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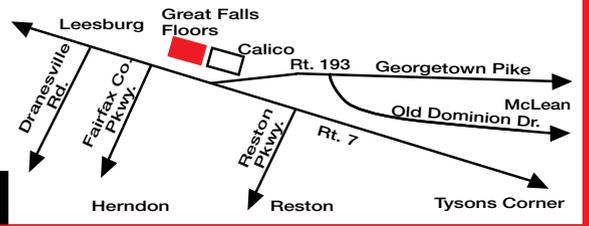




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Maddison Abboud 15, freshman at Langley High, and the Japanese student she hosted for the weekend, Naho Tsuruga, 15, of Kake Educational Institute in Hiroshima.

Great Falls families welcome 19 Japanese students from Hiroshima at Great Falls ES on March 20 as part of the annual Sister School exchange between Great Falls ES and the Kake Educational Institution.

'Tough Road' Ahead for County Budget

Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) conducts a budget town hall meeting for his constituency.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) opened the doors of the Great Falls Grange March 19, bringing out some of the Dranesville District's most concerned citizens and elected officials.

The gathering, a town hall meeting to give the public a chance to voice concerns and give recommendations to their elected officials on the proposed Fiscal Year 2010 budget for Fairfax County, drew Del. Margaret Vanderhye (D-34) and Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large), each of whom were eager to hear what their constituency had to say.

"It is critical that the Board of Supervisors hear from the community on what is proposed," Foust said. "The budget, even though it is just numbers, reflects the priorities of the community."

Facing an estimated \$650 million shortfall, the budget is a contentious issue this year with program and service cuts and tax adjustments, so Foust arranged three separate town hall meetings for the community. In this meeting, the first of the three, Foust brought two members of the county's Department of Management and Budget to give a summary presentation of the proposed budget and to answer questions.

Joe Mondoro, deputy director and Brian Bernard, senior analyst, brought copies of the budget presentation for all 20 or so in attendance and discussed the key points of the plan. After reading through the packet, Foust opened the floor up to the citizens for questions and statements.

THE MOST PREVALENT concern of the citizens gathered was the recommended real estate tax rate. County Executive Anthony H. Griffin recommended a property tax rate of \$1.04 per \$100 of assessed value, which represented a \$0.12 increase. Several of the people who spoke at the meeting voiced their displeasure with the property tax rate rising while home assessments were falling.

"You raised property taxes when values were up and now you are going to raise them when they are down and that is not fair," Dave Cornwell said. "That is not the way to do business."

Another citizen in attendance, who said

Japanese Discover Great Falls

Exchange program continues, Great Falls Elementary students will visit Japan in June.

BY ALEKSANDRA KULCZUGA
THE CONNECTION

When Meggan Abboud moved to Great Falls and enrolled her daughter in the local elementary school, she was asked if she wanted to be put on a wait list for the language immersion program. Abboud agreed, only to find out later that the language program available for her first grader was in Japanese.

"Japanese? I thought, what is she going to do with Japanese?" Abboud said. Nine years later, her daughter Maddison is a freshman at Langley High School and is learning math in English for the first time in her life. Through middle school, students in the language immersion program study math, science and health in Japanese.

In sixth grade, the students from Great Falls travel to Japan for up to two weeks of cultural immersion. Maddison was also part of the trip and described it as an amazing time. "Everybody was so nice to us," she said. Meggan Abboud is now president of the Select Japan program, which facilitates the exchange between the two countries.

A total of 19 students and two teachers from the Kake Educational Institute in Hiroshima participated in the trip, which also took them to New York City before coming to Great Falls. Families with students



PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

Isabella and Caline Nassar pose for a picture with Sayar Aratake, a Japanese student from Hiroshima at Great Falls Elementary School on March 20. The Nassar family was one of the great families that hosted 19 students from Japan as part of the annual Sister School exchange between Great Falls ES and the Kake Educational Institution.

in the Japanese immersion program volunteered to host a Japanese student for the weekend.

ON FRIDAY, the Abbouds took their exchange student, Naho Tsuruga, 15, to a school play at Langley High School. Dinner was at the Silver Diner in Reston, which serves traditional American food to Elvis music in an atmosphere of 1950s America. On Saturday, Tsuruga was treated to a soccer game and a few hours of shopping at the mall.

Diane Hara is on the Board of Directors of Select Japan, and her family took their student to Medieval Times, Great Falls Park and the National Zoo. "Our Japanese boy asked specifically for hamburgers, so we took him to the food court so he could pick," said Hara, with a smile.

Christine Clemson, who is the Japanese Immersion Program committee co-chair gathered a few other families for a day of bowling and then horseback riding. "I don't think they had ever done it but they were very excited and not scared at all!" she said. "Later, we took our student to Baskin Robbins and I think he was overwhelmed with all the flavors. My son had a heck of time trying to translate each of the flavors into Japanese for him."

Mishima Masako, who teaches math in Japan, believes her students were enjoying their trip. Washington, D.C. had surpassed their expectations, and she felt her students had seen a great slice of America.

Nobuyuki Yoshihara teaches history in Japan, and he said it was an

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Loebig Chiropractic, LLC 'Sends Something Sweet'

A recent article ["Plenty of Cookies, Not Enough Postage," Great Falls Connection, Feb. 18-24, 2009] drew the community's attention to the fact that thousands of boxes of Girl Scout cookies collected by The Neighbors International Foundation cannot get sent to the troops serving overseas unless money is raised to cover the cost of postage. Enter the Great Falls health professionals at Loebig Chiropractic, LLC. "We decided to get involved and donate our services in exchange for donations from members of the community, which would then be used toward sending the cookies to the troops," said Dr. Glenn Loebig. The program is called "Send Something Sweet."

Loebig Chiropractic, LLC, is not only going to provide free services, it will also match the contributions up to \$350. Loebig Chiropractic has also raised donations for other causes, such as the Reston Interfaith, Salvation Army, American Heart Association as well as a few others, but this cause has hit closer to home.

During the weeks of March 30 and April 10, Loebig Chiropractic will be donating new patient services (which include a consultation, chiropractic, orthopedic & neurological examination, and one set of x-rays (if necessary) in exchange for a minimum \$35 donation). These first day services usually cost \$220. All donations collected will be sent to "Neighbors International Foundation", the nonprofit organization that promotes "Neighbors Helping Neighbors." Those interested in making a donation may call Loebig Chiropractic at 703-757-5817.

Forum To Address Bullying in Schools

Longfellow Middle School PTA and the Safe Community Coalition will be sponsoring a forum entitled "Bullying and Cyber Bullying in Our Schools" on Thursday, March 26, at 7 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave. in McLean.

Statistics indicate that 70 percent of eighth grade respondents in a 2008 Fairfax County Youth Survey experienced some form of bullying, and 28.7 percent were bullied to the point of injury or threat of injury. The speaker on March 26 will be Stefan Mascoll of the Fairfax County Office of Safe and Drug Free Youth. The forum follows action by the Virginia State Legislature last month adding "harassment and intimidation" to the definition of bullying, providing greater protection against "cyber-bullying," or bullying through text messaging or online.

Town Hall Meeting at Langley High

A Town Hall Meeting sponsored by Del. Margi Vanderhye (D-34), Del. Jim Scott (D-53), and Sen. Janet Howell (D-32) will be Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Langley High School Cafeteria, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Citizens will have the opportunity to discuss the recently concluded regular session of the Virginia General Assembly and expectations for the April 8 veto session when the Legislature reconvenes to consider Gov. Tim Kaine's (D) vetoes and his proposed amendments to bills passed in the regular session.

Tax Relief Workshop on March 30

Dranesville District residents who are disabled or over the age of 65 are invited to attend a workshop to help complete tax relief application forms. The workshop, hosted by Supervisor John W. Foust (D-Dranesville), will be March 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the McLean Government Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Home visits are also available by appointment.

For more information or to schedule time for a personal consultation, contact the Dranesville District Supervisor's Office at 703-356-0551, TTY 711.

NEWS

Recommendations for Gubernatorial Race

Fairfax officials endorse statewide Democratic candidates.

county supervisors and local delegates in the General Assembly is particularly strong. As the former head of the House of Delegate's Democratic caucus, Moran helped several of these local elected officials raise money for their 2007 campaigns.

But most of the local state senators who have chosen to endorse have selected Deeds over the other two candidates, even though he is not a native Northern Virginian.

McAuliffe has also picked up a key endorsement in Reston: Del. Ken Plum (D-36), who is the current head of the House of Delegates' Democratic caucus.

Several of Fairfax's higher profile politicians — including Connolly himself and Fairfax County chairman Sharon Bulova (D) — have also decided to remain neutral for now.

"We have a wealth of riches to choose from. I think we have three find candidates for governor. ... All of them were helpful to me in my race," said Bulova.

The following is a list of Fairfax County elected officials endorsements made so far.

- ❖ Del. Chuck Caputo (D-67)
- ❖ Del. Jim Scott (D-53)
- ❖ Del. Mark Sickles (D-43)
- ❖ Del. Kris Amundson (D-44)
- ❖ Del. Dave Marsden (D-41)
- ❖ Del. David Bulova (D-37)
- ❖ Del. Margi Vanderhye (D-34)
- ❖ Del. Vivian Watts (D-39)
- ❖ City of Fairfax Councilman Dan Drummond

GOVERNORS RACE

- Deeds:**
- ❖ State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-35)
 - ❖ Democratic majority leader and state Sen. Dick Saslaw (D-34)
 - ❖ Commonwealth's Attorney Ray Morrogh

- McAuliffe:**
- ❖ Del. Ken Plum (D-36)
- Moran:**
- ❖ Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee)
 - ❖ Supervisor Penny Gross (D-Mason)
 - ❖ Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville)
 - ❖ Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon)
 - ❖ School Board president Dan Storck (Mount Vernon)
 - ❖ School Board member Jim Raney (at-large)
 - ❖ School Board member Brad Center (Lee)
 - ❖ School Board member Jane Strauss (Dranesville)
 - ❖ School Board member Phil Niedzielski-Eichner (Providence)

If U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly's annual Saint Patrick's Day fundraiser is any indication, the race to pick a Democratic nominee for governor has reached a fever pitch in Fairfax County a little less than two months before the June 9th primary.

Connolly's staff said about 500 people had indicated they would show up for the event at the Kena Temple in Fairfax March 17. In the end, more than 1,400 people, the largest crowd in the event's 14 years, came to the party, said Connolly.

Charlottesville area state Sen. Creigh Deeds (D-25), Former Democratic National Committee chair Terry McAuliffe, and former Alexandria Del. Brian Moran (D-46) are competing to be the Democrat's gubernatorial pick.

Russell County supervisor John Bowerbank, Virginia Beach City school board member Pat Edmondson, Democratic strategist Mike Signer, and Virginia's former secretary of finance Jody Wagner are also facing each other in a primary for lieutenant governor on the same day.

Connolly allowed each of the candidates — including the Democrat's presumptive nominee for Attorney General, Vienna Del. Steve Shannon (D-35) — to speak in front of the large crowd of Democrats at the event.

But the real draw may have been the fund-raiser's straw poll, which some consider a bellwether for how Northern Virginia Democrats may feel about a race.

In 2006, U.S. Sen. Jim Webb defeated his primary opponent Harris Miller in the Connolly straw poll, an upset that many considered a turning point for the Webb campaign.

McAuliffe won the 2009 straw poll with 544 votes (58 percent); Moran came in second with 276 votes (30 percent); Deeds — the



"I think we have three fine candidates. All of them were helpful to me in my race."

— **Chairman Sharon Bulova (with granddaughter Josie Bulova) on not endorsing a candidate**



"I am waiting. I need a little bit more time to decide."

— **Supervisor Linda Smyth (D-Providence) on not endorsing a candidate**



"Brian [Moran] was my mentor as our house caucus chair."

— **Del. Margi Vanderhye (D-34), on endorsing Brian Moran**



"He understands the needs of Virginians. His experience will take us a long way."

— **School Board member Jane Strauss (Dranesville) on endorsing Brian Moran**

only non-Northern Virginian — followed with 114 votes (12 percent.) McAuliffe had arranged for staffers and supporters to attend the event by having his donors purchase several hundred tickets.

On the lieutenant governor side, Wagner won the straw poll with 48 percent of the vote; Signer, an Arlington County resident, came in second with 28 percent; Bowerbank and Edmondson both garnered 12 percent.

WHILE MCAULIFFE may have won the straw poll, Moran appears to be winning the battle over Fairfax County endorsements.

Moran's support among the

Drunk Driver Kills Drunk Driver

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

A Fairfax Circuit Court jury convicted a drunk driver for killing another drunk driver who had caused a different accident on Route 7 moments before.

The jury convicted Gordon E. Brightly, 50 of Leesburg, of involuntary manslaughter and recommended last November that he serve three years in prison.

"I apologize deeply for what I have done," Brightly said Friday, March 20 in Fairfax County Circuit Court.

Brightly told Judge Michael P. McWeeny that he mourns the death of Anton Stefan Sjostrom, 27, of Reston.

"I'm haunted by the memories of that tragic night. He was a human being who didn't deserve to have his life shortened," Brightly said. "I have not got the answers, but I pray for him and his family, that the Lord will be by his side every day."

Judge Michael McWeeny sentenced Brightly, who has remained in jail since November 2007, to serve three years and remain on

probation for three years after his release.

ABOUT 20 MINUTES past midnight on March 15, 2007, Sjostrom was standing outside his 2004 Toyota Camry on the right through lane of westbound Route 7 near the intersection of Georgetown Pike in Great Falls.

Sjostrom had rear-ended another vehicle and was inspecting the damage. He was waiting for police to arrive when Brightly, driving a white Dodge pickup truck in the right lane, hit Sjostrom and Sjostrom's vehicle.

Sjostrom died at the scene and Brightly was transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital.

Brightly initially refused to give a sample of his blood for testing. But when police explained they would obtain a search warrant to authorize the blood test, Brightly told officers, "Do what you have to do. I am [screwed] anyways."

Hours after the fatal accident, Brightly's blood alcohol content was tested to be .16, twice the legal limit to drive, prosecutor Faraji A. Rosenthal said during the trial. Brightly's defense attorneys, pub-

lic defenders Vernida Chaney and Robert Frank, argued that the two cars in the earlier crash were in the travel lane and Brightly had little opportunity to avoid the collision.

Sjostrom's blood alcohol content was .28, more than three times the legal limit for driving, said Chaney.

The medical examiner did not prepare an autopsy in the case, according to the defense attorneys.

Brightly was arrested for a second charge of driving under the influence in Loudoun County while on bond and awaiting trial, said Rosenthal.

THAT NIGHT, his wife who was battling breast cancer, asked him to move out, Brightly said. One of the stressors on his marriage was his upcoming criminal case.

"I felt sorry for myself and instead of doing the right thing," Brightly said he turned back to alcohol. "By the grace of God, I was observed at a gas station buying beer and soon after was pulled over.

"I have no excuses for my actions, but I know how wrong I have done," he said.



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Without a paper trail, electronic voting will fail.

It should serve as a national wake-up call. Here in Northern Virginia, more than 700 votes cast in one precinct in a special election earlier this month were called into question when a voting machine malfunctioned.

The voting machine reported that 724 people had used it, even though officials at the Fairview precinct had recorded only 707 people walking through the door. There was also another voting machine at Fairview, which had already tallied 348 of the 707 votes.

Officials were unable to declare a winner in the race for more than 24 hours while they moved and opened the rogue machine. The conclusion: John Cook (R) defeated at-large school board member Ilyong Moon (D) by 89 votes in an election where more than 13,000 voters cast ballots.

Read reporter Julia O'Donoghue's story on

the problems with voting machines at <http://connectionnewspapers.com/article.asp?article=326931&paper=73&cat=109>.

The March 10 special election was held to choose the successor to Sharon Bulova (D) for Braddock District supervisor.

There were no optical scan machines available for the special election because election officials were trying to save money; there was no paper trail to back up questions about the accuracy of the electronic voting. Rokey Suleman, Fairfax County registrar, cited the high cost of paper.

But the costs of any legal challenge to the results would make the cost of paper pale by comparison. The loss of voter confidence would have more disastrous and far-reaching effects.

Computer experts warn that relying solely on the software inside electronic voting machines is a formula for disaster. Most of the rest of us who are not computer experts have seen first hand what can go wrong when computer hardware or software malfunctions, and the importance of good (or any) back-up systems.

Virginia will hold very important elections in June and November. The contest for Governor alone will be hotly contested and could be

very, very close, both in the June primary and the November general election. Remember that Bob McDonnell, now the Republican candidate for Governor, became Attorney General in the last election by a margin of 360 votes out of nearly 2 million votes cast.

Every seat in the House of Delegates will also be on the ballot in November. In Fairfax County at least, election officials do not plan to offer the optical scan/paper ballot as an option.

Nearly 80 percent of registered voters turned out for last November's presidential and congressional elections, and Fairfax County equipped each polling station with at least one optical scan machine, giving voters a choice. This plus the many voters who were able to vote absentee in person ahead of time were part of the reason Election Day went smoothly.

Offering the choice to use paper ballots and optical scanning machines doesn't address the question of a possible failure of an electronic machine and the need for a paper trail.

Local jurisdictions around Virginia should ponder a worst-case scenario now — the results of a close contest could be unreliable or undeterminable because of voting machine malfunction. The costs involved would dwarf the costs of setting up back-up systems now.

EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bring Sanity To School Budget

To the Editor:
OK Fairfax County — this is your wake-up call ...

The proposed FY2010 school budget (54 percent of the entire county's budget) is out and it:

1. Increases class sizes.
2. Fires teachers not absorbed by attrition.
3. Reduces bus service for magnet students.

Now we know where the School Board's priorities are. Forget that now we can't even provide transportation to the nation's #1 high school. Never mind that next year's projected Fairfax County average high school class size is 31 and the Virginia State Department of Education regulations set the maximum at 30. Let's cut where it hurts most — and leave the bloated school administration alone to protect the Superintendent's fiefdom. If only we could find that Holy Grail

For starters, why do we need 470 people in the Division of Instructional Services writing lesson plans that the teachers ignore? Why is a planning period for middle and high school teachers and half day every Monday for Elementary School teachers needed if someone is writing their lesson plans? Many of these positions could be eliminated or forced

to return to the classroom.

We have 17 cluster superintendents who earn a six-figure salary.

We have 30-34 people in the Department of Accountability studying SOL scores. If we had more teachers, then maybe the SOL scores would take care of themselves.

Why do we have separate school and county libraries, HR departments, and audits? They claim they are looking into it — so where's the plan? We could combine the two and introduce obvious efficiencies.

We could reduce the number of assistant principals — we have one assistant principal for every 455 students — Arlington has one for every 567 students.

It is time we add fiscal sanity to the school budget. Contact your school board member and ask them where their priorities are — the administration — or the kids and the classroom?

Kim Farrell
Vienna

Of Course, It's Personal

To the Editor:

I was somewhat alarmed by the comments of School Board President Dan Storck in your article "Advocates Pull Back from Later High School Start Times Proposal," where he states that "Some people may also be too caught up in how the details of the plan will

impact their lives personally instead of looking at the problem holistically."

Many of us would beg to differ with Mr. Storck. The fact is that the coalition known as SLEEP is singularly focused on changing school bell times as the solution to academic, athletic and unsafe driving problems that they perceive exist in Fairfax County Schools.

The "holistic" way to look at this issue is to realize that time spent with family, on extracurricular activities (including those focused on sports or academics or the arts), at after school jobs, and volunteering in the community, etc have all been proven by independent research to produce well-rounded, high achieving students.

In a county as large and diverse as Fairfax, finding that balance is difficult. Yet, even after 10 years of looking into this issue, and the dedicated focus of the Transportation Task Force, a viable option has not been able to be found. Isn't it time to consider that that balance already exists. Fairfax County is one of the top-rated school districts in the country, produces excellent athletes, and too my knowledge, does not have any particular problems with teen accidents, etc.

And for Mr. Storck to admonish parents for thinking about this issue too personally is just plain silly. Haven't we all been encouraged to take education personally in terms of reading to our kids, attending

PTA sessions, volunteering in classrooms (all of which my husband and I do)?

So when the proposed solution means that I'll need to find another \$1200 in my budget to pay for child care, that my elementary school son will be in school until 4 p.m. which has been shown to not be optimal for educational purposes, that enrichment programs such as Mad Science and Odyssey of the Mind will be cancelled, that top teachers will consider leaving for other school districts — yes, quite frankly, I will take it personally.

With our school district facing dramatic budget and staff cuts our School Board has better things to focus on than a complete overhaul of a system which is actually working.

Jill Anderson
Falls Church

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Town Hall Meeting Discusses Budget

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that he worked in the real estate business, followed Cornwell and agreed with him on several of Cornwell's points, but added that he also felt that the distribution of the assessments is incorrect. His concern was that the assessment values in the Vienna, McLean and Great Falls areas continue to climb while the values either stayed the same or decreased in other areas of the county, therefore having a heavier tax burden on the citizens in those areas than anywhere else.

Tim Hackman, a Great Falls resident, added that the property tax assessments should be taken every three years, instead of yearly. He felt that using a three-year sample would prevent the residents from being hit too hard in one extreme year, such as this one.

In addition to the real estate tax rate, Hackman also raised his concern on an issue that was important to several other people at the meeting — the park system. In the proposed budget, the Fairfax County Park Authority is facing substantial cuts, including program and service reductions and even the Park Authority's department of community and recreation services possibly being folded into one, among other streamlining measures designed to cut costs. Hackman and others were concerned over the fact that 40 percent of the proposed cuts to the Park

Authority fall on the resource management division, which would result in the cutting of the division's volunteer program. The volunteers from the program currently have a hand in many of the day-to-day operations of the parks and losing them, the citizens feared, would have a negative impact on Riverbend Park, among others.

GREAT FALLS resident Paul Cohen and others raised the issue of affordable housing programs. The county's "penny fund," that takes 1 cent from every \$100 of real estate tax and puts it towards different projects, is shrinking this year, which in turn, gives the county less money to purchase real estate and open it up to low- and moderate-income families. Cohen and others wanted the county to make sure that money would be available for the project, regardless of dwindling incomes.

"Fairfax County is spending \$100 million on affordable housing," Foust said. "The commitment is there, but the full resources may not be."

Though no definitive answers could be reached at the meeting, Foust and Bulova pledged that even though a tough road still lies ahead for the budget process, they would continue to work hard to accommodate as many people as possible and listen to their constituency.

"We may not be successful," Foust said, "but we are working our tails off."

Japanese Find Welcoming Place

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honor for him to visit Virginia. "This is such a historically important place for America," he said. He also noted the security presence around the White House, and the politeness of strangers in America. "Everyone says 'Please,' 'Thank you' and 'You're welcome.' Everyone has shown us kindness during our stay."

ALTHOUGH the students have each been studying the other's language for about nine years, Japanese is a complex language and translators are still required. The education focus in Japan is on reading and writing English, whereas the American students work more on their Japanese conversation. For this reason, host families occasionally found it easier to communicate with their exchange student by writing something down, rather than saying it. Japanese consists of three alphabets, and, at this

stage, the American students have only learned two of them.

"You really see in the older kids how the language begins to come together, and they realize they can speak Japanese," said Claudette Gerard, who has two children in the program and also hosted a Japanese student.

In June, a delegation of sixth grade students from Great Falls Elementary will go to Japan for 10 days as part of the exchange. "I've been pleasantly surprised with how prepared the American kids have been when they've gone to Japan," said Gerard. "The program does an excellent job of familiarizing them with not only the Japanese language but also their food and culture."

"It was really great," said Maddison Abboud of the weekend. "You learn so much more than in the classroom. You have to take everything you've learned throughout the years and put it together to get across what you want to say. It's a lot of fun."

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SCHOOLS

'Alice' in 2009 America

Langley High Drama presents "Alice in Wonderland."

Langley High School Drama's production of "Alice in Wonderland," directed by performing arts teacher Phylliss Jaffe, and performed March 19-21, is loosely based on the Lewis Carroll novel of 1865. Victorian England was a topsy-turvy world of uncertain economic times and seemingly never-ending wars. Director Jaffe's artistic vision of this fantasy relocates the fabled literary nonsense of the original story to our turbulent modern times, a saucy, debonair, hip styling for 2009 America. Updated twists included the Caterpillar as a 1940's Humphrey Bogart, a la Casablanca (played by Paul Goldberg), the Red Chess Queen as a villainous dominatrix (played by Kate DaRocha), playing cards as a chorus line of New York City Rockettes, a hip-hop White Rabbit (played by Alvin Kuai), and Tweedledee and Tweedledum, as tap-dancing Super Mario Brothers (played by Nicole Kang and Chelsea Raitor). Standout senior performances include Caroline Anderson, as the White Chess Queen, Sam Faktorow as the King of Hearts, and Meg Honigberg as the Mad Hatter. Senior Jackie Mullen, Technical Director-Scenic Artist, and her crew, created a stark white set, housing stairs and slides, with surreal lighting to enhance Alice's wild ride. Other notable performances included Kelly Hubbell as faithful Alice, Tess Higgins' wicked Cheshire Cat, Brian Patterson's comic Dormouse, and Takuma Koide as an M&M dancing Humpty-Dumpty. The original score and music, composed and conducted by junior Wes Brandt, heightens Alice's surreal trip in Wonderland and through the Looking Glass. The pit band included Wes Brandt/keyboards, Elizabeth Cantrall/flutist, Paul Goldberg/acoustic guitar, Allan Maishin/percussion, and Andres Orco-Zerpa/electric guitar. Choreography by Caroline Anderson and Liza Mayman.



The cast warms up for the Friday night performance in the theatre room.



Director Phylliss Jaffe



The White Rabbit (Tu-An Troung).



On the edge of the pool of tears, Alice (Kelly Hubbell) meets up with the Mouse (Geneva Tatem), a Dodo (Sarah Mendelsohn), a Lory (Katie Baughman), an Eaglet (Kyle Rodgers) and a Duck (Caroline Callahan) in the Langley High School's Drama production of "Alice in Wonderland."

CALENDAR

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WEDNESDAY/MARCH 25

Taylor Carson, Matt York and Andrew Hoover, 7:30 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Hop Into Spring, 10:30 a.m. at the Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Bunny tales and activities. Age 2-5 with adult. 703-356-0770.

Buddy Hatton, 7 p.m., Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Watch "In Search of Shangri-La" with Alden favorite Buddy Hatton. \$8/district residents, \$10/others. Call 703-790-9223.

Cuvaion Wine Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Wildfire Tysons Galleria, 1714U International Drive, McLean. Guest speaker Don Clemens joins with Wildfire's Executive Chef Steven Lukis. \$95/person. To view the menu, visit wildfirerestaurant.com or for reservations contact Michelle Bringham at 703-442-9110.

Volunteer Fair, 3-4:30 p.m., Fairfax City Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna, along with other area branches, is holding a Volunteer Fair. Learn how you can help older adults continue to live independently in their own homes and provide enrichment and social networking opportunities for older people in our communities. Call 703-281-0538 or e-mail office@scov.org

THURSDAY/MARCH 26

Paul Thorn, gospel-inspired Americana, 8 p.m. at The Barns. \$20. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

White Burgundy and Pinot Noir, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Ritz-Carlton Tysons Corner, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean. A wine tour of France. Experience one of the most delicate grape varieties.

Garnet Rogers, 7:30 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

FRIDAY/MARCH 27

Susan Werner with Madi Diaz. Folk and gospel. 8 p.m. at The Barns. \$22. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Sex and Missiles, Feed God Cabbage, Mistaken For Strangers, Redline Addiction, The Rail, Shrine of the Silver Monkey, Combat Funk and The List. 6 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$8 advance, \$10 at the door. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Reiki, 7:30-9 p.m., American Legion Post 270, 1355 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Co-Author of the "Reiki Sourcebook" and Master Teacher Frans Stiene will speak on the healing power and spiritual essence of Reiki and sign books. Reiki is now one of the fastest growing alternative healing modalities in the world. Visit www.animalparadisecommunication.com/reiki.htm.

SATURDAY/MARCH 28

Michael Manring, bassist. 7 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

John Eaton, the music of the 1940s. 7:30 p.m. at The Barns. \$25. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Laughing Pizza, 2 p.m., Alden Theatre,



Children from both St. Francis Episcopal Church and Great Falls United Methodist Church are featured in the performances.

'Godspell Junior' at St. Francis Episcopal Church

St. Francis Episcopal Church in Great Falls will present two performances of "Godspell Junior," an adaptation of the Broadway musical, "Godspell," on Sunday, March 29, at 3 p.m. and Tuesday, March 31, at 7:15 p.m. The performances, which feature children ages 7 to 14, are free and open to the public.

The St. Francis production of "Godspell Junior" is being directed by Melissa Coombs, with Kelly Smith-Moore as the music director. Producers are Jennifer Murphy and Chilo Obolensky. Virginia Lee, a junior at Langley High School, is the choreographer for the production. Children from both St. Francis Episcopal Church and Great Falls United Methodist Church are fea-

tured in the performances. Conceived and originally directed by John Michael Tebelak, with music and new lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, "Godspell Junior" is based on the Gospel of St. Matthew. The musical brings the parables of Jesus to life through various theatrical traditions, including pantomime, charades, acrobatics and vaudeville.

The Sunday performance will be followed by a reception in the church's parish hall. The Tuesday night performance will be preceded by a potluck supper beginning at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.stfranciscgreatfalls.org or call the church at 703-759-2082.

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SUNDAY/MARCH 29

Local Matinee with Tieweb and Pat Sommer's Project, 2 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$8. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Richard Bosworth, 4 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. White House guest performer Richard Bosworth will play Gershwin, Chopin, Stravinsky and Ravel. Tickets: \$10/person, free/guests under 15. Call 703-587-0751.

International Women's Day, 6-9 p.m., Jerusalem Restaurant, 3405 Payne St., Falls Church. Join the American Palestinian Women's Association for the 5th annual International Women's Day Celebration. Enjoy a Palestinian dinner and cultural program that includes Dabkeh, poetry, children's performance, Hazouara and more. \$15/person. Call 703-941-3799.

Ethical Culture, 11 a.m., 225 Nutley St. N.W., Vienna. Northern Virginia Ethical Society leader Jone Johnson Lewis will explore some of the newer concepts of deity that are current in liberal religious circles, and also explore whether there are other beliefs that might be more difficult to

reconcile with ethical humanism than some versions of god-belief. Free. Visit www.esnv.org or call 703-437-3161.

Selvaggio String Quartet, 7 p.m., Oakton Church of the Brethren, 10025 Courthouse Road, Vienna. The Selvaggio String Quartet, featuring guitarist Gray Snead, will perform Spanish and Italian music. Call 703-281-4411 or go to www.oaktonbrethren.org.

MONDAY/MARCH 30

Open Mic Showcase Hosted by Ron Goad, 7 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$2. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Research Skills Workshop, 4 p.m. at the Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Effective research strategies and the resources available in the library's databases. Age 10-17 years. 703-757-8560.

Broadway Show Tunes, 7 p.m., South Lakes High School, 11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston. South Lakes High School's Theatre Program will host an evening of classical and contemporary Broadway songs and show tunes in support of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-Atlantic, Inc. Tickets: \$10/at door, \$8/in advance. Go to www.sltheatreprogram.org to purchase tickets. E-mail slibroadwaygivesback@gmail.com for sponsorship information.

TUESDAY/MARCH 31

Cherish The Ladies, Celtic music, vocals and step dancing. 8 p.m. at The Barns. \$25. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Chris Merritt, Judd and Maggie, 8 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 advance, \$12 at the door. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 1

Cherish The Ladies, Celtic music, vocals and step dancing. 8 p.m. at The Barns. \$25. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Johnny A, 8 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Claude Moore Colonial Farm Opens, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. The Farm ends its winter hibernation and welcomes the public for the 2009 season. The Farm is open Wednesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., April 1-Dec. 13. The Farm is closed Mondays, Tuesdays, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day and during severely inclement weather.

THURSDAY/APRIL 2

Cary Pierce and Creede Williams, acoustic/rock. 7:30 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$20. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Tom Paxton, Folk music. 8 p.m. at The Barns. \$20. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

FRIDAY/APRIL 3

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An Evening with Charlie Hunter, 10 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

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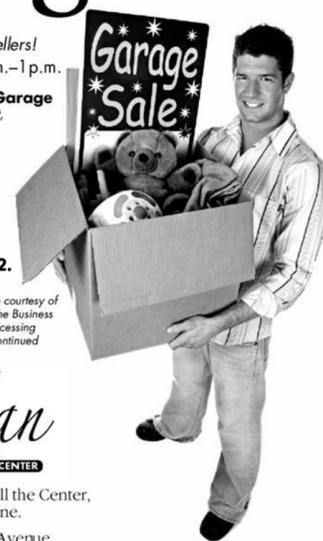
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Teen Ensemble Breaks New Ground

In Reston, Herndon shows, teens share perspectives on real life issues.

Fifteen area teenagers will perform in an ensemble combining acting, writing and dance in a performance March 29 at the JoAnn Rose Gallery at Lake Anne in Reston. A second performance is scheduled for April 19 at ArtSpace in Herndon. The performance will also air at a later date on Channel 10 – Fairfax Public Access. Sponsored by the Reston Community Players (RCP), the performance culminates months of a teen act-

ing class based on issues and events relevant to the members of the class. Working as an ensemble, the group of 12 to 15-year-olds, has worked since November 2008 to bring their personal writings, monologues, dialogues and creative movements into a story collage. The group also plans to bring this performance to local schools and present it to their peers as part of an educational assembly.

“This performance represents a new paradigm in teen acting and

theater,” said Haley Murphy, ensemble director. “It tells their story in their own words, through a combination of original writing, acting and movement.”

Working with choreographer Heide Zufall, Murphy and the performers used a creative process of combining the disciplines of theater and dance, using the techniques of improvisation, theater games and movement exploration. Material developed by the teen actors was created and used as the basis for the production. Murphy and Zufall provided the framework and direction to produce a unique performance voicing current teen’s thoughts.



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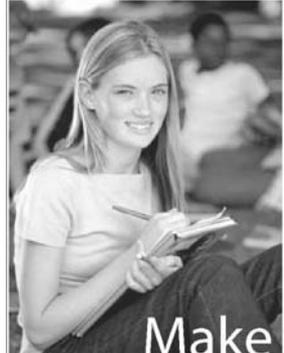
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Saxon Boys Open Lacrosse Season With Win Over Marshall

Great Falls Sports Notebook

The Langley High varsity lacrosse men hit on all cylinders last Thursday evening in their 2009 regular season opener against Marshall High School, a convincing 15-1 victory to kick-start their bid to haul Liberty District Champion honors back to Langley for a second year running. The visiting Saxons dictated play from the starting face-off to forge a 12-0 half-time lead, and added three goals in the second half while the Marshall Statesmen converted an extra man opportunity late in the game for the home team's lone goal. Saxon goal-scoring featured hat-tricks from Alex Devlin and Joey Byrne, a pair each from Charlie Scharfen, Matt Cronin and Kyle Maida, and single tallies by Ryan Ningard, Ethan Bailey and Ryan Miller. Langley goalies Galen Kuney and Ryan Long shared net-minding duties in the near-shut-out win for coach Earl Brewer's Saxons.

—MARK CRONIN

Sean Fitzgerald pitched a strong, complete game in leading the McLean High baseball team to a 4-3 win at Stone Bridge Friday night, March 20. Fitzgerald, a right-hander, allowed four hits and three runs, none earned, in seven innings of work. He struck out nine and walked one. Stone Bridge starting pitcher Nick Fialdini took the loss in five innings of work. He allowed eight hits and struck out four.

McLean, in the early season game, scored two runs in the top of the first inning before the home team Bulldogs answered with three to go ahead 3-2. The game's only scoring after that was a pair of single runs by McLean in both the third and fifth innings.

Offensively, McLean catcher Denis Buckley had three hits with an RBI. Fitzgerald doubled and had an RBI. Other good games at the plate for the Highlanders came from shortstop Chris Russo (one hit, two runs, two stolen bases), first baseman Eric Payne (one hit), left fielder Brett Bleiweis (one hit, one RBI), third baseman Jordan Ghannam (one hit, one RBI) and rightfielder Colin Cannon (one hit).

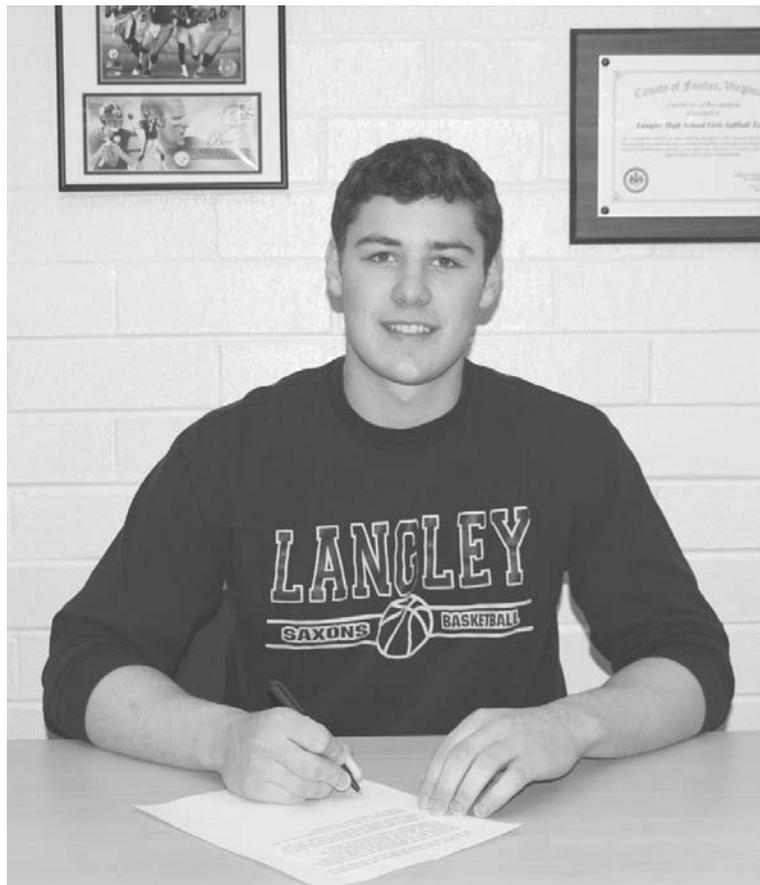


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Langley High senior Trevor Shafran recently committed to play college lacrosse for the U.S. Naval Academy next school year.

Going into the current **North-ern Region high school baseball season**, the region coaches put together a pre-season Top 10 Baseball Poll. The following are the results of that poll: 1) West Springfield, 2) Lake Braddock, 3) Chantilly, 4) Stone Bridge, 5) McLean, 6) Madison, 7) South County, 8) Robinson, 9) Westfield, 10) Langley. Other teams to receive votes were Oakton, Yorktown, Centreville, Woodson, Marshall and Washington and Lee.

The McLean High girls' softball team opened the new season with a 4-2 win over Stone Bridge High Friday night, March 20. The Liberty District game, played in cold temperatures and windy conditions, took place in Ashburn. The game was scoreless until the fourth inning when the Highlander bats came alive with five consecutive hits. One of the inning's highlights was a triple off the bat of Jessie Straub. In the game, McLean had four stolen bases, two coming from Lauren McColgan. Stone Bridge scored its two runs in the sixth inning. Lauren Sutherland was the winning pitcher for McLean.

The Highlanders anticipate a big

season. The team lost such key graduated players as pitcher Kristen Raber and catcher Alaura Maglio from last year's successful team. But McLean has two solid players at the same positions this spring in junior Lauren Sutherland (First Team All-Liberty District, Second Team All-Northern Region last year) and junior catcher Carolyn Gilbertson. Both were starters last year, but at different positions. McLean has five other starters back from the 2008 team. Junior captains Lauren McColgan (First Team All-District) and Brittany McCray (First Team All-District, Second Team All-Region) will bolster the middle infield at shortstop and second base, respectively. Also returning is clean-up hitter Megan Sullivan (Second Team All-District) at first base. McLean coach Maurice Tawil is also expecting big contributions from second year starters Jessie Straub, a sophomore third baseman, and centerfielder Jamie Bell (Second Team All-District). At the plate, McLean is expected to have a good balance between power and speed. In the field, the Highlanders should be a stellar defensive team, which was their trademark last year. McLean was scheduled

Saxons, Seahawks Mourn Teammate

Josh Anderson remembered for his love of athletics.

Josh Anderson, who died last week, played within the Langley High football program in both his freshmen and sophomore years. He transferred to South Lakes for his junior year and was a member of the Seahawks' varsity football squad as an inside linebacker on defense and a running back on offense last fall.

While at Langley, he was a member of the freshmen football squad during his ninth grade year. As a sophomore, he played for the Saxons' JV squad.

John Howerton, Langley's head varsity football coach, said Anderson was quiet and a good teammate.

"I think he had a lot of friends like most kids," said Howerton. "The kids all seemed to like him and are obviously upset [with his death]."

Howerton said Anderson was a good athlete and football player.

"He was a very instinctive kid as far as making plays," said Howerton, of Anderson's prowess on the field. "We used him as an inside backer. He was one of the younger players we had plans for. I worked with him in the weight room and he was making good progress there."

"He loved athletics," said Howerton. "He was quiet and easy to coach and did what you told him."

Howerton said Anderson transferred to South Lakes for administrative reasons prior to his junior year. There, Anderson played for the Seahawks' varsity last fall under coach John Ellenberger. According to Howerton, Anderson made a good impression on Ellenberger.

"John Ellenberger had high praise for him," said Howerton.

Howerton, a longtime Northern Region head football coach who was at the helm of the West Potomac High program before coming to Langley several years ago, said it is always disheartening and shocking when one of his former players or students dies.

"That's always hard," he said. "Josh is at least my 10th kid [to die] since I've been teaching. It's hard to express anything."

to play its home opener on Tuesday, March 24, against district opponent Madison.

Trevor Shafran, a senior at Langley High School, has committed to attend the U.S. Naval Academy, where he plans to play Div. I lacrosse. As a defensive player for Langley since his freshman year, Shafran has earned both All-Liberty District and All-Northern Region accolades.

Last spring, as a junior, Shafran was named to the 2008 "Watch List" of top high school lacrosse players in the Washington-Baltimore region by the Tewaaron Award Foundation. In addition to playing lacrosse at Langley, the 6-foot-3 inch, 200-pound senior also plays club lacrosse as a long stick defender for Team Langley. Shafran has also been a starter on Langley's football team, where he was a Second Team All-District punter the past two seasons. Shafran, who carries a 3.1 GPA, is active in scouting and has recently completed the requirements for Eagle Scout.

Elispeth McGarry scored five goals along with contributing

three assists to lead the Langley High girls' lacrosse team to a 15-4 win over Marshall on March 18. Also putting together a stellar game for the Saxons was Maggie Kovacs, who tallied six goals and an assist in the Liberty District win. Other Saxon contributions came from Erin Wiltse (two goals), Katy Wingo (one goal) and Annie Swanson (one goal). Defender Tess Rosenthal held the Langley defense together with four crucial takeaways to break up Marshall offensive rushes. Another big factor in the win for Langley was the solid play of goalie Mary Riley Pembroke, who had 10 saves.

Marshall received two goals from Nicole Brown, and one apiece from Olivia Paulini and Emma Chafetz.

Langley head coach Richard DeSomma was delighted with his team's overall play in the win.

"They just keep playing as a team and the team work just makes it hard for our opponents to break up our plays or penetrate our defense," said DeSomma. "The girls are just working together better and better each game and this gives me great confidence for a strong season."

Too Close for Comfort



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Boy, am I glad I woke up this morning, for obvious reasons. For less than obvious reasons, I'm happy I woke up this morning because the dreams I was having (or shall I say, the dreams I am remembering) were just that, dreams and not real. The content of the three I remember were 1) my accountant and I were speaking on the phone (always scary). He was giving me dire medical news (not his specialty), advising that the continuing lack of a "mature" diet, on my part, combined with a non-fitness regimen had finally come home to roost. He didn't call me a chicken for not having wised up sooner and changed my eating habits, he simply said something — that I don't remember — which was eye-opening, almost literally.

The second dream I remember was almost worse, but not exactly. It had to do with work, Connection Newspaper work. Not a specific task or deadline, or anything to do with commuting to and from, rather it just had to do with being at work, Monday through Friday. It was when I woke up and realized that I didn't have to actually go to work BECAUSE IT WAS SUNDAY that I knew I had dreamt a nightmare instead.

The third piece of a dream that I recall had to do with my nearly 14-year old, golden retriever Bailey. In my dream/dream state, I heard a dog barking somewhere in the distance, as if he was lost, wailing a forlorn-type howl as if he knew he would never be found (at least that's what it felt like in my dream). In reality, Bailey had requested (and I use that term loosely) that he be let out earlier than usual, 5:22 a.m. instead of 6:30 a.m., approximately; early enough that after letting him out (unattended as usual; he has the run of the neighborhood so he doesn't require supervision), I went back upstairs to bed rather than sit and wait (sometimes up to an hour) for his random return. A return/routine he has followed without fail for his entire life so it was nothing I was worried about and absolutely nothing out of the ordinary. I figured that when he was good and ready to come back in the house, he would bark his intentions, as he has done hundreds of times before.

And so he did. That lost dog barking in my dream/nightmare was actually Bailey barking at the front door wanting to be let back in. So when I woke up thinking that it was a work day and a work day that began with some sobering medical news, along with the feeling that my dog (my son, if you will) was lost and barking his farewell (sort of) turned out instead to be something completely different and much less serious. It was not a work day, my accountant was not calling me (with or without medical news) and Bailey was not lost; he was simply standing outside the front door, snow-covered (under cover though on our porch) barking his normal sounds asking to be let back in.

Certainly I felt relief when I woke up and realized that all I was "nightmaring" was merely a dream and not real at all. Still, it felt real so much so that I thought a column commenting on it was appropriate and possibly even therapeutic.

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Ralph Soderquist

Ralph Soderquist, 81, of Murfreesboro, Tn., died Wednesday, March 11, at Community Care of Rutherford County after a long battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Barbara, daughter Holly Lynn Johnson and her husband, Mark, and grandchildren Sam, Ava, and Peter Johnson, all of Murfreesboro. Mr. Soderquist is also survived by step-son Glenn Feagans, of McLean, Va., daughter Debra Peebles and her son, Matt, of Oceanide, Ca., and daughter Lisa Nicassio and her daughters, Lauren and Amy, of Huntington Beach, Ca. Mr. Soderquist was preceded in death by son Kenneth David Soderquist, of Bagdad, Az. A native of Pittsburg, Pa., Mr. Soderquist was a decorated U.S. combat veteran who served honorably in both occupied Japan as a member of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Honor Guard Company and in the Korean War as a forward observer in the U.S. Army 5th Infantry Division. Upon discharge from the service, he relocated to McLean, Va., where he managed historic Pike-staff Restaurant before becoming a product specialist for Noland Company, a mechanical wholesale distributor, from which he retired in 1994. Mr. Soderquist was a longtime member of Christian Fellowship Church in Ashburn, Va. Upon moving to Tennessee in 2006, he became a member of Fellowship United Methodist Church (FUMC) and was active in his beloved "Young at Heart" Sunday school class. Mr. Soderquist was also a devoted fan of his grandchildren's sports activities and closely followed politics and current events. Mr. Soderquist's family wishes to express their eternal gratitude to members of the Young at Heart class and Caris Healthcare, in particular, employees Diane Douglas and Tammy O'Donnell. A memorial service for Mr. Soderquist will be held at FUMC on Friday, March 27, at 11:30 a.m., with visitation beginning at 9:30 a.m. At 2 p.m., Mr. Soderquist will be buried with military honors at Nashville National Cemetery in Madison. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Mr. Soderquist's memory to the Wounded Warrior Project, a non-profit organization that benefits severely wounded combat veterans, at www.woundedwarriorproject.org. Jennings and Ayers Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. 820 S. Church st., Murfreesboro, TN 37130 615-893-2422 www.jenningsandayers.com.

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