

Gov. Bob McDonnell speaks with Lt. Col. Mario Beckles and his wife Angela at the ThanksUSA fundraiser in McLean Feb. 21. The charity, founded by two local girls in 2005, provides scholarships for children and spouses of military families.

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Deputy Major Justin D. Reynolds, director of Education and Training for the Baltimore Police Department and Leza Conliffe, an associate attorney, discuss how the Fourth Amendment affects students at school at Langley High School's annual Case Day.



Langley Senior Jeffrey Principe argues to overturn the Oregon Ninth Circuit Court's decision that an interview of a 9-year-old girl without consent violated her Fourth Amendment rights at Langley's Case Day Monday.

Langley Seniors Make Their Case

Langley High School Hosts 19th Annual Case Day.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The library at Langley High School resembled the highest court in the land Monday, as the senior class hosted the 19th annual Case Day. The event allows the seniors to try a case currently being tried by the Supreme Court, and students research and present the case to a nine-person "supreme court" made up of two students and several other local residents, many of whom are practicing lawyers.

"It's amazing to work with all these professionals, to be able to exchange ideas with experts," said senior Trager Metge, who was one of two students on the court. "It really opened my eyes to the language and process of the law."

The case presented was *Alford vs. Greene*, which was heard March 1 by the United States Supreme Court. In the case, a mother in Oregon sued a Department of Health caseworker and a law enforcement officer for what she claimed was an unreasonable interview of her daughter concerning alleged abuse.

Sarah Greene sued caseworker Bob Camreta and Deputy Sheriff James Alford, after the two interviewed her underage daughter, identified as only SG. Greene claimed that the two men obtained information through an illegal seizure, which violated her Fourth Amendment rights.

The District Court in Oregon did not find that reasonable, but the Ninth District Court overturned that decision, stating that the seizure required a court warrant, probable

cause and exigent circumstances, or parental consent.

"I've been reading the briefs from the case for months, and will be expected to write an opinion," said senior Will Baird, the other student justice. "Both arguments are very compelling, and it seemed like the more I learned, the harder it was to weigh in on."

THE PRESENTATION OF THE CASES were only part of the day's events, which included student debates on other constitutional issues, panel discussions from local officials, child welfare and family advocacy groups, as well as Fairfax County Public Schools.

"The Constitution is filled with amendments that protect the criminal defendant, and that's the price we have chosen to pay for our freedom," said Michael Rosman of the Center for Individual Rights, one of the panelists. "We have felt that it's more important that an innocent person not feel abused or stigmatized."

Since SG later recanted her statements about her father's abuse, Greene argued that the Camreta and Alford did not have probable cause to conduct the interview. The opposition argued that since it was a case of possible child abuse, the government acted appropriately.

Seniors who didn't serve as justices or argue the case served in other capacities, including a group that researched precedents that would be applicable to a decision.

"We went through a number of cases, and found five that we could use," said senior Jack Parker, who was one of four students who was on the research committee. "I figured the research would be the most difficult part, but putting it together in a rational way for the presentation, in a way people could understand, was tough."

Seniors Peter Nance, Alec Phillips and Ben

Shapero were the other members of the committee, with Parker and Shapero presenting the information. The cases they chose ranged from a decision involving two men who were caught with concealed weapons acting suspiciously outside a store, to the legality of randomly drug testing high school athletes.

"It was a great experience. I don't know that I'll study law next year, but learning presentation, PowerPoint and research skills are things that will help me down the road no matter what I do," Shapero said.

After the background and arguments were presented to the justices, the students were able to get some pointers from parent Hugo Blankingship, a managing partner at consumer law firm Blankingship and Christiano. Blankingship argued before the Supreme Court in 2004.

"The key to any argument is having the greatest command of the facts out of anyone in the room," he said. "You've got to prepare to go toe to toe with some of the best legal minds, and I think they did that very well."

Students also prepared presentations that dealt with the difference between probable cause and reasonable suspicion and the psychology of child abuse. Senior Nadya Sidki gave a presentation on the nature of gradual disclosure, which can be common in child abuse cases.

"First there's denial, the reluctance, then a gradual disclosure, then recantation and re-affirmation," she said. "Despite the 9-year old [SG's] repeated denials, Camreta kept asking for over an hour."

IN THE END, the Case Day justices agreed with the Ninth Circuit Court's Decision upholding the ruling that the seizure violated SG's constitutional rights.

"The fact that the child and the abuser are often the sole witnesses to any abuse may make it too difficult for caseworkers

to meet the high legal standard of probable cause. This may leave children at unnecessary risk and leave the caseworker with few options," said Baird of the final decision, which he agreed with. "[This is] because of the Fourth Amendment concerns and issues here and considering the risk of breaking up a family and traumatizing the child through these interviews, as well as the risk of the children making false accusations based on leading questions."

Metge was one of the dissenting jurors, and said he believed the interview of SG did not violate the Fourth Amendment.

"Both arguments are very compelling, and it seemed like the more I learned, the harder it was to weigh in on."

— Senior Will Baird

"Due to the highly compelling governmental interest in investigating and preventing child abuse, this interview was conducted under reasonable circumstances and in a manner designed to minimize trauma to the child witness" he said. "Because probable cause was unnecessary in a [Oregon Department of Human Services] child abuse investigation, reasonable suspicion dictated that ... the qualified government investigators trained in the art of child interviewing be permitted to interview the child quickly and in a safe and familiar environment."

School Board to Review Discipline Topics

The Fairfax County School Board agreed at its Feb. 24 work session to review topics related to student discipline procedures. This review could produce changes to the Student Responsibilities and Rights regulations and handbook.

"We believe that in order to ensure a thorough review, the Board needs sufficient time to explore our discipline policies and procedures," said Kathy Smith, chairman of the Fairfax County School Board. "We will schedule work sessions over the next three months to examine our values on student discipline and possibly recommend changes to the process."

Meetings will be announced on the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) website at www.fcps.edu.

Service Expo Slated for March 12

The 2011 Service Expo will be held on Saturday, March 12, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at 2034 Great Falls St. in McLean. Admission is free.

Over 300 women from across the metropolitan area are expected to gather to learn about volunteer opportunities in Virginia and D.C. from more than 30 local non-profits while also participating in several on-site service projects. Women in the public are invited to participate in nearly a dozen on-site service activities such as assembling post partum totes for new mothers, tying quilts, writing letters to servicemen and women, filling "welcome baskets" for a women's shelter and sorting book donations. The Red Cross will also be in attendance for participants to give blood during the Expo.

The Expo is sponsored by the Relief Society of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. For more information, please email jenniferheywood@hotmail.com.

Nominations Sought for Teen Character Awards

Nominations are now being accepted for the annual MCA Teen Character Awards. This award recognizes teens (ages 13 – 19) with exceptional ethical and compassionate character who have "contributed significantly to the welfare of a family or community member and who inspire other teenagers to demonstrate exemplary behavior toward their families and neighbors." The award certificates will be presented at McLean Day on Saturday, May 21.

Nomination forms are available at the McLean Community Center and at McLean area middle schools and high schools. The deadline for submitting nominations is April 23.

Book Sales Begin at Claude Moore Farm

The Claude Moore Colonial Farm will hold Weekly Book Sales every Wednesday, from 3 to 8 p.m. at 6310 Georgetown Pike in McLean.

This living history museum will conduct weekly book sales throughout 2011 with the last sale scheduled for Nov. 30. Browse a wide variety of 100 percent donated fiction and nonfiction sorted into more than 40 categories. See mystery, gardening, history, cooking, art, children's, classics, biographies and more. Selection of hard and soft cover. Plus videos, CDs, cassettes and vinyl records shelved in a 1,500-square-foot bookstore setting. Stock home libraries and entertainment centers.

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U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) swears in the 2011 Board of Directors for the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce Feb. 22 at the Tysons Corner Hilton.

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Voice of McLean's Business Community

Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce swears in 2011 board of directors.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce swore in their 2011 Board of Directors Tuesday, Feb. 22, and kicked off a year of planning for the proposed redevelopment of Tysons Corner.

Incoming Chairman Merritt Green said he is very excited to see the GMCC build on the opportunities presented by redevelopment.

"We've gained a lot of momentum these past few months and I'm very excited about that," he said. "Our goals are to promote and advocate for our businesses, continue networking and business development opportunities and to continue our educational and community service efforts."

Green also said he has asked members to define their idea of return in investment with the chamber in order to develop specific goals tailored to their specific business. He asked that members "hold us to [helping] you achieve your goals."

U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) officially swore in the new board and said "as far as I'm concerned, [the GMCC] should be the voice of the business community in this area."

Gary Dopplaff of TTR Sotheby's International Realty is a first-time board member this year, and he said he wants to help create an identity for the McLean Business Community.

"I'm hoping to help raise awareness, not just for the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce but the businesses within it," he said. "There are a lot of buying and shopping opportunities in McLean and I'm interested in finding ways to get more people to shop here."

Dopplaff said he has an idea in preliminary stages that would help get businesses together by offering incentives to keep people shopping in McLean.

"McLean lacks a defined downtown, but we want to show businesses that it's worth it for them to come to McLean," he said. "To propel development, we'll need to show that there is a steady stream of people that want to support McLean businesses."



Past chairman of the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce Lynn Gulick welcomes incoming chair Merritt Green at the installation ceremony for the 2011 GMCC Board of Directors Feb. 22.

Ghassan Abukurah, a principal at A2 Design who serves as the chair of Green McLean, a sustainability initiative, says there are many programs in the works for this year and beyond.

"We are looking for an official launch for our group this summer, and we have some exciting programs in the works," he said. "Our community members, residents and businesses alike will be seeing tangible and positive impacts that Green McLean will bring about through its upcoming projects and programs."

Abukurah presented an idea for a net zero cost building at a public planning meeting for Salona Park last November, which would balance energy costs with electricity generated onsite, and would be the first such building in Virginia.

Moran said that the GMCC should be prepared to take on additional responsibilities.

"This area is going to have the fastest, strongest, most robust growth of any region in the country. There is no other place that will have such immediate, substantial growth," he said. "There will be a lot more residential activity, a lot more people living within five to 10 miles, and that puts a very substantial responsibility on the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce."



Janie Willner

McLean Student Honored for Community Service

For the second year in a row, Janie Willner of McLean was named one of six Distinguished Finalists for Virginia in The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program.

Sponsored by Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the awards recognize outstanding community service by young Americans.

"Young people who contribute their time and talents to their communities are role models for all of us," said Prudential Chairman and CEO John R. Strangfeld. "We salute their dedication, their achievements, and their spirit of community."

Janie, 17, nominated by the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital in Washington, D.C., and a senior at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, founded "Listening," a community outreach project designed to raise awareness of the needs and concerns of the deaf community. Willner, who is trained in American Sign Language, conducted a series of deaf awareness workshops for area teens, created DVDs made especially for elementary students who are deaf, and teaches ASL to children at Deaf Camps, Inc.

"These Honorees practice a lesson we hope all young people, as well as adults, will emulate—that volunteering within the community is an essential part of one's life," said NASSP Executive Director Gerald Tirozzi.

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From left, Rachel, 15, and Kelsi Okun, 12, thank a crowd of almost 100 people for attending the ThanksUSA fundraiser Feb. 21. Rachel and Kelsi started the foundation in 2005, with the help of their parents, after seeing the financial struggles of their neighbor, a lieutenant colonel in the Army.

Thanking Military Families

ThanksUSA holds fundraiser for military family scholarships.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

It takes most people well into adulthood to make a difference in the world. Rachel, 15, and Kelsi Okun, 12, of McLean, found a way to start helping six years ago. It was then when their next-door neighbor, a lieutenant colonel in the army, and his family were struggling financially that an idea was born.

"After his coming home and struggling with an injury, we realized we had to do something," Rachel Okun said. "We wanted people to realize that as long as these conflicts are stretching on, we can't forget what men and women in the armed forces are

doing for us."

With the help of their parents, the girls founded ThanksUSA, which is based in McLean and has given away more than \$6 million in scholarships since its founding in 2005. The 2,200 scholarships given away have gone to spouses and children of military families.

ThanksUSA hosted a fundraiser at a local residence Feb. 21, which featured a performance by world-renowned Irish tenor Anthony Kearns and was attended by Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell and close to 100 other supporters.

Chris Simmons, a managing partner with PriceWaterhouseCoopers, hosted the event at his house, and

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Anthony Kearns, a member of the Irish Tenors, performs at a fundraiser for ThanksUSA in McLean Feb. 21.



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ThanksUSA Holds Fundraiser in McLean

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said when he heard about ThanksUSA's mission, deciding to host was a no-brainer.

"When I heard about their focus on providing assistance to active duty military, I knew it was something we had to support," Simmons said. "Even though the governor is here, it's not a politi-

cal event, it's just people coming together to support the people that matter the most."

McDonnell said it was a good sign for the future that two young people are able to make such a difference for so many people.

"At such a tender age they understand just how important it is to support our military," he said. "They give families the comfort of

knowing there is a helping hand."

Kearns, who is a founding member of the Irish Tenors group, performed renditions of traditional Irish songs in the ballroom.

"I don't take lightly the opportunity to help with events like this," said Kearns, who has performed at other ThanksUSA fundraisers.

With so many people in atten-

dance who stayed for the concert, but also to support the cause, Kelsi Okun said it was heart-warming to see people support what they are trying to do.

"It's incredible to know that this small idea has become an incredible organization, and that what we do can touch so many lives of people who truly deserve it," she said.

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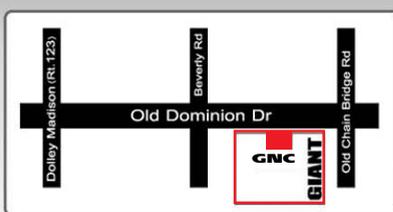
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OPINION

Time for Adult Discussion on Deficits and Debt

BY MARK R. WARNER
U.S. SENATOR

With all of the current discussion about short-term federal spending resolutions and potential gridlock in Congress, you might think we have lost the opportunity for serious action on our longer-range deficits and debt.

I remain convinced that our country is at a critically important moment: We simply must seize this opportunity to get our fiscal house in order for the long term, and since last summer this has been one of my top priorities.

Partnering with my Republican colleague Saxby Chambliss of Georgia, we are working to try to turn the recommendations of the President's National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform into legislation.

Our current national debt stands at more than \$14 trillion. If adopted in full, the commission's recommendations would gradually reduce that debt by \$4 trillion over the next 10 years.

Unfortunately, the current debate is centered on deep cuts in short-term, discretionary and nonmilitary spending, which only makes-up about 12 percent of the overall federal budget.

The spending proposal recently adopted by the House of Representatives slashes funding for workforce training programs that are so important to many people across southwest and southside.

It targeted federal support for the multi-state, multi-year Chesapeake Bay cleanup effort, and



U.S. Senators Saxby Chambliss of Georgia and Mark Warner of Virginia.

GUEST EDITORIAL

the House budget makes deep cuts in federal funding to Northern Virginia's Metro mass transit system.

The simple fact is, drastic and even painful cuts to these individual programs alone will not fix our larger structural budget problems.

That's why Senator Chambliss and I have been working with a growing number of our Senate colleagues to address these fiscal challenges in a more comprehensive and responsible way. We must work together to control government spending, simplify our tax code, and begin to gradually eliminate our deficits.

That is the only way we will fix our nation's balance sheet over the long term.

The deficit commission's recommendations, while far from perfect, represent a courageous first step in tackling our national debt in ways that will make our nation competitive for the 21st century:

❖ The commission laid out a plan to accelerate healthcare savings in Medicare and Medicaid, and it provides a responsible roadmap to strengthen Social Security for the next 75

years. The commission's plan protects Social Security, and does not use Social Security funds to balance the budget.

❖ It dramatically simplifies a tax system in serious need of an overhaul. It proposes closing loopholes and phasing out some deductions while lowering overall tax rates for individuals and corporations.

❖ It puts everything on the table, including entitlement programs and defense spending. We believe that this has to be part of the discussion, too.

As you might imagine, various political opponents and special interests already are mobilizing to short-circuit our work on this legislation, which demonstrates why this is such a difficult challenge. It also shows why Washington's typical political response has always been to kick this can down the road, and push the tough choices to another day:

❖ These choices do not get any easier simply by delaying action. Every day that we put off these difficult decisions, an average \$4 billion is added to the national debt.

❖ Every dollar that we spend simply paying the interest on our nation's staggering debt is disappearing into a fiscal sinkhole. These are resources that cannot be targeted toward creating jobs, expanding the U.S. economy or addressing any of our other shared priorities.

While there are plenty of recommendations in the commission's plan that I would not have chosen, this much is crystal clear to me and the other members of our bipartisan coalition: We simply cannot postpone this difficult discussion any longer.

Warner, a co-founder of Nextel and former Virginia governor, is a member of the Senate's Banking, Budget, Commerce and Intelligence committees. He can be reached at www.warner.senate.gov.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Abuse of Authority

An Open Letter to Superintendent Dale:

Your email to the Stuban family of Feb. 21, 2011, is an affront to the entire community.

Their only child, a good student, an outstanding athlete, a contributing and productive member of the community, is dead.

And your response is to breezily note that they "might be interested to know that many student discipline laws passed by the Virginia General Assembly compel us to take certain actions ..."

No law, no regulation, no rule compelled the school to respond to this child, to this family, in the manner FCPS did.

I sincerely hope that you, and every adult at FCPS who had a role in this process, will take the time to consider, deeply, the decisions that were made and the impact of those decisions.

This child and this family trusted that FCPS would treat them fairly and exercise some level of reason-

ing and judgment. Their trust was misplaced.

A 15-year-old child is dead. ... Your response is to direct the grieving parents to the SR&R.

As Kate Walsh, a member of Maryland's State Board of Education, so well said, "every aspect of what happened to that boy in Fairfax County is an abuse of school authority."

May Nick Stuban rest in peace. And may we as a community all bear the shame and responsibility for entrusting him, and the other children of Fairfax, to school officials who demonstrated a complete and utterly reckless disregard for any measure of fairness or reason or concern for this child or his life.

Margaret Ackerley
McLean

Assembly Held Hostage

To the Editor:

In the February 16-22 issue, the lead editorial opined that Governor McDonnell should sign the

recently passed legislation "that would require some insurance companies to provide limited but critically important coverage for therapy for children with autism." Yes, I agree completely that the governor should sign the bill. However, the editorial fails to criticize the General Assembly, in particular the House of Delegates, for not providing more. The sad truth is that the coverage truly is "limited" and that the General Assembly again shows how it is held hostage by corporate power, in this case the insurance companies.

The article by Julia O'Donoghue in the same edition provides the broader picture. While 23 other states have passed bills on mandated autism coverage, the one passed by Virginia is the most limited. Virginia's will only apply to children aged 2-6 and will have an annual cap of \$35,000. Most other states allow a wider age range (some into adulthood) and have a higher cap (one has no cap at all). And the number of families who might benefit from the mandated therapy coverage is extremely limited since the legisla-

tion does not apply to companies with 50 or fewer employees, does not apply to large companies that self-insure themselves, and does not apply to people who do not have health insurance through an employer but instead must buy insurance on the open market. Since the article points out that "at least 55 percent of people in Fairfax work for self-insured companies," it is easy to see how limited the legislation is.

And, so, for many families, the insurance companies will not have to provide the therapy at all and, when they do have to, will only have to pay for therapy for a small age-subset of people and a small cap. It is easy to see again that the General Assembly has bowed to the insurance companies. For the most part, insurance companies will still get away with what the mother of a child with autism says: "Some insurance companies charge higher premiums if an autistic child is on the policy. They charge more but they refuse to pay for treatment."

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Sneha Dass Wins Spelling Bee at Churchill Road

More than 20 students competed in the Oral Round of the Churchill Road School Spelling Bee on Monday, Feb. 14. After a number of rounds and many difficult words, first place went to 6th grader Sneha Dass, who correctly spelled the word "meiji." She will be representing Churchill Road School at the Fairfax County Spelling Bee. The 2nd place winner is 5th grader Shreya Ramesh and the 3rd place winner is 5th grader Devin O'Neill. Parent Rajee Viswanathan organized the event and Liz Holzapfel officiated as the pronouncer.



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Pictured from left are the winners of the Churchill Road Spelling Bee; Shreya Ramesh (2nd place); Sneha Dass (1st place) and Devin O'Neill (3rd place).

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This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$783,000-\$138,600 range. For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot	AC	Subdivision
6218 NETHERCOMBE CT	3	2	1	MCLEAN		\$783,000	Detached	0.36		CHESTERFORD
2719 WESTFORD CT	5	3	1	FALLS CHURCH		\$750,000	Detached	0.37		WEST STAFFORD LANDING
7500 IDYLWOOD RD	4	2	1	FALLS CHURCH		\$700,000	Detached	0.46		IDYLWOOD
8220 CRESTWOOD HEIGHTS DR#1617	2	2	0	MCLEAN		\$690,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			ONE PARK CREST
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1613 ROSEMONT CT	4	3	0	MCLEAN		\$650,000	Detached	0.34		ROSEMONT
1115 BRENTFIELD DRIVE	4	3	1	MCLEAN		\$630,000	Townhouse	0.08		KINGS MANOR TOWNE HOUSES
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2119 KINGS GARDEN WAY	4	3	1	FALLS CHURCH		\$577,500	Townhouse	0.04		DOMINION
1819 GREAT FALLS ST	3	2	0	MCLEAN		\$570,000	Detached	0.37		MARLBORO ESTATES
2107 KINGS MILL CT	4	3	1	FALLS CHURCH		\$546,000	Townhouse	0.05		DOMINION
2223 WESTMORELAND ST	3	2	0	FALLS CHURCH		\$487,000	Detached	0.23		CHURCHILL
8340 GREENSBORO DR #826	3	2	0	MCLEAN		\$460,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			ROTONDA
6800 FLEETWOOD RD #720	3	2	0	MCLEAN		\$410,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			MC LEAN HOUSE NORTH
7810 HYSON PARK CT	3	3	1	FALLS CHURCH		\$359,000	Townhouse	0.05		JEFFERSON PARK TOWNHOUSE
1581 SPRING GATE DR #5403	2	2	0	MCLEAN		\$339,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			GATES OF MCLEAN
2614 PIONEER LN	4	3	0	FALLS CHURCH		\$319,000	Detached	0.21		SHREVEWOOD
8340 GREENSBORO DR #924	2	1	1	MCLEAN		\$318,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			ROTONDA
2230 GEORGE C MARSHALL DR#609	2	2	0	FALLS CHURCH		\$298,500	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			RENAISSANCE 2230
1650 WESTWIND WAY #159	3	2	0	MCLEAN		\$250,000	Other			WESTERLIES THE
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REAL ESTATE

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Bruce Green, regional vice president of Weichert, Realtors, announced the 2010 Weichert's President's Club Winners from the region. This award recognizes the top one percent of Weichert's sales associates. The region consists of offices throughout Virginia. The associates named to the President's Club include:

Carol Ellickson, Christine Richardson and Dianne Van Volkenburg - Great Falls office; H. Lee Cronin, Jenifer Justice, Ann Romer and Ashton Vessali - McLean/Dolley Madison office; Patricia Derwinski and Kim Sharifi - McLean/Old Dominion office; Brenda Davis and Alexander Lianos - Vienna office.

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Epiphany United Methodist Church, 1014 Country Club Drive in Vienna, is hosting a Women's Health Issues Series every Sunday morning in March. "Women's Breast Health" will be presented Sunday, March 6 at 9:45 a.m. Free, reservations required at 703-938-3494 or office@epiphanyumc.com.

Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd. in McLean, will have a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 8 from 5-7 p.m. with pancakes, sausage and apple sauce. Cost is \$5 person/\$12 per family. Proceeds benefit Trinity's Missions. Trinity's Ash Wednesday services will be March 9 at 12 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. 703-356-3312 or

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Regional vice president Bruce Green recently announced the 2010 Weichert, Realtors Ambassador's Club winners from the region. These top producers are recognized in the top 2 percent of all Weichert, Realtors associates. Green's region consists of offices throughout Virginia.

The associates who earned membership to the Ambassador's Club include:

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Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. in Vienna, presents the 12-week program "Passages," for those experiencing the pain of separation or divorce. The DivorceCare series meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Cost of materials \$20, scholarships available. 703-938-9050 or Passages@ViennaPres.org.

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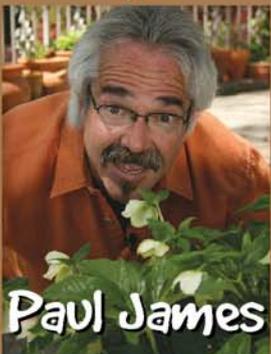
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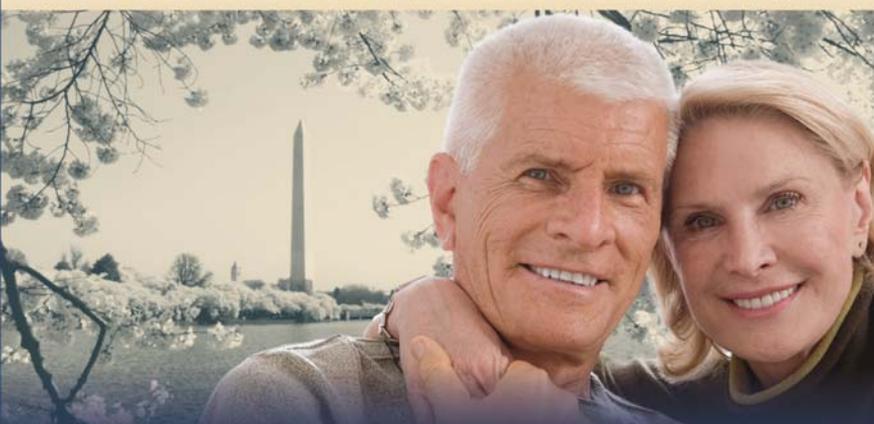
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SCHOOLS

McLean High Student Receives Peace Award

Julian Tamayo, a junior at McLean High School, is the recipient of this year's Fairfax County Student Peace Award, along with 14 Fairfax County high school students.

Tamayo was selected to receive the Student Peace Award in recognition of his role as co-president of McLean High School's branch of Interact, an organization devoted to international humanitarian action. In concert with the Rotary Club of McLean, students in Interact assemble and donate a Shelter Box each year to help victims of natural disasters.

As a member of four honor societies, Tamayo tutors students in English, mathematics and Spanish. In addition, he participates in the McLeadership program, which provides counseling and assistance to incoming freshmen to ease their



Julian Tamayo

transition to high school.

Tamayo and the other Fairfax County students will be honored at a reception on Sunday, March 6 at the Fairfax County Government Center.

SCHOOL NOTES

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Sixty-eight Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students have been named to the Virginia All-State Chorus for 2011 and will perform as a group April 30 at the Visual and Performing Arts Academy at Salem High School in Virginia Beach. Additionally, 42 FCPS students were named alternates to the All-State Chorus.

FCPS students selected for the 2011 Virginia All-State Chorus and as alternates include:

♦ Langley High School: Cameran Alavi, Stephanie Anderson, Matthew Goudreau, Zack Gray, Isabel Hefner, Sarah Larkworthy, Mark Paulson, Sonya Zell, and Alina Zufall and ♦ Madison High School: Tess Ottinger and alternate Sergei Vandalov.

♦ Marshall High School: Devon Kalbaugh and alternate Eian Burgess.

*McLean High School: Katerina Cronmiller.

♦ Oakton High School: Corinne Holland, Holly Kelly, Madeline Paul, and Summer Perez and alternate Cecily Jacobson.

*Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology: alternates Margaret Coad and Adrienne Doebrich.

Virginia All-State Chorus is sponsored by the Virginia Choral Directors Association, an affiliated unit of the Virginia Music Educators Association.

The Clan, the McLean High School yearbook, was named a finalist in the National Scholastic Press Association's Yearbook Pacemaker Awards competition. Editors are Marissa Gitler, Anna Glendening, Hannah Kirby, and Natalie Mabille. Meghan Percival serves as the adviser.

Marshall Academy students participated in career experience activities at the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA), a civilian agency that supports over 190 schools throughout the world, at DoDEA's offices in Arlington. Marshall Academy is one of six high school academies in Fairfax County Pub-

lic Schools (FCPS). DoDEA's chief information officer, Jeffrey Friedler, will speak via video teleconference from Europe. Students will learn about DoDEA's information technology operations and will participate in a cyber protect exercise followed by a one-on-one job shadow experience with an IT professional.

Sarah J. Braselton of McLean has been named to the fall 2010 dean's list at Colby College in Waterville, Me. Braselton is majoring in studio art and art history and French studies, and is the daughter of James and Lelia Braselton.

McLean residents **Ashley Ann Alligood**, senior psychology major, **Buckley Thomas Jiongo**, sophomore pre-nursing major, and **Christopher John Pauliukonis**, freshman psychology major, have been named to the fall 2010 dean's list at Radford University.

Emma M. Rocks of McLean has been named to the fall 2010 dean's list at the University of Vermont. Rocks is a junior studio art major in the College of Arts & Sciences.

Jacob Dean Pierce of McLean has been named to the fall 2010 dean's list at Hampden-Sydney College. The freshman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven D. Pierce.

McLean residents **Dominique Amiri** and **D. Hoitt McAllister** have been named to the fall 2010 dean's honors list at Connecticut College of New London, Ct.

Tyler Stilwell of McLean has been named to the fall 2010 dean's high honors list at Connecticut College of New London, Ct.

Gurden Batra of McLean has been named to the fall 2010 dean's list at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Ga.

Philip Diamond of McLean earned honors for the 2010 fall semester at Skidmore College of Saratoga Springs, N.Y. He is the son of Robert Diamond and Amy Pullman.

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Linda and Jim Rudd of Elm Street Fitness.

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Maggie Burgess

Fit on Elm Street

Elm Street Fitness offers exercise in a quiet gym.

BY JAMES CULLUM
THE CONNECTION

Since last summer, McLean's Elm Street Fitness has provided a departure from the noisy, stress-filled life that accompanies many of Northern Virginia's residents, and a place to exercise in a space with lots of windows, mirrors, calm music, and, if you desire, complete solitude.

Things at 6867 Elm St. are serene on purpose.

"We opened up a personal training area on one side, a place for classes for group exercise on the other and private spaces where people can work out on their own," said Linda Rudd, who owns Elm Street Fitness with her husband, Jim. "The objective is to keep it relatively lowly populated. My expectation is to only have 15 clients in the workout area and about a dozen in classes at the peak."

THE 5000-SQUARE-FOOT GYM currently caters to about 200 clients, 140 of whom attend for personal training. There are 18 trainers, many with more than 20 years of experience. Small groups are Elm Street Fitness' specialty. Classes include: yoga, Pilates on the mat, senior fitness, pre and post-natal fitness and post rehabilitation. On average, it costs \$80 for an hour session with a personal trainer.

Who are the clients? "The baby boomer generation is retiring at a rapid rate and a lot of them have disposable income and a lot of them are saying to themselves: 'Oh, my God. I need to get in shape,'" Linda said. "Those are our main clients, but we also have some young members."

The Rudds have not always been focused on physical fitness. After receiving her degree in physical

education from Syracuse University, Linda landed a job with United Airlines.

Twenty years later, Linda left the airline industry and became a stay-at-home mom for Shelby, the couple's daughter. In the meantime, Jim, an airline pilot for US Airways, flew around the world. But when Shelby graduated from college, Linda decided to become a certified personal trainer. A few years later, Jim followed suit, and, despite a tight schedule of international flights, studied for more than a year to become a certified strength and conditioning specialist.

Elm Street Fitness is not new – it only has a new name. For 14 years it was Sports Therapy Services Personal Training, a small 2500 square-foot space not far from the current location. In 2004, Linda interviewed to work with the STS owner, who related to her the difficulties of running a gym.

Meanwhile, US Airways was on the brink of bankruptcy. "We needed a back-up plan," Jim said. "I wanted to buy a business, not a start-up. I'd done that before. We looked at the gym, it fit all the parameters and I was almost done with my certification."

THE COUPLE bought the business and opened their doors on Jan. 1, 2005. They moved to the new location in August 2010. "Jim, the math guy, said that we are going to streamline this business and do what we do best, which is personal training," Linda said.

Jim studied industrial management, business law and accounting at Purdue University. "If it has to do with a person, Linda does it. If it has to do with a number or lifting something heavy, I do it," he said. "Business is actually quite good right now. It's a little different than I expected because I thought that people would flock to be members and instead they wanted personal training."

Elm Street Fitness is open Monday to Thursday, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is closed on Sunday. For more, go to www.elmstfit.com.

Maggie Burgess Opens Boutique in McLean

Fashion designer Maggie Burgess opened her McLean location of Cas Boutique on Friday, Feb. 4. Surrounded by friends and clients, she debuted the new showroom where she will consult, create and work with her clients. The boutique has several sitting and try-on rooms, walls decorated with photos of fashion items designed by Burgess and large floor-to-ceiling mirrors.

A self-taught designer, Burgess said she finds her inspiration from the woman that is in front of her and then the fabrics that she has

to work with. She has designed business suits, outerwear, ball and wedding gowns and casual pieces as well.

Each Cas Boutique design is one of a kind and created by Burgess herself, so her clients don't need to worry about showing up at work or at an event wearing the same outfit as someone else.

Cas Boutique is located at 6706 Whittier Ave. in McLean. Custom designs by appointment. Visit the website at www.casboutique.com or call 703-388-1007.



Maggie Burgess surrounded by Maggie Powers (left) and Wanda Alexander who created the design for Cas Boutique.

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THURSDAY/MARCH 3

McLean Citizens Association Winter Membership Meeting. 7:30 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Deputy Director of the Department of Management and Budget Joe Mondoro will discuss county budget matters. 202-465-3290 or rhjackson@cox.net.

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group. 10 a.m. Unitarian

Universalist Church of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. 703-281-9515.

SUNDAY/MARCH 6

Parenting with Emotional Intelligence. 4 p.m. StarNut Gourmet, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. www.bulldogcoaching.com.

TUESDAY/MARCH 8

Vienna Oakton NARFE Chapter Meeting. 1:30 p.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., Vienna. F. Eugene Brown, President, Custom Financial Solutions, LLC.,

will discuss the importance of estate planning. All members and prospective members are invited to attend. 703-281-5123.

Healthy Eating for the Family. 9 a.m. Flint Hill Elementary School, 2444 Flint Hill Road, Vienna. With nutritionist and chef Michele Powers R.D. Open to parents of Flint Hill Elementary School or Thoreau Middle School students. www.fhespta.org.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 9

Virginia Chronic Pain Support Group Meeting. 1:30 p.m. at Kaplan Center for Integrative

Medicine, 6829 Elm St., Suite 300, McLean. Group leader, Jodi Brayton, LCSW. 703-532-4892.

FRIDAY/MARCH 11

VTRCC Youth & Education Luncheon "Green Day." 11 a.m. Westin Tysons Corner, 7801 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Showcasing accomplishments of students in the Vienna and Tysons Corner area and highlighting opportunities for schools and businesses to partner in mutually beneficial ways. \$40 members, \$50 non-members. www.vtrcc.org.

SATURDAY/MARCH 12

Women's Service Expo. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. 2034 Great Falls St., McLean. Learn about volunteer opportunities at local non-profits, assemble postpartum totes for new mothers, write letters to servicemembers, fill baskets for a women's shelter and more. Red Cross blood donation on site. Free. Sponsored by the Relief Society of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. jenniferheywood@hotmail.com.

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.

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THURSDAY/MARCH 3

Peter Shaffer's "Equus." 8 p.m. George Mason University TheaterSpace, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A psychosexual crime drama about a disturbed 17-year-old. This production contains explicit scenes and nudity. \$12 adults, \$8 students, seniors and groups. Charge at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

Tracy Bonham, Jim Boggia and Bleu. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

Leon Redbone. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$25. www.wolftrap.org.

FRIDAY/MARCH 4

Atomic Tom and Hotspur at 7 p.m., **Atomic Tom and Andy Zipf** at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

Comedian Josh Blue. 8 p.m. 1st Stage Theater, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean. No one under 18 years old admitted. Mature subject matter, explicit language. \$25-\$35. 703-854-1856 or www.1ststageysons.org.

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MPA Art Appetizers. 7 p.m. McLean Project for the Arts, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. "Beyond the Pale" featuring the works of Amber Robles-Gordon, Huguette Roe, Suzanna Fields, Gina Denton, and Joseph Barbaccia; "Shiny New Tomorrow: Work by Bill Gusky" and "Of a Piece: Paintings by Deborah Addson Coburn." \$20. Reserve at info@mpaart.org.

Discovery Series: Wind Quintet Imani Winds. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$35. www.wolftrap.org.

SATURDAY/MARCH 5

Bobby Long and Kaleb Griffin Band at 7 p.m., **Native, Caspian and Chiaroscuro** at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

Comedian Josh Blue. 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. 1st Stage Theater, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean. No one under 18 years old admitted. Mature subject matter, explicit language. \$25-\$35. 703-854-1856 or www.1ststageysons.org.

Aesop's Fables and Other Tales: A Family Concert. 4 p.m. Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Road S.W., Vienna. Stories in song about the Tortoise and the Hare, the North Wind and the Sun, the Forest of Loo, the Kookaburra and more. \$20 adults, \$15 seniors and students, \$35 family. Tickets available at the door or www.viennachoralsociety.org.

Tango Buenos Aires: "Fire and Passion of Tango." 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Dancers, vocalists and instrumentalists trace the history of the Argentine Tango. Tickets are \$23-\$46 at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

Peter Shaffer's "Equus." 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. George Mason University TheaterSpace, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A psychosexual crime drama about a disturbed 17-year-old. This production contains explicit scenes and nudity. \$12 adults, \$8 students, seniors and groups. Charge at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

25th Annual Jazz & Tap Dance Festival. 8 p.m. Northern Virginia Community College Annandale Campus Theatre, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Rasta Thomas, director of the Bad Boys of Dance, with Capitol Movement, Center Stage Dance, Encore Performers, Impulse, MetroTap, MYTE, Urban Impact, and FootWORX. \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door. www.dance-festival.org.

Pianist John Eaton: The Fabulous '40s. 7:30 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$25. www.wolftrap.org.

SUNDAY/MARCH 6

That 1 Guy. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave.



Tango Buenos Aires: "Fire and Passion of Tango" will be performed on March 5 at 8 p.m. and March 6 at 4 p.m., at George Mason University Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Dancers, vocalists and instrumentalists trace the history of the Argentine Tango, an integral part of the Argentine culture, born in the dance halls and brothels in the late 19th century. Tickets are \$23-\$46 at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.
Robin Bullock. 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760-C Walker Road, Great Falls. Celtic bouzouki, mandolin and fiddle. \$15. 703-759-3309 or www.ionamusic.com/brogue.shtml.

Tango Buenos Aires: "Fire and Passion of Tango." 4 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Dancers, vocalists and instrumentalists trace the history of the Argentine Tango. Tickets are \$23-\$46 at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

Spring Wild Flowers of the Potomac Valley Collection. 2 p.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Walk through Meadowlark's native plant collection. Free. Reserve at 703-255-3631.

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Vienna Art Society's "Tea and See." 1-3 p.m. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna. Preview original artworks donated for the fifth annual Ticket to Art raffle, coming on March 19. Meet the artists while enjoying light refreshments and a performance by the Harmonia School of music and Art. Free. 703-319-3971 or www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

MONDAY/MARCH 7

Chase Coy, Jimmy Robbins and School Boy Humor. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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TUESDAY/MARCH 8

Escaping Detection: Civil War Women Spies and Women who Fought as Soldiers. 7 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Historian Mary Lipsey will discuss women who passed on information about the enemy or posed as men to fight. Sponsored by the Vienna Branch of American Association of University Women. Free, public invited. 703-321-7499.

Along Those Lines Mardi Gras Spectacular with Static Cinema, Kurtis Parks Band, Big Paper Airplanes and Playground Etiquette. 6:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 9

California Guitar Trio 20th Anniversary Tour. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Wolftrap.org.

Tony Lucca, Jerad Finck and Brad Rhodes of Melodime. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

THURSDAY/MARCH 10

Jennifer L. Nelson's "24, 7, 365." 8 p.m. George Mason University Harris Theatre, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Attitudes about race, class and social activism are put under a humorous microscope. \$25. cfa.gmu.edu.

Ghosts, Haunting and Spooky Tales from the Civil War. 7:30 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Walter Gavenda with tales about the ghosts of Civil War soldiers and slaves. Gavenda coauthored "A Field Guide to Haunted West Virginia" with Michael T. Shoemaker. Free. schulm@erols.com or 703-442-9370

Jesse Malin & The St. Marks Social, Josh Abt & The Regulars and American Babies. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

FRIDAY/MARCH 11

Celtic Woman: Songs from the Heart. 8 p.m. at George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Drive, Fairfax. Irish classics, contemporary covers and original compositions. Tickets \$34-\$79, available at www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. www.Celticwoman.com.

Jennifer L. Nelson's "24, 7, 365." 8 p.m. George Mason University Harris Theatre, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Attitudes about race, class and social activism are put under a humorous microscope. \$30. cfa.gmu.edu.

Rocknoceros Family Happy Hour at 7 p.m., Super bob, Star City Meltdown and DJ Crazy at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

Mardi Gras Style Dinner. 5:45-8 p.m. American Legion Post 180, 330 N. Center St., Vienna. With New Orleans Native and Vienna resident Ron Patterson. Creole Jambalaya and New Orleans red beans & rice. \$8-\$10. 703-938-9535.

SATURDAY/MARCH 12

Propagation Workshop. 10 a.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. How to start annuals and perennials from seeds and cuttings. \$5. Reservations required at 703-255-3631.



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Another Strong Postseason Run for Langley Basketball

Saxons' season ends with region semifinals loss to underdog Atoms.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Despite having a core group of players quite different than last year's outstanding Northern Region finalist team, this year's Langley High boys' basketball squad came within an eyelash of matching the 2010 Saxon's heights.

Langley's 2011 season concluded last Saturday afternoon with a disappointing 53-47 loss to upstart Annandale in a Northern Region semifinals playoff game which took place at Robinson Secondary School. The Saxons, with the setback to the Atoms, saw their season end with a record of 20-8 and one region playoff victory short of reaching the region title game and qualifying for the Virginia State AAA playoffs for the third time in four years.

"It's really disappointing," said Langley junior guard Austin Vasiliadis, of the season-ending loss. "We know we have one of the best teams in the region and wanted to get back into the finals and go to states again. We were all confident [going into the game]. We knew Annandale was a good team."

Last year's Langley squad was one of the best in school history. That Saxons' team, which fell to Chantilly, 50-43, in the region finals before seeing its season end with a state tournament quarterfinals round loss to Patrick Henry (Roanoke), 58-36, went 22-5 overall. Two years before that, in 2008, the state-qualifying Saxons reached the region finals before losing to T.C. Williams.

This year's team, with just one true star player back in Vasiliadis, was not expected to make the same sort of postseason run that has been a staple of Saxon teams in recent seasons. But, nevertheless, Langley did just that - capturing its fourth consecutive Liberty District tournament title and going as far as the region tournament semifinals for the third time in four years.

Langley, under the direction of veteran head coach Trevor Hess, lost just one district game this entire season - an upset defeat at the hands of re-building Madison near the end of the regular season. At the district tournament, the No. 1 seeded Saxons reached the finals with victories over Marshall and Fairfax before defeating South Lakes for another district crown.

That gave Langley high hopes of making another great run at the 16-team region tournament. Last year, the Saxons won three straight region tournament games to reach the finals meeting against Chantilly.

This year's region tournament for the Saxons began with a dominating 63-30 home win over Washington-Lee, an Arlington school and member of the National District, on Feb. 21. Three Saxon players had big scoring games that night - junior guard Daniel Dixon with 17 points, senior guard



Langley's David Adams goes high for the ball during the Saxons' Northern Region semifinals encounter with Annandale last Saturday at Robinson Secondary.

David Adams with 11 and senior guard Jeff Cochran with 10. Braden Anderson, a senior guard who this past autumn, as one of the region's top football quarterbacks, led the Saxons to a fine season on the gridiron, chipped in with eight points as well.

The victory over the Generals put Langley into the region quarterfinals and a meeting versus Lake Braddock, a member of the Patriot District and a team under the guidance of one of the finest head coaches around in Brian Metress. The Saxons trailed the always-tough Bruins by 16 points in the first half before rallying for an incredible 58-56 win at home. A late basket by senior center Brenden Dwyer with 40 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter put Langley ahead for good and sent the Saxons into the semis and the meeting with Annandale, this year's surprise team from the Patriot District.

In the win over Lake Braddock, Dwyer led the Saxons with 13 points and Adams scored 12. Other good scoring contributions came from Cochran (9), Dixon (8) and Vasiliadis (7). Langley, which trailed at half-time 38-25, outscored the Bruins 33-18 in the second half for the win.

"It was really exciting," said Dixon, of the incredible, come-from-behind win. "At half-time we didn't really feel we would lose - even though we were down by 13. We regrouped and came out fired up. Our [home] fans were really big that game."

"We started pressuring them [defensively] and the momentum shifted," said Langley junior guard Tristan Evans, of the victory. "People made big plays and Brenden made



Daniel Dixon of Langley shoots the ball over Annandale's Karl Ziegler during region semifinals action last week. Langley was competing in the region Final Four for the third time in the past four years.

the shot to put us up by one."

ANNANDALE (20-7), during the postseason, had reached the Patriot District tournament finals with wins over West Potomac and Lake Braddock before losing to defending region champion T.C. Williams, 69-56, in the title game. Then, at regionals, the Atoms edged a talented Westfield High squad, 73-71, in the first round before winning at National District champion Mount Vernon, 70-51, to set up the meeting with the Saxons.

The semifinals contest, throughout, was characterized by aggressive defense. Neither Langley nor Annandale scored much in transition. But, in their respective half-court games, both squads worked the ball around and were quick to take the ball to the basket when a lane opened.

Langley led 13-9 following a layup basket by Dixon (9 points) late in the first quarter. Annandale, however, went on to score the final five points of the opening quarter and led 14-13 going into the second quarter.

The Saxons got consecutive baskets by Dwyer (10 points), the second bucket coming on a reverse layup shot, to open the second quarter and take a 17-14 lead. The game remained close throughout the quarter. The contest was tied at 25 when Vasiliadis (7 points), driving hard through the lane in traffic, converted a short-range shot while getting fouled. He made the free throw and the Saxons held a 28-25 lead with 1 minute, 17 seconds remaining in the

half. The score held into the intermission.

A close range basket by Dwyer early in the third quarter gave Langley a 30-25 lead. But the Atoms would not go away. Late in the quarter, a layup basket by Reggie Scott (8 points) made the score 35-32 Annandale. Moments later, however, Dixon, from the right corner, knocked down a three-pointer to tie the game at 35 with 1:56 left in the third. And that was still the score going into the fourth quarter.

Vasiliadis gave the Saxons a 37-35 lead on a driving, off balanced baseline shot from close range two minutes into the fourth quarter. But the Atoms scored nine of the game's next 11 points, with four different players scoring, to go up 44-39 with 3:14 left to play.

A three-pointer from the left wing by Adams (10 points, 7 rebounds) got Langley within 44-42 with 2:58 left. But the Atoms answered with six straight points to go up 50-42 to put the game away and end Langley's season.

"The key was we got a lot of good shots; they just didn't go in," said Vasiliadis. "And we gave up some second chance points. We didn't rebound as well as we could have."

"We know we have one of the best teams in the region and wanted to get back into the finals and go to states again."

— Langley junior guard Austin Vasiliadis

Annandale, which went on to meet T.C. Williams in the region finals earlier this week on Monday, Feb. 28, was led in its semifinals win over the Saxons by Karl Ziegler (15 points), D'Angelo Boyce (13), and Melvin Robinson (11 points, 11 rebounds).

"We held them to [just over] 50 points, which is good," said Langley's Evans, who scored five points in the loss. "On offense, we got some shots. They just weren't falling. They've got three really good players and their guards are big and physically strong."

"Their defense was very tough in the second half and our shots weren't falling," said Dixon.

The loss was tough to take for Langley and its fans, but it was another outstanding season for the locals.

"We won our district title, which was one of our goals, and we won two games at regionals, which is pretty good," said Vasiliadis.

SCHOOLS

Ethics Day at Churchill Road

Churchill Road 6th graders, teachers, counselors and parent volunteers attended Ethics Day at Temple Rodef Shalom on Wednesday, Feb. 2. Co-sponsor Ron Axelrod of the Safe Community Coalition opened the day by presenting the PROUD model of ethical decision-making to the students.

PROUD stands for: P = identify the Problem; R = Review all alternatives; O = Outline pros and cons of each alternative; U = Understand if the choice is legal, if you could tell your parents, and if you could be proud of your decision; and D = make a Decision.

Students spent the remainder of their day working in small groups, identifying characteristics they thought would be most and least important to a happy, successful and fulfilling life. Students also discussed eight different scenarios which posed ethical dilemmas that they might face in the future and how they would handle those situations.



PHOTOS BY MEGHAN ROMAN

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Churchill Road 6th graders Grant Hughes, Ayesha Javaid, Hanna Korhonen, Kaitlyn Huynh and Clair Horning discuss how best to solve possible ethical dilemmas they might be confronted with.

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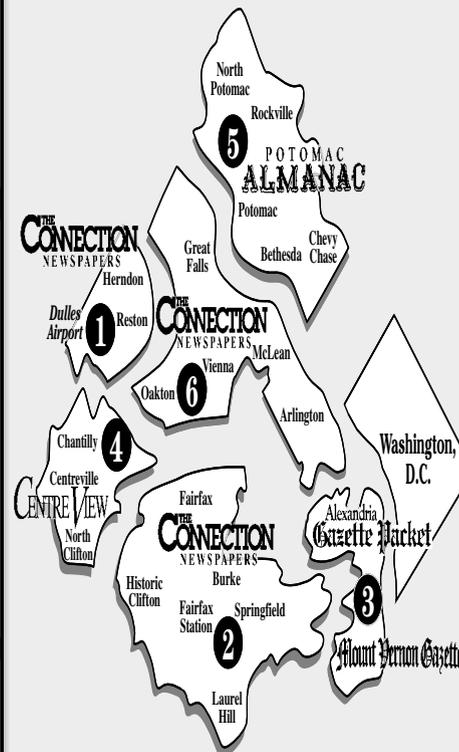
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Make Believe



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

There's a part of me (a bigger part than I would like to admit) that is afraid to be honest with family and friends concerning my cancer and the cancer-related circumstances with which I might be dealing, sooner rather than later. Conflicted doesn't begin to describe that thought process. Do I or don't I, is the short question. The longer answer is what follows in this column.

If, as a cancer patient, I sound good and look good, then people won't react negatively to me - and thereby won't express nearly the level of concern that they would if my manner and appearance were not positive. And if in turn, people are reacting positively to me, then I won't be feeling bad about what I'm hearing. And if I don't feel bad about what I'm hearing, then maybe the cancer won't have reason to assert itself. Moreover, if I refuse to give the cancer its rightful due/level of significance, maybe it won't move and/or grow as per diagnosis-to-date, it hasn't?

However, if my desire/strategy of not involving/not alarming people about certain thoughts/fears I'm experiencing - as sort of a ruse to not elevate cancer's insidious hold on/in me, is merely just an amateurish attempt - by me, at mind over what matters, then maybe I'll be neglecting signs/symptoms that really matter. Ultimately, who am I kidding? Not that any of this is a laughing matter, but I doubt denial is a medically-prescribed and prudent course of treatment. Still, there seems to be a self-preservation instinct in me which prevents me from being honest with myself - and with the people closest to me, in some delusional attempt at hiding the truth behind a mask of normalcy and/or maybe even indifference: if I don't speak of it, don't admit to it, maybe it doesn't really exist/isn't that serious?

In my mind, as soon as I start admitting to having symptoms, then the slippery slope upon which all cancer patients teeter starts pitching forward and downward, hastening an inexorable descent to a premature death. If I don't utter the words or accept what's happening to me, maybe it won't actually happen. Naive? Denial? Wishful thinking? A great attitude? Totally wrong? Whatever works for me? All of it, none of it. Ergo my confusion and "confliction," to quote one of the many made-up words from my deceased father's unique vocabulary. No one told me this cancer trip was going to be easy. In fact, I was told that it was going to be the most difficult thing I've ever done; they weren't lying.

A supposed justification for my awkward sort of behavior; this lack of honesty, fear of some truths/inevitableities, is a meager attempt - by yours truly, at saving myself from myself; any port in a storm. And I'm certainly in the middle of a storm. A storm, the likes of which I've never experienced before. Having experienced it now going on two years, I will admit to one thing: confusion. I never know from one day to the next how I'll feel, what I'll feel; is it the cancer, is it middle age? Am I outliving my diagnosis because of, or in spite of what I'm doing (some non-Western pursuits, in addition to the standard protocols I'm following)? Should I be changing my tactics? Adding something (mega doses of vitamin D, as an example) or stopping something (the eight tablespoons of pureed, canned asparagus I consume every day)? I don't know anything, really. I've been a pretty good listener, though. Pretending however, seems to be working.

The less said, the better - or maybe not?

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