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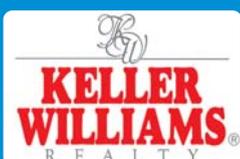


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Langley Students Remember

Langley High School unveils Never Forget Project.

Experts say that a person will always remember where he or she was and what they were doing when they heard the news about the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. But what about those who were too young at the time of the attacks to remember that day? This is the issue that Langley High School students wanted to address with their “9/11, Never Forget” memorial.

Incoming freshman at the school were very young on Sept. 11, 2001. They do not have the vivid memories that adults have of that day in history.

So students in the LHS Young Republicans Club decided to make a memorial in front of the school. Their hopes were to keep the deep patriotism Americans felt that day alive for future generations.

“That is why we’ve decided to place 2,977 American flags in front of Langley, in order to remind students at Langley of the victims of 9/11, so that we do not let the deep patriotic spirit so prevalent in the wake on the attacks ever fade away,” said Will Mannon, LHS class of 2011.

Students placed the 2, 977 flags in the ground in front of the school. Each flag represents a person who died in the attacks nine years ago. The rock in front of Langley High School was painted with the words “9/11, Never Forget.”

The McLean community funded this project. Sponsors include the McLean Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8241 and Chain Bridge Bank.

— STEPHANIE KNAPP



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Students at Langley High School put up a memorial in front of the school to commemorate the ninth anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Bugler Pays His Respects

McLean resident plays Taps at four locations to commemorate victim of Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Last Saturday marked nine years since two planes hit the World Trade Center towers in New York, one hit the Pentagon and another crashed in a field in Shanksville, Pa. With public and private memorials taking place all over the country, McLean resident Ted Smith decided to pay tribute in his own way.

A former bugler at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Smith decided to pay tribute to those lost on 9/11 by playing taps in four locations around McLean, at times corresponding to when the four planes crashed.

“I thought it would be appropriate to play anywhere where people are congregating in McLean,” Smith said. “If it had been a weekday, a school would have been a good place.”

At 8:46 a.m., when American Airlines Flight 11 hit the North Tower, Smith played at the Chesterbrook Shopping Center. He then made his way to the Safeway on Chain Bridge Road to play

again at 9:03 a.m., when United Airlines Flight 175 hit the South Tower.

When he got to his third stop, the Giant near the intersection of Chain Bridge Road and Laughlin Avenue, he picked up some unexpected assistance, in the form of several band members from McLean High School. The band was out raising funds for the upcoming school year, and senior Daniel Epperly and sophomore Ryan Key were performing on the bagpipes and snare drum, respectively.

They joined Smith for the stop at Giant, as well as the final stop, at the McLean Fire Station. A dozen firefighters gathered in front of the American flag — which was at half-mast for the day — as the trio of Smith, Epperly and Key lined up in front of the station facing Laughlin Avenue.

Epperly played a brief version of “Amazing Grace,” then at 10:03 a.m., when United Flight 93 hit the

ground near Shanksville, Pa., Smith played Taps, followed by “America the Beautiful.”

“It was really cool, I’ve never done anything quite like that,” Epperly said. “I did an Memorial Day service at the American Legion once that was close.”

The firefighters seemed to be genuinely touched by the

performance. “They are welcome to come back next year, and every other year after that,” said Capt. I Michael Garcia.

In the weeks leading up to Sept. 11, Smith had contacted the stores where he would be playing just

“I thought it would be appropriate to play anywhere where people are congregating in McLean.”

— Ted Smith



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McLean resident Ted Smith plays ‘Taps’ in front of the McLean fire Station on Saturday, Sept. 11, at 10:03 a.m., to mark the time when United Flight 93 crashed near Shanksville, Pa. McLean High School senior Daniel Epperly played ‘Amazing Grace’ on the bagpipes just before Smith played.

McLean Community Center Conducts Fall Telephone Survey

The McLean Community Center (MCC) is urging district residents “Don’t Hang Up!” as the Center launches a community telephone survey beginning Monday, Sept. 27. MCC is administering the three-week survey in order to engage residents in a conversation to better assess satisfaction and use of the facility, as well as to gain insight into the future programming preferences of residents.

The survey is being conducted under the auspices of George Mason University’s Center for Social Science Research and requires only 10 to 15 minutes to complete. A randomized sample of all adult residents in Small Tax District 1A-Dranesville will be called. In addition, tax district residents can fill out the survey online. A survey of resident teenagers is slated for later in the fall.

For more information, call the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, or visit: www.mcleancenter.org.

JBG Rosenfeld Retail Inks Deal in Tysons Corner

Shopping center leasing, management, and development company JBG Rosenfeld Retail (JBGR) recently finalized a deal with domestics and home furnishings retailer Bed Bath & Beyond for a 56,500 square-foot space in Vienna, Virginia. The property is located at 2051 Chain Bridge Road,

“This is a prime location for Bed Bath & Beyond,” said JBGR Executive Vice President Bob Schwenger, “providing the retailer with greater visibility and space in a very busy corridor. We are pleased that they selected our property for their expansion in Tysons, and are confident they will find success here.”

The new store is larger than a typical Bed Bath & Beyond, which generally range in size from 20,000 to 50,000 square feet.

Currently, JBGR holds more than 30 shopping centers, nine freestanding store sites, and numerous mixed-use retail sites in its portfolio. For more information on the full scope of the company’s services, call 301-657-0700.

Benefit Dinner at Morton’s

An evening honoring wounded service men and women hosted by the Great Falls Little League and Morton’s Steakhouse in Tysons Corner is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 27. Guests will enjoy a strolling reception and four course meal featuring Morton’s signature cuisine all paired with fine wines from Stags Leap Winery in California. Highlights include a presentation from the first recipient of the Medal of Honor for Valor in Vietnam, Col. Roger H.C. Donlon, a silent auction to benefit the Aleethia Foundation, a D.C. based organization that supports life enhancing programs for wounded soldiers and their families in the metro area, and a few surprises from the young players in the Great Falls Little League.

The event will take place Monday, Sept. 27, at 8075 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, with the reception starting at 6:30 p.m. and the dinner at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$250 per guest, inclusive of tax, gratuity and valet parking. RSVP: Kathy Boone at 703-883-0800 or cm.mva@mortons.com

McLean Chamber To Host ‘Extravaganza’

The Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce (GMCC) will host its first ever “Suits + Sneakers Extravaganza,” Thursday, Oct. 7, 6-9 p.m. at the Claude Moore Colonial Farm. The event will benefit the Farm as well as programs of the GMCC. This community event will showcase international gourmet foods prepared and served by McLean area restaurants, a coffee and dessert bar, fine wine samples with a sommelier on site, local musicians. Tickets are \$125 per person. Dress is business attire and sneakers are encouraged. Throughout the evening GMCC will give away door

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NEWS



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Lt. Col. Alan Sierichs of Washington, D.C., the former conductor of the U.S. Air Force Band, conducts the McLean Orchestra.

Concert in the Park

Fund-raising event marks ninth anniversary of Sept. 11 attacks.

BY STEPHANIE KNAPP
THE CONNECTION

Friends of Clemyjontri Park gathered for a special performance by the McLean Orchestra on Friday night, Sept. 10. This fund-raising event took place at Clemyjontri Park with a theme of “A Musical Salute to Our Military” commemorating the ninth anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

“Let us all remember that freedom is not free,” said Wayne Sharp, president of the Board of Trustees for the McLean Orchestra, at the beginning of the night.

All proceeds from this fund-raising event were given to support Clemyjontri Park and the McLean Orchestra, both of which are Virginia 501(c)(3) organizations.

Kevin Fay, who sits on the Board of Directors for Fairfax County Park Authority, described Clemyjontri Park as a playground where children of all abilities can play side by side. “It is a playground where every child is welcome,” he said. “This park is a place where children that use wheelchairs, walkers, braces or have developmental disabilities can have a parallel playground experience of fun and exploration.”

The proceeds received from this event will be used by the Friends of Clemyjontri Board to purchase the Liberty Swing, which was designed for children who are dependent on wheelchairs. Only seven such swings exist in the U.S.

A part of the community for nearly four decades, the McLean Orchestra is a professional level orchestra that has become an institution in the area. The financial support the group has received over the years has helped it to become and remain accessible to the community at reasonable costs. All proceeds it receives from this event will be used by its board to support the orchestra.



Wayne Winston Sharp, president of the Board of Trustees for the McLean Orchestra, stands with Terry Keane, whose husband, U.S. Army Gen. Jack Keane, retired, is currently in Afghanistan as a civilian to help bring strategy to the U.S. troops.

The theme of supporting the military was a huge part of the event. “I’m proud to announce that of the 21 musicians we have here, seven are serving in U.S. military bands,” said Sharp. “Plus, our conductor was the former conductor of the U.S. Air Force Band.”

Terry Keane was a special guest at the event. Her husband, Jack Keane, retired from the Army five years ago as a four-star general. He was unable to attend

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prizes and silent auction items will be available from local retailers. "Why sneakers and business attire?" said Twomey. "Sneakers are fashionable, comfortable and toward the end of the week, you've earned the right to be a more casual. But we're also expecting some people to wear black tie with their sneakers. We anticipate a great turnout for this excellent, fun event – for a great cause."

Claude Moore Colonial Farm is located at 6310 Georgetown Pike in McLean. For more information, visit www.mcleanchamber.org. To RSVP, call the chamber at 703-356-5424. Sponsorships are available.

Organic Food, Fitness and Fun

The Brookfield School is organizing a Green McLean Day in conjunction with the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce's Green Week festivities running from Oct. 23-30. Brookfield's Green McLean Day is Saturday, Oct. 23, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., at 1830 Kirby Road on the grounds of St. Dunstan's Church. Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) kicks off the event that aims to show off local green vendors, builders, architects, nutritionists and farmers as well as businesses that provide green or organic products.

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THURSDAY/SEPT. 9

Beulah Road Al-Anon Group. 7:30 p.m. at the Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road, Vienna. Practicing the Twelve Steps, welcoming and giving comfort to families of alcoholics, and giving understanding and encouragement to the alcoholic. revku@cox.net.

T'ai Chi Beginners' Practice. 8 a.m. on the outdoor basketball court behind Dolley Madison Public Library at 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. 703-759-9141 or www.FreeTaiChi.org.

Brinker Toastmasters. 9:30 a.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Meets second and fourth Saturday of the month. brinker.wordpress.com.

The Smart Split. 10 a.m. McLean Government Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Legal aspects you need to know about separation and divorce. Register at 703-281-2657 or www.thewomenscenter.org.

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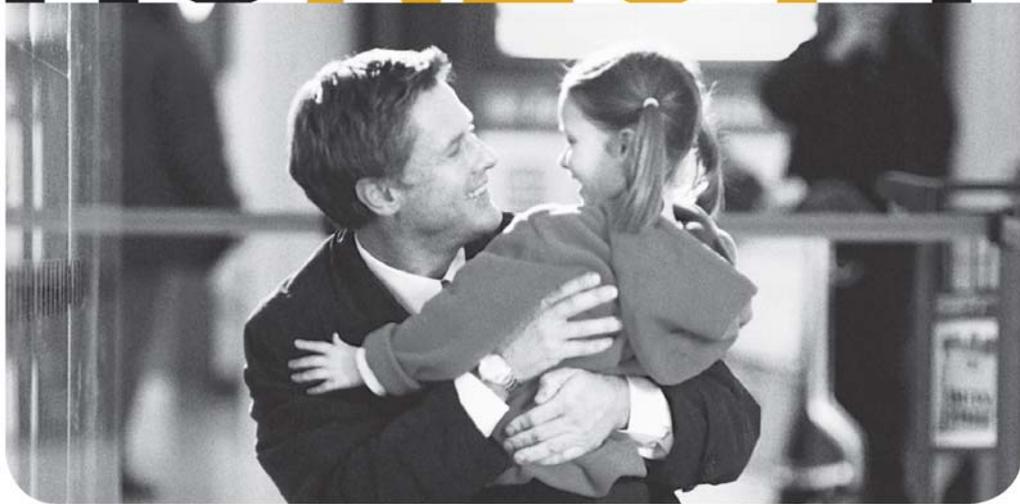
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Activities reported by the McLean police department through Sept. 10.

LARCENIES

- 7200 block of Arlington Blvd.** Beer stolen from business.
- 1400 block of Balls Hill Road.** Laptop computer stolen from residence.
- 8500 block of Bethany Court.** Registration stolen from vehicle.
- 1900 block of Chain Bridge Road.** Cash stolen from business.
- Fallfax Drive/ Lee Highway.** Two mopeds stolen from residence.
- 2200 block of International Drive.** Two diamond rings stolen from business.
- 7000 block of Jenkins Lane.** Cash stolen from residence.
- 3000 block of Nutley St.** Cell phone stolen from business.
- Old Courthouse Road/ Chain Bridge Road.** Purse stolen from business.
- 2300 block of Pimmit Drive.** Two boxes of stereo equipment stolen from residence.
- 8400 block of Tyco Road.** GPS unit stolen from vehicle.
- 8000 block of Tysons Corner Center.** Four handbags stolen from business.
- 8500 block of West Oak Place.** Two cell phones stolen from vehicle.

Activities reported by the Fair Oaks police department through Sept. 10.

- BURGLARY/ ASSAULT/ ATTEMPTED MALICIOUS WOUNDING/ A man was arrested for allegedly going into a home** in the 4400 block of Oakdale Crescent Court and assaulting a 26-year-old woman and 21-year-old man inside around 10:22

a.m. on Monday, Sept. 6. The suspect and male victim struggled briefly and the suspect presented a knife, but did not harm either victim. The suspect fled the home but police apprehended him. A 34-year-old male of the 5900 block of Carters Oak Court in Burke, was taken to jail and charged with burglary, assault and attempted malicious wounding. Neither victim required medical attention. The suspect and female victim are known to each other.

UPDATE: JUVENILES NABBED IN SERIES OF DESTRUCTIONS

Police developed information that led to charges against two Oakton-area teens in a series of vehicle tamperings that occurred between Tuesday, May 25 and Friday, May 28 at Oakton High School and also on Tuesday, June 1 at the intersection of Sutton Road and Blake Lane. In each of these five cases, the vehicles were damaged with a BB-type weapon. In the June 1 incident, the victim was driving her SUV when a window was shattered with the weapon. School Resource Officers at Oakton High School and Luther Jackson Middle School developed information over the summer that led to juvenile petitions being issued for two 14-year-old males, charging each of them with two misdemeanor counts of destruction of property.

LARCENIES

- 13000 block of Fair Lakes Shopping Center.** Epson home projector stolen from business.
- 11800 block of Federalist Way.** Cell phone stolen from business.
- 3300 block of Willow Crescent Drive.** MP3 player stolen from residence.

MILITARY NOTES

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Navy Seaman Apprentice **James C. McCracken** of McLean, a 2007 graduate of Langley High School, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, McCracken completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety.

Air Force Airman **Hyun H. Jeong** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio,

Texas. Jeong is the nephew of Sunny Chung of Spring Gate Drive, McLean.

Coast Guard Seaman **Nicholas C. Pfautz**, son of Terry Pfautz of Warrenton and Richard Pfautz of McLean, recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N. J.

Army 2nd Lt. **Andrew S. Oh** has entered the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md., as a first-year medical student, to be trained as a physician. He is the son of Dai H. and Soon M. Oh of Falstaff Court, McLean. Oh is a 1997 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, and he received a bachelor's degree in 2003 from James Madison University in Harrisonburg.



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Bugler Remembers 9-11

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to make sure he had permission. The Giant off Chain Bridge Road has, every year since Sept. 11, 2001, had a moment of silence on the morning of Sept. 11, and manager Mo Kanneh said Smith's performance made it even more significant.

"It was a nice addition to the moment of silence we do every year," Kanneh said. "Some shoppers stop, some don't but it's something we have always done, to just have one moment to remember."

This isn't the first time Smith has used his bugle for a good cause. He participates in the Bugles Across America program, which provides buglers to play at veterans' funerals, instead of Taps being played over a stereo.

"I always try to encourage anything that supports veterans, and most veterans don't have buglers at their funerals, so it's nice to help out," Smith said. "As far as playing on Sept. 11, I hope I've started a tradition, and I know I'll be back next year."

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OPINION

One Thing Commonwealth Is Doing Well

This is no time to trade \$240 million a year for uncertainty.

“Government is supposed to do a couple of things well, and selling Jim Beam and Grey Goose isn’t one of them,” Gov. Bob McDonnell was quoted as saying this week.

Consider how well-endowed Virginia’s transportation infrastructure could be if only it were run like the state-owned liquor stores.

When you buy a bottle of spirits from a Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control store, 50 percent or more of what you pay goes directly to the state, funding schools, public safety and other key state functions. Other states collect less than 10 percent. This system delivers more than \$240 million a year to fund core state functions.

By contrast, Virginia has privatized the widening of the Beltway, turning over 100 percent the toll revenue to a private company more or less forever (50 years). And the tolls will likely amount to more than \$10 per car to ride in the “High Occupancy Toll” lanes during rush hour. (To be fair, the private company is widening the Beltway, building the new HOT lanes and rebuilding the aging bridges along and

over the Beltway in the process, although the state could have done that by selling bonds based on projected toll revenue.)

Instead of collecting tolls, or at least writing a contract that shares the revenue, from public-private highway partnerships to provide a long-term stream of revenue for transportation, or raising the gas tax, Gov. Bob McDonnell wants to use the money from selling off the state’s very lucrative liquor business. (To be fair, McDonnell’s Democratic predecessors signed off on the public-private transportation deals.)

But turning the liquor business over to private companies won’t generate nearly the same revenue for Virginia, won’t generate more than a drop in the bucket for the state’s transportation needs, and will take away critical funding for other services, including education and public safety.

McDonnell wants to trade the annual revenue of \$240 million-plus for a one-time infusion of \$500 million by auctioning off 1,000 retail liquor licenses. That will be an increase of more than 600 stores selling liquor. Most of

the money that now goes into the state coffers would be turned over as profit for the private businesses.

McDonnell proposes to make up some of the difference by adding fees to alcoholic beverages served in restaurants, which any restaurant owner can tell you is about the last thing they really need in this economy.

And any one large business would be allowed to buy as many as 25 percent of the total number of licenses, meaning the market could be dominated by a few big box stores.

The Virginia Federation of Retailers say that McDonnell’s plan doesn’t allow enough opportunity for small retailers, and the Virginia Wine Wholesalers oppose the plan because they expect large retailers will bypass local wine.

For McDonnell, his single term in office will be a success no matter what the consequences.

Here are his goals: Shrink the size of state government. Lower taxes, or at a minimum, don’t raise them. Privatize, privatize, privatize.

Will there be adequate funding to provide an education worthy of the state that is “home of the internet?” For public safety, for neediest citizens, for people with disabilities, or even for some transportation relief? Not his problem.

— MARY KIMM,
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No, Not Yet Americans should not support sect that led to death of thousands of our countrymen.

BY JIM POPPLETON
GREAT FALLS

It is an undisputable fact that a handful of callous and unconscionable extremists hijacked the oft-honorable doctrines of an extremely popular belief system, then proceeded to carry out horrendous and well-pondered schemes which slaughtered thousands of innocent Americans.

The painful but ever-cherished memories of those who once were, but are now obliterated, perpetually lingers in the hearts, minds and souls of surviving loved-ones, as well as in our nation’s collective psyche.

We will forever carry so deep within us unspeakable scars inflicted as a result of the horrific and cold-hearted plot perpetrated by these sick, depraved and shameless men.

Though some may forgive, what these truly evil men did can never be forgotten.

We are now asked to open our still-fragile hearts and allow others of this same belief system — perhaps less extreme — to create monuments to honor and help perpetuate the very sect that sacrificed the blood of our brothers and sisters in the name of their god.

The pain is still too fresh. The outrage is still too strong. Such deep gaping wounds can only begin to heal with time and acceptance, and until that tomorrow which we all so direly seek arrives, monuments of glory for such a twisted sect should not be built.

The actions of those few men were born of a belief system that is either inherently flawed or incapable of policing itself. Unquestionably,

this organization, knowingly or not, harbored a radical, extremist and despicable group of wicked men. Whatever the reason, it is only natural and reasonable for the group that gave birth to such evil to suffer consequences. It is natural and desirable that irresponsible actions bring undesirable consequences.

All Americans — and all people of honorable character — have no choice but to refuse to be silent on this matter. Our hallowed ground must not be defiled, and we must not permit the sanctity of our loved-ones’ memories, which is all we have left of them, to be desecrated.

Thus, it is righteous, just, admirable and necessary for all to take a principled stand and refuse to allow any Republican campaign buildings or

offices to be placed anywhere on our sacred lands — the very same land which now eternally blankets the remains of the 4,400 brave and honorable soldiers which the extremist Bush Administration deceitfully and needlessly sacrificed in the name of their all-mighty god of corporate greed and war profiteering. All of these innocent men and women suffered their abrupt and heart wrenching fate only because evil and despicable men such as Bush, Cheney, Rumsfeld, Powell, Wolfowitz, Libby, Perle, Card and Rove, through blatant lies, forgery and deception, defrauded America into a totally needless war.

These unconscionable extremists were not merely members of their extremely popular belief system, they were, rather, its very backbone, the most-high priests and pope of this political sect. It was this most-senior leader-

ship who schemed together purposefully, recklessly and unforgivably to march our soldiers to their graves.

Before this November, however, many others belonging to this very same belief system will symbolically jab millions of signs proclaiming the alleged nobility of their principles into the very same earth which now eternally blankets the stone-cold remains of their victims, spears of victory driven towards the hearts of those which the leaders of this very same group sent off to be slaughtered.

If others within this same belief system — the sect of social conservatives whose priority, unabashedly, is maximization of corporate profits — are reasonable and rational, they should freely acknowledge that their organization gave birth to, harbored, then chose to be led by this evil group of men and thus willingly “pay the price” and accept the natural consequences of their irresponsible actions.

There should not be, and all Republicans with any sensitivity or empathy should accept and understand, any buildings, shrines, offices or halls of victory, funded directly by we Americans, to honor Republicans, standing this November — no, not yet.

There should not be countless star-and-stripe emblazoned banners hanging from bridges and buildings proudly proclaiming the noble causes of this group of believers this November — no, not yet.

No patriotic-laden speeches declaring the righteous ends of this popular belief system should blaze across the TV this November —

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OPINION

Not Yet

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not yet.

The scars are too deep and too fresh. The deceit was too vile and repugnant. The deceit is unforgivable, but some will eventually forgive. No shrines so proudly displaying and shoving such a

twisted belief system of priorities in our faces should stand just yet.

And we of honor and principle must stand as one to allow all some time to heal. For no less than the honor of those whom the evil men sent to death.

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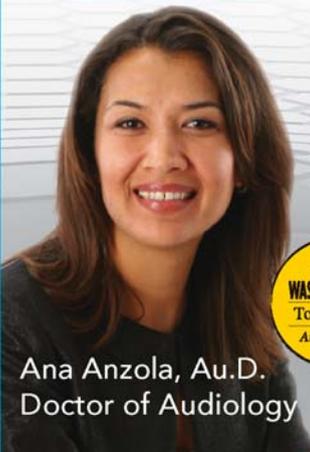
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Tap dancers from South Riding Dance Academy please the crowd with their festive costumes and routine.



Fraternidad Cultural Pachamama, a Bolivian folklore group was, founded in Washington, D.C. in 2000.

Rhythm of the Globe

International Children's Festival comes back to Wolf Trap.

On Saturday, Aug. 28, The Arts Council of Fairfax County gave a preview of the upcoming International Children's Festival, Sept. 18 -19. The audience was treated to dances from around the globe, from Bolivian Folk Dance and Indian Classical Dance to Egyptian and Persian Dance, to a classic cancan. Children in the audience tried to mimic the moves of the performers – while some of the more enthusiastic tried to join the groups performing on the stage.

Families from the Washington Metropolitan area will be able to enjoy the art of music, dance, performance and crafts at the Festival held at Wolf Trap. Youth performers from Mexico and Poland, as well as more than 60 local cultural groups, will display beautiful costumes, breathtaking performances and

40th annual International Children's Festival

WHEN: Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 18 and 19, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Rain or Shine!

WHERE: Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna

WHO: The event is open to the public. The Festival is produced by the Arts Council of Fairfax County in cooperation with the National Park Service and the Wolf Trap Foundation for Performing Arts.

COST: Free for children 2 and under, \$8 for children and seniors and \$12 for adults, weekend passes available

an appreciation of traditions and customs from around the world. The diversity of the Washington region will be reflected in the performers, shows, arts, crafts, hands-on learning experiences, audiences, and all the activities throughout the Park.

For more information about the International Children's Festival, go to internationalchildrensfestival.org.



Dancers from the Virginia Ballet Company and School stretch before their performance. From left: Jessie Strong of Springfield, Gwynneth Lau of Springfield, Layna Lamons of Burke, Sarah Friedlander of Fairfax, and Courtney Johnson of Burke.

The Fairfax Corner Grand Plaza is full of people enjoying the modern dance routine of dances from South Riding Dance Academy.



CALENDAR

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WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 15

McLean Antique Association

Meeting. 10 a.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. A program on the Titanic Disaster and its impact on the Washington, D.C. area. With Michael Kelly, an expert on the history of the RMS Titanic. Why the Titanic was built, for whom it was designed, how it exemplified the Gilded Age, and the fate of the prominent Washingtonians who were passengers on the Titanic's fateful maiden voyage. 703-444-4470.

Peter Bradley Adams and Matthew Perryman Jones.

7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

Book Discussion.

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

Lunch Bunnies.

11 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Bring a snack and enjoy stories and songs. Age 1-5 with adult. Register at 703-938-0405.

Toddler Tales.

10:30 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Stories and activities. Age 2-3 with adult. 703-242-4020.

English Conversation Group.

12 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. English practice for adult non-native speakers. 703-242-4020.

Model Investment Club of Northern Virginia.

7 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Learn more about investing. This group will meet on the third Wednesday all year. Adults. 703-790-8088.

Personalized Microsoft Office Training.

7:15 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. A 45-minute one-on-one Microsoft Office training session with a technology volunteer. Call for appointment. Adults. 703-790-8088.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 16

Vietnam Veterans of America Inc. Chapter 227 Meeting.

7:30 p.m. at Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane, Cedar Lane Shopping Center, Vienna. Vietnam veteran LtC. James Zumwalt (USMC Ret.) will speak about his book "Bare Feet, Iron Will". All veterans and the public invited. Free admission. 703-255-0353 or www.vva227.org.

The Pimps of Joystime and Mojo.

8:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

Falling for Stories.

10:30 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-293-6227.

Afternoon Reading Group.

1 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Women of the Silk by Gail Tsukiyama. Adults. 703-293-6227.

Book Discussion.

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

OK Book Discussion.

7 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. The Professor and the Madman by Simon Winchester. Adults. 703-242-4020.

Music Together.

11 a.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Join other families in sharing songs, instrument play, movement, dance, and rhythm activities in a

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Sunday Soirée Series

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Sunday, Sept. 19

3-5 p.m. both dates

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Oktoberfest Dinner

"Munich in McLean"

Friday, Sept. 24

Two seatings: 6-7:30 p.m. or 8-9:30 p.m.

Advance tickets: \$18 per person; \$9 under age 9.

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FRIDAY/SEPT. 17

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"Mauritius". 8 p.m. at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. Estranged sisters discover a book of rare stamps after their mother's death, then three seedy collectors arrive. \$25 adults, \$15 students. www.1stStageTysons.org/mauritius or 703-854-1856.

Luke Brindley CD Release and Chelsea Lee. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

ABBA: The Music. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$38 in-house, \$25 lawn. 703-255-1868 or www.wolftrap.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 18

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Fairfax County Master Gardeners. 10 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Horticultural tips, information, techniques and advice to home gardeners. Adults. 703-293-6227.

Golden Dragon Acrobats from China. 7 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna.

Tickets \$15-\$38. 703-255-1868 or www.wolftrap.org.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. 703-242-4020.

Baby/Kids Consignment Sale. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Chantilly High School Cafeteria, 4201 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Children's clothing, books, sports and games, CDs and DVDs, furniture, car seats, maternity wear, toys and more. Free admission. Sponsored by Fairfax County Mothers of Multiples. www.fcmmom.org.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 19

Super-H 5K Run, Walk & Wheel. At Tysons Sport and Health in Tysons Corner, 8250 Greensboro Drive, McLean. Registration at 7 a.m., the race at 8 a.m. Includes post-race party and food. Proceeds support National Rehabilitation Hospital's adaptive sports programs which enable those with disabilities to play wheelchair basketball, soccer, sled hockey, rugby and more. \$25. Register at 202-877-1774 or www.nrhrehab.org.

Butterfly Garden Guided Tours. 3 p.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. An introductory guided stroll. Learn how the gardens attract butterflies. Members free, non-member adults \$4, seniors and age 7-17 \$1.50, under age 6 free. Rental binoculars available at the Visitor Center. 703-255-3631, ext. 0 or www.nvrpa.org/park/meadowlark_botanical_gardens.

Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Bingo. 7 p.m. at the VVFD, 400 Center St. South, Vienna. Games held every Sunday in the Flame Room. www.vvfd.org.

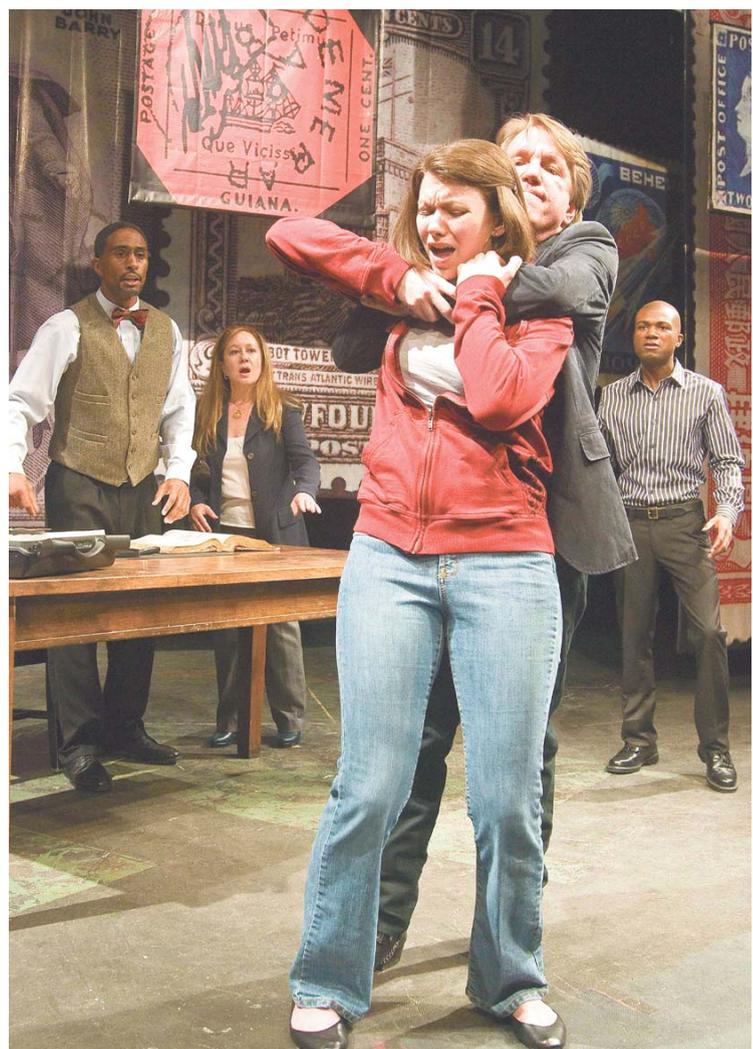


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Bruce Rauscher chokes Leigh Taylor Patton in the 1st Stage production of Mauritius. In the background are Roger Payano, Amy Waldman and Edward Daniels II.

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An Evening with Preston Reed. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

Native American Woodlands Walk. 2 p.m. at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Docent Terry Liercke will lead a tour of the Potomac Valley Native Plant Collection, with emphasis on the many uses Native Americans made of these plants for survival before Europeans arrived in the Americas. Free and open to the public. 703-255-3631.

Tribute to Artie Shaw and Buddy Rich. 3-5 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Dance and listen to the music of the Wayne Tympanick Trio. \$5. 703-790-0123.

MONDAY/SEPT. 20

Chess Club. 2 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Learn chess rules and strategy. Age 6-14. 703-757-8560.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 21

Historic Vienna Organizing Meeting: Civil War Sesquicentennial. 7:30 p.m. at the Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center St. South, Vienna. 2001 marks the Sesquicentennial of the 1861 beginning of the Civil War. The Town

of Vienna will be participating with other towns, counties and states across the country. 703-928-5187 or 703-994-9054.

Abigail Washburn. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

Five Hills Garden Club of Vienna. 9:45 at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Terrariums by Regina Lanctot of Merrifield Gardens. Visitors welcome. Includes light lunch. Contact Marian Sanders, 703-988-9324.

Evening Book Discussion. 7:30 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. River of Doubt by Candice Millard. Adults. 703-293-6227.

Drop-in Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Drop-in storytime. All ages. 703-790-8088.

Personalized Internet Training. 2:30 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. A 45-minute one-on-one Internet training session with a technology volunteer. Call for appointment. 703-790-8088.

Mystery Book Discussion. 6:30 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Join the mystery book discussion group. Call for title. Adults. 703-790-8088.

Practice Your English. 6:30 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Conversation group for adults learning English. Adults. 703-790-8088.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 22
Lively Ladybugs. 10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Ages 2-5 with adult. 703-757-8560.

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 24

"Not a Problem"



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I hear it all the time when I decline some kind of offer, invitation, solicitation. Of course, it's not a problem – for me. But why impose on me the inference that somehow it's a problem for you? Again, that's not my problem. (I have my own problems, and I'll try and not make this a cancer-column – for a change.) What I should be hearing back to my usually polite decline, is an expression of gratitude for my having given the person the opportunity to talk/listen to their pitch, rather than be told, somewhat presumptuously, that my not responding/being interested in their say-so, is not a problem – for them.

Conversely, does that also mean, for some vendors/solicitors/sellers that my not being interested in what they have to say/sell could be a problem for me? What, am I no longer allowed to not be interested, not open, to what someone who I don't know and who I have never met, has to say to me? It's still a free country, right? He (or she) can say whatever he wants (except yelling "Fire!" in a movie theater). Therefore, shouldn't it be equally true – without fear of consequences, that I don't have to listen? Regardless of whether some other parties think that my listening would be for my own good, I am entitled, dare I say constitutionally protected (sort of) to not listen? And my not listening (not being open) shouldn't be characterized negatively, as in "Not a problem."

Now I may be splitting hairs here (or maybe it's an infinitive I'm splitting), but telling me how something might benefit me would interest me a whole lot more than how my response – or lack thereof, might be a problem for you. You need to take the high road and say, "Hello, ..." not travel the low, circuitous road and try to get in by the side door or maybe even the back door. You want my attention, you want my interest; you have to earn it, you have to work for it. And working for it doesn't mean invoking a negative just because the initial feedback you're receiving from me isn't positive. Of that I'm sure. (As my father so often said, "I'm very seldom wrong, but this time I'm right.")

And you know what else I'm sure of: I matter more to me than whatever something I don't do matters to somebody else. And likewise, I don't expect anything I say or do to matter more to you than something you may say or do. It's human nature. The three most important people in my life are me, myself and I. I'm sure you also know who's most important to you. Therefore, I already know what is or is not a problem for me. I don't need – or expect, quite frankly, a third party (and an unrelated party at that) to advise me of what problems I've caused them. Whenever I hear "Not a problem" from some person in response to my lack of interest in something they said or asked me to do or want me to buy, I think of something Capt. Hawkeye Pierce replied to Major Frank Burns during a M*A*S*H episode when Frank asked/wanted Hawkeye to do something (that he was disinclined to even consider): "The instrument to measure my indifference to that remark has yet to be invented."

Amen!

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From left, Wayne Winston Sharp, president of the Board of Trustees for the McLean Orchestra; Jeanine McDonnell, daughter of Virginia governor; and Juliann Clemente, a Stars and Stripes sponsor of the event, stand with Adele Lebowitz, center, who donated the 18 acres of land Clemyjontri Park stands on today.

Evening in the Park

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the event because he is currently in Afghanistan as a civilian, helping to strategize with today's troops.

Other special attendees of this fund raiser included Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34); GMU President Alan Merten; Adele Lebowitz, who donated the land Clemyjontri Park was built on; Maureen McDonnell, wife of Gov. Robert McDonnell

More

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(R); and her daughter Jeanine McDonnell, who sang the national anthem.

VIEWPOINTS

What do you think about the event and about the cause?

Mafalda Marrocco

"I think it's fabulous," said Mafalda Marrocco, and attendee at the Concert in the Park fund raiser for Clemyjontri Park on Friday. "There's so many generous people here, donators, sponsors, ticket buyers. These folks give and give to the community. Adele Lebowitz really set the pace," she said, referencing the woman who donated the 18 acres of land for the park to be built. "I want to be Lebowitz when I grow up!" she said with a laugh.



Ann Page

Ann Page, the co-chair of the Concert in the Park committee, said she believed that the joint cause of raising money for the McLean Orchestra as well as to add another service to Clemyjontri Park is "a perfect blend." Involved with the McLean Orchestra for many years, she was surprised at how many people in McLean were unaware of the orchestra, despite them being comparable in talent to other groups. "In such a difficult economic time, it's heartwarming to see how many people care about the park," she said.



Saxon Girls Impressive at Monroe Parker

Langley finishes fourth at 23-team cross country event, while Highlanders take 12th place.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

If last weekend's showing was an indicator of how successful a season the Langley High girls' cross country team is going to have, then Saxon fans should be optimistic about good things ahead this autumn.

Langley, among a field of 23 schools, took fourth place overall at last Saturday's annual Monroe Parker Invitational meet, held on the hilly 2.98 mile course at Burke Lake Park.

"I was impressed with the way the girls ran," said Langley coach Gifford Krivak. "We have had a good August training session, and it showed in their performance."

Most of the Northern Region's schools took part in the annual showcase event that gives teams an early season sense of where they stand among their region foes and respective district opponents. Saturday's races began at 8 a.m. with the freshmen boys' race, followed by the freshmen girls. Next was the JV boys' and girls' races during mid-morning. Then, to cap off the festive day of high school cross country, the varsity races — first the boys' race at around 11:15 a.m., followed by the girls' race at 11:45 a.m. — took place.

It was an outstanding late summer day for the running extravaganza with comfortably warm temperatures and lots of sunshine spreading across the beautiful racing course and park grounds. A large crowd

turned up to take in the morning's competition.

Because Saturday's races took place on the ninth anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, special tribute was paid to those Americans who lost their lives on that morning. Prior to the varsity races, a moment of silence took place, allowing all of those on hand — the athletes, coaches, spectators and race organizers — to briefly reflect on the day's solemn meaning.

On hand for the Sept. 11 tribute was the Lake Braddock Secondary School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, led by Lt. Col. Dwight Lomax, a senior Army instructor from Woodbridge. The four-student group, attired in their handsome military uniforms, raised high both the United States and Virginia flags for the ceremonies. The playing of the national anthem followed.

Then it was time for the morning's main event — the varsity races.

THE LANGLEY GIRLS' team (137 points) received an outstanding outing from sophomore runner Courteney West, who finished eighth place overall with a time of 19 minutes even. West was thrilled with her team's top notch showing at the Monroe Parker event.

"We were real proud," said West, who a year ago as a freshmen finished sixth overall at the district championships. "We didn't expect to do quite as well as we did [on Saturday]. We stayed together and worked as a team."

The three teams finishing ahead of the Saxons were first place Thomas Jefferson (44 points), second place West Potomac (86) and third place Lake Braddock (122).



Langley's Courteney West earned a top 15 medal with an eighth place finish at Saturday's Monroe Parker Invitational at Burke Lake Park.

Langley finished ahead of fifth place West Springfield.

The individual girls' champion was sophomore Sophie Chase of Lake Braddock, who won with a time of 17:32. Edison's Myah Hicks finished second and Jefferson's Lisa Junta was third.

By finishing eighth, West earned a top 15 medal. Also earning a medal for the Saxons was Esther Jeong, a junior transfer student from Blacksburg who finished in 15th place.

"Courteney West had a solid run, and Esther Jeong gave us a big lift," said Krivak. West ran a good race, battling through fatigue down the stretch.

"I felt good until the end," said West. "I didn't want to give up and wanted to stay strong. I said [to myself], 'You're almost done, just push.'"

West was part of a Langley team last year that finished second at districts behind champion Jefferson before finishing a respectable ninth place at the Northern Re-

gion Championships. She said the Saxons can do even better this season.

"As a team we're hoping to go further this year and make it to states," said West.

Other strong outings for the Saxons at Monroe came from sophomore Elissa Purdy (24th place); juniors Mary Fouse, Allison Brady and Devon Clark; senior Bridget Chesney; and sophomore Jessica Miles.

"Elissa Purdy had a good first race," said Krivak. "Her season ended in October last year when she broke the growth plate on her foot, but she ran well without any hesitation to finish 24th."

The coach was extremely pleased with his girls' overall showing.

"It's a very competitive group of girls, yet they are incredibly supportive of each other," said Krivak. "Fourth place is a good place for us to start out, knowing that the top four in the region [later in the season] will go to states. There are a lot of good teams in the region, and the fourth place finish lets us know if we work hard and stay healthy we're right in the mix."

The McLean High girls finished in 12th place overall on Saturday. The Highlanders' top finisher was sophomore Madalyn Harper (45th overall). The next five McLean runners to cross the finish line were senior Laura Baker, sophomore Nancy Eveleigh, junior Samantha Downey, junior Meredith Bloom and junior Alexa Tabackman.

The Langley and McLean boys' teams finished 12th and 18th, respectively, among a field of 30 schools.

The top Saxon boys' finisher was junior Michael Meyer (40th overall), and the top Highlander finisher was junior Jason Richards (47th).

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL WRAP-UP

Behind a powerful rushing game that accounted for all four of its touchdowns, the McLean High football team powered its way past visiting Herndon, 27-14, Friday night, Sept. 10 in a non-district matchup.

McLean, which two weeks ago opened the season with a 14-6 home win over Washington-Lee, improved to 2-0 with the victory over the Hornets.

A year ago, McLean had lost, 28-21, in a road game at Herndon. But on Friday, playing its second consecutive game at home to begin the season, the Highlanders were able to defeat a Herndon squad that, one week earlier, had overwhelmed Jefferson, 41-0.

McLean, which led 20-7 at halftime, rushed for over 280 yards in the win over the Hornets. The Highlanders got touchdowns on the ground from senior Jimmy Ludwick (2), junior Ryan McColgan and senior Rafi Enriquez.

Ludwick, who scored on runs of 14 and one yard, finished the night with a game-high 165 yards on 15 carries. McColgan contributed 65 yards on 13 carries. Meanwhile, the Highlanders also used the passing

game effectively as quarterback Chase Mills completed six-of-nine passes for 68 yards. Four of his completions went to senior wide receiver Bruce Beatty (45 receiving yards).

Herndon's top ground gainer was junior running back Josh Schow, who scored a third quarter touchdown to get the Hornets within 20-14 and finished the game with a team-high 78 yards on 14 carries.

Herndon's first touchdown of the game came in the first quarter when sophomore quarterback Ky Parrott connected with senior wideout Leeth Aaron (3 catches, 23 yards) for a nine-yard scoring toss.

McLean will play at Wakefield High in Arlington this Friday night while Herndon will host cross-town rival South Lakes.

LANGLEY HIGH quarterback Braden Anderson tossed for 257 yards and three touchdowns in a losing cause as the Saxons lost in a high-scoring overtime affair at Chantilly, 42-35.

Anderson, who completed 19-of-35 passes, tossed a pair of touchdowns to Colin Pitts from 11 and 12 yards out, and also found Troy Scharfen (9 catches, 123 yards) for a 9-yard scoring play.

But Chantilly's ability to run the football with success proved to be the difference as the Charg-

ers (2-0) rushed for 450 yards. Jimmy Hicks was the Chargers' leading ball carrier with 192 yards and four touchdown runs on 27 carries. The junior scored on touchdown runs of nine, 14, 3 and 1 yards away. The 1-yard score came in overtime and proved to be the game-winner.

Also for Chantilly, William Hill-Pensamiento rushed for 168 yards and a touchdown (38 yard score) on 24 attempts. Cory Donovan (35 yards rushing) and quarterback Carson Romine (49 yards, one TD) also contributed to the prolific ground game.

Langley, which led 21-14 at the half, scored its first touchdown in the first quarter when junior running back Marcus Harvey returned a kickoff 93 yards for a score. Later in the half, the Saxons got a 1-yard scoring run from AJ Holtberg.

Langley will be at home on Thursday night to take on 0-2 Madison, which lost big at Yorktown last week, 42-0. Chantilly will travel to the Route 1 South corridor of Alexandria to take on 1-1 West Potomac, which lost a 28-24 overtime contest to Westfield last week.

POTOMAC SCHOOL opened up its private league schedule with a resounding 44-0 home win

over Randolph-Macon Academy (Front Royal) last Friday. The Panthers jumped out to a 42-0 first quarter lead. Top ball carriers for the home team were Brandon Arvanaghi (106 yards) and Michael Duffy, who gained all his yardage on a long touchdown run. Conor McNerney ran for two touchdowns and caught another. The scoring pass play, on a toss from quarterback Edwin Kuhn, came from 15 yards out. McNerney also returned a fumble 49 yards for another score. That was one of two defensive touchdowns for the Panthers — the other coming on a fumble recovery in the end zone by junior linebacker Andre Peterson. Potomac School's only points in the second half came on a safety. Junior Ryan Eckert converted all six of his point-after kicks in the win.

On Thursday evening of this week, Potomac School will be at home against Bullis (Md.). Kickoff is scheduled for 4:45 p.m.

— RICH SANDERS



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Woman's Club Members Model Fall Fashions

On Tuesday, Sept. 7, the Woman's Club of McLean highlighted the first meeting of its 2010-11 year with a display of fall fashions provided by Coldwater Creek, a woman's store at Tysons Corner Center. Seven club members modeled a total of 14 outfits to a commentary by club Vice President Kathryn Mackensen. Representatives from the store, Debbie Woodcock and DeeDee Vachon Lee, assisted with the fashion show.

SCHOOL NOTES

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

High School is the daughter of Todd Weiss and Cherylyn Briggs.

A Mad 5K Run and One Mile Walk is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at James Madison High School, 2500 James Madison Drive in Vienna. The race will benefit the James Madison High School track team and raise money for a new track/cross country facility. Awards will be presented to the top 3 male and female finishers, as well as age group awards. \$15 for students, \$20 for adults. Register at www.fcps.edu/MadisonHS or chasse@fcps.edu.

McLean residents **Mariana Avvacumova** and **Victoria Avvacumova** have been named to the spring 2010 president's list at Illinois Central College of East Peoria, Ill.

Kate Connelly of McLean has been named to the spring 2010 dean's list at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass. The political science major is the daughter of Margaret and John Connelly.

Peter-Christoph Schmidt of McLean has been named to the 2009-2010 honor roll with distinction at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Tx.

Megan Robson of McLean has been named to the spring 2010 dean's list at Clemson University of South Carolina. She is majoring in bio-engineering and is the daughter of Geoff Robson.

Deren Pulley of McLean has been named one of 25 Rodriguez Scholars at Washington University in St. Louis.

McLean residents **David Pate** (bachelor of science in economics with finance applications) and **Andrew Briscoe** (bachelor of business administration in real estate finance) have graduated from Southern Methodist University of Dallas, Texas.

The scholarship is awarded to incoming first-year students of exceptional academic merit who show commitment to community service and a demonstrated ability to bring diverse people together. The scholarship is named in honor of Washington University alumna Annika Rodriguez, who was killed during a flash flood while working for the Peace Corps in Honduras.

Martin Brown of McLean has been named to the spring 2010 dean's list at Ithaca College's School of Humanities and Sciences. He is the son of Garry and Melissa Brown.

Damian Herring-Nathan of McLean has graduated summa cum laude with honors from the University of South Carolina, Columbia, and received a bachelor of arts in media arts with a cognate in recording engineering. The 2006 graduate of McLean High School is the son of Michele Nathan and Lee Herring.

Victoria B. Weiss of McLean has been inducted into the Kappa Delta Pi education honor society at Susquehanna University of Selinsgrove, Pa. Weiss is a 2010 graduate majoring in elementary education and early childhood education. The 2006 graduate of Langley

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COMMUNITY



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From left, Jay Howell, Risa Sanders, Sean Dunn, Kevin Dent and Susan Bourgeois, members of the McLean Community Center Governing Board, discuss the FY2012 budget at their work session Sept. 8.

Living on a Budget

McLean Community Center prepares FY2012 budget.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The McLean Community Center is preparing its budget for fiscal year 2012, which will begin July 1, 2011. In addition to possible projects such as a downtown location, the MCC's Governing Board is entering a new era, with a new comptroller and executive director.

There was also a proposal for a gym at the Spring Hill Rec Center, but board member Kevin Dent said the negotiations with the Fairfax County Park Authority have hit a wall. So we will not be pursuing it at this time," he said. The board will consider other locations in the coming months.

As presently constructed, the budget calls for the 2.4-cent tax rate per \$100 of assessed real estate value for Dranesville Small Tax District 1A to remain the same.

Sean Dunn, treasurer of the board, said "We have

a reasonable budget, which includes significant capital expenditures."

Such expenditures include a parking lot renovation as well as new theater seats for the Alden Theater.

New Comptroller Bob Taguding credited the staff for helping this year's budget come together smoothly.

"When we first started, the numbers were just numbers, we owe a huge debt to the staff," Taguding said. "They patiently answered e-mails and phone calls, and we couldn't have done it without them.

As new executive director, George Sachs said that he is going to start looking at his staff for input on the programs they're so closely involved with.

"In the past, it didn't seem like the staff had much input, but they need to, and in the future, I'll make sure they do," Sachs said.

A public forum on the FY2012 budget is set for Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 7:30 p.m. the community center. Residents who wish to speak at the forum should call 703-790-0123, TTY 711 to have their names placed on the speak-

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— Kevin Dent

ers' list.

The public forum will be followed by the monthly meeting of the governing board, who will approve the budget for FY2012.

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