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Glitter, glam, and glow sticks could all be seen at Langley High School's fashion show entitled, 'Stellar Style, Rock the Moonwalk' on Saturday, Feb. 20. The show was set on a distant planet where fashion is ahead of Earth.

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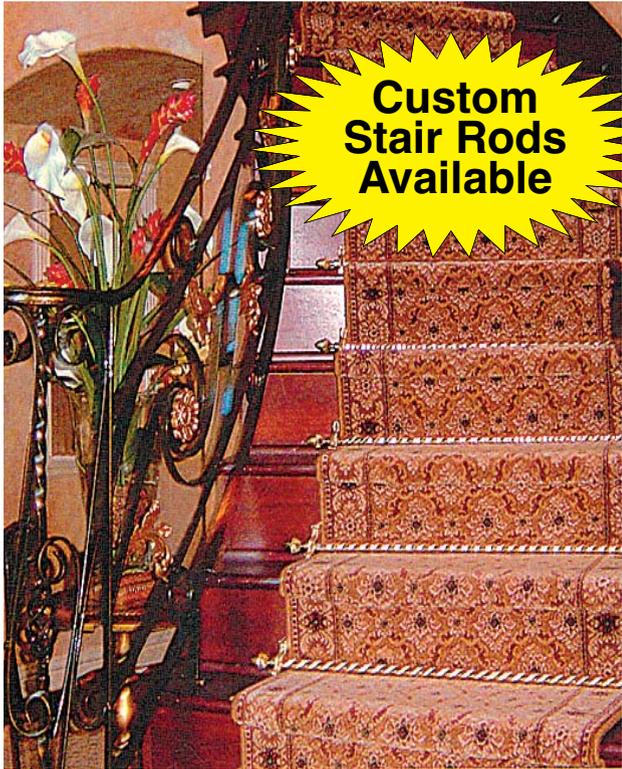
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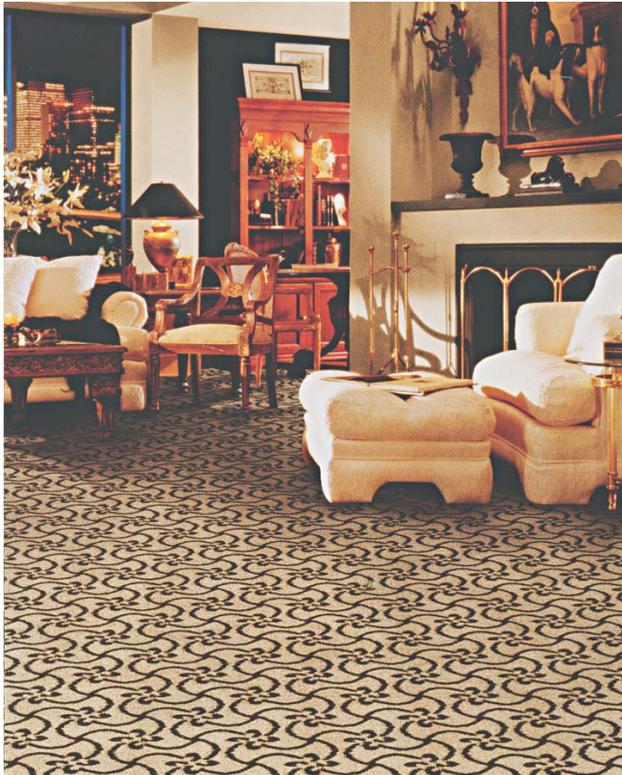
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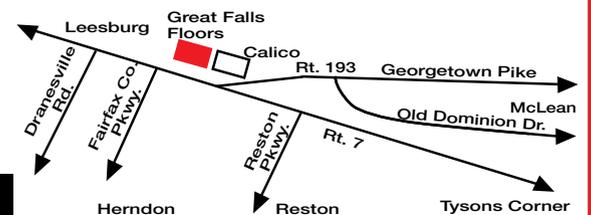




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From left GFCA board members Eleanor Anderson and Eric Knudsen, Vice President Jackie Taylor and President Ralph Apton discuss the intersection of Georgetown Pike and Leesburg Pike, where VDOT plans on creating dual left-turn lanes into Great Falls.

# GFCA Considers Opening 'War Chest'

Citizens association looks into alternative to dual left turn; also, Wastewater Committee is stalled and pipe transport causes concern.

BY MIKE DICICCO  
THE CONNECTION

In the wake of a November meeting where more than 150 Great Falls residents turned out to oppose a plan to install dual left turn lanes from eastbound Route 7 onto Georgetown Pike, the Great Falls Citizens Association is looking into an alternative configuration for the intersection. At its meeting Monday night, Feb. 22, the association's board authorized Transportation Committee Co-Chair Eric Knudsen to seek out a consultant to put together a cost estimate on a Georgetown Pike-Leesburg Pike intersection that would eliminate left turns.

"What we're trying to do is get VDOT (Virginia Department of Transportation) to look into this, and the only way they're going to do it is if we get the politicians behind us," said Knudsen, to the rest of the board. He said the transportation committee figured the alternative would save considerable money, particularly by eliminating the need to re-grade the intersection to make it level, and that money could be put toward extending the planned widening of Route 7.

The citizens association has consistently opposed the creation of a dual left onto Georgetown Pike, saying that the change would add more traffic on the community's already overcrowded "main street." However, the plan was approved in 2004, and VDOT officials have said the additional turn lane would not increase traffic on Georgetown Pike and would cut down on rear-end accidents caused by frustrated drivers who give up on turning left and pull back out into traffic on Route 7.

The turn lane is part of a \$36.6 million project to widen Route 7 to six lanes from the Fairfax County Parkway to Reston Avenue, just past Georgetown Pike. The citizens association has maintained that widening Route 7 all the way to Tysons Corner, a project that is planned but not funded, is the more viable long-term solution.

The GFCA Transportation Committee is exploring the idea of extending the median on Route 7 to close the intersection to left turns and extending the existing left-turn lane to Reston Avenue. There, a planned traffic signal would allow drivers to make U-turns in order to access Georgetown Pike. Meanwhile, Knudsen said, a light at Sugarland Run Road would allow drivers coming from Georgetown Pike to U-turn and travel east. The idea is that eastbound morning commuters would be discouraged from using the Pike as a through street, rather than encouraged by two turn lanes turning onto the road, although Knudsen said it should also improve safety and traffic flow.

He said the Transportation Committee was prompted to look into the possibility by similar "limited-access" intersections such as the one at Braddock Road and Route 28. "VDOT was saying how great it was and how much money they were saving," he said. He cited quotes from the agency's Web site that claim the reconfigured Route 28-Braddock intersection reduced peak-hour travel times by four minutes, increased peak-hour capacity by 30 percent and dropped the crash rate by 42 percent.

Board member Jim Mietus said he thought some citizens association members might wonder why the group was paying for a study that the Department of Transportation should do.

"They're done. That was a pardon-our-dust meeting," Knudsen said, referring to the November meeting with VDOT officials. "We have to stop this." If politicians could be convinced that the alternative would save money and possibly extend the widening of Route 7 to Reston Parkway, he said, they might support it.

Board member Dianne Van Volkenburg said the association had saved money in its "war chest" for just such occasions. "I've been on the board five years and I don't think we've ever broken into the war chest," she said.

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Owners of the Falls Salon Ric Wagstaff and Mark Bursick are celebrating the Salon's 30th year in business this month. The Falls Salon, which opened in January 1980, was the first salon to come to Great Falls and has been under the same ownership through its years in business.

## Thirty Years Strong

The Falls Salon's owners Ric Wagstaff and Mark Bursick celebrate 30 years in business.

BY JENNA PUGRANT  
THE CONNECTION

When North Carolina native Ric Wagstaff opened The Falls Salon in the Village Center in January 1980, his salon was the first salon to open in Great Falls. Thirty years later, The Falls Salon, owned by Wagstaff along with his partner Mark Bursick, is still running strong.

"We're busier than ever," said Wagstaff after listing off the late hours that the two had worked the day before.

"Our customers not only come from Great Falls," said Bursick. "We have customers that come from as far as Charlottesville and

Middleburg." One customer even lives in Munich who still comes to them on her visits to Great Falls.

Owner Wagstaff, whose grandfather was a barber, went to college and majored in art, then managed a few salons in the area before opening his own. Bursick came into the business 18 years ago after he met Wagstaff while on vacation in Key West. Bursick majored in graphic design at Carnegie Mellon, after which he worked as a freelance artist and in the hotel business for more than 11 years. He then learned about salon work under Wagstaff's guidance of the Virginia State

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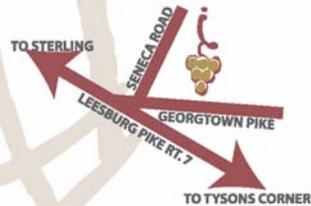
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**Keeping Pace with Kids' Internet and Digital Technology Use: Empowering Parents**, 7:30 p.m. at Cooper Middle School, 977 Balls Hill Road, McLean.

Find out how parents can help protect children's digital reputations, which are put at risk by their use of Facebook, MySpace, online gaming, emailing, texting, sexting, and other cyber-bullying. Speaker: Iris Beckwith,

President of ConnectED4safety LLC. Sponsored by Safe Community Coalition with funding from Verizon. (Snow Date is Tuesday, March 2 at 7:30.)

**SATURDAY/FEB. 27**

**Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce Casino Night & Taste of the Town**. 7pm-12 a.m. at Westwood Country Club, 800 Maple Ave., E., Vienna. Samples from area eateries, cash bar, live auction, casino games and more. Prizes include trips, gift certificates, gift baskets, jewelry and more. \$75 in advance, \$85 at the door. 703-281-1333 or

[www.vtrcc.org](http://www.vtrcc.org).

**TUESDAY/MARCH 2**

**McLean Citizens Association Meeting on Redevelopment of Tysons Corner**. 7:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Planning Commissioners Walter Alcorn (At-Large and Chair of the Tysons Committee) and Jay Donahue (Dranesville) with the final Fairfax County staff recommendation for Tysons Corner and about the schedule for county review of that proposal. [MCA.President@mcleancitizens.org](mailto:MCA.President@mcleancitizens.org) or 703-556-9160.



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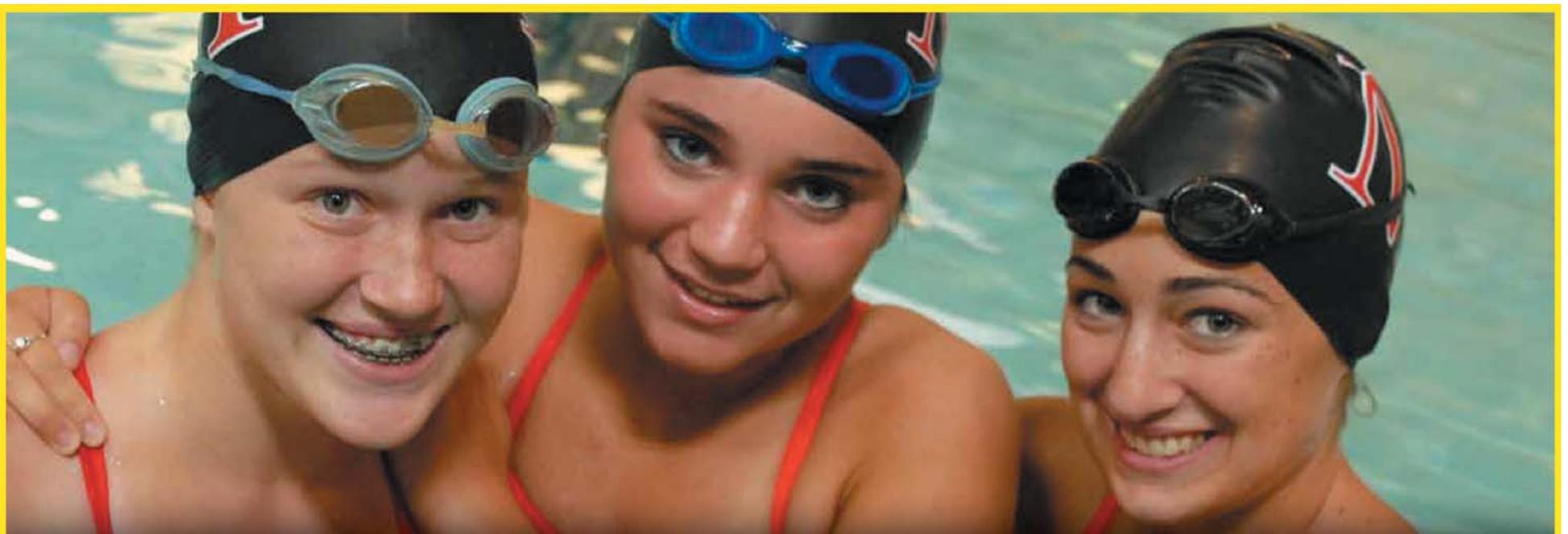
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# NEWS

These students mixed their leather with some hot pink to show off unique styles.



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## 'Rock the Moonwalk' at Langley High

Students present fashion 'somewhat ahead of fashion here on Earth.'

G litter, glam, and glow sticks could all be seen at Langley High School's fashion show entitled, "Stellar Style, Rock the Moonwalk" on Saturday, Feb. 20.

Set on a planet far away, the fashion on display was somewhat ahead of fashion here on Earth. Many different styles of clothing were modeled, including metallic, plaid, the little black dress, leather, and of course formal wear.

One special part of the show was a section devoted entirely to fashion designed by Langley High School students in advanced fashion classes. These designers stood on stage as their creations were modeled by fellow students.

— STEPHANIE KNAPP



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Part of the show was dedicated solely to designs by Langley High School fashion students.



Megan Link modeling a student designed dress.



Holly Dodd, also in a student designed dress, posing for the audience.

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## Consider the Long-Term Costs

Virginia's budget proposals might balance on paper right now, but future costs will soar.

Virginia, like many states, is slashing the budget in response to record decreases in revenue. Tax collections are far below expected levels because of lost jobs, lost income and consumer restraint.

The cuts, as they translate locally and personally, will range from devastating to gut-wrenching to sad.

Across the country, such budget cutting at the state level will hurt the fledgling recovery, costing hundreds of thousands of jobs. One national economist said that state budget cuts "will be a serious drag on the economy at just the wrong time."

The Federal response to the economic meltdown might well have prevented a global economic catastrophe, but it also fell short by mostly abandoning the consumer and state and local governments.

Gov. Bob McDonnell, while creating a positive image by visiting homeless shelters, food pantries and soup kitchens, has shepherded budget reductions cut disproportionately from people who are most in need. The visits gave the appearance of a man who understood the dire needs of his fellow human beings in times of crisis, but his comments were a preview. He said essentially, he was glad there were faith-based and private organizations caring for the needy, because government can't.

Many of these cuts might appear to help balance the budget right now, but will lead to

higher costs.

Cutting health services to an estimated 28,000 poor children and pregnant women in Virginia will result in more expensive crisis care, more babies born with expensive and in some cases life-long special needs, as one example.

Cuts in funds that allow people with disabilities to get the supports they need to live in the community will force some into nursing homes and other institutions, where the costs will be enormously higher, and the

EDITORIALS

## Using Available School Choices

While we agree with President Obama and Gov. McDonnell in encouraging more charter schools, it's also important to recognize that our schools do offer some significant options for students and families.

In Fairfax County, the public schools' high school career academies will hold open houses for students who are interested in academy courses for the next school year.

Students and their parents are invited to attend to meet academy faculty, tour classrooms, and learn about industry certifications, college credit, internships, apprenticeships, and other opportunities available to students who take academy courses. For more information about each academy's course offerings, visit the

results the opposite of what is desired.

In Northern Virginia, more than 700 people who are on waiting lists to receive services so they can have the supports they need to live in the community now know that help will not be forthcoming this year. On the waiting list, many identified as "urgent," 55 in Arlington, 12 in Alexandria, 587 in Fairfax and Falls Church, 134 in Loudoun. But the cuts go far beyond, probably taking away funding for people who currently are living in the community, and forcing some of them into institutions.

These are just two examples of proposed cuts that will hurt vulnerable people in devastating ways, but also will likely end up costing more in the not-too-distant future.

academy's Web pages or call.

Here are a few examples:

❖ Edison Academy — Engineering and Scientific Technology; Tuesday, March 2, 6 to 7:30 p.m., [www.fcps.edu/EdisonAcademy](http://www.fcps.edu/EdisonAcademy), 703-924-1800

❖ Fairfax Academy — Communications and the Arts, Thursday, March 4, 7:30 to 9 p.m., [www.fcps.edu/FairfaxAcademy](http://www.fcps.edu/FairfaxAcademy), 703-219-2226

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❖ West Potomac Academy — Communications and the Arts, Health and Human Services, individual visits are welcome, [www.fcps.edu/WestPotomacAcademy](http://www.fcps.edu/WestPotomacAcademy), 703-718-2500

## Assembly Focuses on Job Creation

Delegate shares mid-session update.

BY BARBARA COMSTOCK  
STATE DELEGATE, R-34



RICHMOND  
REPORT

This past week, we reached the midway mark in the 2010 Legislative Session, also known as "crossover" and our legislative agenda has so far been very successful. I wanted to give you an overview of where we stand at mid-session on some key issues.

I am pleased to report that the governor and a bipartisan majority of the House of Delegates have made job creation our number one priority and our progress in the legislature reflects that priority. Of course, transportation and education are very much intertwined with our job environment. Details and highlights of a number of our advances on our key

agenda items on jobs, transportation, education and other core services can be found on our Web site at: <http://www.comstockfordelegate.com/blog/read.aspx?id=101>.

The "Jobs and Opportunity" agenda that is developing at mid-session includes the passage of such measures as a bill to exempt new businesses from capital gains taxes, a bill providing that any royalties from offshore drilling are dedicated to transportation (80 percent), a bill to promote small business investment in Virginia and bills providing tax credits for green jobs, movie production and

our wine industry, among other job enhancing measures.

I also am pleased to report on the progress on the Local Composite Index (LCI) Education funding formula issue. As you may know, Gov. Tim Kaine (D) had proposed an unprecedented and arbitrary freeze of the LCI, which is used to determine our share of state education funds and is recalculated and updated every two years. To reverse decades of practice was simply bad public policy, fundamentally unfair, and would have cost Fairfax County, alone, over \$60 million in order to save the state \$29 million.

The Northern Virginia delegation was united in opposition to this misguided proposal. This was a top priority issue that occupied many of us in the first weeks of the legislature. We all worked with our PTAs, parents, and local business community to reverse this action. Our high quality schools are integral to attracting top businesses. We also wrote a joint a let-

ter to Gov. Robert McDonnell (R) urging him to back the move to unfreeze the LCI and supported budget amendments to undo this proposal. I personally spoke with the governor, lieutenant governor, members of his cabinet and staff about this issue, as I know many of my constituents did.

As you may know by now, our voices were heard. Gov. McDonnell reversed this proposal saying, "The Local Composite Index must be applied to all localities, at all times, in the same objective and fair manner by which it has always been utilized." The Republican House leadership also has embraced Gov. McDonnell's decision. While we still will have many budget challenges, and the actual index itself has historically been disadvantageous for Northern Virginia, we at least have a united front in removing the LCI freeze from the budget.

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# LETTERS

## Prosperity as Priority

To the Editor:

I was moved when I read an op-ed by Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. But not for the reasons you might think. A County Office to End Homelessness? A Housing Blueprint? Our county is not a charity with a priority to "end homelessness." We do, and should, help the helpless, but the never-ending battle of ending homelessness as we know it is a job better taken by churches, non profits (both to which we contrib-

ute voluntarily), and big company's charity work and not paid with taxes. We can't take this on now with an historic budget shortfall in our hands. Mrs. Bulova, you are in the wrong line of work if you think your pet project should be Fairfax County's priority. Make prosperity your priority and progress in other areas will follow. People are more generous when they have jobs and money in their pockets.

How about spending time creating blueprints and offices ad-

ressing issues that affect us all like jobs and crime and safety in lean times and frozen budgets? Please don't spend our money so freely, especially now that we are billions in the red. Enough with public housing.

We should call on every elected politician in Virginia to work on getting us out of this deficit by balancing the budget and making tough choices. Not finding more projects to spend money on.

**Marianella Garcia**  
Grat Falls

## RICHMOND REPORT

FROM PAGE 6

In the coming days and final weeks of the session, we face a historic budget shortfall in the Commonwealth. The proposed budget introduced by Gov. Kaine unfortunately only addressed half of the \$4 billion shortfall. Gov. Kaine's plan to close the remaining \$2 billion through massive new tax increases in the middle of a recession was already unanimously rejected (97-0) by the House of Delegates. We will be working in the coming weeks to finalize the

spending reductions that will enable us to balance the budget, while maintaining core services and respecting the difficulties facing our hard working taxpayers. Many of these cuts will not be easy, and most of them will require sacrifice, but we will continue to work together to make those tough decisions today so that the Commonwealth will be in a stronger position as the economy recovers.

By focusing on job growth and getting our economy moving again and not further burdening our stretched businesses and families,

Virginia can continue to be better positioned to weather the tough economic times we are facing.

Finally, I wanted to thank so many of you who reached out to us throughout the recent unprecedented snowstorms in our area. Your updates and information were helpful in helping us inform VDOT, Dominion and other government officials about the situation on the ground throughout the storms. It was also encouraging to hear of all of the help that neighbors were providing neighbors through the difficulties.



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**Helen Pafumi co-founded the theater that talks 'about things that our community would want to discuss.'**

## War at Home

**'Dear Sara Jane' follows the tale of military wife.**

BY ALLISON AUSTIN  
THE CONNECTION

The Hub Theatre brings together story, art and community. It is a Reston-based non-profit theater company built on the idea of creating a conversation with its audience, according to Helen Pafumi, the Hub's artistic director.

"Everything from their laughter, their silence, during the show, to the talk backs afterward, to stuff we hear, it's a continual conversation," said Pafumi. "We talk about things that our community would want to discuss. Sometimes the stories are about love, the economy."

Pafumi co-founded the theater with Maggie Ulmer and Marey Oakes. Pafumi and Ulmer were acquaintances, who by chance, discovered they were both interested in starting theater companies in Reston. They decided to pair up on the venture. Oakes was doing grant writing for Ulmer at the time and decided to join them.

"It's been a lovely partnership. All three of us bring our different strengths to the company," Pafumi said.

**THE COMPANY** spent much of 2008 raising money and trying to spread the word. The theater was incorporated in August 2008. They began with staged readings at Lake Anne Plaza and the Reston Town Center. From there, the company progressed to producing plays. Their inaugural stage production was "The Pavilion" at 1st Stage in Tysons Corner. They continued with a production of "We won't pay! We won't pay!" last fall at ArtSpace in Falls Church.

"It's a powerful thing when you're standing on stage and you know you have that audience with you completely," said Pafumi.



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Finding a stable venue in Fairfax County has proved to be difficult. Many places are out of the price range for a non-profit group. Pafumi is still excited to see where the county goes in terms of venues.

"Fairfax County is a cultural community. They are an artistic community. They care about it," said Pafumi.

Fund-raising is essential to the continued operation of the Hub Theatre. The company does everything from grant writing to in-house salons and "e-0mail asks," according to Pafumi. They are continually on the hunt for corporate sponsors and others interested in investing in the company. Pafumi thinks local restaurants would profit from an audience interested in dining before seeing a theater production. She thinks arts foster economic growth and also strengthen the community.

"We really would like to become, not just stable in a venue, but part of this community. Something that business owners of this community want to reinforce," said Pafumi.

**THE UPCOMING PRODUCTION** is a one woman show entitled "Dear Sara Jane." Jessica Lefkow is directing.

"Dear Sara Jane" follows the tale of a military wife waiting for her husband to return from war. The play is built like a thriller, according to Lefkow.

"Little by little we learn what we're doing in the room with Sara Jane, what she's going through, why she's struggling with her secrets. ... Even in the end, we are left with a few mysteries, but in a way that leaves us fulfilled," Lefkow said. "People will be talking about this character days after they've seen the show."

Actress Casie Platt plays the part of Sara Jane, as well as the part of Linnie, Sara Jane's twin sister. Platt has the task of playing contrasting characters, in both appearance and personality.

"One-actor shows provide an opportunity for extended, intense examination of a singular truth with a performer," Lefkow said.

While not explicitly stated, it is



**Actress Casie Platt plays the part of Sara Jane, as well as the part of Linnie, Sara Jane's twin sister.**

implied that Sara Jane is waiting for her husband to return from the Iraq War.

Pafumi has some fears of alienating the audience with such a controversial topic. However, she is eased by the reassuring words from both her husband and brother-in law, who have both served in the military.

"I think they are more excited that the conversation is being had at all," said Pafumi.

Pafumi thinks it is important to put a spotlight, not only on those who are fighting in wars, but also, on the struggles of the people who are left behind waiting for their loved ones to return from battle.

"I know many military wives who have this struggle," said

## Tickets

"Dear Sara Jane" will run from Feb. 26-March 21 at the Soudry in Vienna, 316 Dominion Road. Tickets range from \$15 to \$20 and are available by calling: 703-698-0088 or visiting [www.thehubtheatre.org](http://www.thehubtheatre.org)

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**George C. Marshall High School International Night and Silent Auction.** 5:30 p.m. at Marshall HS, 7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Sponsored by the Marshall PTSA. 703-336-2134.

**Lavay Smith.** 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$60-\$177. 703-938-2404 or [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

### FRIDAY/FEB. 26

**The Virginia Opera presents Mozart's Don Giovanni.** 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center For The Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$48-\$98. 888-945-2468 or [www.tickets.com](http://www.tickets.com).

**Dear Sara Jane.** 7:30 p.m. At The Soudry, 316 Dominion Road, Vienna. [www.soudry.net](http://www.soudry.net)

**By The Bog of Cats.** 8 p.m. at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. 1st Stage, Fairfax County's non-profit professional theatre, presents a loose retelling of Euripides' Medea, set in rural Ireland. Tickets \$25 adults, \$15 students. 703-854-1856 or [www.1stStageTysons.org/cats](http://www.1stStageTysons.org/cats).

**Jammin' Java's Mid-Atlantic Band Battle II Finals.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566 or [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**McLean Art Society with Judy Wengrovitz.** 10 a.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Wengrovitz is a watercolorist who does plein aire landscapes and still lifes. Her talk will focus on the use of sketch books to capture scenes for further use in paintings. Guests welcome. 703-790-0123.

**'The Wizard of Oz.'** 7:30 p.m. at Oakcrest School, 850 Balls Hill Road, McLean. \$10 adult, \$5 student. 703-790-5450 or [www.oakcrest.org](http://www.oakcrest.org).

### SATURDAY/FEB. 27

**Black History Celebration.** 3-5 p.m. at Historic Pleasant Grove Church, 8641 Lewinsville Road, McLean. Voices of Worship community choir to present a musical journey through African-American history, including a sing-along with the audience. Free admission. Refreshments served, and museum viewing available. 703-893-9075 or [www.historicpleasantgrove.org](http://www.historicpleasantgrove.org).

**Dear Sara Jane.** 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. At The Soudry, 316 Dominion Road, Vienna. [www.soudry.net](http://www.soudry.net)

**By The Bog of Cats.** 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. Tickets \$25 adults, \$15 students. 703-854-1856 or [www.1stStageTysons.org/cats](http://www.1stStageTysons.org/cats).

**Natalie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy: Masters of the Fiddle.** 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$22-\$44. Youth through grade 12, half price. Charge at 888-945-2468 or [cfa.gmu.edu](http://cfa.gmu.edu).

**Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce Casino Night & Taste of the Town.** 7pm-12 a.m. at Westwood Country Club, 800 Maple Ave., E., Vienna. Samples from area eateries, cash bar, live auction, casino games and more. Prizes include trips, gift certificates, gift

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baskets, jewelry and more. \$75 in advance, \$85 at the door. 703-281-1333 or [www.vtrcc.org](http://www.vtrcc.org).

**Civil War Author Book Mart.** 12-4 p.m. at The Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Local and regional Civil War authors and film directors will discuss, sell, and sign their fiction and non-fiction books and film productions. Sales include a 20% donation to the preservation of Historic Blenheim. Cash or checks only. Light refreshments served. 703-591-0560.

**'The Wizard of Oz.'** 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Oakcrest School, 850 Balls Hill Road, McLean. \$10 adult, \$5 student. Talk-back with the cast and crew after the 11 a.m. show. 703-790-5450 or [www.oakcrest.org](http://www.oakcrest.org).

## SUNDAY/FEB. 28

**The Virginia Opera presents Mozart's Don Giovanni.** 2 p.m. at George Mason University Center For The Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$48-\$98. 888-945-2468 or [www.tickets.com](http://www.tickets.com).

**Disney Live Rockin' Road Show.** 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. At the George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. \$22-\$55. Tickets available by Phonecharge at 703-573-SEAT or online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

**Dear Sara Jane.** 2 p.m. At The Sundry, 316 Dominion Road, Vienna. [www.sundry.net](http://www.sundry.net)

**By The Bog of Cats.** 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. Tickets \$25 adults, \$15 students. 703-854-1856 or [www.1stStageTysons.org/cats](http://www.1stStageTysons.org/cats).

**Beth Patterson:** Celtic-Cajun traditional and original songs. 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. at The Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760-C Walker Road, Great Falls. \$15. Reserve at 703-759-3309. [www.oldbrogue.com](http://www.oldbrogue.com).

**Beth Rinaldo, Scott Holland & Friends CD Release and The Honey Dewdrops.** 2 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$8. 703-255-1566 or [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**Amadeus Concerts: Sivan Silver and Gil Garburg Piano Duo.** 4 p.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. N.E., Vienna. \$25. Tickets may be purchased at the door or at [www.amadeusconcerts.com](http://www.amadeusconcerts.com).

**The Washington Area Music Association 24th Wammies Award Show.** 8 p.m. at the State Theatre, 220 North Washington St., Falls Church. \$35 non-members, \$20 WAMA members, \$15 nominees. [www.wamadc.com](http://www.wamadc.com) or 703-368-3300.



**Beth Patterson will perform Celtic-Cajun traditional and original songs on Sunday, Feb. 28. at 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. at The Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760-C Walker Road, Great Falls.**

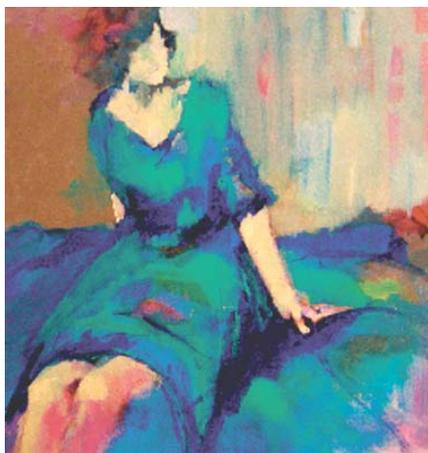


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**'Woman in Blue' by Atelier Artist Elaine Elinsky, Acrylic on Canvas: 24 X 24. Opening reception for 'Figurative Works' at the GFFFTA Gallery will be held on Friday, March 5, 7-9 p.m. at 1144-D and 1144-G Walker Road, in Leigh Corners, Great Falls.**

## MONDAY/MARCH 1

**British alternative rock band Muse with Silversun Pickups.** 8 p.m. at George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets \$55, available online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or via Phonecharge at 703-573-SEAT. Accessible seating is available for patrons with disabilities by calling 703-993-3035. [www.muse.mu](http://www.muse.mu) or [www.patriotcenter.com](http://www.patriotcenter.com).

## TUESDAY/MARCH 2

**The Woman's Club of McLean.** 11:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. Roger Mudd, CBS newsman, will discuss his book "The Place to be: Washington, CBS, and the Glory Days of Television News". All are invited. Bring a donation of food for SHARE, Inc., as admission. [pnkburn@verizon.net](mailto:pnkburn@verizon.net).

## THURSDAY/MARCH 4

**The Guggenheim Grotto and Tiger Cooke.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$12. 703-255-1566 or [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**Tennessee Williams' 'Orpheus Descending.'** 8 p.m. at George Mason University TheatreSpace, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$12. 703-993-8888.

## FRIDAY/MARCH 5

**Dear Sara Jane.** 7:30 p.m. At The Sundry, 316 Dominion Road, Vienna. [www.sundry.net](http://www.sundry.net)

**Chase Coy.** 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$10 advance, \$13 day of show. 703-255-1566 or [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**That 1 Guy 'Packs a Wallop' Tour.** 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$12 advance, \$15 day of show. 703-255-1566 or [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**Opening reception for 'Figurative Works' at the GFFFTA Gallery.** 7 p.m. 1144-D and 1144-G Walker Road, Great Falls. Works by the 16 members of the Artists' Atelier. Exhibit continues through March, and is open 12-4 p.m. Saturdays or by appointment. [www.greatfallsfoundationforarts.org](http://www.greatfallsfoundationforarts.org)

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## Art Exhibit at the Old Brogue

**Judith St. Ledger-Roty is having a show of recent oil paintings, mostly of Ireland and Northern Ireland, at the Old Brogue in Great Falls for the month of March. She is one of the artist at the Atelier in Great Falls, a studio in which 15 other painters and photographers work and show their art. The show will be open Feb. 26-March 31.**



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### REAL ESTATE

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**Bruce Green**, regional vice president of Weichert, Realtors announced Joyce Becker of the McLean-Old Dominion office was recognized for industry success in December. A neighborhood specialist, Becker led the region for new home dollar volume. The region comprises offices located throughout Virginia. Weichert, Realtors' neighborhood specialists can be reached in Weichert's McLean-Old Dominion office at (703) 821-8300 at 6257 Old Dominion Drive.

Green also announced J.D. Callander of the McLean/Dolley Madison office was recognized for industry successes in December. A neighborhood specialist, Callander led the region for resale dollar volume. The region is comprised of offices located throughout Virginia. Weichert, Realtors' McLean/Dolley Madison branch specialists can be reached at (703) 760-8880, located at 1313 Dolley Madison Boulevard.

**Karen Briscoe** with the Huckaby Briscoe Group, Keller Williams Realty in McLean has earned the Certified Luxury Home Marketing Specialist designation in recognition of her experience, knowledge and expertise in the luxury home market. "Karen is an example of a real estate professional who has worked to



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develop market knowledge and the special skills and competencies necessary to provide exceptional service in the fine homes and estates marketplace," said Institute President Laurie Moore-Moore, upon announcing Briscoe's designation.

Briscoe is an award-winning real estate professional who has gone through special training and met performance standards in the upper tier market. She has been in real estate since 1983. She specializes in the McLean, Great Falls, Arlington, Falls Church, Vienna, and Alexandria markets.

For current information on the local market, contact Karen Briscoe at the Huckaby Briscoe Group at (703) 734-0192 or e-mail [Homes@HBGroup.us](mailto:Homes@HBGroup.us).

**Lizzy Walker Conroy**, Lead Associate Agent for the Huckaby Briscoe Group, Keller Williams Realty is hosting a fundraising event to benefit the Leu-

kemia & Lymphoma Society on Wednesday, March 10 from 6 - 8 p.m. at Restaurant 3 in Arlington. This happy hour will feature hors d'oeuvres and wines of Barboursville Vineyards, complements of Richard Moroscak, 1st Commonwealth Bank of Virginia and Helen Krause, Dominion Title Corporation. To attend the happy hour, R.S.V.P by Monday, March 8, to Lizzy Conroy by email to [lizzy@hbgroup.us](mailto:lizzy@hbgroup.us), or by phone to 202-441-3630. A \$10 donation to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at the door is suggested.

**McLean -based RE/MAX Allegiance**, the world's #1 RE/MAX brokerage, has entered into an exclusive partnership with the Fort Lauderdale-based Foreclosure Response Team (FRT) to serve as the exclusive Broker Affiliate representing the Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C. areas. The FRT is a national Realtor network with advanced short sale technology, training and loss mitigation services. The firm expedites the sale of residential and commercial properties facing foreclosure, with a specialization in Short Sale transactions. RE/MAX Allegiance will present the FRT program exclusively as a viable and system-wide solution to the processing of Short Sale transactions to their 750 real estate agents, in an effort to offer the resources necessary to help homeowners facing foreclosure, and ultimately close as many short sales as possible.

### FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to [greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday.

**McLean Bible Church**, 8925 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, will host LifeWay Women's Going Beyond with Priscilla Shirer, at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 26 and 9 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27. Shirer encourages women to go beyond everyday life to walk with Christ. Tickets are the two-day event are \$45. Register at [www.lifeway.com/goingbeyond](http://www.lifeway.com/goingbeyond) or 800-254-2022.

**Chesterbrook United Methodist Church** is at 1711 Kirby Road, McLean. Worship service is at 11 a.m. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. for adults and children. Rev. Kathleen Card, Pastor. 703-356-7100 or [www.ChesterbrookUMC.org](http://www.ChesterbrookUMC.org).

**The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA)** offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. Contact Gary Axelrod, 301-610-8309 or [gaxelrod@jssa.org](mailto:gaxelrod@jssa.org), or [www.jssa.org](http://www.jssa.org).

**HAVEN of Northern Virginia** offers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly basis. Contact 703-941-7000 or [www.havenofnova.org](http://www.havenofnova.org) for schedules and registration information.

**McLean Presbyterian Church**,

1020 Balls Hill Road, McLean, worship services are at 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. The church also offers a variety of adult education classes, as well as children's ministry program, student ministries gatherings, and the informal Saturday Night Service in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. The message is the same as Sunday morning but with more interaction with the pastor. Childcare and children's programs are provided for infants through 2nd grade. [www.mcleanpres.org](http://www.mcleanpres.org) or 703-821-0800.

**McLean Bible Church Fitness Class** at Body & Soul fitness. Balance is key, energy is renewed, strength is gained, and friendships are formed. Mondays 9:15 a.m. and Fridays 9:45 a.m. Childcare is free for registered students. E-mail [bodyandsoul@mcleanbible.org](mailto:bodyandsoul@mcleanbible.org) for more information.

**Vajrayogini Buddhist Center** offers ongoing classes on meditation and Buddhist philosophy, Mondays at 7 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. \$10 per class. 202-331-2122 or [www.meditation-dc.org](http://www.meditation-dc.org).

**Great Falls United Methodist Church** at 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 703-759-3705 offers "All Things New," an ecumenical worship service, every Wednesday at 6 p.m. Based on the Beatitudes of Jesus, for people affected by anger, fear, stress, dealing with rejection, credit abuse,

drug/alcohol abuse, physical/sexual addiction or eating disorders.

**A Centering Prayer Group** meets Fridays, 9:30 a.m. at Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, 1301 Trap Road, Vienna. The hour includes a brief reading related to Centering Prayer, followed by a 20-minute prayer period. E-mail Martha Thomas at [mmthomas211@hotmail.com](mailto:mmthomas211@hotmail.com) or call the church at 703-759-3509.

**The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington** and the Jewish Outreach Institute offer the Mothers/Parents Circle, an umbrella of free educational events and resources. Jewish rituals, ethics and the creation of a Jewish home, regular meetings and group Shabbats and holidays. Participants include Sha'are Shalom, Congregation Beth Emeth, Temple Rodef Shalom and the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia. [ShalomDC.org](http://ShalomDC.org).

**Vienna Assembly of God** has a ministry to children on Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. at the corner of Center N and Ayr Hill Avenue, N.E. Children's Church on Sundays also available. 703-938-7736 or [www.ViennaAG.com](http://www.ViennaAG.com).

**Vienna Christian Healing Rooms**, every Saturday, 1-5 p.m., at 8200 Bell Lane. A team of Christians is available to anyone requesting prayer. Free and open to the public. 703-698-9779 or [www.viennachristianhealingrooms.com](http://www.viennachristianhealingrooms.com).

## PEOPLE

### Great Falls Resident Named JMU Ambassador

Tommy Maselli of Great Falls, a freshman and honor student at James Madison University, was recently named a student ambassador to the university. The Student Ambassador Program is one of the largest organizations on campus, an organization dedicated to serving James Madison students of the past, present and future. Student Ambassadors is a service organization working to promote the university, and membership is competitive. This year, the program received close to 400 paper applications. After a series of group and individual interviews, 25 freshmen were selected out of the 65 new members. With the new members, there are about 180 student ambassadors in total.

Community service is not new to Maselli, a 2009 graduate of Langley High School. While at Langley, he served as school treasurer and dedicated



**Tommy Maselli**

his time to serving the community coaching youth sports, in particular, the Reston Challenger Baseball League for mentally and physically challenged young athletes.

For more information about the JMU Student Ambassadors Program check out their Web site at <http://orgs.jmu.edu/am-bassadors/index.html>.

## SCHOOL NOTES

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**Langley High School Wind Symphony** has been invited to perform at the Music for All National Festival in Indianapolis in March. High school and middle school instrumental ensembles around the country audition for the festival via a taped audition sent to Music for All, one of the nation's largest and most influential organizations in support of active music making. The Langley High School Wind Symphony is under the direction of Andrew Gekoskie. Only sixteen high school concert bands were accepted into this year's festival, to be held March 4-6. The bands will perform at Clowes Memorial Hall in Indianapolis. [www.musicforall.org/programs/mfanf/](http://www.musicforall.org/programs/mfanf/).

**Steven A. Christopher** of McLean has been named to the headmaster's list at Virginia Episcopal School. Christopher is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew M. Christopher.

Four Marymount University students from McLean, including history education major **Charles Abel**, business administration major **Sedinam Asem**, interior design major **Rebecca Leon** and fashion merchandising major **Julia Rouse**, have been named as national outstanding campus leaders and included in the 2009 edition of Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

**Matthew Thomas Valcourt** has been named to Episcopal High School's academic honor roll for the first quarter of the 2009-10 school year. Valcourt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery T. Valcourt of McLean.

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# SPORTS

## Saxons Capture Third Straight Boys' Basketball Title

**Kriz, Jones, Kiffe each have big games to lead Saxons in Liberty finals win over Marshall.**

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

Langley High's Colin Jones could tell prior to Monday night's Liberty District boys' championship basketball game that he was on a shooting roll. Every shot the senior guard tossed up during pre-game warm-ups seemed to be going in.

"I was really hitting them," said Jones, sensing he might be in for a big game.

Sure enough, the 6-foot-3 inch shooting guard was in store for a huge night. Jones, in his team's biggest game of the season, shot well from the contest's opening tip-off and onward in leading Langley to a 58-40 title game win over Marshall. The postseason finals game took place at Reston's South Lakes High School.

Jones' terrific, long range shooting was a key factor in his team's tournament finals dominance and helped Langley capture its third straight district tournament crown. The top-seeded Saxons (19-3), who had beaten No. 8-seed Madison and No. 5 South Lakes to reach the finals against No. 2 Marshall, will next set their focus on the 16-team Northern Region tournament.

Langley, coached by Travis Hess, was scheduled to host Centreville High in a first-round region playoff game on Wednesday night, Feb. 24. The two teams split a pair of games during the regular season with the Wildcats, members of the Concorde District, winning convincingly, 68-44, in a holiday tournament game on Dec. 30 before Langley returned the favor with a 54-36 home win on Jan. 27. Centreville is one of just three teams to have beaten the Saxons this winter — the other two being Edison, which defeated Langley 68-67, and district opponent Stone Bridge, which won 64-62.

"It will be a real close game," said Langley senior center Austin Kriz, of this week's region playoff encounter with Centreville. "We'll have to play our best basketball."

**AGAINST MARSHALL**, the Saxons were certainly close to playing some of their best basketball, especially in the second half. Following a driving, close range basket by Marshall's Danny McClain that got the Statesmen within 31-30 nearly halfway through the third quarter, Langley buckled down and put together the game's key scoring stretch. Following McClain's basket, the Saxons scored the game's next 11 points with four different players — David Adams, Joey Kiffe (14 points, 9 rebounds), Jones and Austin Vasiliadis — contributing points as Langley built a 42-30 lead with less than a minute remaining in the period. McClain, Marshall's outstanding, muscular 6-4 forward, finally ended the Langley scoring spree with a long range three-pointer from around the top of the key in the final minute of the quarter to make the score 42-33.

But Marshall never closed within 10 points the rest of the way.

"They're a good team and the No. 1 seed for a reason," said Marshall coach Bobby Forst, who has led the Statesmen (12-8) to a breakthrough season. "Kriz, Jones and Kiffe are three real good basketball play-



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**Langley's Joey Kiffe drives towards the basket as Marshall center Will Simonton, left, defends during the Saxons' Liberty District title game win over the Statesmen on Monday night at South Lakes. Kiffe, a senior forward, finished the night with 14 points and nine rebounds.**

ers. Colin Jones was shooting the ball real well tonight."

Jones converted a game-high five, three-pointers on the night. The game's first basket, in fact, was a Jones trey from the top of the key. Later, he closed the opening quarter with a rebound follow-up basket to give the Saxons a 14-9 lead.

Jones scored eight points in the third quarter, including two treys, in helping the Saxons break the contest open. He went on to score 19 points and, during postgame ceremonies, was named tourney MVP.

Jones said the championship was a team effort.

"We're a real balanced team and we depend on each other to do our jobs," he said. "I think [the key] was our defense. We held them to 40 points."

Langley's Kriz was outstanding throughout the night as well, scoring on hard drives to the basket on offense and helping hold talented Marshall center Will Simonton (12 points, 2 rebounds) in check with stellar defense.

"They have a great post player in Will and I got [defensive] help from behind," said Kriz, who scored a game high 21 points with seven rebounds to earn a spot on the six-member all-tournament team. "We have won this year with team work. We don't have any huge scorers but everyone contributes."

Marshall, which reached the district tournament finals for the first time since the 2000-01 season, received 12 points apiece from big men Simonton and McClain, and eight from senior guard Stanley Watts. Simonton and Watts made the all-tournament team. The Statesmen were scheduled to host Chantilly in a first round region playoff game on Wednesday.



PHOTOS BY MARK OVEREND-KAZ

**The girls' 200-meter freestyle relay team from Langley High School. Pictured, from left, are juniors Meghan Overend, Jayme Katis and Megan Howard and freshman Abi Speers.**

## Langley Swimmers Shine at State

**Boys, girls relay teams set new national records.**

Langley High School sent 16 swimmers to the 2010 High School Championship in Virginia Beach. With multiple top eight finishes, state records and national records—the boys' team reached its highest place and the girls were able to secure a podium position also.

The boys' team started the meet with the 200-meter medley relay that not only broke the state record—but also a new national record with a time of 146.43. Swimming the relay were junior Chuck Katis, senior Chris Pivik, senior Stephen Richards and sophomore Ryan Natal. The boys finished first overall and broke the record again Saturday night at the finals with a time of 145.38.

The Langley boys continued to achieve with Chuck Katis

placing second in the 200 breast and fourth in the 200 IM; Stephen Richards placing third in the 200 IM and fourth in the 100 free; and Ryan Natal placing third in the 100 butterfly. The boys' team of Conor Reiling, Alex Brumas, Chris Barnard and Pivik placed eighth in the 200 free relay and the 400 free relay placed third with David Case, Natal, Richards and Katis.

"This is huge," said Coach Ryan Jackson. "This maybe the best the boys have ever finished for Langley. The records only go back to the 90s, and I'm not sure how they did prior to that."

Graduating captain Richards could not get over how well his team did. "I could not be happier," he said. "I'm really look-

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**The boys' 200-meter medley relay team are, from left, junior Chuck Katis, senior Chris Pivik, senior Stephen Richards and sophomore Ryan Natal.**

## MILITARY

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Air Force Maj. **Park D. Ashley** is returning to the U.S. after a deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Ashley, a security assistance officer with 18 years of military service, is normally assigned to the 82nd Aerial Target Squadron at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. He is the son of Clarence and Clara Sue Ashley of Beach Mill Road, Great Falls, a 1985 from Langley High School, and a 1990 graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta.

**Keith A. Tooley** has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army after successfully completing the

Army ROTC program and graduating with a bachelor's degree from West Virginia University. Tooley is the son of Jean D. Reimers of Donmore Drive, Great Falls and is a 2004 graduate of Langley High School.

**Constance Lynne Solina** was promoted to U.S. Navy Lieutenant Commander on Sept. 3. Currently with the Functional Integration Management and Training Directorate for the Center for Seabees and Facilities Engineering, she previously served in Iraq with the 4th Naval Mobile Construction Battalion in 2007, earned a civil engineering degree from Purdue University and a masters of environmental engineering from the University of Texas, Austin. Solina is the daughter of Pamela Beck Danner and David L. Danner of McLean, and a 1996 graduate of Langley High School.

**Air Force Lt. Col. Nicholas E. Russo** participated in Proud Shield II/ Giant Sword II, a bombing, navigation, weapons loading, and security forces competition conducted by the Eighth Air Force to demonstrate the military's readiness and ability to project airpower around the world, set up a strategic deterrent to threats to American interests, and meet national defense objectives. Russo is director of operations assigned to the 2nd Bomb Wing at Barksdale Air Force Base, Bossier City, La., and has served in the military for 16 years. He is the son of Vincent and Reeta Russo of McLean; his brothers are Brian Russo and Mark Russo, also of McLean. Russo received a bachelor's degree in 1993 from Davidson College, N.C., and a master's degree in 2002 from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical College.

## Langley Swimmers Set New Records

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ing forward to swimming for Brigham Young University, but I sure will miss these guys and this team."

The girls also produced results with the 200-meter medley relay, placing sixth with Megan Overend, Karen Schirm, Megan Howard and Torrie Zarella. Individual finishers were Jayme Katis placing fourth in the 200 freestyle and fourth in

the 100 freestyle, Howard placing sixth in the 50 free and 11th in the 100 fly and Abi Speers placing fourth in the 50 free and 13th in the 100 free. The 200-meter freestyle relay with junior Overend, junior Jayme Katis, junior Howard and freshman Speers also finished first with not only a new state record but a new national record as well with a time of 148.94.

The girls 400 freestyle relay fin-

ished third with Allie Zeidan, Speers, Overend and Jayme Katis.

Assistant Coach Kristin Magnuson was delighted with the girls' finish. "These girls were amazing," she said. "They swam their hearts out tonight and reaped the rewards."

"We thought we could get first," said Overend. "We knew we had to push hard, and we did, and then to get the national record, it was so worth it."

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## I've Been Wondering...



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Perhaps some of you regular readers have noticed of late, but recently – for the first time in six months or so of commentating – I have strayed occasionally from my cancer-related norm. And I suppose that's a good thing, a sign or an indication that no longer am I consumed, mentally, by the condition in which I find myself so heavily involved. Apparently, I have assimilated having cancer into my routine. Not so much coordinating my weekly labs, my every three-week chemotherapy infusion, every three-week appointment with my oncologist and miscellaneous other scans, procedures and evaluations into my daily/weekly/monthly/quarterly schedule, all of which becomes (or has become for me) second nature, despite their primary – and ongoing – importance; but more so into the activities of my daily living: reading, writing and 'rithmetic, etc.

Life goes on, believe it or not, even after receiving devastating news. And though I might not have imagined normalizing it (the diagnosis) as I have (especially after that first weekend at home after meeting with the oncologist the previous Thursday), but I have, and the evidence has been in my writing, specifically the non-cancer subject matter (that once again matters). Though the material is still as I see fit to write it, I seem to be a bit more fit than I have been and the proof is in the prose.

Don't get me wrong, the column is still about me, as it always has been. But it's less about the struggles of dealing with a cancer diagnosis, subsequent – and continuing – treatment, plus all the related effects not unique to me, as it has been since June. Obviously, I'm still very caught up and consumed by my health situation/status (and will continue to be), but subconsciously my brain has rewired itself a little bit and compartmentalized/segregated some (definitely not all) of the cancer thoughts thereby enabling me to mentally meander once again and literally lose my mind in some more ordinary and mundane minutiae, the kind of which has characterized my column for the past 12 years.

And as I find myself writing about nonsense once again, I'm feeling empowered, sort of, by its appearance; I'm me again. I'm not Kenny-with-cancer; I'm just, Kenny, who happens to have cancer, who writes about it regularly but not exclusively. And deviating from this most recent 'ab-norm' of late has re-routed me. No longer am I on the cancer train. No longer am I on the road to God-help-me. I'm simply back on the same road as everybody else, back dealing with and managing the same myriad problems as everybody else (with one major exception, of course). But the cancer thing doesn't define me anymore (yeah, right?). Oh sure, it precedes me, it categorizes me, it may even be me, but no more does it control me.

My brain (and my body) has persevered through it all now: the initial testing, the shock of the diagnosis, the chemotherapy which followed, the regular medical activities/appointments/scans which continue and the lifestyle changes, have all been integrated into my/our routine. Onward we go. I feel like I'm myself again and since I've always liked myself, I'm happy to be back (heck, as a cancer patient, I'm happy to be anywhere). I'm not cured of anything, though; I'm just more comfortable (subject to change, of course).

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# Salon Celebrates 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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Apprenticeship Program, where Bursick found coloring as his strength.

**IN THEIR 30 YEARS OF BUSINESS,** Wagstaff and Bursick have worked to keep their salon up with the times, both in their services and in the salon's appearance. "We are constantly educating our staff through classes and workshops," said Bursick. "The technology is always changing, as well as the demographics of people we are servicing."

In addition, the owners have remodeled the salon over the years, always keeping in mind the interests of their customers. Seventeen years ago, Bursick saw the blank white walls of the salon and asked himself, "What make the customers most comfortable?" He then painted murals on the walls of the salon that are still there today in order to help keep their customers comfortable and have something to start up conversation.

While a lot of their business comes from referrals, both men claim that their best advertising tool has been their Web site, which they developed by themselves about a year and a half ago. Thefallssalon.com offers detailed descriptions on the salon's services and products, and even includes a description on the music played in the salon. Many of the professional hair care products sold in the salon are unique in the area, including Privé's environmentally friendly prod-

ucts and The Fall's Salon own product line.

Ann Miller from McLean started going to the salon 15 years ago after her neighbor recommended The Falls Salon to her. Since then, her entire family has gone to The Falls Salon to have their hair cut and the two men have developed "a long and rich relationship with the whole family," according to Miller.

When Miller's daughter, Abby, was in school at Great Falls Elementary, Bursick would style Abby's hair for the annual "Wacky Hair Day," when students would wear their craziest hairstyles to school.

Great Falls resident Robyn Maselli started going to The Falls Salon about 12-years ago and has developed a friendship with Wagstaff over the years. "He always knows what I like with my hair. I find myself wanting to call him up weeks after I get my hair cut just to tell him how much I love what he's done for my hair."

**TO CELEBRATE** their 30 years of business, The Falls Salon is offering a 10 percent discount on the purchase of a gift card through the end of March, and hope to hold some sort of celebration in conjunction with other Great Falls businesses in April to commemorate their many years of business and service to the community. Wagstaff and Bursick said they would like to express their sincerest gratitude to all of the employees and clients who have supported the business over the past 30 years.

# Alternative Studied to Dual Left Turn

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Knudsen said he hoped to bring a price quote for a consultant to the March general membership meeting for a vote and then present the results of the study at the April membership meeting.

Also at Monday's meeting, board member Jim Luce announced that he was resigning from his chairmanship of the Wastewater Committee that had been re-formed in September to deal with the failing septic fields around the intersection of Georgetown Pike and Walker Road. "I don't have the time to drive it personally," Luce said. He also said the Great Falls Business and Professional Association (BPA), which had strong representation on the committee, seemed more intent on looking into a limited sewer line than exploring other alternatives. "There isn't a resource that's dedicated to the alternative," Luce said.

The committee had intended to form subgroups, one to look into limited sewer and another to find alternatives provided by new technology.

GFCFA President Ralph Apton said he wanted to see both options given "a fair shot," and the board voted to allocate \$500 — the most it can spend without approval from the general membership — to advertise for people with some expertise in wastewater disposal to provide input and perhaps take over the committee chairmanship. Luce

agreed to stay on as chair for another month and put together an advertisement.

Also on the topic of sewers, Van Volkenburg, co-chair of the association's Land Use and Zoning Committee, said her committee had some concerns about plans to re-line about a mile of pipes around a proposed "blower treatment unit" to be built behind River Park Drive, near the Potomac River. The project is part of the D.C. Water and Sewer Authority's (DCWASA) long-term odor abatement program for the Potomac Interceptor, which carries wastewater from Dulles Airport along the Potomac River and to the Blue Plains Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant in D.C.

A number of vents exist along the line, and Van Volkenburg said the one where the treatment unit is to be installed smelled "really, really, really bad." She said there should be no problem with the facility being built except that all of the pipes would have to be carried by trailer truck along Beech Mill Drive, up River Park Drive and to the end of River Park Lane. Much of River Park Lane is a private road, and the Water and Sewer Authority is seeking right of entry to use the road. The work is expected to take between a year and a year and a half.

Officials from the Water and Sewer Authority will make a presentation to the community at the Land Use and Zoning Committee meeting March 3 at the Great Falls Library at 7:30 p.m., she said.

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