

Clearly Outstanding

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Dominique Graham was district and region champion in the girls' high jump event during the recent high school track and field postseason. At states last Saturday in Hampton, the standout McLean High athlete took a strong second place in the event. Check out how Northern Region's track athletes fared at both the state and regional meets in the sports section.

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A Different Kind of 'Young Professional'

Local children and teenagers launch their own business careers early in life.

By Julie W. Thompson

The idea of the "young professional" is not new. It's a term that has been used for decades to describe young adults who are successful in their careers and have a high level of education. But in recent years, the term has taken on a new meaning. It now refers to young children and teenagers who are launching their own business careers early in life.

One such young entrepreneur is a 10-year-old girl named [Name]. She has started her own business, [Business Name], which sells handmade [Product]. She has already made a significant amount of money and has plans to expand her business in the future.

Another young entrepreneur is a 12-year-old boy named [Name]. He has started his own business, [Business Name], which provides [Service]. He has already made a significant amount of money and has plans to expand his business in the future.

These young entrepreneurs are a testament to the power of education and hard work. They are showing us that it is never too early to start your own business and that education is the key to success.

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Olympic speed skating events at the Richmond Oval are over, but the facility is now to become a part of the community.

Wiseman Represents McLean at Olympics

Local resident led design for 2010 Olympic speed skating oval.

How did McLean resident Ken Wiseman get his seat at the Winter Olympics? He helped create it. Wiseman, president of the architecture firm Cannon Design, was the design principal for the new Richmond Oval in Richmond, British Columbia, Canada, the venue that housed this year's speed skating competitions.

As he fixed dinner in his Langley Forest home on Thursday, Feb. 25, he said he had just returned from the Olympic Games the day before. He noted that his company had an office in Vancouver from which he had been able to work while he was there, "so it wasn't a total junket."

He said he came back with a sense of pride, and not just in his country's performance. "It's thrilling. It's so gratifying to have worked on a building that's seen by a global audience," he said.

THE BUILDING, completed more than a year ago, has won several national and international awards, including the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada award for excellence in innovation, the Vancouver Olympics Organizing Committee's Sustainability Star award, a World Architecture Civic Buildings award and others.

One reason the project has received recognition, Wiseman said, was that, unlike many structures built for Olympic competitions, it was designed to remain useful long after the games were over. "We actually



McLean resident Ken Wiseman stands outside the Richmond Oval, the 2010 Olympic facility for which he led the design work.

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Northbound Route 123 Lanes Close Friday Night

The lanes will reopen by 10 a.m. Saturday morning, March 6.

All northbound lanes of Route 123 near the Dulles Connector Road (Route 267) between McLean and Tysons Corner will be shut down for 14 hours beginning at 8 p.m. on Friday night, March 5. The lanes will reopen by 10 a.m. Saturday morning, March 6. Staging for the closing will begin at 7 p.m.

All northbound thru traffic from the Tysons Corner area toward McLean and the Chain Bridge will be detoured for less than a mile. Signs will direct drivers to turn right on Anderson Road, left on Old Chain Bridge Road, left on to Great Falls Street, then right on northbound Route 123. (See the map).

The ramp leading from northbound Route 123, just north of Anderson Road, to eastbound I-66 via the Dulles Connector Road will remain open. In addition, the ramp from the eastbound Dulles Toll Road/Dulles Connector Road to northbound Route 123 will be open.

Residents of the communities along Anderson and Old Chain Bridge Road and Great Falls Street should be alert for additional traffic during the closing of northbound Route 123.

Also, eastbound Dulles Toll Road/Dulles Connector Road drivers from Dulles Airport and the Reston area who use the southbound 123 exit ramp to cross Route 123 to Anderson Road/Old Chain Bridge Road will experience additional traffic on those roads.

Police officers will be in place along the detour route to direct motorists. Drivers are also

urged to pay close attention to signage and to be extremely careful in this area. Electronic signage warning of the closings will be in place along Route 123 prior to the closing and detour.

The closing is necessary for the relocation of a water line. It is part of the construction of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project.

Water service to residents and businesses in the area should not be affected.

Three-month Ramp Closure to Begin March 8

The on-ramp from southbound Dolley Madison Boulevard to the eastbound Dulles Connector Road will be closed for approximately three months to accommodate pier construction. Work in the median of the Dulles Connector Road in Tysons Corner is approaching the area where the road meets Route 123, with construction of five piers scheduled to begin overnight Monday, March 8. The closure is necessary for crews to build these piers safely, away from traffic.

Drivers using southbound Route 123 from the McLean area to reach eastbound Interstate 66 and the Connector Road will be encouraged to continue on Route 123, turn left on Colshire Drive, turn right on Colshire Meadow Drive, make a right on Old Meadow Road and then make another right onto northbound Route 123 to enter the on-ramp for the eastbound Dulles Connector Road.



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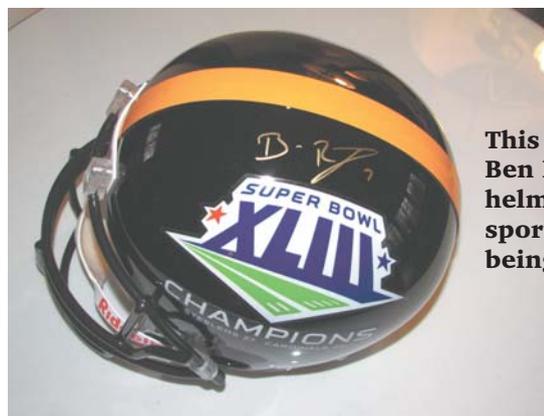
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This autographed Ben Roethlisberger's helmet is among the sports memorabilia being auctioned.

Chesterbrook E.S. Runs Online Auction

Chesterbrook Elementary School is running its annual online auction again this year to support local business and to help the PTA provide vital resources to the school.

This online auction allows visitors to bid over 300 items, from autographed sports memorabilia,

tickets to a Maryland basketball game, a haircut or a night out on the town. Proceeds go to Chesterbrook Elementary School PTA.

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Break the Silence summit - the 2nd HIV/AIDS Youth and Adult Faith Summit - is scheduled for March 6. The Fairfax County Health Department, Community Interfaith Liaison Office, the Northern Virginia Clergy Council for the Prevention of HIV/AIDS and other community groups have partnered to hold the HIV/AIDS Prevention Faith Summit for Teens and Adults on Saturday, March 6, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Vienna, 450 Orchard Street, NW.

The summit is free and open to the public. Register online (cut and paste www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/breakthesilence/)

For more information call 703-324-3453, TTY 703-803-8598.

The Anglican District of Virginia's 'Anglican Insights' speaker series will explore the topic of Anglicanism. Anglican Church in North America Archbishop Robert Duncan will kick off the first event at 9 a.m. on March 13 at The Falls Church, 115 East Fairfax St., Falls Church, with Morning Prayer, followed by Archbishop Duncan's address and a time for the audience to ask him ques-

tions. Free and open to the public. www.AnglicanDistrictofVirginia.org.

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. Kathleene Card, Pastor. 703-356-7100 or 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, or www.jssa.org.

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Fairfax County Police were called to a fatal pedestrian crash around 3:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 24 on Leesburg Pike at Interstate 495. Police discovered a 49-year-old adult male deceased in the roadway with vehicle debris. The victim has been identified as Efrain Flores-Vasquez, 49, of no fixed address. Detectives have narrowed the details of the striking vehicle to be a four door Honda Accord EX, model years 1999-2002.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text

"TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

For information about the Fairfax County Pedestrian Program, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/pedestrian/>.

Foust Hosts Budget Town Meetings

Supervisor John Foust (D- Dranesville) has scheduled three town hall meetings in March to provide an opportunity for the public to learn about and discuss the proposed Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for Fairfax County. Budget staff will be present at all meetings to make a summary presentation of the budget and answer questions. The three sessions are:

- ❖ Wednesday, March 3 at 7 p.m. at Great Falls Grange, 9818 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls;

- ❖ Thursday, March 11 at 7 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave. in McLean;

- ❖ Wednesday, March 17 at 7 p.m. at the Herndon Town Council Chambers, 765 Lynn St. in Herndon.

County Executive Anthony H. Griffin presented his proposed FY 2011 Advertised Budget Plan to the Board of Supervisors on Feb. 23. Public Hearings before the Board of Supervisors will be held in the Board Auditorium at the Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax) on April 6, 7 and 8. The Board of Supervisors will adopt a final budget on April 27.

For further information on the FY 2011 Advertised Budget Plan, access the budget Web site at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget>. The public is encouraged to share their thoughts on the budget through the online forum on the County's Web site at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/survey/ff11_budget_comment.htm and/or the telephone hotline, 703-324-9400.

Days of Discovery on Vinson Hall's Campus

Vinson Hall Retirement Community has partnered with Exploritas to bring opportunities for lifelong learning to retirees and seniors in the community. The Day of Discovery programs at Vinson Hall are scheduled for March 4, March 29, and April 21.

Exploritas Day of Discovery programs bring together instructors and participants from diverse backgrounds to engage in one-day explorations and half-day enrichment events that are currently hosted in more than 45 retirement communities across the country. Vinson Hall is the only Retirement Community in the Washington, D.C. area participating in the Day of Discovery Programs.

On March 4, The Twentieth Century Presidency (1945-1975) will examine the influence of presidents Harry Truman, Dwight Eisenhower and Richard Nixon. The March 29 program, The Life and Legacy of Sergeant Shriver: Champion of Social Justice, will explore Shriver's legacy of social services programs and feature a film presentation, "American Idealist." On April 21, Building Bridges to Islam will focus on the faith, culture, and traditions of Islam by examining the religion through the eyes of practicing Americans.

Advance registration is not necessary for these events, but a small fee is required to cover participants' materials and lunch. More detailed information can be found on Vinson Hall's Web site, www.vinsonhall.org.



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Flaring pavilions add panache to the Richmond Oval's entryways.

McLean Architect Designs Olympic Venue

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started out building the after-use first," he said. Based on market studies, planners incorporated two ice sheets, eight wood courts, a 200-meter track and a fitness center into the design, so that it could remain a self-sustaining facility. The building will also support boating activities on the adjacent Fraser River. "You could park three [Boeing] 747s in this building. It's very big," Wiseman said.

As part of its program for sustainable construction, the building's enormous roof is made with "beetle-kill pine" from trees harvested from forest floors during the pine beetle infestations that have recently swept across areas of western North America. If the trees aren't harvested quickly, they rot or start forest fires, Wiseman said. "So it's a very environmentally savvy thing to do."

Cannon Design was awarded the project about 4 1/2 years ago. "I joke that I was the token American," Wiseman said. "We did the entire project in our Vancouver office. And I commuted." As the team leader, he said, he made trips about twice a month during the one-year design phase, and, over the two years of construction, he continued to drop in occasionally.

PREVIOUSLY, Wiseman designed the Olympic training centers in Colorado Springs, Colo. and San Diego, Calif., and fellow Cannon design principal Bob Johnston worked on Canada's Olympic Oval in Calgary, Alberta, North America's first covered speed skating oval, so the company was familiar to Olympic architecture, Wiseman said.

He is currently working on a Veterans Administration hospital in the Bronx.

At home, Wiseman and his wife Lori attend St. John's Episcopal Church and are active in the McLean



Ken Wiseman

Project for the Arts (MPA). Lori Wiseman designed the logo for the MPAartfest. Their daughter Katie is a senior at Langley High School, and their son John is in his junior year at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Fla.

— MIKE DiCICCO

SCHOOLS



Students and their parents representing Indonesia in traditional dress.



Kristy Reddacliff, eighth grader from Kilmer Middle School, and Jessica Frey, ninth grader at Marshall High School, selling tickets to the event.

PHOTOS BY STEPHANIE KNAPP/THE CONNECTION



Jenn Rhame, Maddie Divita, and Erika O'Neal, all 10th graders at Marshall High School, enjoying International Night.

Marshall High Celebrates International Night

Countries from Italy to Jamaica to Canada to Russia, and many in between, were represented at George C. Marshall High School's International Night on Thursday, Feb. 25.

The event, which was put on by Marshall's PTSA, started with a silent auction. Baskets with clothes, toys, and food were up for bid.

Then International Night started, which had many tables with information about different countries for people to explore. Everyone was encouraged to bring a dish of food to share from a different country.

The night offered scavenger hunts, prizes and performances. All proceeds go back to the school for the students.

— STEPHANIE KNAPP

Langley School Presents 'The Envelope Please'

A cast of 29 students in grades 6-8 will present the two-act comedy "The Envelope Please" as this year's Middle School spring play at The Langley School. The show will run for three nights, Thursday, March 11 through Saturday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the school's Jeffrey J. Sherman Arts Center. Tickets are on sale now for \$5 per person and must be purchased in advance through Langley's Web site at www.langleyschool.org no later than March 10.

"The Envelope Please" centers around a nationally televised talent contest. The coveted prize? The chance to co-star with the fabulous Howard Hunk in one of his upcoming movies. The two most important talent contestants include the eminently gracious Wendy White and Wendy's talentless, spoiled-rotten step-daughter, Snow Storm. After Wendy wins the contest, Snow Storm hires a slew of slimy char-

acters to sidetrack Wendy and blackmails the host into recalling the Miss Starlet title and giving it to none other than Snow Storm herself. Of course, Snow's plans soon begin to crumble and much craziness ensues.

Because much of the action takes place on a television set and several of the characters are TV personalities, Langley's student actors learned the basics of TV acting while honing their theater skills. Many also had the opportunity to develop authentic dialects and new skills, as the play's over-the-top characters speak with Ukrainian, Swedish, Italian, Brooklyn, and southern accents and perform yodeling, Italian opera, and a Ukrainian dance.

"This show really gave our students the chance to take on more challenging roles," said Director Kristy Nicolette. "Students wear wigs, speak with accents and transform themselves into characters who are definitely not who



The Langley School comedy 'The Envelope Please' runs March 11-13.

they may seem to be."

Set in 1989, the show also includes period costumes and old commercial jingles played by a live pit orchestra comprising Middle

School musicians.

The Langley School is located at 1411 Balls Hill Road in McLean. 703-356-1920, www.langleyschool.org.

SCHOOL NOTES

Send School Notes to mclean@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

The following McLean residents have been named to the fall 2009 dean's list at Virginia Tech at Blacksburg: **Anita S. Ahn, Yasmin Bagha, Julia D. Berkson, Emily L. Cheng, Stephanie Y. Chin, Elaina P. Ebersole, Nadine S. Gibson, Randall J. Goodnight, James F. Haynes, Kelley P. Hower, Sandra P. Hower, Kevin M. Hurley, Robert Y. Kim, Alexandria Ledesma, Wellhan Li, Melody K. Lind, Alexandra N. Manson, Christine N. Meawad, Sarah M. Megas and Henrietta Meyman.**

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.

Caroline Rothrock of McLean has been named to the fall 2009 dean's list at Ripon College of Ripon, Wisconsin. Rothrock, a sophomore global studies major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald D. Rothrock of McLean.

Brigid Donovan, a senior at Saint James School of St. James, Md., has been named to the honors list for trimester 1. Donovan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Donovan of McLean.

Leah Gross of McLean has been named to the fall 2009 dean's list at Tufts University in Medford, Mass.

Gurden Batra of Mclean has been named to the fall 2009 dean's list at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Ga.

Andrew R. Rademaker of McLean has received a bachelor of arts degree in international studies and modern languages & cultures from Virginia Military Institute of Lexington, Va. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen G. Rademaker.

Kathryn A. Anwyll of McLean has been named to the fall 2009 dean's list at McDaniel College of Westminster, Md.

Dominic Ferrari of McLean has been named to the fall 2009 dean's list at the University of Portland in Oregon. Ferrari is a freshman business major.

Philip Diamond of McLean has been named to the fall 2009 honors list at Skidmore College of Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Diamond is a member of the class of 2013 and the son of Robert Diamond and Amy Pullman of McLean.

Peter N. Kalis II of McLean has been named to the fall 2009 dean's list at Drexel University, Philadelphia. The 2008 Langley High School graduate and Eagle Scout is majoring in information systems. Kalis is the son of Nicholas Kalis and Dr. Mary Papadopoulos of McLean.

Increasing Burden, But No Tools

State will cut hundreds of millions in expenditures that localities will have to pay for; but how?

In Virginia, localities like Fairfax County, Arlington or the City of Alexandria, have only the exact powers that the Virginia General Assembly has bestowed upon them.

The right to extend protection from discrimination to particular groups? No.

The right to decide when school will open in the Fall? No.

The authority to tax income? No, only the state can tax Northern Virginia residents' income, and then the state spends that income everywhere but here. Northern Virginia gets

back less than 20 cents on the dollar it sends to Richmond. No "piggyback" income tax allowed.

The authority for local elected officials to consider a variety of broad based sources of revenue to fund schools and other services? No.

And let's be clear, voters could evict representatives who overstepped tolerances.

So now as the state budgets is shaping up, or shaping down would be more accurate, without knowing the exact details or numbers, it's clear that hundreds of millions of dollars in non-optional social services and education expenses (K-12 and higher education) will shift to localities.

Localities are already grappling with decreases in revenue because of the decline in real estate values. And taxing real estate, commercial and residential, makes up the vast majority of most localities' revenue base.

Arlington has proposed increasing the property tax rate by more than 11 percent, or 9 cents.

Fairfax's real estate property tax rate would increase from \$1.04 to \$1.09, though the drop in home values would mean that Fairfax residents would pay approximately \$48.55 less on their property tax bill than they did last year.

Home values in Fairfax declined between 3 percent and nearly 8 percent, depending on location (see chart at <http://connectionnewspapers.com/photoview.asp?id=218615>). But consider the drop in value since the top of the market. In McLean, the jurisdiction that held up the best, assessments are down 12.5 percent from the top a few years ago. In Lorton, assessments are down 28.7 percent from the top of the market.

So while in Richmond, the General Assembly slashes and burns its way to a budget with no revenue increases, here where the rubber meets the road, there are few options, because the General Assembly won't allow them. They're passing the bill, but refusing to allow any reasonable method of making up the difference.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

INOVA Thanks Community

To the Editor:

On behalf of the staff here at Inova Fairfax Hospital, please allow me to thank the community for selfless care and concern for their community hospital and its operations during our recent weather challenges.

Weather conditions, like those we recently faced, can complicate any business. Unlike most industries, the hospital needs to run at full operation and, at times, proves even busier than usual. We are so very grateful to each person who came out in their 4 wheel-drive vehicles to shuttle staff to and from the hospital, assist with patient transportation needs, and even provided great conversation, news updates and never-ending smiles as encouragement. Even during the most-watched Super Bowl ever, volunteers, like staff, continued on the job!

Write

The Connection welcomes views on any public issue. The deadline for all material is noon Friday. Letters must be signed. Include home address and home and business numbers. Letters are routinely edited for libel, grammar, good taste and factual errors. Send to:

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Storm Well Supervised

To the Editor,

Now that the snows are somewhat behind us, I want to publicly thank Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust and his staff for keeping his office open and the telephones staffed under difficult circumstances. Many of my neighbors called his office to inquire or complain about

snow removal, and members of his staff were on the phone with VDOT all the time trying to get roads plowed. They had the ear of VDOT and they bent it plenty.

Mr. Foust and his staff were also on the phone with Dominion Power helping people who were without power and getting frustrated and cold. Even if Dominion could not fix the problem right away, the resident still got a call from John Foust's staff to tell them, "nothing yet, but we're staying on it". I like that.

Douglas Potts
McLean

BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to mclean@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

FRIDAY/MARCH 5

Northern Virginia Technology Council Luncheon. 11 a.m. at The Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Speaker, Enrique Salem of Symantec Corporation. www.nvtc.org/events.

SUNDAY/MARCH 7

Ostomy Support Group of Northern Virginia LLC Monthly Meeting. 1:30 p.m. at Physicians Conference Center, INOVA Fairfax Hospital, 3300 Gallows Road, Falls Church. 703-802-3457 or www.ostomysupportofnova.org.

TUESDAY/MARCH 9

Tyson's Corner Kiwanis Club Meeting. 7:30 p.m. at George C. Marshall High School, Room 229A 7731, Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Meeting is open to public and individuals looking to volunteer in the community.

www.tysonscornerkiwanis.org.
League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area. 7:30 p.m. at Patrick Henry Public Library, 101 Maple Ave., Vienna. Discussion of the impact of early Monday closings for elementary schools. www.lwv-fairfax.org.

National Association Active and Retired Federal Employees Monthly Meeting. 1:30 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. Virginia Federation of Chapters Service Officers Dr. Constance T. Bails, Ph.D. and John D. Bails, CWO3 USN/Ret. will provide help regarding annuitant and survivor benefits. 703-698-1838 or shirleykeyes@aol.com.

Quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of Oakton Mill Estates Homeowners Association. 8 p.m. at the Clifford residence, 2908 Oakton Ridge Court, Oakton. Bill Bogutski, 703-242-6395.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 10

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group. 7 p.m. at Vienna Presbyterian

Church, 124 Park St. N.E., Vienna. A group for anyone with multiple sclerosis and/or their family and friends. Sponsored by the National Capital Chapter of the MS Society. Free. 703-768-4841.

League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area. 10:30 a.m. at Star Nut Gourmet, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Discussion of the impact of early Monday closings for elementary schools. www.lwv-fairfax.org.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 17

The Advisory Board of the Northwest Center for Mental Health Services. 7-9 p.m. at Northwest Center for Community Mental Health, 1850 Cameron Glen, Reston. Volunteers are needed to serve and act as advocates for women's shelters, homeless shelters, etc. The Board meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Contact Cleveland at 703-435-0868 or leaderwilliams@gmx.com.

SATURDAY/MARCH 20

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SUNDAY/MARCH 21

NAACP Fairfax County Youth Council Meeting. 4 p.m. at the George Mason University Johnson Center, Robeson Room, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Meetings are open to youth ages 10-20. restonbell7@gmail.com.

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Library Closes for Renovations

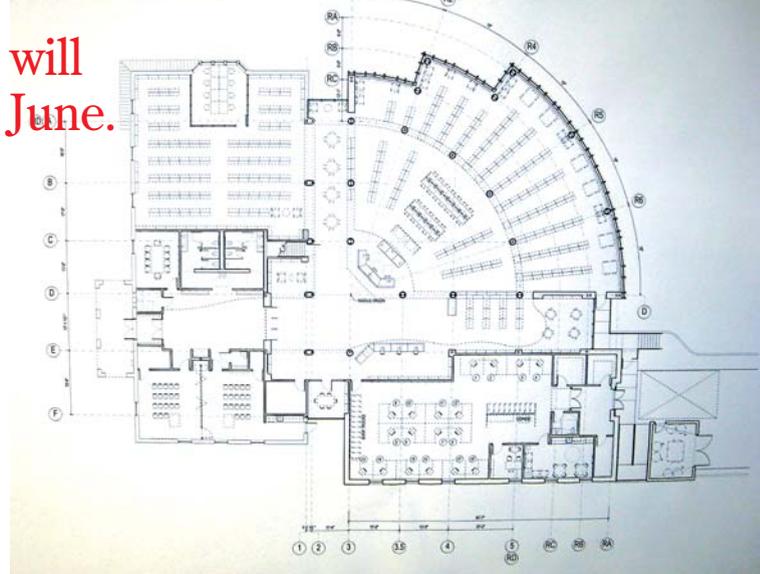
Temporary facility will open downtown in June.

At 5 p.m. this Saturday, March 6, Dolley Madison Library will close down for renovations. McLean will then be without a library until a temporary facility opens downtown sometime in late June.

In the meantime, county library spokeswoman Mary Mulrenan said, residents are advised to use Tysons Pimmit Regional Library at 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, or Great Falls Library at 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls.

Renovations are to begin in April, "so the library is going to need some time to pack up and, obviously, to set up a temporary branch," said county spokesman Brian Worthy.

The temporary library to open this summer will be housed in about 3,500 to 4,000 square feet at 6649-A Old Dominion Drive in McLean Square Shopping Center, often known as the Balducci's center. It will contain something like



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This diagram shows the planned layout of the renovated Dolley Madison Library.

27 percent of the library's collection. "They look at the usage of Dolley Madison Library and what materials get the most use, and they move those to the temporary library," Mulrenan said. However, she said residents would be able to order any item in the library's collection online or at the temporary branch and have it delivered

to the downtown location. Construction is to be completed in August of 2011, but Mulrenan said the renovated building would not yet have shelving and furniture at that point, so it would take some time before it would be ready to reopen.

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County Sees Bleak Budget Proposal

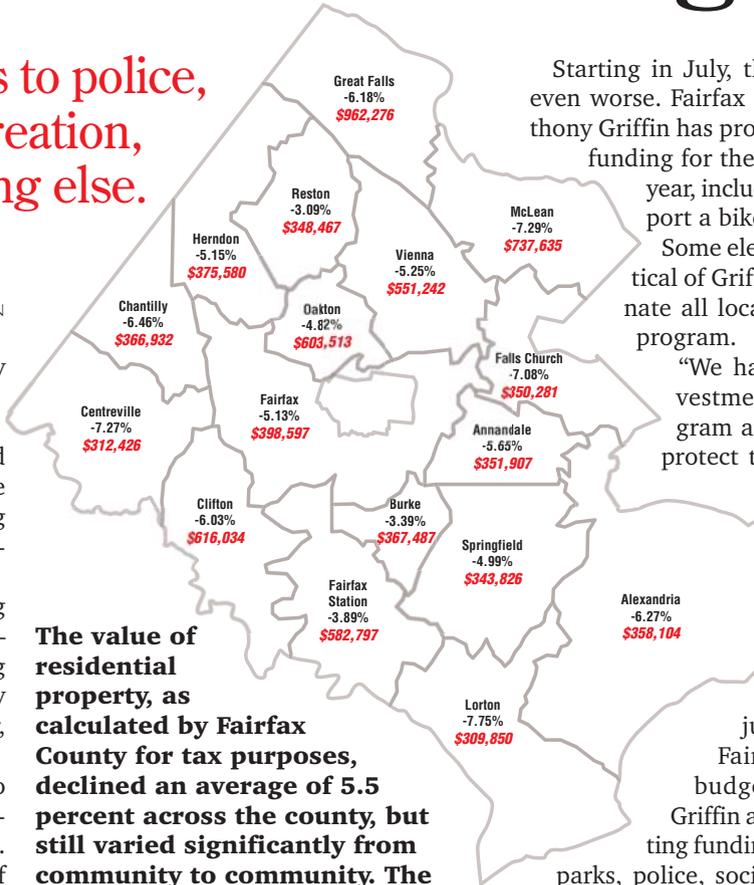
Proposal includes cuts to police, schools, libraries, recreation, and virtually everything else.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Four years ago, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors enthusiastically unveiled the locality's new bicycle program. Fairfax intended to create an interconnected county bicycle network that would encourage, among other things, commuting to work via bicycle.

Initially, the county focused on beefing up bicycle routes in five parts of Fairfax — the Vienna Metro station area, Dunn Loring and Merrifield Town Center, Fairfax County Government Center and Fairfax Corner, Reston and Tysons Corner.

But last year, the supervisors voted to slash funding for the bicycle program almost by half amidst a tough budget cycle. With the remaining funding, county staff could only move forward with plans for the bicycle network in the Tysons Corner area.



The value of residential property, as calculated by Fairfax County for tax purposes, declined an average of 5.5 percent across the county, but still varied significantly from community to community. The numbers in red represent the average home values for 2010.

Starting in July, the situation could be even worse. Fairfax County Executive Anthony Griffin has proposed cutting all local funding for the bicycle program next year, including money left to support a bike network in Tysons.

Some elected officials are skeptical of Griffin's proposal to eliminate all local dollars for the bike program.

"We have put very little investment into the bike program and I think we need to protect that investment," said Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville).

STILL THE ELIMINATION of the county bicycle program would put just \$213,641 toward Fairfax's \$257.2 million budget gap for 2011 and Griffin also recommended cutting funding to schools, libraries, parks, police, social services and virtually every other department, agency or program that gets local dollars from Fairfax's

\$3.2 billion general fund.

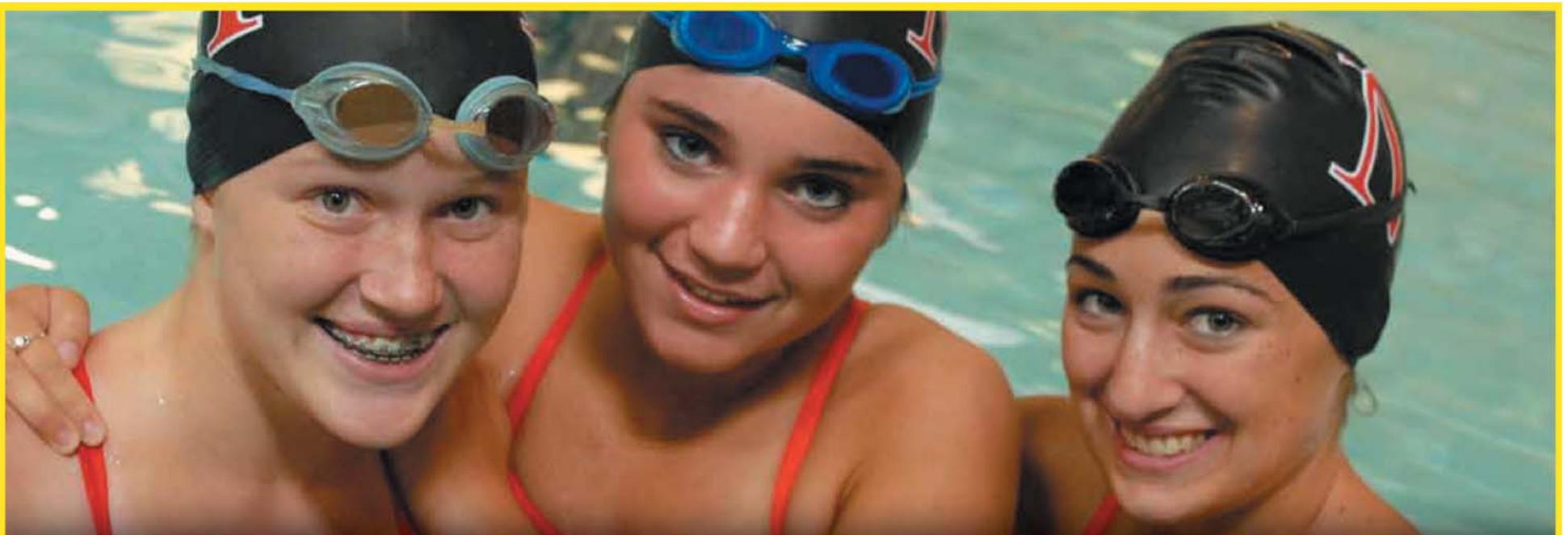
The county executive made his 2011 budget proposal to the Fairfax Board of Supervisors on Feb. 22. After a series of public hearings on April 6, 7 and 8, the Fairfax Board of Supervisors will mark up the budget and adopt it formally later that month.

Residential home values declined approximately 5.5 percent this year. Local commercial real estate took an even bigger dive of 18.2 percent, leading to a diminished stream of revenue for the Fairfax government, said Griffin. Fairfax funds approximately 62 percent of its local budget through real estate property taxes.

In addition to proposing \$119 million in budget cuts, Griffin also suggested the Board of Supervisors raise approximately \$120 million in new revenue, primarily through holding property taxes near their current level and introducing a \$33-per-car vehicle fee. The county would also charge more for the School-Age Child Care (SACC) program run in Fairfax public schools.

Under Griffin's proposal, Fairfax's real estate property tax rate would also increase from \$1.04 to \$1.09, though declines in home values would mean that Fairfax resi-

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A Different Kind of 'Young Professional'

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Kent Jenkins was the Duke of York in the Shakespeare Theatre Company's production of "Richard III" three years ago.

Local children and teenagers launch their show business careers early in life.

By **Julia O'Donoghue**
The Connection

Think of the Helen Hayes Awards as the Washington D.C. professional theater community's local version of the Tony Awards. To be nominated for the honor means an actor gave one of the best performances or was part of one of the best shows of the year in this region.

So the fact that Rachel Boyd was part of the Signature Theatre "Les Miserables" cast that won the Helen Hayes Award for outstanding musical ensemble last year is a big deal. And Rachel is now part of the "Show Boat" ensemble at Signature, nominated for the same award again.

The Fairfax resident has had the type of critical and professional success that many actors have to wait years to accumulate. But at only eight years old, she hasn't exactly been toiling away at her craft as a starving artist for years.

While another child might talk about joining the local soccer game, Rachel said she participates in professional shows because it is "cool." She doesn't get nervous when she is, for example, singing "Castle on a Cloud" as Cosette in "Les Miserables," despite the fact that it is one of the most recognizable musical theater moments of all time.

"It is fun to pretend you are the actual person and not just playing the character. It is fun to get emotional because it is an emotional part," said Rachel, who has logged almost enough hours on stage to qualify for her union card with the American Equity Association, not that she is that concerned about pay scale and benefits at this point.

"I like doing big shows, like that a lot. You have fun backstage experiences," she said in an interview.

LOCAL THEATRES have a need for talented children and young adults to play age appropriate roles. And Northern Virginia is home to many families who invest time and money on talent agents, dance classes and voice coaches so their children stand a better chance of landing

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Different Kind of 'Young Professional'

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a role in a production at the likes of Arena Stage or The Kennedy Center.

If a child is lucky enough to be cast in a role, it can devour hours of both the child's and the parents' time, going to and from rehearsals and performances that can run four hours on a week night and up to 12 hours on the weekend. It can be exhausting for everyone involved.

"This is all new to me. I was in athletics growing up and I don't remember it taking up this much time. My daughter spends three or four times as many hours on a production than I ever did at sports practice," said Tom Weichbrodt, whose teenage daughter Angela is in "That Face" currently running at the Studio Theatre downtown. The family lives in Belle Haven.

Most families said it is the child, not the family, who is the driving force behind devoting so much time and energy trying out and performing in professional productions.

"She goes to bed after a rehearsal or a show at midnight and gets up at 6 a.m. for school. I can't remember the last time she hung out with her friends. I don't know that many high school students who would be willing to give up time with their friends to do anything," said Weichbrodt.

STILL, some parents, particularly those with younger children, said they had a few reservations about getting their child involved in professional productions, which require being out late on several school nights.

When Kent Jenkins III, now 13 years old, was part of The Shakespeare Theatre Company's production of "Richard III" a few years ago, he had to perform in 72 shows in 74 days.



Photo courtesy of the Shakespeare Theatre

Burgundy Farm County Day School student Kent Jenkins juggled 74 performances of the Shakespeare Theatre Company's production of Richard III on top of his schoolwork in 2007. He played the Duke of York.

The demanding schedule caused Kent, who also plays sports, to drop off his ice hockey team for a good portion of the season. When the show was running that winter, Kent, as fourth grader, didn't step off stage until 10:30 p.m. and usually got home around midnight on school nights.

"It is a real, significant commitment of time and energy and you do worry if it is simply just too much. But what we have found is that he really enjoys doing the shows. It is a lot of fun for him and he handles all the work just fine," said Kent Jenkins Jr., whose son also starred as Tiny Tim for two seasons in Ford Theater's "A Christmas Carol."

IN SOME CASES, children also have more flexibility in their schedule because their families have chosen to home school them.

"I actually enjoy teaching her myself and it helps with the scheduling. If she on stage until 11, she doesn't have to turn around and get up at 7 a.m. the next morning. We can also accommodate the other actors in the show because we can do daytime rehearsals and stuff like that," said Lori Boyd, mother of Rachel Boyd.

Brian Reimer, now a sophomore at Georgetown Day School in Washington D.C., was also home schooled earlier and said the flexibility benefited his interest in acting.

Reimer also played Tiny Tim in Ford's "A Christmas Carol" and had a part in a Kennedy Center production of "Hecuba."

The McLean resident has worked on commercials and as an extra in several movies, including "Night at The Museum II" and "National Treasure II."

"Because I was homeschooled I could go to extra rehearsals or early rehearsals and just watch the other

actors, who were really really good at what they did, work," said Reimer.

OTHER PARENTS, like Jenkins, said their children benefit from attending school.

"Kent is very social and a very outgoing guy. He likes being in school and it wouldn't be right to deprive him of that experience," said Kent Jenkins, who added that his son's school, Burgundy Farms Country Day School, had been very flexible about homework and other matters when Kent is in the middle of a show.

At the high school level, many students who are seriously considering a career in theater and the arts opt to attend the Fairfax Academy for Communications and the Arts, where they take special classes designed to prepare them for a creative career.

Academy teacher Mike

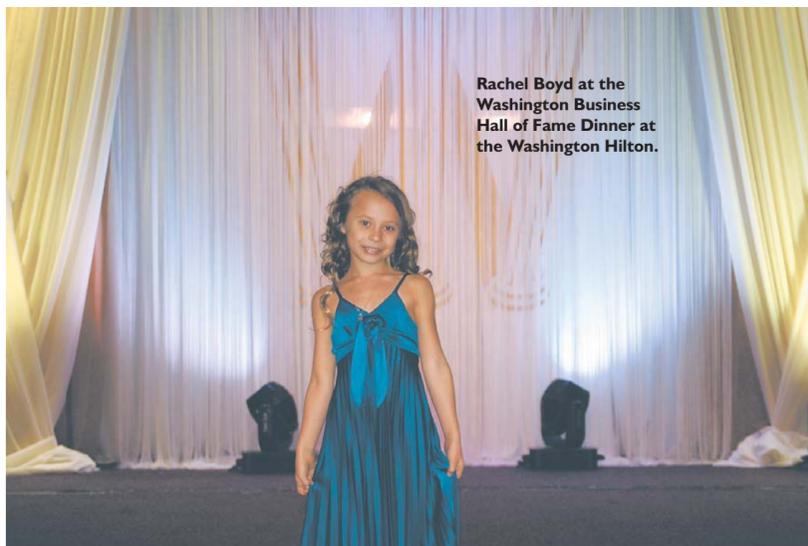


Photo courtesy of Ford's Theatre

"Frankly, if this is the life you are going to choose, it never gets easier. Most professional actors are working five days a week nine to five p.m. and then performing every night."

— Mike Replogle, Fairfax Academy

Kent Jenkins played Tiny Tim for two years in the Ford's Theatre production of "A Christmas Carol."



Rachel Boyd at the Washington Business Hall of Fame Dinner at the Washington Hilton.

only to improve their presentation and performance but also so they have a better understanding of how much rejection is involved in the performing arts world.

"If you are going to work in this business, you have to be in the top 25 percent in your age group and sex in terms of talent. And even then, you will only get called back once for every 25 auditions you go on. If you are Harrison Ford, maybe you get called back once every seven

times," said Replogle.

When Kent first started auditioning for professional shows, Jenkins said he was extremely concerned about the amount of rejection his son would receive and the toll that might take on his self esteem as a child.

"It was a big, big concern of mine. But happily, he figured out early on that he shouldn't take those things too personally and

so he just kind of shrugs it off," said Jenkins.

Kent said he tries not to think about shows where he doesn't get call backs or gets a call back but ultimately doesn't get the part.

"The best way to handle it is not to think about it. Rejection doesn't mean you were bad. It just means that you weren't necessarily what they were looking for," said Kent.

THERE IS NO better insight for a child or a young adult into what it is like to try and make a living as a performer than to work on a professional production, said several students and parents.

After her experience at Studio, Angela Weichbrodt has been considering not majoring in theater and coming up with a better "back up" plan to acting professionally.

"After getting involved and doing this professionally, I think she has talked to some people and realized it is good to have a fall back plan. If I, as her father, had told her that, she never would have listened to me. She had to hear that from a peer," said Weichbrodt.

At 13, Kent said his experience working with adult actors has made him doubtful about

whether he would want to pursue an acting career.

"It is certainly a fun hobby but pursuing acting as a career is really hard. You have look for work every few months and the pressure and the stress from that could get nerve racking," said Kent.

BUT SOME STUDENTS, particularly those who attend Fairfax Academy, could never see themselves doing anything else.

"It was never really a choice for me. It is something that has happened to me," said Ally Milewich, a Fairfax Academy student and Mantua resident who said she couldn't see herself doing anything else as a career.

For the right opportunity, academy student Alex Alferov, said he would be willing to forego college altogether and leave high school early.

A few weeks ago, Alex rode the bus to New York City and got in line at 6 a.m. for the opening cast call of the musical "Hair." If he gotten cast in the show, Alex said he would had no qualms, outside of upsetting his mother, about dropping out of high school.

"Who needs a high school education if I can get work and this is what I want to do" said Alex.

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

Bus Trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show. 6:45 a.m.-8 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. \$128, \$118 district residents. 703-790-0123, TTY 711.

FRIDAY/MARCH 5

Dear Sara Jane. 7:30 p.m. At The Soundry, 316 Dominion Road, Vienna. www.soundry.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.

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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 or 571-214-6784.

Ryan McCoy: Intersections of Meaning Opening Reception. 7-9 p.m. at Red Caboose Gallery, 138 Church St. N.E., Vienna. McCoy structures memories and experiences to create what he calls Intersections of meaning and association. The exhibit will run through April 4. 703-349-7178

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

American Legion Post 270 Citrus Sale. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. at American Legion Post 270, 1355 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Seedless grapefruit, valencia oranges, murcot tangerines and pure maple syrup will be available. Proceeds support local community youth, patriotic activities, and veteran needs. 703-356-8259.

Holes. A cast of more than 15 elementary, middle and high school students will perform in a play based on the Newberry award-winning book by author Louis Sacher, and a 2003 movie on the book starred Shia LaBeouf. 7:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. 703-573-SEAT.

SATURDAY/MARCH 6

Indoor Flea Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at City of Fairfax Senior Center, Green Acres Center Cafeteria, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Lunch available for nominal cost. Booth proceeds benefit the Senior Center. 703-359-2487 or jormesher@fairfaxva.gov.

New Zealand Dance Troupe Black Grace. 8 p.m. at George Mason Center for the Arts, 4500 University Drive, Fairfax. A fusion of traditional Pacific cultures and contemporary dance, thundering stomps and syncopated body slaps, and three-part harmonies with movement that softly curves and sways. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket



Actors Tony Evans (Sam) and Nicole Davidow (Kate Barlow) perform in the Alden Theatre production of 'Holes,' based on the popular children's book by Louis Sacher.

Young Actors Take Stage at Alden Theatre

McLean area students perform in 'Holes.'

A cast of more than 15 elementary, middle and high school students will perform in the Alden Theatre's upcoming production of "Holes." Recommended for children age 7 and older, the show will be presented week-ends, March 5-14, Fridays at 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$14, \$10 for McLean district residents. The theatre is located at 1234 Ingleside Ave. "Holes" is based on the Newberry award-winning book by author Louis Sacher, and a 2003 movie on the book starred Shia LaBeouf. The play tells the story of Stanley Yelnats, who is sent to a juvenile correctional facility after being accused of stealing a pair of shoes donated to a celebrity auction. At Camp Green Lake, the warden makes the boys "build character" by spending all day, every day, digging holes. It doesn't take long for Stanley to realize there's more than character improvement going on at Camp Green Lake. Longfellow Middle School eighth-grader Jack Hayden has

the role of Stanley. He is joined by schoolmates Sam Williams (X-Ray) and Cleo Allen-Mills (Myra, Sarah, Townsperson). Cooper Middle School eighth-grader Will Ferrer plays Magnet, and Ankit Goyal, an eighth-grader from Kilmer Middle School plays Zig Zag. Other cast members are John Bucy (Spring Hill Elementary School), Nicki Davidow, Samantha Downey, Clay Francis, Cassidy Kelty, Jack Maes (McLean High School), Tony Evans and Tyler Fritz (Langley High School), Brynn Doherty (Georgetown Visitation), Josh Hayden, Priya Miller (Churchill Elementary), Steve Pardo (Haycock Elementary) and Sivan Tretiak (Geshner School).

Alden Theatre Youth Director Kathy Herr is directing the show; lighting design is by Alden Theatre Technical Director Jennifer Garrett and costume design is by Evelyn Verdon, and Terry Yates, president of the McLean Community Players, is stage manager.

Tickets are on sale now. To purchase tickets, stop by the Alden Theatre Box Office, or to purchase tickets by telephone or online, contact Ticketmaster at 703-573-SEAT, or www.ticketmaster.com. For more information, call 703-790-0123, or visit: www.aldentheatre.org.

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Dear Sara Jane. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. At The Soundry, 316 Dominion Road, Vienna. www.soundry.net

Jane Seymour: A One Woman Show. 6 p.m. at the Wentworth Gallery, Tysons Galleria, 1731 M. International Drive, McLean. 703-883-0111 or 800-732-6140.

Jimmy Lange vs. Chase "The White Tiger" Shields Boxing Card. 7:30 p.m. at George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets are \$30-\$500, available online at www.ticketmaster.com or at 703-573-SEAT.

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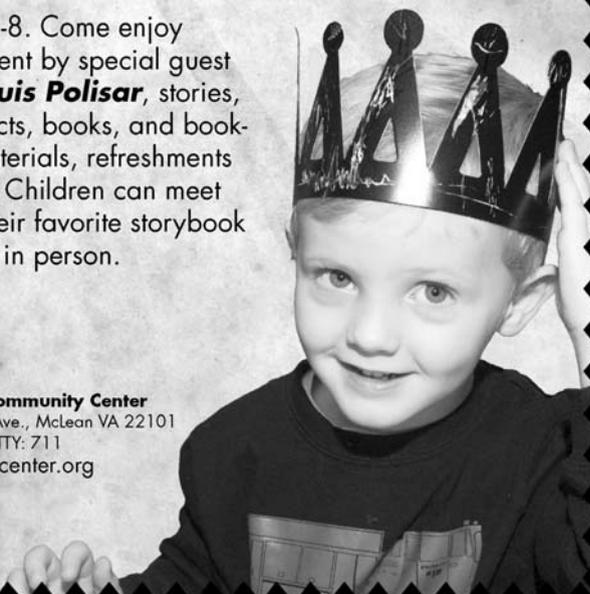
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Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association. Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Line dance 7:30 p.m., couples specialty dance 8 p.m., open dancing 8:30-11 p.m. \$10 members, \$12 non-members, and \$5 for ages 16-20 with student ID. 703-860-4941 or www.nvcwda.org.

Ronald McDonald House Charities 13th Annual "Kaps for Kids" Airbus 5K Walk. 8-10 a.m. at Tysons Corner Center in McLean. \$25, to benefit area Ronald McDonald Houses. www.rmhc.greaterdc.org.

Tennessee Williams' "Orpheus Descending." 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at George Mason University TheatreSpace, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$12. A post-performance discussion follows the 2 p.m. performance. 703-993-8888.

American Legion Post 270 Citrus Sale. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at American Legion Post 270, 1355 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Proceeds support local community youth, patriotic activities, and veteran needs. 703-356-8259.

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SUNDAY/MARCH 7

City of Fairfax Band Young Artist Competition Recital. 7 p.m. at the Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Four high school instrumentalists vie for a scholarship in the final round of the competition. The finalists are Dominic Favia of Vienna with Hummel's Trumpet Concerto Movements 2 and 3, Weily Shay of Chantilly with Debussy's Clarinet Premiere Rhapsody, Jacob Shochet of McLean with Grundman's Concertante on the alto saxophone, and Stacey Kropaczek of Fairfax with Grondhal's Concerto for Trombone. Free admission and parking. 703-757-0220 or info@fairfaxband.org.

IONA. 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. at The Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760-C Walker Road, Great Falls. Pan-Celtic vocals and instrumentals. \$15. 703-759-3309 or www.oldbrogue.com.

Dear Sara Jane. 2 p.m. At The Sundry, 316 Dominion Road, Vienna. www.sundry.net

Jeffrey Siegel: Chopin the Storyteller. 7 p.m. at George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins at 6:45 p.m. Tickets \$19-\$38, youth through grade 12 half price. 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

The 5th Annual Ticket to Art Fundraiser Afternoon Tea and Preview. 3:30-5 p.m. at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St. N.W., Vienna. Each person that buys a ticket will receive an original piece of art work created by a local artist. The minimum value of the artwork for selection is an average a great deal higher than the value of the raffle ticket at \$125. www.viennaartssociety.org.

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Audubon Society Bird Walk. 9 a.m. in Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Meet in the

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CALENDAR

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upper parking lot at the Visitor Center. 703-256-6895 or www.audubonva.org.

Boiling Down Maple Syrup. 12-2 p.m. at Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Mill Road, Great Falls. Mason Maddox, Colvin Run's miller for over 12 years, will demonstrate the maple syrup-making process as he reduces sap down to syrup over an open fire. Visitors can sample syrup served on freshly baked cornbread made from stone-ground grains milled onsite. 703-759-2771 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/crm/

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McLean Orchestra Winter Musicale. 3 p.m. at the home of The Honorable Jan Lodal and Elizabeth Lodal, 1651 Quail Hollow Court, McLean. Music by the McLean Orchestra Brass Quintet. Tickets \$75 per person, per couple \$125. All proceeds benefit the McLean Orchestra and the McLean Youth Orchestra programs. 703-893-8646.

MONDAY/MARCH 8

Jonny Craig (Emarosa), Tides of Man, Romance on a Rocketship and Eye Alaska. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$10 advance, \$13 day of show. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna Lunch N' Life. 12 noon at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna. Local author and entrepreneur Kareta Hubbard will discuss her spy thriller "Satan's Chamber." \$10 per person. Reserve at 703-281-0538 or office@scov.org.

Toddlin' Time. 10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Stories, fingerplays, and activities. Age 24-35 months with adult. 703-757-8560.

TUESDAY/MARCH 9

Match Your Head To Your Heart. 7 p.m. at The Women's Center, 127 Park St. N.E., Vienna. \$35 nonmember, \$25 members. Register at www.thewomenscenter.org or 703-281-2657.

THURSDAY/MARCH 11

The Battle of the White House in 1814. 7:30 p.m. at the McLean Historical Society, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Historian and archaeologist Patrick L. O'Neill will speak on the Battle of the White House after the burning of Washington in 1814. Free, no reservations required. 703-442-9370 or schulm@erols.com.

Swing Dance with Daryl Davis. 7:30 at The Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. 703-424-1745 or www.headoverheelsdance.com.

Storyteller Jim Weiss. 7 p.m. at the Geshel Jewish Day School, 4800 Mattie Moore Court, Fairfax. Meet characters from a range of classic literature and folk tales. Bring used books to donate at the event and receive a coupon for a free book at the Geshel Used Book sale. gesherjimweissevent@gmail.com.

Stage Door Canteen with the Wayne Tympanick Group. 3-5 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. 703-790-0123, TTY 711.

Artist's Reception. 7-9 p.m. at Habatat Galleries, 8020 Towers Crescent Drive, Tysons Corner. Local artists Jennifer Lo and Craig Schaffer. www.habatatgalleries.com.

FRIDAY/MARCH 12

Dear Sara Jane. 7:30 p.m. At The Soundry, 316 Dominion Road, Vienna. www.soundry.net

Wisconsin Lutheran College Choir and Chamber. 8 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 7426 Idylwood Road, Falls Church. A diverse, mostly a cappella program of sacred and secular choral works in original languages. Free and open to the public. 703-534-1719.

Annual 10th District Congressional Art Show. 5-8 p.m. at George Washington University, 44983 Knoll Square, off Route 7 in Ashburn. Featuring works by area high school students. The winner will be announced at 7:30 p.m. All submitted artwork will remain on display at the GWU campus until March 18. The winning piece will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol for a year alongside other 'Best in Show' entries from congressional districts across the country. Contact Donna Crowley at 540-667-0990.

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Claude Moore Colonial Farm Winter Book Sale. 5-8 p.m. at the Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Most books \$1 to \$2, standard paperbacks five for \$1. Free admission. Proceeds benefit the museum's educational programs. www.1771.org.

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Naomi Project Volunteer Training Session. 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at Falls Church Presbyterian Church, 225 E. Broad St., Falls Church. The Naomi Project needs mentors for high risk pregnant women and new mothers. The project's mission is to promote healthy pregnancies, babies, and mothers. \$20 registration fee for a background check, study materials, and lunch. 703-860-2633 or www.naomiproject.org.

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra. 8 p.m. at George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4373 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. With Alon Goldstein, piano, and Avner Dorman, composer. 7 p.m. pre-concert lecture free to ticketed patrons. The Symphony requests concertgoers bring canned foods to the concert, to be donated to Food for Others. \$25-\$55. Tickets available at 1-888-945-2468 or Tickets.com.

Legal Aspects of Separation and Divorce. 10 a.m. at McLean Gov't Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean. \$45 nonmember, \$35 members. Register at www.thewomenscenter.org or 703-281-2657.

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Clemyjontri Park in McLean is one of the only parks in the nation designed to allow children with and without disabilities to play side by side. However, maintenance and construction is expensive.

Seeking Liberty to Swing for All

Park Foundation seeks donations to install wheelchair-accessible swing at Clemyjontri.

The Fairfax County Park Foundation is raising money for maintenance and upgrades at McLean's Clemyjontri Park, and especially for the installation of a new Liberty Swing designed for wheelchair-bound children.

Clemyjontri opened in 2006 as one of the only parks in the country designed to allow disabled and non-disabled children to play side by side, and Park Authority spokeswoman Judy Pedersen said use of the park has exceeded all expectations. "It's phenomenal," she said, noting that the facility receives about 200,000 visitors per year. In the wake of Clemyjontri's success, a fully accessible tree house is being built at Lee District Park in the Franconia area, she said. "We know that there's a need throughout the county that we've only just started to meet."

The resulting wear and tear on the park requires maintenance and repairs that are difficult to fund in a time of continuing budget cuts, she said. And the new park still represents an unfunded capital project that is planned for increased parking, more picnic areas and other construction, such as the Liberty Swing.

Since November, the Park Foundation has raised \$27,000 for the swing, enough to buy it, and it is already on its way from Australia, where it was invented, said Park Foundation Executive Director Paul Baldino.

However, he said the real expense would be installing the swing, which is heavy and large enough to accommodate a wheelchair. The cost estimate for installation is \$78,000, although he said he thought actual costs would come in lower.

Because of the swing's size, it will require an 850-square-foot concrete base, which will need to be covered in the same rubber surface as the rest of the park. It also needs fencing, considerable clearance beneath it and a ramp for entry, and trees will need to be removed in order to locate it near existing swings, Baldino said.

When the park was designed, it was known that one missing element would be a swing for children who could not transfer out of a wheelchair, he said. Such contraptions are common in Australia and New Zealand, but there are only a handful in the United States, with the closest being in Knoxville and Long Island. "It's just an obvious missing piece to Clemyjontri and we'd like to put it in there for the kids," Baldino said.

"We'd love to have it in this summer, and it really just depends on the donations," he said. "There are kids waiting."

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Major Spending Cuts Proposed

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dents would pay approximately \$48.55 less on their property tax bill than they did last year, even though the rate would be going up.

Proposed budget cuts would result in the loss of approximately 280 county positions, not including those in the school system, and force the county to lay off approximately 100 employees, said Griffin.

THAT GRIFFIN proposed a cut to the school system's transfer at all is a sign of how dire the budget situation is. Fairfax County Public Schools has been the locality's highest priority for funding and no reduction has been made to the school transfer in approximately 20 years.

Fairfax Schools funding has traditionally accounted for between 50 percent and 55 percent of the county's government spending each year. Since school funding eats up the majority of the county's annual revenue, Griffin said it would be difficult to hold the school system harmless and balance Fairfax's budget.

The county executive has called for a 1 percent reduction to the schools annual transfer, a \$16 million cut of the \$1.6 billion Fairfax will allocate to its public education system this year. The school system had asked the county to increase their transfer by approximately 5 percent, or \$82 million.

If the Board of Supervisors adopts Griffin's suggestion to reduce school funding, then the School Board could have to cut approximately \$98 million out of its budget for next year.

Still, if the system faces a gap of approximately \$60 million or more, school superintendent Jack Dale has indicated that programs such as foreign language immersion, elementary band and strings, and most full-day kindergarten classes would be eliminated. He has also said he would have to raise the average number of students in a class significantly.

SEVERAL OTHER agencies have been asked to cut far more than 1 percent from their annual spending plans.

Fairfax libraries and parks, for example, would take a 15 percent reduction in Griffin's current proposal.

In county parks, grounds mowing would be less frequent, shifting from once per month to once every three or four months. Restrooms at 15 local park facilities would be closed.

Two of the four tree trimmer positions would also be eliminated, meaning that the county would not be able to perform main-

tenance on trees on parkland that are taller than 75 feet.

"[The parks department] has been asked to do more because [it] is discretionary. It is not required by the federal government or the state," said Griffin.

Under the county executive's proposal, public safety would also have to make major sacrifices.

Fairfax County Police Chief David Rohr would have to eliminate 67 positions from his department, including 33 sworn officers. The police department would also reduce its number of overtime hours by 19 percent, which is an amount of time equal

to regular shifts by 40 full-time officers, according to budget documents.

Griffin has proposed eliminating the middle school resource officers program, where uniformed officers are stationed in the county's public middle schools. The county would also cut a unit that provides most of the undercover work related to underage drinking laws, such as when officers pose as minors and try to buy beer from a local grocery store.

"Our top concern is the school resource officers. We have to have a presence in our middle schools. It is big part of our anti-gang initiative," said Rohr.

Average Home Values

Fairfax County's residential property values have declined on average since 2007. Here is a summary of how different communities have fared. Source was taken from Fairfax County budget documents provided from 2007 to 2010.

	2006 Average Home Value	2007 Average Home Value	2008 Average Home Value	2009 Average Home Value	2010 Average Home Value	Decline in Home Value From Last Year	Decline In Home Value From 2006
Great Falls	\$1,101,518	\$1,118,953	\$1,098,136	\$1,025,623	\$962,276	-6.18%	-14%*
McLean	\$815,790	\$832,242	\$842,924	\$795,667	\$737,635	-7.29%	-12.5%*
Clifton	\$681,726	\$694,234	\$715,300	\$655,534	\$616,034	-6.03%	-13.8%*
Oakton	\$718,971	\$706,579	\$690,635	\$634,105	\$603,513	-4.82%	-16%
Fairfax Station	\$767,937	\$744,486	\$660,179	\$606,534	\$582,797	-3.89%	-24.1%
Vienna	\$635,971	\$629,420	\$631,767	\$581,505	\$551,242	-5.25%	-13.3%
Fairfax	\$502,643	\$492,225	\$471,010	\$420,142	\$398,597	-5.13%	-20.6%
Herndon	\$505,671	\$493,842	\$463,073	\$395,959	\$375,580	-5.15%	-25.7%
Burke	\$463,818	\$463,087	\$449,573	\$380,387	\$367,487	-3.39%	-20.6%
Chantilly	\$501,767	\$494,840	\$457,093	\$393,252	\$366,932	-6.46%	-27%
Alexandria	\$452,034	\$458,204	\$444,287	\$382,060	\$358,104	-6.27%	-20.8%
Reston	\$445,952	\$434,374	\$418,371	\$359,576	\$348,467	-3.09%	-21.9%
Springfield	\$455,105	\$455,037	\$436,583	\$361,876	\$343,826	-4.99%	-24.6%
Centreville	\$434,123	\$431,221	\$398,728	\$336,914	\$312,426	-7.27%	-28%
Lorton	\$408,594	\$431,355	\$423,871	\$335,863	\$309,850	-7.75%	-28.7%*

* In these communities, the average home value continued to increase into 2007 and 2008. When computing the total percentage of decline in home values in these areas, the highest value from the last five years – and not the figure from 2006 – was used.

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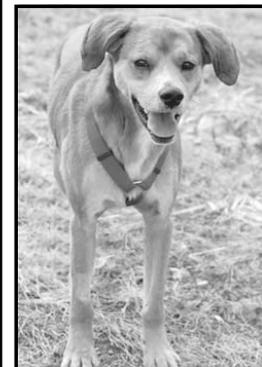
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SPORTS

Local Track Athletes Excel at States, Regionals

McLean's Graham takes second in high jump.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The Centreville High boys were the second top team finisher from the Northern Region and finished tied for 12th place overall at last Saturday's Virginia State AAA Track and Field Championships, at the Boo Williams Sportsplex in Hampton.

Tenth place Lake Braddock was the only team from the Northern Region to finish better than Centreville (13 points), which finished in a four-way tie with Deep Run (Central Region), Grassfield (Chesapeake) and Stafford (Fredericksburg).

Centreville senior Yazid Zouaimia became a state champion in the boys' 3,200 race, winning with a time of 9 minutes, 15.67 seconds. He finished ahead of Chantilly cross-town rival Christopher Foley, who timed at 9:22.99. It was a one-two state finish for the two outstanding local athletes.

Another Northern Region runner, Oakton's Andrew McCullen, took fourth place in the 3,200, giving the region three of the top four runners in that event.

A week earlier at regionals, Zouaimia took first place in the 1,000 event while Foley was third.

But at states, Zouaimia did not compete in the 1,000, but reserved his strength instead for both the 3,200 and his anchor position on the 4x800 relay event. It paid off big time with his first place run in the 3,200.

In the 4x800, the Centreville boys finished in sixth place. The Wildcats' foursome was made up of Robert Kelly, Joey Hannah, Mattson Heiner and Zouaimia. The Chantilly boys' 4x800 team, the region champions, finished in 12th place at states. The Chargers' team was made up of Matt Cumpian, Sean McGorty, Eric Rolfe and Sam Tucker. Mohamed Labor-Koroma, who had run the final leg in Chantilly's first place 4x800 at regionals, did not run in the event at states. But Labor-Koroma did race in the boys' 500 event, and excelled with a solid fifth place finish.

Centreville's Paul Barbour finished a strong 10th in the boys' long jump event.

Langley High's Efosa Guobadia finished third place in the boys' high jump event. Saxon teammate Peter Sanson, meanwhile, was ninth in the long jump.

In the boys' triple jump, Sean Price of South Lakes finished eighth overall. Also for the Seahawks, Adrian Vaughn finished eighth in the 300 dash. South Lakes' 4x400 relay team of Muhammad Yasin, Armando Drain, Vaughn and Alvin Moore finished ninth.

Herndon's Jack Jasper finished eighth place in the boys' 1600 race.

ON THE GIRLS' SIDE at states, Lake Braddock (11th), Robinson (12th) and West Springfield (13th) were the highest finishing teams from the Northern Region. Other Northern Region teams to finish in the top half of the 50 team field included West Potomac (18th) and McLean (tied for 22nd).

McLean's Dominique Graham captured second place in the girls' high jump with a mark of 5 feet, 7

inches. Herndon's Danielle Theberge tied for sixth in the same event.

Centreville's Katie Bannon and Chantilly's Nina Ullom tied for ninth place in the pole vault.

In the shot put, Westfield's Kaylin Newman took sixth place.

In girls' triple jump, Oakton's Alex Straton earned a sixth place finish and was also 10th in the 300.

Herndon's 4x800 relay team, made up of Belle Burgess, Mehnaz Haq, Nina Bagley and Carolyn Hennessey, finished ninth. Hennessey took ninth place in the 1,600 race.

AT THE NORTHERN REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS on Feb. 20 at George Mason University, the South Lakes boys' team captured the team title with 72 points, ahead of second place Langley (54).

Adrian Vaughn of South Lakes won the 300 race and was second in the 500. His teammate, Muhammad Yasin, was fourth in the 500. Sean Price won both the long jump and triple jumps for the Seahawks.

South Lakes won the 4x400 relay. The Seahawks' foursome was made up of Yasin, Armando Drain, Moore and Vaughn. South Lakes' 4x800 relay team of Jacob Grundahl, Daniel O'Malley, Sam Boone and Will Sickenberger was fourth.

For the Saxons, Alex Maybury was third in both the 300 and the 55 hurdles. The Langley 4x200 relay team of Maybury, Robert Bennett, Peter Sanson and Thomas Robinson was second overall. Robinson was fifth in the 55 race.

Other local place finishers were Herndon's Jack Jasper (second in 1,600), Herndon's Jimmy Luehrs (fourth in 1,600), Oakton's Andrew McCullen (second in 3,200) and Oakton's Patrick Fulghum (sixth in 3,200).

THE OAKTON GIRLS finished fourth at regionals, while Herndon was sixth and McLean seventh.

Herndon's Carina Peter took first in the 55 dash. South Lakes' Val Moyer was fifth place in the 1,000 race. Also for the Seahawks, Kyannah Calhoun was fifth in the 300, one place ahead of McLean's Ayom Izegebu.

Oakton's Alex Straton was second in both the 300 and long jump events, and third in the 55. Lanie Smith was eighth in the 3,200. Also for the Cougars, Meghan Jean-Baptiste captured first in the triple jump, while getting fifth in the 55-hurdles and sixth in high jump. Oakton's Jennifer Markin was third in pole vault.

In the 4x200 relay, Oakton's foursome of Shelby Windmuller, Danielle Fitzgerald, Emily Corridon and Straton finished second, while the Herndon foursome of Mehnaz Haq, Enuma Ezewa, Danielle Theberge and Carina Peter were third. The Hornets' 4x800 relay team of Nina Bagley, Haq, Belle Burgess and Carolyn Hennessey took third place.

In girls' high jump, McLean's Dominique Graham was the region champion. She was also fifth in the long jump and sixth in the triple jump. Marshall's Brittany Johnson was third in both the long jump and triple jump events. Herndon's Theberge finished third in the high jump.

Langley's Mary Fouse finished third in the 3,200, and Saxon teammate Courteney West was sixth in the same event.

Saxons Win Third Straight District 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 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), had beaten No. 8-seed Madison and No. 5 South Lakes to reach the finals against No. 2 Marshall.

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.

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



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

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.

real good basketball players. Colin Jones was shooting the ball real well tonight."

Jones converted a game-high five, three-pointers on the night. He went on to score 19 points and, during postgame ceremonies, was named tournament 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.

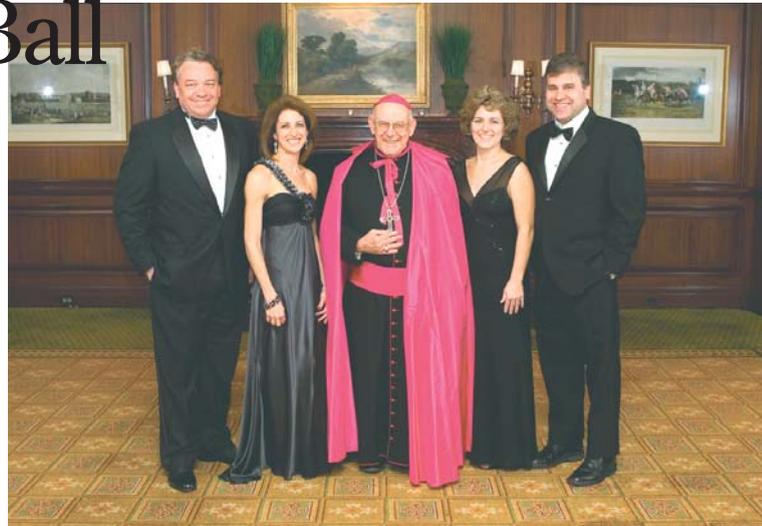
Marshall, which reached the district tournament finals for the first time since the 2000-01 season, received 12 points apiece from big men Simonton and McClain, and eight from senior guard Stanley Watts. Simonton and Watts made the all-tournament team.

FAITH

Bishop Loverde Hosts Catholic Charities Ball

Hundreds of local supporters and dignitaries joined Bishop Paul Loverde of the Diocese of Arlington as he hosted the Catholic Charities Ball 2010 on Feb. 26, at the Ritz-Carlton at Tysons Corner. Proceeds from the annual event will benefit the programs and services provided by the Arlington Diocese Catholic Charities.

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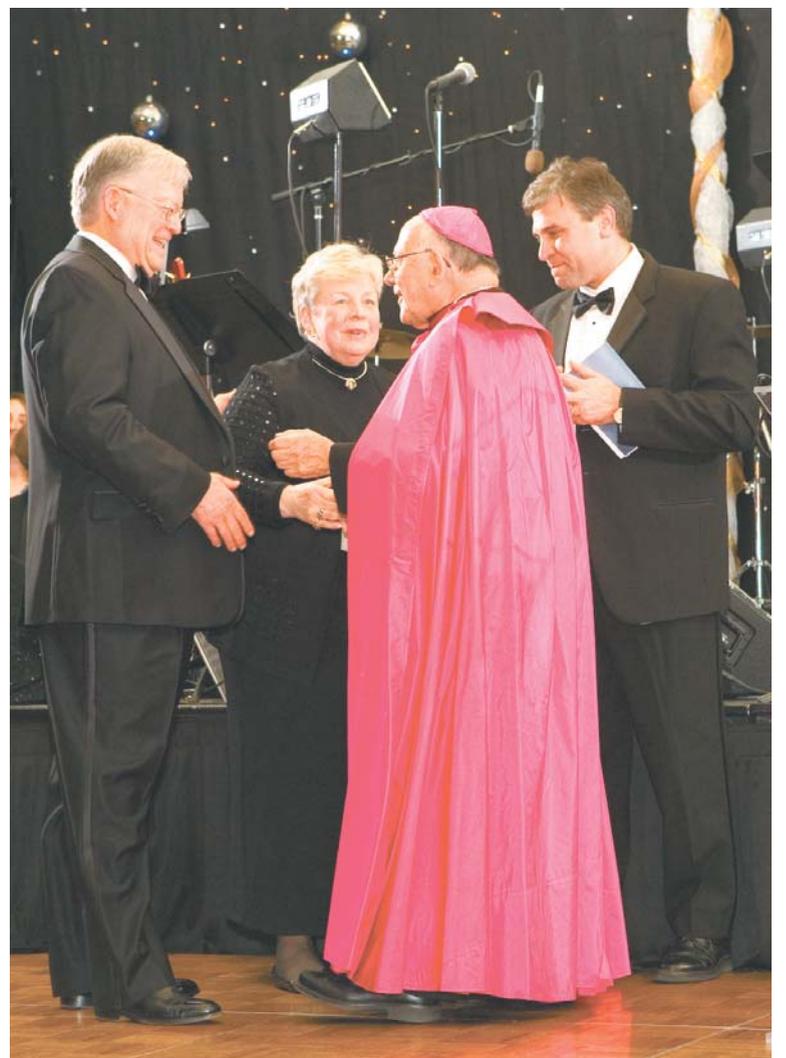


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Planning for the ball began more than a year ago. More than 80 volunteers contributed their time and talents for this cause under the guidance of the ball's co-chairs Julie Theobald and Elizabeth Loranger. This year, Lauren and

Bob Smith were awarded the James J. Matthews Award for their efforts on behalf of Catholic Charities.

For more information about Catholic Charities, its mission and how to help, contact Catholic Charities of the Arlington Diocese at 703-41-3835 or www.ccda.net.

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

The Anglican District of Virginia's 'Anglican Insights' speaker series will explore the topic of Anglicanism. Anglican Church in North America Archbishop Robert Duncan will kick off the first event at 9 a.m. on March 13 at The Falls Church, 115 East Fairfax St., Falls Church, with Morning Prayer, followed by Archbishop Duncan's address and a time for the audience to ask him questions. Free and open to the public. www.AnglicanDistrictofVirginia.org.

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. Kathleene Card, Pastor. 703-356-7100 or 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, or www.jssa.org.

HAVEN of Northern Virginia offers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly ba-

sis. Contact 703-941-7000 or 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 or 703-821-0800.

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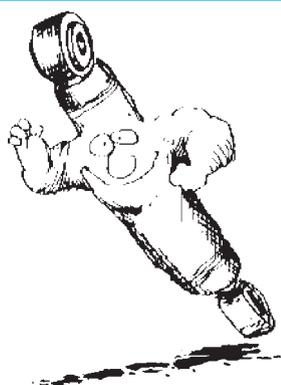


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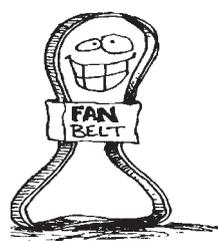
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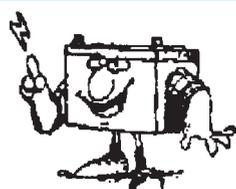
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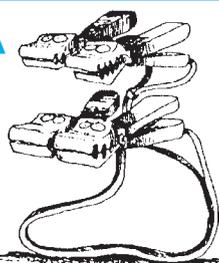


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