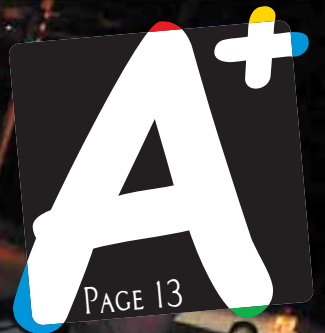


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From left, Rachel Waldon, 17, and Michael Bradley, 13, pet Jill, a lamb at the live Nativity scene at the Lutheran Redeemer in McLean Friday, Dec. 14.



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From left, Grace Hagy, 13, Helen Pelak, 13, Bethany Grocock, 13, Cam DeGraff, 13, and Libby Szymczak, 13, members of the Lutheran Redeemer, host a bake sale to benefit Share Friday, Dec. 14.

Night of Live Holiday Cheer

Lutheran Redeemer hosts live Nativity, Christmas concert.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Hundreds gathered inside and outside of the Lutheran Redeemer Church in McLean Friday night for a night of holiday cheer. The annual live Nativity scene, holiday concert and bake sale welcomed church members and families from across McLean.

"This is something we've put on for at least 15 years, as a chance to give families from around the community a chance to spend a relaxing night together, away from shopping malls, having fun," said Kim Wenk, one of the event's coordinators. "We started small, with just a few animals, and every year we've tried to make it a little better."

In addition to a donkey, sheep, goats and other animals, guests at the event could don a number of costumes, such as shepherds, angels and more, to pose for pictures with the animals, or Jesus in the manger.

"It was fun being able to choose what costumes to wear and take any kind of photo you want," said Jamie Herschel, 14, of McLean. "The hardest part



Julia Waldon, 14, at the live Nativity scene at the Lutheran Redeemer in McLean Friday, Dec. 14.

was keeping the sheep and goats in place once they saw the flash. It was like they knew the pictures were coming and got a little camera shy."

Parents said the live Nativity scene presented a great photo opportunity for their children.

"It's hard to get my kids to sit still in any sort of photo studio, we've tried that for years," said Anne Thompson of McLean. "When they come out here it seems to be more of a fun thing, rather than a chore from their parents, so they'll happily dress up and pose for all kinds of photos. We'll be heading to CVS right away to get photos printed out for Christmas cards."

Several choral groups performed Christmas carols, accompanied by the audience for a few numbers. A bake sale held by the Sunday school students raised money for Share, a local food bank.

"We're about a week and a half away from Christmas, so it's the homestretch, things are going to get really busy with last minute shopping trips and figuring out travel arrangements," said John Garcia of McLean. "Hopefully for a few minutes we could all just chill out and think about what the season really means."



Members of the Lutheran Redeemer children's choir perform at the church's annual Christmas concert Friday, Dec. 14.



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Artist Jill Banks works on a painting near the playground at McLean Central Park. The Fairfax County Park Authority has started the master planning process for McLean Central Park, which will revise the 2000 plan.

Planning for Future of McLean Central Park

Master plan aims to integrate park, Dolley Madison Library, McLean Community Center.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax County Park Authority kicked off the master planning process for McLean Central Park Tuesday, Nov. 27, hosting a public input meeting at Churchill Road Elementary School. The plan will map out the future of the 28-acre park, which is located at the northern corner of the intersection of Old Dominion Drive and Dolley Madison Boulevard.

"McLean Central Park is a park that has made a lot of progress, but it has a long way to go to meet the vision of what a central park should be," said Kevin Fay, the Dranesville representative on the park authority board. "We believe the park, the Dolley Madison Library and the McLean Community Center should be treated as a single entity."

The park originally consisted of 18.76 acres obtained in 1964 and 65. In 1973, four more acres were added, then another 2.75 in 1975 and the first master plan was created in 1979.

The plan was revised in 2000, and since then the park authority has added five adjacent residential properties, totaling a little more than two acres.

"We have two goals in mind with this master plan, to find out what the best uses for the new properties are, and strengthen integration of programming between the park, the library and the community center," said Gayle Hooper, a project manager with the park authority's planning branch. "We want to look at the programs as well as design features

for enhanced pedestrian connectivity."

Hooper described the park as an "urban park" due to its proximity to Tysons Corner and the possibilities for new facilities that have been proposed. But many residents said they don't want the park's character altered.

"I like the peace and quiet there," said Sharon Williams of McLean. "It's not an urban park, it's a neighborhood forest, and we should leave it alone."

Kevin Dent, who lives on Ingleside Avenue, says he doesn't care for the term "urban park."

"I hear 'urban park' and it scares me," he said. "I think there are ways to make it nicer and more attractive, but that doesn't include parking lots or new facilities. It's supposed to be a respite from the rest of the urban landscape."

Amy Swaak, the chair of the annual ArtFest, held by the McLean Project for the Arts, says there are small facilities improvements that would help the park.

Sandy Stallman, a manager with the park authority's planning branch, said they hope to have a draft master plan to present to the public in May 2013.

The park authority will be collecting comments from the public as part of the planning process by email at park@mail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

More information, including a summary of comments and presentations, can be found at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/mclean-central.htm.

NEWS



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Participants of the Jeans Day 2012 ceremony held at the government center.

Going Casual for a Cause

Nearly 10,000 people and 130-plus organizations participate in Jeans Day 2012 to help end homelessness.

By VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Nearly 10,000 residents representing 130 businesses, Fairfax County agencies, schools and organizations pulled on their favorite jeans Friday, Dec. 14 for the second annual Jeans Day—a powerful community initiative that aims to “Put the ZIP on Homelessness” through building awareness and fundraising.

“This is a fun way to dress, but a serious challenge for our community,” said Sharon Bulova, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors during the Jeans Day 2012 ceremony held at the government center.

Bulova noted the county’s longstanding commitment to the issue by establishing the Office to Prevent and End Homeless (OPEH) in 2008. OPEH supports the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness which engages nonprofits, businesses, faith-based communities and county agencies in its efforts to implement the 10-Year plan, which focuses on rapid re-housing and prevention by increasing the availability of permanent affordable housing.

“It’s not okay to have people living in tents or in their cars. . . . We have it within our power to end homelessness as we know it in Fairfax County, and Jeans Day is just one of many great ways we are doing just that,” Bulova said.

The day of community give-back was facilitated by the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce (Fairfax Chamber), Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness, The Connection Newspapers and Apple Federal Credit Union. Participating organizations allowed employees or members to wear jeans to work Friday in exchange for a \$5 contribution to the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent & End Homelessness.

“Jeans Day is an especially vibrant example of the meaningful impact we make when businesses, nonprofits and government come together to raise awareness about an important issue and take action to help prevent it,” said Fairfax Chamber President & CEO Jim Corcoran. “The Chamber and business community are proud to be a part of this powerful initiative.”

Corcoran, who typically wears business suits as president of the Fairfax Chamber, said he went into a detailed explanation earlier that morning about his casual attire when he was speaking to a group of

Facts About Homelessness in Fairfax County

❖ On Jan. 25, 2012, there were 1,534 people who were literally homeless in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community. Six hundred and ninety-seven of them were individuals and 837 were people in families.

❖ During the past year, the number of people who were homeless in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community declined by one percent (15 people) from the number counted in January 2011. Persons in families decreased by 5.2 percent (46 people) compared to 2011. The number of single adults increased by 4.5 percent (30 adults) compared to 2011.

❖ The majority of the homeless are families and many work full time:

❖ Close to 60 percent of homeless persons are in families.

❖ More than 75 percent of children in homeless families are under the age of 11.

❖ Nearly 60 percent adults in homeless families work.

❖ Lack of affordable housing is the main cause of homelessness.

❖ Monthly rent for a one-bedroom apartment is \$1,134.

❖ A family must earn \$22.25 an hour to afford a one-bedroom apartment.

❖ 82 percent of homeless families earn less than \$14.24 an hour.

More information about homelessness in Fairfax County, and the partnership to end it, is available at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/>.

high-powered business executives. “The reason I went into such detail was to save my job,” he joked. “Please, don’t anyone suggest wearing a skirt next year.”

“By God, if we have to wear a skirt next year, we’ll call it a kilt,” joked Michael L. O’Reilly, Chairman of the Governing Board of Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness. O’Reilly told the crowd that the Fairfax community is especially passionate and committed to the cause of ending homelessness. “For there to be one family, one child who is homeless is simply unacceptable.”

Dean Klein, the executive director of OPEH, said he was energized by the success of this year’s effort. “We have heard so much goodwill and positive feedback about our effort this year. The number of participants really is amazing and we are so pleased we have been able to increase our reach and impact this year. We have had such amazing collaborations from each sector of our community, including business, nonprofit, government, schools, faith and individuals.”

“In Fairfax County, it’s easy to forget that there are homeless families here, homeless children in the schools, and that many people who are homeless here are actually working, but don’t make nearly enough money to afford housing,” said The Connection Publisher Mary Kimm. “The Connection is committed to raising awareness of homelessness and the need to provide permanent shelter, and to recognizing the good works of individuals and businesses in Northern Virginia.”



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Showing Support for Jeans Day 2012: Senator Mark Warner’s Office.



Employees with the Fairfax County Regional Library



FACETS employees



Employees of group Z in Tysons Corner



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The 2013 Northern Virginia Association of Realtors Board of Directors and officers, from left: Mario Rubio, chairman-elect, with Rubio Real Estate in Annandale; Thai Hung Nguyen with Westgate Realty Group in Falls Church; Heather Embrey with McEneaney Associates in McLean; Bob Adamson with McEneaney Associates in Arlington; Lorraine Arora with Coldwell Banker in Arlington; Julia Avent with RE/MAX Allegiance in Arlington; Brian Block with RE/MAX Allegiance in McLean; Moon Choi with RE/MAX Presidential in Fairfax; Tracy Comstock with Comstock Realty in McLean; Virgil Frizzell with Long & Foster Real Estate in Reston; Suzanne Granoski with Keller Williams Realty in Alexandria; Christine Richardson with Weichert Realtors in Great Falls; Nancy Harvey Steorts with Long and Foster Real Estate in McLean; Mary Bayat, secretary/treasurer, with Bayat Realty in Alexandria; Pat Kline, immediate past chairman, with Avery Hess Realtors in Springfield; and Tom Stevens, NVAR past chairman.

Northern Virginia Association of Realtors Installs New Leadership

There were multiple transfers of the torch at the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors Installation Ceremony on Thursday, Dec. 6 at NVAR Headquarters in Fairfax. Officers, directors, outstanding contributors and Realtors—many from Fairfax County—were awarded, inducted and recognized at the ceremony.



Kristen Wolaver as the Snow Queen.



Kaley Thornton as a Mirliton.

PHOTOS BY KATIE AND TONY DE LA PAZ

Performing The Nutcracker

Classical Ballet Theatre (CBT) congratulates its talented dancers on another outstanding Nutcracker production: pictured are seniors Kristen Wolaver of Langley High School and Kaley Thornton of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. Classical Ballet Theatre is a not-for-profit organization that is dedicated to providing education, performance and outreach opportunities in the art of dance to Northern Virginia and the surrounding communities. For more information, please visit www.cbtnva.org.



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A potential McLean Community Center renovation could expand the center's vestibule in the front of the building.

MCC Board Looks to Future

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The McLean Community Center Governing Board will decide at their Wednesday, Jan. 23 meeting whether or not to pursue expansion to a new downtown facility and renovations for the building on Ingleside Avenue. “The January vote won’t be to decide on a concrete plan, or anything specific, but we want to know if our board, stakeholders and the community want us to continue spending resources to explore these opportunities?” said Board Chair Kevin Dent. “The vote is to decide if we should continue to go forward.”

Two separate committees have looked into future expansion of the community center, with the Downtown Committee tasked with examining a new location, and the Capital Facilities Committee looking at renovation of the Ingleside facility.

Since 2010, the board has pursued the idea of a new downtown facility, but momentum cooled off in November 2011 after a report from consultants at Jones Lang LaSalle. However, a community survey indicated a need for a multi-purpose recreational facility, as well as a need for additional space.

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Chair Susan Bourgeois said that a potential new downtown facility would need multi-purpose space that could be used for dances, music recitals, presentations and lectures, as well as a space that can be used as a gym, for sports such as basketball and volleyball, as well as larger programs and large-scale events such as the annual jewelry and antique shows.

Architectural firm Lukmire Associations was hired to determine the space and needs for a new facility, as well as evaluate potential sites. They estimated

that a facility would need about 26,500 square feet to meet all needs, and costs could be anywhere from \$8 million to \$13 million, depending on land and parking costs.

“We looked at four different sites, in a variety of sizes, and we found that such a facility could require as much as three stories, and could require as much as three levels underground for parking,” said Greg Lukmire.

Chad Quinn, chair of the capital facilities committee, said future renovations of the Ingleside Drive building would be to add more office and rehearsal space, which was the result of a planning session discussed in June.

Debbie Robison of SWSG says potential changes would start at the entrance of the building, with a redesigned vestibule.

“When you enter the community center, you don’t notice the entrance to the McLean Project for the Arts gallery, or the reception desk because they aren’t in a direct line of sight,” she said. “We would make both entrances a natural part of the lobby so they’re part of the flow and not as segregated.”

SWSG presented two different designs, which have much in common. Both add an open area that could serve as a café style area, as well as added conference rooms in the center of the building.

ONE DESIGN includes approximately 5,400 square feet of additional space, while the second includes two new rehearsal spaces, which would be added to the row of meeting rooms on the south end of the building. The second design would add approximately 9,600 additional square feet to the building.

The Jan. 23 meeting is open to the public, and will take place at 7:30 at the McLean Community Center.

NEWS

Connecting Saxon Country, Past and Present

Langley High School forms first alumni association.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

While everyone has different memories of their time in high school, it is a time when people meet friends and pick up interests that could be with them for years. With that in mind, members of the Langley High School community have come together to form the school's first official alumni association.

"Our goal is to build the alumni community, so people will feel a strong connection to this school, and the students that have come after them," said Colleen Orme, a Langley alumni who lives in Great Falls. "This is an exciting beginning for a formal alumni association, a way to bring together Langley's past with its present, all in anticipation of the school's 50th anniversary."

Langley will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2015, and a full-on renovation of the school is scheduled to break ground in 2014, and will take approximately two years.

"This isn't a group that's only trying to raise funds by soliciting alumni, we're more interested in networking, building connections and bringing people back together," Orme said. "But if opportunities to help the school out come out as a natural by-product, then we're OK with that."

Betsy Shomaker, president of the Langley PTSA, said she is looking forward to seeing the new association engage with Langley graduates of all ages.

"Langley's Saxon Country is a community, including all faculty, families and Langley students-regardless of graduation year," she said. "We're working closely with the alumni to encourage participation at LHS by attending sporting events, performing arts programs, hosting students through our Langley Leap internship program, and promoting the role of LHS alumni in Saxon Country."

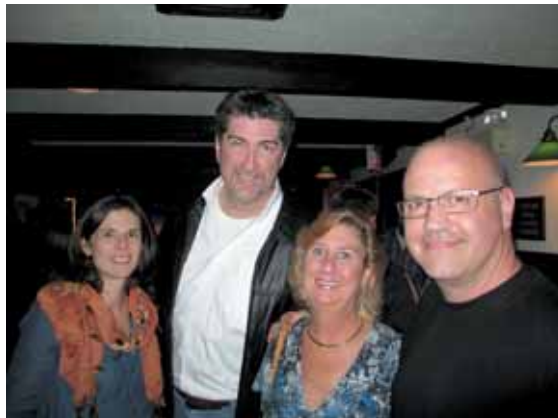
Chris Bass, vice president of the association, Langley alum and current faculty member, says the new association is an exciting way to engage graduates.

"When people are students, you tend to sort of talk bad about your high school, they think it's lame, but then they end up coming back, realizing what a crucial part of their life it was," said Chris Bass, a Langley alum and current teacher. "We found a lot of



Langley High School alumni gather at The Old Brogue in Great Falls at an event hosted by the newly formed Langley Alumni Association.

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Graduates of Langley High School gather at The Old Brogue at a recent event hosted by the Langley Alumni Association.

alumni from the 70s and 80s got together sometimes, but it was a much less formal thing."

Bass also says their focus isn't limited to graduates.

"A big part of the association will be to connect to the current students, especially the seniors before they graduate," Bass said. "That way, hopefully there isn't a 15 year gap before people start getting involved in the school again."

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With less than a week before Christmas, many people have not completed their shopping, and so we remind you of the importance of spending a significant portion of your shopping budget locally. At this point in the season, the high cost of expedited shipping might also serve as an incentive to shop in locally owned stores.

One way to be sure holiday shopping comes with some holiday spirit is to do a portion of your shopping in some of the area's locally owned stores. There is special holiday ambience available by shopping in the heart of a town that is decked out for the season.

Small retail shops are part of defining any community. Their livelihood depends on the livability and quality of the neighborhoods around them. A small business owner pays attention to every detail in his or her business in a way that no chain can. Frequently, it is the small retail person who is active in fundraising for local charities, for fire and rescue service, for local schools and in organizing holiday events.

Local retail stores, mom-and-pop stores, continue to face tough challenges. Competition from big box stores and online sellers makes the holiday shopping season all the more important to locally-owned retailers.

With less than two weeks to go before the end of the charitable giving year, we also remind you of the critical local needs that are filled by a variety of local nonprofit organizations.

With suggestions from readers, we have updated our lists. We welcome suggestions as we continuously update our local lists of community organizations. You can find a complete list on our website, www.connectionnewspapers.com

Last News Issue of 2012

This is the last regular edition of the Connection for 2012, and it includes the last of our 2012 series on immigration. Next week, delivered shortly after Christmas, is the Children's Connection, devoted to the artwork and writing of area students.

— MARY KIMM,

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Where to Give Locally

- The Fairfax County Office of Public Private Partnerships has put together a list of 12 ways to support nonprofit partners that are in need of contributions to carry out their mission. Visit www.fairfaxcountypartnerships.org
- ❖ Support services for aging in place through Life Circle Alliance www.lifecirclealliances.org/donate.htm
 - ❖ Shop online "Gifts that Give Hope" Alternative Gift Fair for Fairfax County atwww.giftsthatgivehope.org/fairfax providing links to buy gifts that support more than 20 Fairfax County nonprofits including Alternative House, Herndon-Reston FISH, FACETS, Stroke Comeback Center, and more.
 - ❖ Honor the memory of a relative or friend or recognize a birthday, wedding, anniversary, retirement or other special event by donating a bench to a park through the Fairfax County Park Foundation <http://fairfaxparkfoundation.org/support/benchtree.htm>
 - ❖ Buy a book to fulfill the Library Foundation's Wish List www.amazon.com/gp/registry/registry.html/002-9627810-1915264?id=2P3AKWX1F9FO
 - ❖ Donate the gift of trees through Reforest Fairfax of the Fairfax County Restoration Project <http://www.fcrrp3.org/reforestfairfax/>
 - ❖ Give the gift of Art to benefit the Arts Council of Fairfax County, <http://artsfairfax.org/donate>
 - ❖ Protect a child's smile and health by donating to Project Pearly Whites from the MCCC Foundation, [mccp_foundation_launches_project_pearly_whites/](http://mccpfoundation.org/news/mccp_foundation_launches_project_pearly_whites/)
 - ❖ Help end homelessness through the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness, <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/oeph.htm>
 - ❖ Give the gift of your time and become a mentor for BeFriend-A-Child, <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/childrenyouth/befriendachild.htm>
 - ❖ Provide for a family for the holidays through A Way Forward and donate care packages to those who need it most, <http://www.awayforward.org>

- Other Fairfax County organizations that need your help to keep helping others:
- ❖ **Literacy Council of Northern Virginia**, 703-237-0866, www.lcnv.org, Teaches adults the basic skills of reading, writing, speaking and understanding English. Offers one-to-one tutoring programs for adult learners as well as beginning-level ESOL and Family Learning adult programs.
 - ❖ **Computer C.O.R.E.** 703-931-7346, www.computercore.org, Adult Education, Computer Training and Career Development, with classes in Alexandria, Fairfax, Herndon and Annadale
 - ❖ **Our Daily Bread** has been serving needy families in Fairfax County for 25 years. The Holiday Program helps those in need with food for the holidays and gifts for their children, making last year's holiday season brighter for approximately 3,000 families. www.odbfairfax.com/holiday
 - ❖ **Food for Others** distributed more than 2.4 million pounds of free food to families in need in Northern Virginia in the year ending June 30, 2012. The non-profit provides a safety net for people who face emergencies such as a family illness or the loss of a job or a spouse. 2938 Prosperity Ave., Fairfax, VA 22031, 703-207-9173. www.foodforothers.com
 - ❖ **Ecumenical Community Helping Others** (ECHO), 703-569-9160. Open to receive donations at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Provides food and financial assistance to those in short-term emergencies, and provides clothing and household goods to low income families, helping more than 5,000 people last year. www.echo-inc.org.
 - ❖ **Lorton Community Action Center** operates the Act II Thrift Shop at 9506 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Sales from the shop generate funds for LCAC and clients also shop there. Now collecting gift cards and food baskets for Christmas, and warm coats. 703-339-8611 www.lortonaction.org.
 - ❖ **Comfort for America's Uniformed Services** (CAUSE) —

- ensures that recuperating service members have opportunities for recreation and social interaction and receive concrete signs of appreciation. 4114 Legato Road Suite B, Fairfax, VA 22033, 703-591-4968, cause-usa.org
- ❖ **National Capital Food Bank**, 6833 Hill Park Drive, Lorton, serving all of Northern Virginia, 703-541-3063. www.capitalareafoodbank.org
 - ❖ **Western Fairfax Christian Ministries** — food pantry at 13981 Metrotech Drive in Chantilly (near Backyard Grill and Bar). For more information or to sponsor a family, call 703-988-9656, ext. 105. To mail gift cards or send donations by check, add a note saying "food basket program" and send them to: WFCM, P.O. Box 220802, Chantilly, VA 20153. 703-988-9656.
 - ❖ **The Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic**, 13525 Dulles Technology Drive, Herndon, VA 20171, 571-235-3577. Last year, 139 community volunteers including nurses, nurse practitioners and physicians, gave more than 1,300 hours of their time to see patients. jsfreeclinic.org.
 - ❖ **Alternative House** — Abused and Homeless Children's Refuge, 2100 Gallows Road, Vienna, VA 22182, 703-506-9191. www.thealternativehouse.org.
 - ❖ **Reston Interfaith**, 11150 Sunset Hills Road, Suite 210, Reston, serving Reston and Herndon. 571-323-9555, www.restoninterfaith.org. Programs and services include the Embry Rucker Community Shelter, Emergency Food Pantry, Hypothermia Prevention Program and holiday food drives.
 - ❖ **SHARE of McLean** is fully volunteer run, and seeks donations of grocery gift cards and more. Checks and gift cards can be sent to: Share, Inc. PO Box 210, McLean, VA 22101. 703-284-2179. www.SHAREofMcLean.org
 - ❖ **LINK**, serving Herndon, Chantilly, Loudoun and more, needs contributions of food, coats and holiday toys for children, plus volunteers. More than 4,000 adults and children have signed up for help with holiday meals. 703-437-1776 www.linkagainsthunger.org
 - ❖ **FACETS** helps parents, their children and individuals who suffer the effects of poverty in the Fairfax area.

- FACETS is always in need of volunteers, and offers a variety of one-time and ongoing opportunities. 703-865-4251 or volunteer@facetscares.org. FACETS offers a monthly Youth Volunteer Night. www.facetscares.org. 10640 Page Avenue, Suite 300, Fairfax VA 22030
- ❖ **Committee for Helping Others** (CHO), Vienna, organized in 1969 by a group of concerned churches and individuals in the Dunn Loring, Merrifield, Oakton, Vienna community to provide simple, loving charity to those in need. 703-281-7614 <http://www.cho-va.com>
 - ❖ **Fairfax City Area FISH** (For Immediate Sympathetic Help), working with the Office of Coordinated Services Planning, Fairfax County Department of Human Services, FISH helps local citizens who are in temporary need of food, clothing and financial assistance for rent, mortgage payments, utilities, and medical treatments. FISH also provides limited transportation for doctor appointments and food delivery. 703-222-0880 <http://fairfaxfish.org/>
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Thank you again for your generous support. Best wishes to all for the holidays and a new year filled with peace and prosperity.

Virginia Sandahl, President
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How the Powerless Access

Immigrants make significant gains in influencing political system.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Final part of the series.

On Election Night Nov. 6, Keisy Chavez's nerves were frayed.

The Fairfax single mom had been campaigning hard for Democrats since the official launch of Latinos for Obama last April.

She filmed a commercial for Senate candidate Tim Kaine in September, worked phone banks, door-knocked during 104-degree heat, stuffed envelopes, delivered yard signs, and seized every opportunity to talk to friends, neighbors and strangers about the importance of the 2012 election.

Her daughter, Cinthya Qureshi, 24, likes to tease her mom about her willingness to talk to anyone when it comes to politics.

"If my mom is pumping gas, and sees someone next to her, she will start a conversation about politics," she said.

"I've been organizing for President Obama and Governor Kaine since the launch of their campaigns, and everyone I talk to in the Latino community gets fired up to help spread the message of everything they have done for us," said Chavez.

Chavez was ecstatic over of Kaine's and Obama's victories in Virginia. "It was such a powerful feeling. I can't really describe how happy and relieved I felt," she said. "It shows that you can make a difference. It's a big motivation to realize that you can have an impact on something bigger than you, something that touches so many people."

Like many Latinos this election cycle, Chavez made certain her voice was heard. According to exit polls, recent immigrants, not just Latinos, voted overwhelmingly, 73 percent, for Obama in Northern Virginia.

Data from the Pew Research Center also shows that Asian Americans have shifted more to Democrats since 2008 than any other minority group. Representing just 3 percent of the national voting population, they are the fastest growing demographic in the United States, and their influ-



Keisy Chavez, a Latino activist with Latinos for Obama, and daughter Cinthya Qureshi at their business in Herndon.

ence is being felt beyond traditionally blue states, like California, Hawaii, New York and New Jersey, into swing states like Virginia and North Carolina.

"This area, particularly Fairfax County, is teeming with immigrants, from South America, India, Vietnam, South Korea and elsewhere," said Frederic Bemak, director of the Diversity Research and Action Center at George Mason University. "I can't imagine many of them swooned at Romney's incessant China bashing, or talk of self-deportation for the undocumented."

"The tectonic plates are shifting on immigration," said Frank Sharry, a McLean resident and executive director of America's Voice, an advocacy group for immigrants. "The fact that leading conservative voices are joining Republican leaders in calling for immigration reform that includes relief for the 11 million undocumented immigrants in America is a major development that will open up space

for the GOP to do the right thing and help pass sensible reform legislation."

Sharry said political leaders should consider the response from 2012 voters to this question asked in the network exit polls: "Should most illegal immigrants working in the United States be offered a chance to apply for legal status or deported to country they came from?"

"By a whopping 65-percent-to-28-percent margin, Americans support the 'apply for legal status' option," Sharry said.

Chavez said the 2012 election was a "reality wake-up call."

"I think it has finally hit some Republican politicians and policymakers that if you don't embrace immigration you will go nowhere. If you really want your party or your candidate or issues to be addressed, you need to embrace the mix of people in this country. Everyone has something to bring, regardless of whether you're Latino, Asian, or Irish."



Brian Moran, former chairman of the Democratic Party of Virginia with U.S. Rep. James Moran (D-8) and Fred Shwaery of Vienna, a member of the Arab American Democrats of Virginia at the 24th annual Arab American Candidates' Night Dinner held at the Tysons Corner Marriott on Sept. 30.

Voting: How the powerless begin to access power?

Political affiliation aside, research shows that immigrants, especially when they organize and vote, are influencing the political discussion overall, not just electing Democrats.

According to immigration experts, the right to vote is a key motivating factor when immigrants choose to become citizens, instead of just holding on to their green card.

Andrew Eade, who grew up in England, has been working in the U.S. for 16 years. In May, Eade was one of 75 new citizens who took the Oath of Allegiance during a special naturalization ceremony at the Fairfax County Government Center.

A resident of Herndon for 16 years, Eade said he wanted to become a citizen so he could "fully participate in the system and vote."

"I've been paying taxes for all these years, and I thought it was time to vote. You want to feel like you are getting your voice heard," he said.

Tam-Anh Lam, 23, called Tammy by her clients at the Four Seasons Nail Salon in Oakton, pulls out a creased photo of her 4-year-old daughter, Leah-Anh, to show a client.

Lam came to the United States

with her parents when she was 2 years old. Lam lives with her parents in Reston, who help take care of her daughter.

She became a citizen when she turned 18, but did not vote until this year. Lam said she wants her daughter to grow up with self-confidence and the higher education she lacks.

"I never paid much attention, but this year there was so much in the news that concerned me," Lam said news about immigration, education and healthcare struck a chord with her, and she decided she would vote this year.

"I wanted to vote because it gives you power. It's the American way. ... I wanted my daughter to know that we're Americans too, and she can do anything. If I can't do it, maybe she can. Who knows, she could be a doctor someday," Lam said.

Community-based organizations, according to a 2009 Urban Institute study, play a key role in encouraging immigrants to enroll in citizenship programs so they can participate in the electoral process.

"A significant aspect of immigrant integration is civic participation," said Richard Eldridge, the Citizenship volunteer manager at Hogar Immigrant Services, a Fairfax County program of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington. "We have a strong component of helping people become new citizens, of empowering immigrants through the benefits of

Power



PHOTO BY VICTORIA ROSS/THE CONNECTION

Andrew Eade, wife Stephanie and son Greyson, 21-months, of Herndon. Eade, from England, was one of 75 candidates who took the Oath of Allegiance during a special naturalization ceremony May 25 at the Fairfax County Government Center.

citizenship.”

“Our goal is for immigrants to achieve self-sufficiency and participate fully in the greater community,” said Brooke Hammond Perez, education services and group manager. Hogar, which was founded in 1981, offers a combination of legal consultation, English-language instruction and citizenship classes.

While the majority of Hogar’s immigrant clients live below the poverty level, their determination to become engaged, active citizens is inspiring, Hammond Perez said.

But few have touched Hammond Perez personally as much as client Alhaji Alpha Bah, an 82-year-old immigrant from Sierra Leone. In 1992, Bah was a shop-keeper in the West African nation when civil war broke out. During a decade of brutal civil war, when tens of thousands of people died, Bah was forced from his home, living as a refugee in Guinea for seven years before coming to the United States in 2003.

“He was accompanied to the U.S. by four of his nine children,” Hammond Perez said, adding that his other children had to stay behind in Guinea and Sierra Leone. “Even now, he doesn’t know the whereabouts of three of those five children.”

Bah came to Catholic Charities in 2010. He did not have any formal education, did not speak English and was not able to find consistent work. Despite these obstacles, Bah, accompanied by Hammond Perez, was officially sworn in as a U.S. citizen on Oct.

14, 2011. When asked what he wanted to do as a new American, he said he wanted to register to vote as soon as possible. “I feel proud. I feel big. You are a citizen. Welcome to America,” Bah said in video interview discussing his experiences. (To see the video, visit hogarimmigrantservices.org.)

Immigrants Gaining Political Influence

In Virginia and at the national level, immigrant voters are changing the political landscape in unprecedented ways, and hold increasing influence across the political spectrum.

“From a political perspective, the way the demographics are shifting, those who would demonize and attack new immigrants and Latinos do so at their peril,” said Del. Alfonso Lopez (D-49), the first Latino Democrat elected to the Virginia General Assembly.

Latinos have a long history of political involvement through organizations which give them access to elected officials, according to the Urban Institute.

In contrast, the Urban Institute study says, Asian and African immigrant communities are newer and lack long-serving, established leaders to spearhead and encourage participation and advocacy. While Asians comprise 17.4 percent of Fairfax County’s population, compared to 15.6 percent

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Del. Mark Keam (D-35)

Immigrant Success Story

Delegate Mark L. Keam.

Del. Mark Keam (D-35) is the first Korean American and the first Asian-born immigrant to serve in the Virginia General Assembly. In November 2009, Keam was elected to an open seat in the House of Delegates and re-elected in November 2011. Keam, 46, currently serves on the House Education and Finance Committees, and is Co-Chair of the Legislative Tourism Caucus. Keam sat for a series of interviews with Connection reporter Victoria Ross in his Vienna office in December. Here is Keam’s story, mostly in his own words.

For new Americans, life is hard, but once they overcome those barriers, they are stronger, and they contribute so much because they fought so hard to get here. I’m proud of my background. The policies I advocate for are from the perspective of an immigrant, something which is sorely missing in Richmond. As an immigrant who came here with nothing, I’m able to have everything I ever wanted, to give my children incredible opportunities.

Let me put it this way, unlike most people whose immigration stories are fairly simple, (for example, they move from one country to another country), I lived in four different countries and several different cities. I guess you could say I was the result of global circumstances beyond my control.

My parents met in the late 1950s. They had lost their parents during the war, so I didn’t know any of my grandparents. My mother had an older sister, who was a devout Christian. She didn’t like my father.

My parents were like street kids after the Korean war. My mother didn’t finish school and my father was sort of a rogue. The only way my aunt would let him approach my mother was to prove he was upstanding citizen, so he became a minister.

In 1961, there was mandatory conscription in the military, so Keam’s father was sent to Vietnam as a chaplain.

My father would come back at least once every two years. My brother was born in 1962, my sister was born in 1964 and I was born in 1966. In 1969, he came back to Seoul, and he wanted to set up a church. But Korea was still very run-down post war. Imagine Afghanistan, imagine that scenario. Korea was like Afghanistan times two. No running water, all the buildings were bombed, everything was devastated, being run by dictators. It’s only 50 miles from DMZ. That was the world I was born into.

THE WAR IN VIETNAM was at a standstill, a lot of countries started establishing ties in South Vietnam, so they asked my father, who had studied Vietnamese language and culture, to establish a Korean church and community center. We lived in the church, and I remember the building well.

This goes directly into how I got into politics. From the time I was 4-years-old, I can’t remember one meal we had with just the five of us. Our meals were with whoever was at the church. For the 5,000 Koreans who lived in Vietnam in the 70s, every one of them came to our church because it was also the only community center. It was the hub of all Korean activities. From the time I woke up until I went to bed, there were always people around us.

When I was a small kid, I freaked out because we had caskets. I remember there’d be a wedding in the morning, a funeral in the middle of the day, and another wedding at night. You’d see the same people dressed up for a wedding and then back for a funeral, because they knew each other. I lived in that world with the idea that community helps each other. It was ingrained in me such a natural way that I think, to this day, that’s the core of my being. What made me who I am and what made me think the way I do and act the way I do every single day was molded in my childhood. More importantly, because of my father, I saw it was incumbent upon us to be leaders in our community. Family is important, but community is just as important. So that has led me to do what I’m doing today.

When Keam was 9-years-old, in April of 1975, he recalls his family fleeing the church compound during what historians call the Fall of Saigon. The capture of Saigon by the People’s Army of Vietnam and the National Liberation Front, marked the end of the Vietnam War and the start of a transition period leading to the formal reunification of Vietnam into a communist state. The fall of the city was preceded by the evacuation of almost all the American civilian and military personnel in Saigon, along with tens of thousands of South Vietnamese civilians associated with the southern regime. The evacuation culminated in Operation Frequent Wind, which was the largest helicopter evacuation in history.

That’s the most traumatic thing that’s ever happened to me. We were playing in the room, and I just remember my mother coming in saying we have to pack up and go.

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FOCUS ON IMMIGRATION

Immigrants Gain Influence in Virginia

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who are Latino, Asians speak many different languages and come from a wide variety of cultures, making it more difficult to politically mobilize the population as a whole.

Regardless, political leaders are increasingly tuned in to the concerns of immigrants, and the number of immigrant community-based organizations is increasing. In 2000, according to the Urban Institute, there were 90 such organizations in Fairfax County; in 2009, the number was up to 149.

"The number of organizations devoted to the interest of members of the immigrant community has been increasing just as the number of immigrants has been increasing," said Del. Ken Plum (D-36). "I try to attend as many meetings of groups with immigrant members to demonstrate to them that they can have a say in government and that there are those in elective office who value the contributions."

At the 24th annual Candidates' Night Dinner, hosted by the Arab American Republicans and the Arab American Democratic Caucus of Virginia on Sept. 30, nearly every Fairfax County Democrat running for office was there, courting voters, including Kaine, U.S. Rep. James Moran (D-8) and U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11). Former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis, (R), who served eight terms in Congress, was Mitt Romney's surrogate.

Launched in 1987 by the Arab American Institute (AAI), the event is a forum for campaigning politicians, and a place where the Arab-American community can engage in the political process.

"Candidates' Night, by admission of most politicians attending the forum, has been praised as one of the best ethnic political forums," said event co-chair Saba L. Shami. "It's become an institution, bringing candidates together with the Arab American community as an integral part of the American political process."

Del. Mark Keam (D-35), the first Korean American and the first Asian-born immigrant to serve in the Virginia General Assembly, said Asian immigrants are beginning to see unprecedented growth in both population and political clout.

"In 2000, I was the convention chair of the National Asian American Bar Association. It was held in D.C., and we broke all records. We had 500 lawyers getting together in the same town, and we had a budget of over \$300,000. We thought that was big time," Keam said.

"In 2012, same town, same convention, but this year the event drew 1,700 lawyers and had a budget of \$1.6 million," Keam said. "What that tells you is something about both the physical growth and the economic clout of Asians, because of the money spon-



Del. Alfonso Lopez (D-49) at the Democratic Committee Headquarters in Annandale.

sors were willing to spend targeting our community."

Lopez pointed out that since 2000 Latino voter participation in the Commonwealth of Virginia has gone up between 1 and 3 percent every election cycle. Currently, there are 683,000 Latinos in Virginia, and approximately 183,000 of those are eligible voters, according to the State Board of Elections.

According to the 2010 decennial census, between 2000 and 2010, Latino voter registration increased by 75 percent in Virginia, one of highest increases in country.

"This is something that really blew me away," Lopez said. "The average age of the Latino citizen is 15 years old. Think about what that means in two years and four years and eight years. You're going to see a huge increase in Latino registered voters."

Lopez said the increasing percentage of Virginia's Latinos and immigrant voters make him hopeful that the political polarization regarding immigration reform will diminish.

"There's something huge about what's happening in the Commonwealth," Lopez said. "The demographic shifts coming to Virginia will wipe out the effects of the short-sighted anti-immigrant politicking we see now."

Chavez said it's just smart — politically and economically — to create a pathway to citizenship for young immigrants. "We're relying on their talent and skills. It's not just a Latino concern. ... It helps the economy and makes America stronger for everyone."

"Like the program says 'it's the new normal.' Get used to it. Embrace it," Chavez said.

Overcoming Barriers

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We had seen a lot of things. Whenever I see war-torn scenes of Libya or Syria, it brings back flashes of memory. I never saw actual tanks roll in, but we heard bombs going off. There were times when we would go through the markets of Vietnam, and we had seen Buddhist monks self-immolating in political protests — just awful.

After seeing things like that, it wasn't real to us until that day my mom said 'pack up.'

The families at the compound got in the cars, and drove to this little airport. As we're leaving in the helicopter, we look back and I see my dad standing behind the chicken-wire fence.

KEAM SAID HE EVENTUALLY reconstructed what happened to his father through relative's stories and his father's testimony.

My father was stranded on the rooftop, and he was arrested by the Viet Cong. He had two marks against him. One was that he was a religious leader in a communist country. Another mark was that he served in the South Korean military, even though he was a chaplain.

We were taken back to Seoul, and there were so many rumors. We heard that my father was killed, or that he was in prison, or that he made it but he's not coming back. We had absolutely no way to understand this. ...

When we arrived back in Korea, we had zero, nothing. No one was doing well. My mother found a one-bedroom apartment in Seoul. My mom had never finished high school let alone college. As a woman, she had no way of having meaningful employment, being a single mother with three kids. ... So my mother went to churches and to ex-military friends and it was those people who supported us, not the government. I never asked her, and she never talks about it, but I believe the only way she fed us every single day, is that she begged and went to charities and welfare groups. That was the year I became an adult and lost my childhood innocence."

KEAM SPOKE ENGLISH AND FRENCH, but not much Korean. Back at school in Seoul, he was bullied and treated as a special-needs student. He said that terrible year transformed him in ways that make him the person he is today.

I preach this all the time, discrimination is discrimination no matter who is doing it to whom. My life's mission is to fight against discrimination. I am also passionate about literacy. I serve on the board of Virginia Literacy Foundation, a nonprofit founded by former Virginia First Lady Jeannie Baliles to ensure that everyone has essential reading and writing skills they need to succeed.

After what Keam considers the worst year of his life, assuming his father was never coming home, feeling out of place in his native country, his family got another surprise. His father returned home, showing up on their doorstep out of the blue.

"That's a story for another time, how we eventually got here," Keam said.

THE REST OF THE STORY, ABRIDGED: After reuniting with his father, Keam's family then moved to Australia, where his father established another church before eventually moving to California.

Keam received a political science degree from the University of California at Irvine, and had a chance to live in Falls Church while working as a college intern. After receiving a law degree from Hastings College of the Law, Keam returned to Virginia where he met and married Alex Seong Keam, also an attorney. The Keams have two children, Tyler, a Cub Scout, and Brenna, a Brownie. Both children attend Mosby Woods Elementary School in Fairfax.

As a part-time citizen-legislator, Keam, who is known as the most prolific member of the General Assembly on Twitter @markkeam, maintains a year-round office in Vienna in addition to his Richmond office. When the General Assembly is not in session, Keam serves as senior advisor for strategic affairs at Verizon; he has worked at Verizon since 2007. Before that, for six years, he served as Chief Counsel to the Assistant Senate Majority Leader Dick Durbin on the Senate Judiciary Committee. Before working on Capitol Hill, Keam was worked at the Small Business Administration, and had also served as an attorney with the Federal Communications Commission's Wireless Bureau.

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

Cast of Altar Boyz, from left, Zack Powell as Abraham; Edward C. Nagel as Mark; Jonathan Walker as Juan; Derek Tatum as Luke; and BJ Gruber as Matthew.



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'Altar Boyz' at Tysons' 1st Stage

1st Stage production of "Altar Boyz" at 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean, features performances now through Dec. 30. The show is performed Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets \$15-\$30. Call 703-854-1856 or visit www.1stStageTysons.org.

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Good For The Jews. 7 p.m., at Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. The self-proclaimed players of Jewish music for people who don't like Jewish music. \$20. <http://>

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MONDAY/DEC. 31

Watch Night. 7 p.m.-midnight at the crossroads of Broad and Washington Streets, Falls Church. Named after the ancient African tradition of watching in the New Year, the community comes together for small-town festivities including magicians, storytelling, face painting, karaoke, digital dance revolution, live music, restaurants and more. www.fallschurchva.gov.

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WEDNESDAY/JAN. 2

Senators and Delegates at Town Hall Forum. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Sen. Favola (D-31), Sen. Howell (D-32), Del.

Brink (D-48), Del. Comstock (D-34), Del. Keam (D-35) and Del. Scott (D-53) speak at the McLean Citizens Association meeting on the upcoming legislative session; the officials will also answer questions and hear resident's concerns in an extended question and answer period. www.mcleancitizens.org.

SATURDAY/JAN. 5

The Capitol Steps. 8 p.m., at the Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Bipartisan comedy addressing the question for January following an election year: "What new material will the Steps come up with now?" \$45; \$35, McLean district residents. 703-790-0123 or www.aldentheatre.org.

FRIDAY/JAN. 11

21st Annual Economic Conference. 7:15-11:45 a.m., at McLean Hilton Tysons Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Drive, McLean. Presented by Cardinal Bank and George Mason University. Free for 2012-2013 paid alumni members, LLP '12 and ELI/LFI '13 members. Register by Jan. 3 at Danielle@leadershipfairfax.org.

SATURDAY/JAN. 19

Oratorical Contest. 10 a.m., at the Vienna American Legion, 330 Center St. N., Vienna. High school students can register by Jan. 11 to participate. 703-867-1285 or ronp5555@yahoo.com.

An Evening With Dick Gregory. 8 p.m., at the Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. A Movement leader from the 1960s and comedian, civil and human rights activist, author, recording artist, television and film personality, nutritionist and veteran committed to non-violent social change speaks in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. \$20, \$10, MCC residents. www.aldentheatre.org.

SUNDAY/JAN. 20

Breakfast Buffet. 8 a.m.-noon, at the American Legion, 330 Center St. N., Vienna. Omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon and all the fixings. \$8, adults; \$3, children. 703-938-1379.



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Madison's Huge Second Half Leads to Win Against McLean

Warhawks overcome 15-point halftime deficit.

BY ALEX VAN REES
FOR THE CONNECTION

The Madison Warhawks trailed by 15 points heading into the second half, but overcame their poor start by delivering an overwhelming 43 points in the final two periods to defeat the McLean Highlanders, 56-49, on Friday night in a Liberty District showdown.

"No one should be comfortable with any lead when facing us," said Madison senior wing Patrick Murphy. "We can come back at any time and we proved that tonight. We never give up and that's an important aspect of our game."

Heading into the half, the Highlanders seemed to be on a roll and on the way to a second consecutive win, after starting the season 0-3, as they were leading comfortably, 28-13.

However, the Warhawks busted out of the gate in the third period and did not leave anything on the court. Madison scored more than three times as many points in the second half by outscoring McLean 43-21.

"We played really well together in the second half," said Murphy. "We started to go inside more and work inside-out. Once we started working together, we started playing better defensively. Our strong defense led to better execution toward the end of the game."

Murphy led the onslaught in the second half with 21 points. He led the team with 27 overall, making seven of nine from the floor over the final two periods. Senior guard Tommy House and senior post Phillip Davine both added 13 points of their own to the mix.

THIS GAME was the first time the Warhawks were out-rebounded in a contest up to this point in the young season. One of the major talking points in the locker room after the first half was that they needed to work on their rebound game.

Although they finished the game with fewer rebounds, they did a much better job in the second half, which was readily apparent.

"I was disappointed with our inability to run offense and the amount of turnovers and lack of rebounds in the first half," said Madison Head Coach Chris Kuhblank. "We turned it around in the second half and were able to get the shots off that we needed. That's the type of team we need to be and can be."

On the other side of the court, the Highlanders came roaring onto the court and dominated the first half of the game, but fell off quickly after the first half.

"We have had major problems with turnovers this season, and that was apparent in the second half," said McLean head coach Kevin Roller. "Little things add up, and we made too many mistakes in the sec-



The Madison boys' basketball team defeated McLean on Dec. 14 at McLean High School.

ond half and that really cost us."

In the first half, the Warhawks struggled with turnovers, totaling 11, compared to just six by the Highlanders. However, the second half was a different story. McLean had 10 turnovers and missed a number of layups in the final minutes of the game.

"It was all just execution," said McLean senior center John Pascoe. "We knew what to expect from them, but we got lazy in the second half and they played great. That was the major difference in the game."

McLean senior guard Samer Abdelmoty led the Highlanders with 19 points, including eight free throws, all of which came in the final period. Pascoe tallied 14 points and both senior guard Milos Lesevic and junior guard Joey Sullivan finished the contest with six points apiece.

"We're still learning and that will take some time," Roller said. "It was about what I expected from these two teams. Both teams are learning what they can do well and what they need to work on. We had a very strong first half and they obviously had a very impressive second half."

The road win was Madison's second of the season. "If you don't give up, there's always a chance you can come back and win," said Kuhblank. "We were down more points after the first half than we had scored the entire first two periods."

Pascoe said the Highlanders should bounce back. "I'm confident we'll rebound," said Pascoe. "We'll practice hard this weekend and then get a good scouting report for our game on Tuesday. Hopefully, we'll play much better in the second half than we did out there tonight."

THESE TWO TEAMS will do battle again in January.

With the win on Friday night, the Warhawks (3-2 overall) are now tied with both Langley and Marshall atop the Liberty District, each sporting a 2-0 record. The Highlanders (1-4) drop to 1-1 in the district after they defeated South Lakes last week for their first win of the season.

Both teams will be on the road for their next contests on Tuesday evening; McLean heads to Chantilly, while Madison will square off against Oakton in Vienna.



Langley senior Garrett Collier scored a career-high 23 points during the Saxons' 49-33 victory against South Lakes on Dec. 14.

Saxons Undeclared

Collier's 23 points lead Langley past South Lakes.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The opening scene of Garrett Collier's career-best performance featured the senior guard knocking down a pair of 3-pointers as the Langley boys' basketball team built a 15-point first-half lead against the South Lakes Seahawks.

After South Lakes trimmed the lead to five late in the third quarter, Collier's finale included a buzzer-beating jumper that spelled the beginning of the end for the Seahawks.

Collier's jump shot beat the third-quarter buzzer and sparked a 14-2 Langley run as the Saxons pulled away for a 49-33 victory on Dec. 14 at Langley High School. Collier scored a career-high 23 points and grabbed five rebounds as the Saxons improved to 6-0, including 2-0 in the Liberty District.

"I started to make some threes early," he said, "and I thought I got my confidence up."

Langley opened the game on a 12-2 run and held South Lakes without a field goal for the first 5 minutes, 39 seconds. The Seahawks hit a pair of three-pointers toward the end of first quarter, but each time Collier answered with a three of his own.

After a 13-point first half and pair of field goals in the third quarter, Collier buried his third three-pointer of the evening midway through the fourth quarter, giving Langley a 45-30 lead.

"He's such a scrappy kid," Langley Head Coach Travis Hess said. "He doesn't even know who [former NBA player] Stacey Augmon is. We call him the 'Plastic Man' (Augmon's nickname) sometimes because he gets his hands on loose balls, he baits kids into throwing that wing pass . . . and picks it off

and takes it the other way.

"... He shot the ball well. He was a football player, so he's just kind of getting his basketball legs back. If he can shoot like that every single night, we'll be all right."

Xavier Ryan scored seven points for Langley. Justin Galiani scored six points and grabbed eight rebounds, Brad Dotson finished with six points and five rebounds and Philip Novacki had three points and seven boards.

South Lakes struggled to score against Langley's zone defense. The Seahawks finished the contest with 12 field goals and 28 turnovers. The Seahawks made only six of 21 free-throw attempts.

"It's a different game if we make free throws," South Lakes Head Coach Andrew Duggan said. "Free throws, unforced errors—we're just throwing the ball away. It's the right idea with some of the passes we're trying to make, especially against that zone, [but] we just threw the ball away too many times without much pressure on us."

The 33 points allowed by Langley were a season-best for the Saxons and a season-low for South Lakes. Sophomore point guard Brandon Kamga led the Seahawks with 11 points.

"Defensively, I couldn't be happier with holding them to 33 points," Hess said. "Offensively, I thought we could have taken care of the ball a little better, I thought we could have executed a little better, I thought we could have finished in transition a little better, but to hold a team to 33 points in a high school basketball game; you're going to win a lot of games if you can do that."

Through six games, Langley is limiting opponents to 39.7 points per contest.

The Saxons will host Westfield at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 18.



PHOTO BY CHI PHAM



Pictured with author Stefan Fatsis, Churchill Road fifth graders Tanner Iverson and Ethan Pham display Fatsis' book, Word Freak, part of their prize for placing first in the 2012 DC School Scrabble Championship.

Churchill Road Scrabble team members Anna Krause-Steinrauf, Ladan Haidarbaigi, Tanner Iverson and Ethan Pham pose with club sponsor Jenny Whiteman at the conclusion of the tournament.

Churchill Road Students Win Scrabble Championship

On Saturday, Nov. 17, Churchill Road fifth graders and Scrabble team members Tanner Iverson and Ethan Pham won first place in Division B of the 2012 DC School Scrabble Championship at Janney ES in Washington, D.C.

Fifth graders Ladan Haidarbaigi and Anna Krause-

Steinrauf placed fourth in Division D. According to CRS Scrabble team Coach Jenny Whiteman, the team members were excited about their accomplishments and thrilled to meet Stefan Fatsis, tournament emcee and author of the New York Times bestseller, Word Freak, about the world of competitive Scrabble.



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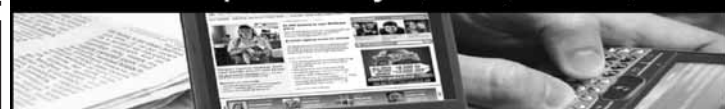
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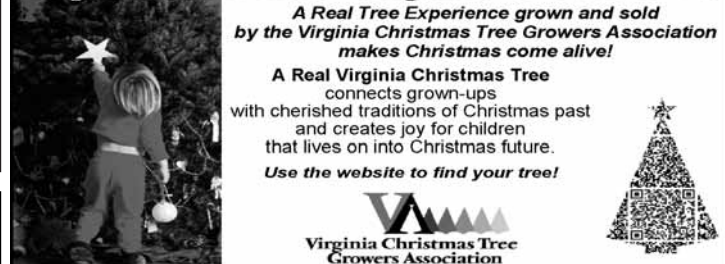


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Touching For Sure, But Not Always



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Usually, but not always, when I show for my scheduled post-chemotherapy/post-scan appointment with my oncologist, I am physically examined (touching, feeling). Recently, due to some enhanced computer and facility upgrades, I was shown the actual scans, digitized. However, on more than one occasion over the last 18 months or so, after we discussed the results of my most recent CT Scan – and lab work, no physical exam was performed. Apparently, as I later learned, the good results from my scan sort of trumps any need to feel for physical manifestations. Meaning, that if the scan shows no tumor growth or movement, it stands to reason – medically speaking, that corollary-type symptoms/indications/abnormalities would not occur/be present. To simplify even more, there's no need for a "pre-operative grope," to quote Dr. Hawkeye Pierce from an episode of M*A*S*H, if the diagnostic test shows there's nothing to "grobe."

On balance then, the doctor's not examining me is good news, generally, presumably; at least that's how he explained it to me. It's a professional version of "Why bother?" There's nothing to see so he doesn't have to take a look. I can live with that. Still, I remember the first appointment I had with my oncologist when he didn't examine me (he always asks questions though); before I sort of realized that I hadn't been examined, I was already in my car driving home. I said aloud to my wife, Dina: "He didn't even examine me!" I felt cheated somehow, as if I didn't get my co-pay's worth. I called my nurse the next day to complain and express my curiosity/anxiety about why it was that my oncologist had not touched/ tested me for any physical reactions/signs as he had on all previous appointments.

My doctor did not call back if I recall, but I believe my nurse did, with some tepid reassurance. However, on my next appointment with my oncologist, we discussed the reason why I hadn't been examined during the previous appointment. He said there is a debate within the medical profession about this very subject. If the scans are encouraging and show no appreciable tumor growth and/or movement, the patient's body will likely not exhibit any signs to the contrary. Ergo, physically examining the patient is sort of redundant. However, my concern that something wasn't done to me (physically examined by my doctor) is not uncommon, my doctor said, and causes patients to have a not-unexpected reaction: skepticism. The perception by us patients is that the doctors are not in fact doing everything they're supposed to be doing, "Hippocratically" speaking. The doctors might know better, and know the facts, but when dealing with us patients, there are feelings to consider. And if the patient's feelings are not considered during this fairly intimate doctor-patient relationship, then the facts, clear as they may be, may fall on deaf ears. This is the quandary – as it was explained to me; examine a patient who you know (from their most recent diagnostic scan) is not experiencing any negative reactions (to their disease) or, don't examine the patient and cause a negative emotional reaction by not physically examining them. And as any of us terminal patients will attest, there's a fine line to be straddled between positive and negative thoughts and interpretations and how they affect the patient. Maybe, reassuring the patient might be more important than following protocol?

As much as I want to be a patient patient, the longer I survive, the more impatient and paranoid I'm becoming. I want to enjoy the good news, really I do, but sometimes I can't. Damn cancer.

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