley.

The Saxons, the night before on Friday, won their first game at the Tip-off, defeating Hayfield 53-40.



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Langley will meet local rival McLean in a huge early season contest Friday, Dec. 19, as part of a girls-boys doubleheader.

Warrick led Langley with 18 points in that contest, while Dotson netted 11. It was the first win of the season for the Saxons, who had

lost their season opener to Northern Region power Oakton.

LANGLEY HAS a solid nucleus

"She started every game for us and basically didn't leave the floor."

— Cheryl Buffo, Langley girls basketball coach

back from last year's region tournament-qualifying team in returning starters Dotson, Warrick and junior guard Kristen Kody.

Dotson, a 6-foot-1-inch center, is one of the region's top all-around players.

"She anticipates extremely well and is good at blocking shots," Buffo said of Dotson, who averaged 13 points, seven rebounds and three blocked shots last year as a ninth-grader. "She started every game for us and basically didn't leave the floor. She's a player I felt very confident in. At the end of a game, we wanted to get the ball in her hands."

Dotson worked hard during the offseason to improve her game. She scored most of her points from inside the paint last year, but has improved her outside shooting touch, which should make it even more difficult this season for opponents to guard her.

"She's just an all-around fantastic player," Buffo said. "She hits the boards extremely well and is quick to get the ball out on the outlet."

In the backcourt, Kody, who is 5

feet 10 inches, will see action at either the point guard position or at shooting guard. A year ago she earned Second Team All-District accolades. "She's such a tall, athletic guard," Buffo said. "She can cause a lot of trouble defensively because of her quickness and long arms. She sees the floor very well."

Warrick, meanwhile, plays small forward position. She has worked hard on and improved her outside shooting touch.

"She has really become a good outside threat for us," said the coach of Warrick. "Her shot has looked real good."

This week, Langley was scheduled to play non-district road games at Yorktown on Tuesday and at Annandale this Friday night. The contest versus the Atoms will be part of a girls-boys doubleheader at Annandale.

Next week, the Saxons begin play in the Liberty District with games against Stone Bridge, Tuesday, Dec. 16, and cross-town rival McLean, Friday, Dec. 19. Both contests will be at Langley and the meeting against the Highlanders will be part of a girls-boys doubleheader.

"It's an unbelievable environment," Buffo said of the electricity in the gymnasium when Langley and McLean meet in hoops.

Over the Christmas holidays, the Langley girls will travel to Miami, Dec. 26-31, to take part in the eight-team Junior Orange Bowl Tournament.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

Langley High senior Maggie Kovacs of McLean recently signed a national letter of intent to play college women's lacrosse next school year at the University of Oregon (Eugene, Ore.). The Ducks are under the direction of head coach Jen Larsen. Kovacs, a midfielder/attacker, was born in Oregon and later moved to Virginia.

She is set to graduate from Langley this spring. She has put together a distinguished high-school career as a member of the Saxon's lacrosse program. As a freshman starter three years ago, she earned Liberty District championship MVP honors as well as being named to the U.S. Lacrosse All-American Honorable Mention team. She is currently a Langley team captain and will be a key member of the Saxons' squad this up-

coming spring season.

The Madeira Swim & Dive team opened the winter season with a 122-64 home win over Holy Child. The private high-school competition took place Dec. 5. Event winners for Madeira were Alex Psaris (200 freestyle and 500 freestyle); Renee Mattox (50 and 100 free); Melissa Berkowitz (100 breaststroke); Whitney Chronister (200 individual medley); and Christa Ann Saunders (100 fly).

"The squad looks good for early season," said Madeira coach Rod Montrie.

Madeira received excellent swims from senior captain Justine Davenport in the 200 freestyle and 100 fly events. Megan Basel also had great swims, taking third and second in the 50 and 100 freestyle, respectively. Sophomore Rachael Tang had good swims in the 200 freestyle and 100 butterfly.

Madeira's next meet is home against Georgetown Visitation this Friday, Dec. 12, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

McLean, Oakton, Madison and Marshall High had place finishers (top eight) at last Saturday's Northern Region Wrestling Classic. The annual, early season event took place at Fairfax High School. Thirty-two teams participated.

Robinson High was the team champion with 222 points, while Westfield was second with 194.5.

Oakton (17th overall) received second-place finishes from Ethan Doyle (140-weight class) and Matt Patinos (160). Also for the Cougars, Chris Butters finished sixth at 125-weight class.

From Madison, Sahand Dilmaghani (160) and Albert Schultz (112) both earned fifth-place overall finishes.

From McLean High, Palmer Dickson (119) finished seventh, while Marshall was well represented by Mark Bergenholtz (seventh at 189) and Collin Newcomb (eighth at 171).

The U14 Great Falls Fire girls soccer team is looking to add several players, including a goalkeeper to its roster. The team competes under the club umbrella of Great Falls in WAGS and tournament play. Its focus is foot skills, player development and higher level team play; winter training indoors/outdoors. The team's coach is Krisztian Mikoczi (Virginia ODP/HP Soccer). For information or to arrange tryout, contact manager, Karen Shaban at sshaban@aol.com or at 703-901-7232.

St. Cloud State University (Minn.) sophomore forward

Garrett Roe, a resident of Vienna, currently leads all NCAA Division I men's hockey players with a 1.56 points per game scoring average.

Roe leads the Huskies this season with nine goals and 16 assists for a total of 25 points in 16 games played. An All-Western Collegiate Hockey Association selection in 2007-08, Roe has notched 27 goals and 43 assists in two seasons with the Huskies (70 points).

The Huskies currently own an overall record of 10-6-0 and are 5-5-0 in the WCHA. They are ranked 17th in the nation in the latest NCAA Division I poll. St. Cloud State is located about one hour northwest of Minneapolis.

Roe is a 2008 draft pick of the Los Angeles Kings and he is the son of Larry and Julie Roe of Vienna.

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1625 International Drive, #301, McLean, Virginia
In execution of a Deed of Trust from Alexandra P. Bennett, dated July 1, 2004, and recorded July 28, 2004, in Deed Book 16327 at page 905 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on
Thursday, December 11, 2008 at 12:15 p.m.

the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Unit 301, Phase 1, Lillian Court At Tysons II, A Condominium in accordance with the declaration and exhibits attached thereto recorded in Deed Book 9830 at page 941, as amended in Deed Book 9851 at page 688, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Commonly known as 1625 International Drive, #301, McLean, Virginia 22102.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$23,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 5.90 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

Any defaulting purchaser shall forfeit the deposit and stand the risk and cost of resale.

Sale shall be made subject to all existing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the real estate. Sale is further subject to mechanic's and/or materialman's liens of record and not of record. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, covenants, restrictions, rights of redemption of federal lienholders or encumbrances, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any.

In the event the undersigned trustee is unable to convey to the purchaser good title, then purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy shall be in the refund of the deposit paid at the time of sale.

This sale is being made subject to two superior trusts.

The subject property and all improvements thereon will be sold in "as is" condition without warranty of any kind. Purchaser shall be responsible for any and all building and/or zoning code violations whether of record or not of record, as well as for all unpaid and enforceable homeowners' or condominium owners' association dues and assessments, if any. Purchaser also shall be responsible for obtaining possession of the property at his/her expense. Purchaser shall assume the risk of loss and shall be responsible for any damage, vandalism, theft, destruction, or the like, of or to the property occurring after the time of sale. Conveyance will be by special warranty deed. Conveyancing, recording, transfer taxes, notary fees, examination of title, state stamps, and all other costs of conveyance are to be at the expense of purchaser. State and local taxes, public charges, and special or regular assessments, if any, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter shall be assumed by the purchaser.

The undersigned trustee unconditionally reserves the right: (i) to waive the deposit requirement; (ii) to approve or disapprove the creditworthiness of any bidder and/or purchaser; (iii) to withdraw the property from sale at any time prior to termination of the bidding; (iv) to extend the time for bidding; (v) to reject any or all bids; (vi) to postpone or set over the date or time of sale; and (vii) to extend the period of time for settlement hereunder.

Additional terms and conditions of sale may be announced at the time of sale.

DAVID N. PRENSKY
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the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:
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