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NEWS

Honored for Math, Science

McLean AAUW branch announces high school awards recipients.

The McLean Area Branch of the American Association of University Women has partnered with counselors at McLean, Langley and Marshall High schools to award Science and Math Achievement Awards to six female students finishing their junior year. Each award, which is funded through the branch's annual book sale, consists of a certificate and a check for \$100 for the honoree.

The criteria for the awards include a demonstrated record of overall academic success, as well as a distinguished record of achievement in either math or science. Career center counselors at the schools managed the process of selecting the students. The following students are receiving the 2016 awards:

- McLean High School – Math: Lauren Hassi
- McLean High School – Science: Caroline Lewis
- Langley High School – Math: Emily Wallach
- Langley High School – Science: Emily Stranne
- Marshall High School – Math: Inga Schlier
- Marshall High School – Science: Amelia (Emma) Barberis



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Inga Schlier, second from left, and Emma Barberis, second from right, juniors at Marshall High School, are shown receiving their academic achievement awards from the McLean Area Branch of American Association of University Women. The awards were presented by Margaret Hines, far left, branch liaison for Marshall High School, and Judy Page, far right, STEM coordinator for the branch.

The awards were presented to the students at local award ceremonies at each high school by branch members. The branch instituted the awards to encourage young women to pursue educational opportunities related to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). For more information on the McLean Area Branch and its annual book sale, visit the AAUW McLean Area website at <http://mcleanva.aauw.net>.

WEEK IN MCLEAN

PRS, Inc. Named as a 2016 Top Workplace in Region

PRS, Inc., a local nonprofit that helps individuals who live with serious mental health issues, has been awarded a 2016 Top Workplaces honor by The Washington Post. In its third annual survey, the Top Workplaces list spotlights private, public, and nonprofit entities with the highest ratings from their employees in a survey conducted by Workplace Dynamics.

"We are excited to be named among the region's top workplaces. We have outstanding employees who provide compassionate care to our clients, helping them recover and rebuild their lives. Our focus on creating a great work environment is part of that commitment to attracting and retaining this stellar workforce," said Wendy Gradison, CEO, PRS, Inc.

The PRS was recently recognized by The NonProfit Times as one of the 50 Best NonProfits to work for in the United States.

For more about PRS, visit www.prsinc.org.

Fundraiser Supporting McLean Little League

HBC Group's (Keller Williams Realty) announced a fundraiser for Community Charity Champions. Come to dinner on Tuesday, July 12, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Pulcinella Italian Host in McLean to support McLean Little League. Seventy percent of the proceeds from food and drink will go to MLL, as long as the diner brings the flyer for the event. Contact HBC Realty Group at 703-734-0192 or visit www.HBCGroupKW.com to receive a flyer.

Sponsors of the event are: Karen Briscoe and Lizzy Conroy with the HBC Group of Keller Williams Realty, Marcus Simon with EKKO Title, Kevin Dougherty of Pillar to Post, Kathy and Justin Neal of The Neal Team/SunTrust Mortgage, Jim Harris of BOWA, The McLean Chamber of Commerce, and Moe Jebali with Pulcinella Italian Host.



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Senior Safety First

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

McLean Citizens Association hosts Senior Safety Summit.

It was supposed to run from 10 a.m. – noon, but the Senior Safety Summit held at the McLean Community Center was so chock-full of interesting and important information that the program ran over by almost 90 minutes – and most of those in attendance stayed glued to their seats until the very end. Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Chief Richard Bowers opened the session and acted as emcee for the event that was organized by the McLean Citizens Association in partnership with Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust and Fairfax County Fire and Rescue.

THE TOPICS may have varied greatly, but the one thing that tied the presenters and their subjects together was the spirit of cooperation and coordination of efforts among the agencies represented. These are people who know each other, have often worked together, and actively seek to continuously evaluate and update their procedures individually and jointly.

“Please remember at all times, we are your public servants,” said Chief Bowers. His affirmation was reinforced by the speakers who followed, often with the addition of an invitation to visit a station or center of operations. “Please visit us,” offered Battalion Chief Ry Kendrick, Station 29 Tysons Corner. “It’s one of the highlights of our day.”

Steve Souder, director of the county’s 9-1-1 Center, also extended an invitation to the public to “come by and see this state-of-the-art, world-class facility.” Souder gave an update on the network rebuild coming within the next five years. The almost 50-year-old system “can’t accommodate the knowledge contained in your phone,” but the “next gen” 911 system in the works will provide pinpoint location accuracy and have the ability to send and receive photos and videos and even transmit vital signs to first responders. “And that’s just some of the features,” said Souder.

According to Souder, last year Fairfax County also became one of the first communities in the country to be able to accept text messages to 911.

“Calling is always preferable,” he acknowledged, “but there are situations where being able to text would be invaluable,” citing when regular systems are down, or the caller cannot speak or is afraid to speak.

Paula Woodrum, assistant fire marshal, gave an eye-opening presentation on hazardous materials in use, in storage or in transit throughout the region. “In McLean alone, there are 23 Tier II facilities, businesses with hazardous substances over a certain quantity, and of those, 14 are classified as extremely hazardous.” Woodrum and her colleagues track, inspect



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Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) is a partner in the safety outreach program. He indicated plans for additional sessions and asked that attendees spread the word. With “prevention and preparedness” as the goals, Foust believes that these resources are invaluable to all county citizens, regardless of age.



Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Chief Richard Bowers welcomes the attendees to the Senior Safety Summit, presented by his department, the McLean Citizens Association and Dranesville Supervisor John Foust. Bowers also acknowledged the association’s Public Safety Liaison, Patrick Smaldore, for his commitment to the community and his part in bringing these resources to the public.



From left — McLean residents Donna Knoerr and Ethelyn Tafe snagged seats right up front so they wouldn’t miss a thing during the Safety Summit. Tafe said she had been receiving harassing scam “IRS” calls of late, and had also received fake Microsoft scam calls, so she was particularly interested in the “Exploitation of Older Adults” portion of the agenda.

and monitor these facilities throughout the county. Members of the public can contact Woodrum to get information about the location of hazardous substances “down to the neighbourhood level” via her office at 703.246.3904 or by email at Paula.Woodrum@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Zika Virus “facts, not fiction” was discussed by county Environmental Health Supervisor Josh Smith, who reminded the assembly that simply tipping water-filled containers and using larvicides on personal property was a major factor in “fighting the bite.”

With firsthand experience with robo-calls and other phone scams, several audience members were able to relate when the topic turned to “Financial Exploitation of Older Adults,” presented by Karen Hannigan, supervisor for Aging Disability and Caregiver Resources. McLean resident Ethelyn Tafe has been receiving calls claiming to be from the IRS threatening her with dire consequences if she does not return the call and “make arrangements to pay.” Hannigan urged everyone to subscribe to the county’s free monthly “Golden Gazette” containing “news you can use” and providing informa

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TEDxTysons speaker Jason Green addresses the crowd.



The crowd gets ready for the first speaker of the day.

Inaugural TEDxTysons Event Draws Sellout Crowd

By KEVIN O'BRIEN
THE CONNECTION

TEDx, a nonprofit program that presents local speakers devoted to "Ideas Worth Spreading," made its Tysons debut with a lineup featuring nine different speakers and two performers. The theme of the inaugural TEDxTysons event was "Future Tense," as thinkers, artists and innovators discussed ways to better shape the future.

TedxTysons founder Ashwood Heffern explained the reasoning behind the theme, saying, "What's everyone worried about, because the news today and the articles you read, it's so grim. Rather than worry about things that aren't an issue, I want experts in their field who are working on something to solve a problem or tell me how I can help."

Among the talented and inspiring speakers, Diana Sierra is the co-founder and CEO of Be Girl. Her company creates menstrual management products, as girls in impoverished areas often skip or drop out of school



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Host Sarah Fraser addresses the crowd.

because of issues related to menstruation. As Sierra put it, "This bloodstain is what stands between a girl and her ability to ac-

cess education." Another particularly inspiring talk came from John Bailey, second vice president of the National Federation of the

Blind of Virginia, who refused to let his blindness get in the way of his success. Bailey described how he changed his mindset, concluding by saying: "The solution is simple. Take off your blinders; see your options!"

The event at the TEGNA/Gannett building on 7950 Jones Branch Drive, quickly sold out. TED mandates inaugural events have no more than 100 attendees, and one must apply beforehand. The diverse audience mostly comprised working professionals, both young and old, whose appreciation for the speakers was evidenced through their loud cheers.

"We're so used to our routines in our life, and it's just nice to take out that element, and you're surrounding yourself with inspirational people and hopefully it rubs off on you," said student Vivian Dang, who like many attendees had never been to a TEDx event before. "I've seen a lot of Ted Talks online on YouTube. It's a nice way to fuel your ambition," said Dang.



TEDxTysons founder Ashwood Heffern (middle) with his parents.



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Student Vivian Dang stands on stage during a break in the inaugural TEDxTysons event.



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With the assistance of audience member Kaylen Rice as volunteer, Second Lieutenant Stacie Talbot with the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office demonstrates the device used to track missing "at-risk" citizens like those with dementia. "Project Lifesaver" is fairly new, but already has 100 active clients. The program is free to those who qualify, but since it depends on private support to help fund the purchase of the trackers, there is a wait list for new clients. Contact Stacie.Talbot@fairfaxcounty.gov for more information.

Senior Safety Summit Held in McLean

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tion on the latest scams. Simply typing "golden gazette" in your browser will lead to the subscription page.

CONSIDERABLE TIME and attention went to the topic "Disaster Preparedness – Is 72 Hours (of supplies) Enough?" as Sandi Fox from Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management went through the items contained in a useful emergency preparedness kit provided to the attendees. "Seventy-two hours is just the bare minimum," she said. There are scenarios where in cases of extreme emergencies full services are not projected to be functional again for at least 30 days.

"Do you have what you need for that long? Cash on hand if the ATM is not available?" Fox also went through a "Document Checklist" with the suggestion that copies of all the items be kept with trusted family or friends out of town, preferably out of state. "If something happens here, you may not be able to get to your information readily for some time, if ever," warned

Fox, so it is wise to keep the copies elsewhere. She also cautioned to always have proof of residency, or "you may have problems returning to your own home after an evacuation." Even a safety deposit box may not be the answer if banks are closed, or travel because of weather conditions isn't possible.

It would take an entire edition of the Connection to pass along all of the safety advice and resources covered during this session, but thankfully the information is readily available. The Fairfax County government website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov is easily searchable by department and/or subject matter and contains a wealth of materials and resources that help keep the county and its citizens that much safer. Supervisor Foust and Chief Bowers also indicated that they would be hosting additional sessions in the future, and asked the attendees to "spread the word, come again and bring a friend of any age." The event may have been billed as a "Senior Summit" but the information provided was certainly applicable to all.

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Stem Gun Violence Epidemic

BY GERRY CONNOLLY
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE (D-11)



COMMENTARY

Last week, America woke to what has become an all-too-common nightmare. A man driven by hate and armed with assault weapons carried out our nation's worst mass shooting. In its aftermath 49 were dead, 53 injured, and communities across our country were left violated, vulnerable and wondering, "How this could happen again?"

It's a scene repeated too often in our country. 49 murdered in Orlando. In December, 14 were killed in San Bernardino. A year ago, nine were murdered during Bible study in South Carolina. Twenty innocent children and six teachers were gunned down inside a school at Sandy Hook. Thirty-three were lost at Virginia Tech — including five bright, young, talented students from our community. Twelve were killed in an Aurora movie theater. The list goes on.

We must have an honest conversation about the hate that is brewing. This time a man stole the lives of 49 people, many of whom identified as LGBT, and all of whom were celebrating and supporting inclusion, progress and freedom. The attacker's homophobic intent has been lost in the media coverage. Some have painted this

as an issue of terror, but we must be reminded that so much of the blood shed to gun violence has been at the hands of those who claim no allegiance to Islam or ISIS. America's dark history of mass killings has come from problems of mental illness to proclamations of white supremacy, and it's a fallacy to attribute the continuous violence to "Radical Islam."

In the wake of these almost weekly tragedies, the response from Congress is as predictable as it is disappointing. We offer our thoughts and prayers. We hold a moment of silence; anything to distract from the central cause, and common instrument, of these crimes. How many more must die before Congress acts?

This is a problem for which there are solutions. Expand universal background checks to keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people. Reinstate the assault weapons ban. Close the gun show loophole.

But the gun lobby and the Republican Majority it controls stand in the way of each of these reforms. For example, the NRA opposes expanded background checks for gun purchases even though majorities of gun owners and NRA members support them. The NRA

even opposes the CDC funding for research on gun violence and its effect on public health despite the fact that more than 30,000 people die in gun related deaths annually.

In 1994, Congress passed the Assault Weapons Ban, restricting certain types of weapons and capping the size of ammunition magazines. However, in the time since the ban has been allowed to lapse, these weapons of war have become a common tool for the mayhem unleashed in these mass shootings. Do I think an assault weapons ban would prevent all crimes? Of course not; but certainly our Founding Fathers did not envision AR-15 semi-automatic rifles when they drafted the Second Amendment.

In a shocking video, Virginia Tech survivor Colin Goddard demonstrated just how easy it is to skirt background checks. Without even a photo ID or background check, Goddard was able to purchase an AK-47. Closing the gun show loophole, which allows private dealers to forego background checks required of licensed dealers, would stem the flow of illegal weapons.

When we marked the three-year anniversary of Sandy Hook, I said if more politicians viewed the safety of the American people as more important than pleasing the NRA, reason would prevail and the club of gun violence victims and their families would not continue its unrelenting growth. Instead, our ever-more-frequent moments of silence and inaction speak volumes.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Leaving the Judging to God

To the Editor:

"Whoever kills a person ... it is as though he has killed all mankind. And whoever saves a life, it is as though he had saved all mankind." (Qur'an, 5:32)

The tragic event which took place early on June 12 at the hands of a despicable and deranged individual breaks my heart. The blatant disregard for the value of human life is shocking. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Orlando community, and especially with the families and friends of the victims. This goes against anything and everything that my religion and my allegiance to America, as a citizen of this great country, stands for and represents. Islam gives no one the right to violently cut short the lives of innocent people, or judge them for the way they choose to live. I don't drink alcohol and consider adultery a sin, does this mean I should kill those who drink or have affairs? Just as that makes no sense, neither does killing anyone for their sexual orientation. Islam teaches me to leave the judging to God and to focus my energy on attaining God's pleasure by showing compassion and serving all of His creation in whatever capacity I can.

I condemn all terrorist activity, everywhere. This is true regardless of where it happens and who it happens to because I love all of humanity. My love for humanity is not reserved only for Muslims nor only for Americans just because I, myself, am an American Muslim. My heart bleeds for every atrocity and every injustice inflicted on my fellow mankind, and I stand against any type of bigotry and discrimination towards any group or community. Why then does the media try to make me feel compelled to always publicly apologize for any and all unfortunate events that take place?

Let's please clarify that I am in no way responsible for the actions of any person in this world besides myself. No one. Not even my own children. I will work hard my entire life to teach them right from wrong and instill a love for service to humanity in their hearts, but in the end they alone are answerable for their actions. Everyone is solely responsible for their own deeds. "And no burdened soul can bear the burden of another; and if a heavily laden soul call another to bear its load, naught of it shall be carried by the other, even though he be a kinsman (Quran, 35:19)."

After the Virginia Tech or Sandy Hook shootings did the media turn to the killer's religion or community looking for condemnation or

an apology? No. And I'm glad they didn't because every sane person understood that the monster responsible for each tragedy was just that, a monster who represented evil alone. So please extend the same compassion to us! Why isn't it possible for someone of Asian/Middle Eastern descent who just so happens to be affiliated with Islam simply be a misguided insane madman executing a personal vendetta against mankind, and not tarnish an entire religion by being wrongfully portrayed as a devout believer waging a "holy" war, until and unless there is clear evidence otherwise?

Love for all, hatred for none.

Aisha Khan
Herndon

Harmful House Bill

To the Editor:

Last week, the U.S. House decided that keeping our air safe is not important and passed a bill to restrict implementation of the new standards for nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, particulate matter and lead. The "Smoggy Skies Act" (HR 4775) is an irresponsible attack on the Clean Air Act. This bill would double the time between EPA re-

views of harmful pollutants (from 5 to 10 years) and caters to corporations that want permits to pollute at levels beyond national health standards.

The standards in place protect our health and environment, and should be based on science, not considerations of cost and "technological feasibility" for companies that put profits before people. The connection between climate change and health, particularly asthma, is well established. Pumping more climate change pollutants into the air is impacting ozone pollen levels, increasing asthma attacks and allergic reactions. Richmond, Virginia, leads the list of the worst cities for asthma and allergy sufferers, and the health effects will only worsen.

Smog pollution already sends thousands of children to emergency rooms each year and costs Americans billions in health care costs, lost productivity and even premature deaths. Even more disconcerting is that smog pollution disproportionately hurts low-income communities and communities of color. Preventing attacks like HR 4775, and implementing the Clean Power Plan, is the next essential step in protecting our health.

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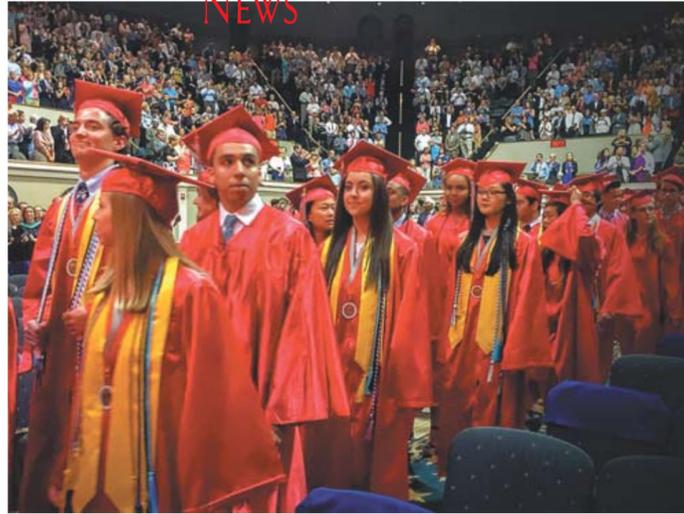


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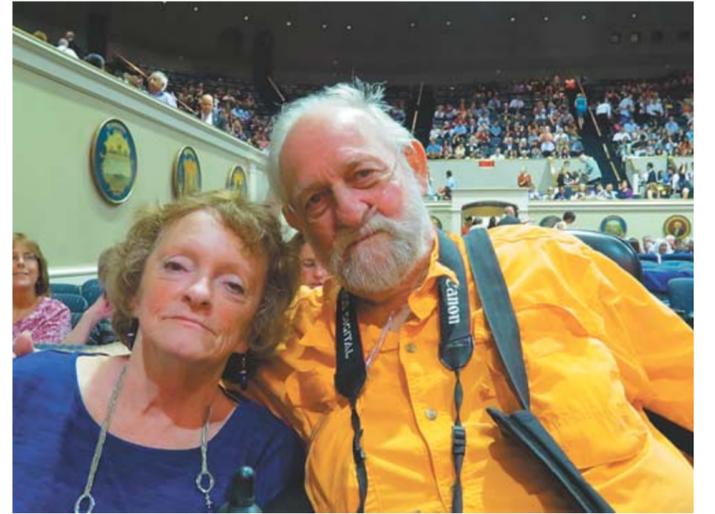
About 497 students walked the stage as McLean High School students for the last time to receive their diplomas on Monday, June 20.



Dylan Wedan made each and every graduate feel important as they approached the stage.



Gelsey Ivana Ledezma-Antezana connects with family and friends who are seated in the balcony.



Joyce and Joe DeMarino traveled from Beaumont, Texas to watch their granddaughter, Destiny Dawn DeMarino, "our grandangel," graduate.

High Five: 'We Made It'

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

History teacher Dylan Wedan was ready with a "High Five" for all students as they rose en route to receiving their McLean High School diplomas.

Four hundred ninety-seven McLean High School seniors graduated Monday, June 20, at DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C.

"We made it," said Addie Wilkerson, the Class of 2016's student speaker.

Although she said she likes that cliché, Wilkerson also delivered a thought-provoking discussion of the achievements they made as a class together, with words distinctly her own. "Embrace differences and allow them to change your perspective," she said.

"You have learned your voice, you have learned what it is like to be driven by a cause," said Wilkerson. "Never ever be tricked into thinking your voice is too small."

MOMENTS BEFORE, Michael Vickers, former under secretary of defense for intelligence, gave a speech of his own.

"Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity," said Vickers, a Langley High School parent who also served in the CIA.

He talked of his Special Forces training in becoming a Green Beret. Trainees were given the option of ringing a bell to signal that they had had enough.

"It is okay to fail," he said, "but never ever give up on something that you wanted to perform."

"Never ring that bell," he said. But be ready to shift to 'Plan B' when necessary, he said.

essary, he said, giving historical context to his messages.

"Dreaming the impossible dream is what it takes to change the world," he said.

When Vickers retired last year, The New York Times noted that he "participated in virtually every significant global crisis of the past four decades, either as a supporting player or just as often cast in a starring, if uncredited, role."

DURING THE TWO-HOUR commencement, Chris Weise conducted the McLean Band, which performed Edward Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance," No. 1, Op. 39.

Frederick Paul Zwirb, the last in the alphabet, received a standing ovation as graduates got ready to turn their tassels and let their graduate caps fly.

Linda Martin conducted The McLean Madrigals, featuring two graduates, in a heavy-



Keynote speaker Michael Vickers, former under secretary of defense for intelligence: "An amazing world awaits you."



Faculty selected Matthew Burch Steelberg for the 2016 Outstanding Male Student. "He makes learning for himself and for others fun," teachers said.

And Susie Choi, who earned recognition for taking every AP class offered at McLean High School and for being a "modern day Renaissance woman." But what makes her "so endearing," said teachers, is "her passion for helping others."

JOYCE AND JOE DeMarino traveled from Texas to watch their granddaughter, Destiny Dawn DeMarino, walk the

stage. "We're so proud of you, Des," said Joyce DeMarino.

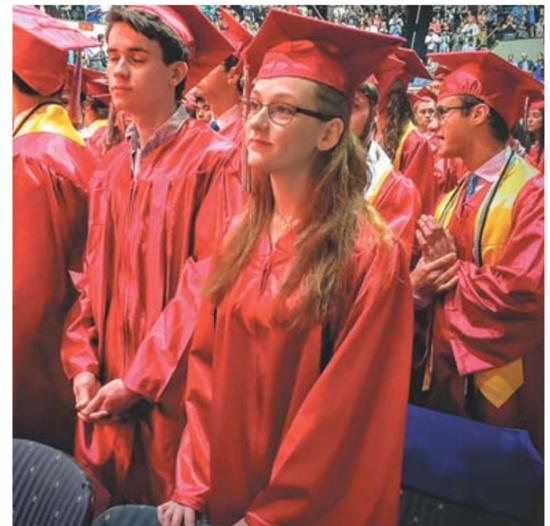
Joe DeMarino called Destiny his "grandangel."

"Follow your dreams," he said.

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Mohammed Ammar Fawzi Alabdali takes a reflective seat before McLean High School commencement ceremony at DAR Constitution Hall, Monday afternoon, June 20. Shelby Louise Armstrong is in the background.



Jamie Sarah Lindner was one of about 497 students to walk and receive their diploma Monday afternoon at Constitution Hall.



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Lucy Rose Hopkins, Bryce Alison Huber, and Maeve Murphy Harris.



Micheale Woldu Asmerom and Jacob Henry Barnett line up before entering the auditorium.



McLean High School's Class of 2016 Officers included: Ellie Thomas, president, Karynne Baker, Ashlee Chung, Claire Dalby and Avery Edson. Student speaker Addie Wikerson also sat on stage for the ceremony.



Nadia Taj Ali, Deema Mohammed Aleissa and Zainab Ali moments before they entered the DAR Constitution Hall auditorium for their graduation Monday morning, June 20.



PHOTOS BY KEN MOORE/THE CONNECTION
Faculty was there to congratulate and appreciate the accomplishments of the Class of 2016.

Thank You, 2016 Graduates

Langley High School seniors matriculate at DAR Constitution Hall on Monday, June 20.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

Langley swim coach Ryan Jackson ensured that beloved physics teacher Scott Stone was part of the Langley High School Class of 2016 graduation. Stone died unexpectedly Feb. 19, 2016.

Jackson read words Stone had previously written: "Have the courage to embrace who you are to become," Stone had written.

"This is a long and difficult journey, but if you're light on your feet," he promised it would be all the more enjoyable.

For all the accomplishments of the Class of 2016, including conference, region and state championships from multiple sports teams, national championships in scholastic competitions, musical and theater awards and half a million dollars raised for Relay for Life, Principal Fred Amico said he will remember how the class of 2016 "dealt with loss of a beloved teacher with love and equanimity."

He will also remember how students walked the halls with construction going on all around them, needing to use three dozen trailers during the process, "without ever complaining," said Amico.

"Well, with very little complaining," said Amico.

"You have been a joy to work with and I truly will miss all of you," he said.



Ameen Abdul Kareem Al-Dalli, one of the student attorneys in Langley's Case Day, and Mohammed Juma Rashid Al Jahwari.

Langley's Class of 2016 graduated at DAR Constitution Monday morning, June 20, 2016.

IN HIS KEYNOTE speech, Jackson said "I believe in opening doors, not building walls."

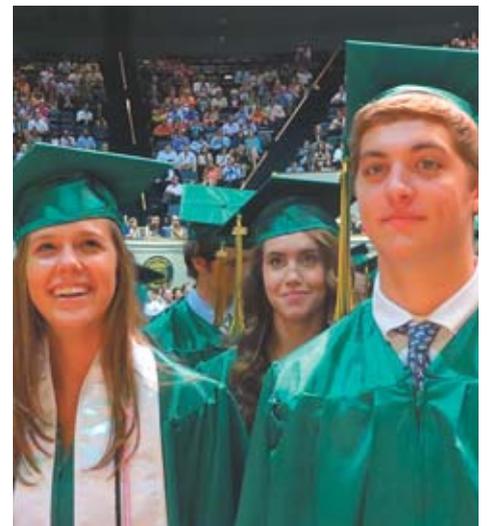
Class president Stephen "Chris" Clark, on the other hand, had a presidential reference of his own: "Thank you for putting your faith in me to make Langley great again," said Clark.

Both asked Langley graduates to remember their parents who helped them along

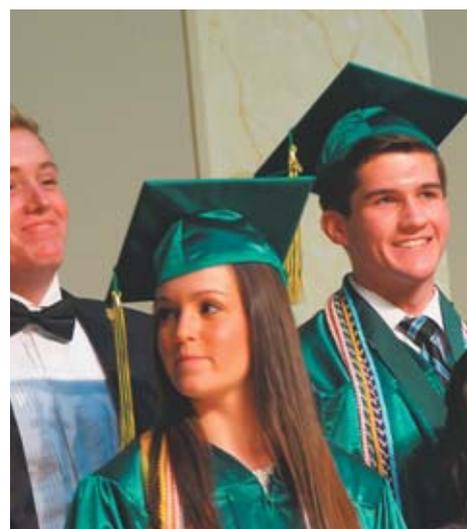
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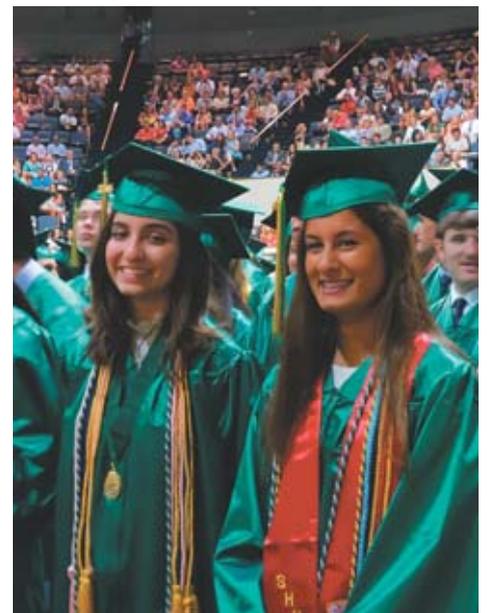
Madrigals sang the national anthem and a piece by Stephen Schwartz.



Mikayla Allen and Jack Anderson.



Madrigals performed during Langley High School's Graduation ceremony on June 20, 2016.



Yasmin Khodaei and Mehk Khubohardani.

ENTERTAINMENT

Send announcements to connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. Deadline is Friday at noon for the following week's paper.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 22

Pirate School. 10:30 a.m. Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Set sail on a swashbuckling adventure with Pirate Billy Bones as he teaches zany lessons on how to stand, talk, laugh, and eat like a boisterous buccaneer. 4 and up. \$10. wolftrap.org/woods.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 23-26

Riverdance. Thursday and Friday 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wolf Trap's Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Come see Irish traditions meet present day in Riverdance's dance, music, and song. \$20-\$75. 703-255-1900. wolftrap.org.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 25-26

Women's Soccer Association Tournament. Oakton High School, 2900 Sutton Road, Vienna. Tournament to celebrate Fairfax Women's Soccer Association 40th anniversary this year. \$25 individuals. \$400 teams. fwsasoccer.org.

Vienna Wireless Society National Field Day. 2 p.m. Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Local amateur radio operators ("hams") will join thousands nationwide on the weekend of June 25-26 to show off their amateur-radio and emergency-communications capabilities. To learn more about amateur radio, visit <http://viennawireless.net/> or go to <http://www.arrl.org/newham>.

SUNDAY/JUNE 26

Wagon Ride to Poohsticks Bridge. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Journey through the woods to Poohsticks bridge. Listen to Winnie the Pooh's story and play Poohsticks on the bridge. Meet at the Nature Center. 2 years or older. \$6/\$8. To register: fairfaxcounty.gov/parks and search for Riverbend Park.

Build Your Own Bat House. 10 a.m.-noon. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Build a bat house to hang in your yard. 3 years or older. \$8/\$10. Additional \$15 per bat house. To register: fairfaxcounty.gov/parks and search for Riverbend Park.

Scott Kurt and Memphis 59. 6-8 p.m. Great Falls Village Centre Green, Great Falls. Tom Petty meets Rascal Flatts - rockin' guitar! <http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/concerts-on-the-green/>.

THURSDAY/JUNE 30

Furia Flamenca Dance Company. 10:30 a.m. Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Experience the thrill and elegance of flamenco! Combining fiery percussive footwork and passionate music. \$8. Ages 5 and up. wolftrap.org/woods.

SUNDAY/JULY 3

Tom Principato. 6-8 p.m. Great Falls Village Centre Green, Great Falls. One of the most unique guitarists around, combining his rich blues background with high-energy rock, and a highly charged, emotionally expressive delivery. <http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/concerts-on-the-green/>.

Desert Highway. 5 p.m. McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd. Eagles tribute band. Part of the Alden's Sunday Summer Concerts.



MCC's July 4 fireworks will be at Churchill Road Elementary.

Fireworks in McLean

McLean Community Center's 4th of July Fireworks Celebration will be at Churchill Road Elementary School, 7100 Churchill Road, McLean.

The grounds will open at 6:30 p.m. The fireworks show will begin at sunset, approximately 9:15 p.m. Admission is free. In case of inclement weather, only the fireworks display will be presented on the rain date, Tuesday, July 5, at 8 p.m. Come early to enjoy musical entertainment by a local disc jockey and there will be food trucks on the grounds selling a variety of entrees and snacks. There will be no parking Churchill Road or Cooper Middle School. There is a free shuttle bus from two satellite parking sites, St. John's Episcopal Church (6715 Georgetown Pike) and MCC (1234 Ingleside Ave.), beginning at 6:25 p.m. Handicap-accessible buses will be available at both sites. Smoking, pets, fireworks, glass containers, weapons, sparklers, vaping and alcohol are not allowed on school grounds. The fireworks display will be provided by East Coast Pyrotechnics. For more information, call 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, or visit: <http://bit.ly/1UsHvRf>.

Free. aldentheatre.org. 703-790-0123.

Jammin Java, 227 East Maple Ave., Vienna. The alt-pop band Never Shout Never is headlining at Jammin Java. General Admission \$20. 703-255-1566. jamminjava.com.

MONDAY/JULY 4

Great Falls 4th of July Celebration and Parade. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. 5K Walk Run, Blood Drive, Little Patriot Parade, and floats, horses, antique cars and pets making a loop in the Main Parade. Fireworks start after dusk. <http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/4th-of-july-celebration-parade/>

Vienna 4th of July Festival and Fireworks Show. 4-9:30 p.m. Live musical entertainment, arts and crafts for kids, antique and classic car show and fireworks. Visit www.viennava.gov for more.

McLean Fourth of July. 6:30 p.m. Churchill Road Elementary, 7100 Churchill Road, McLean. Free shuttle buses. Disc jockey, snack vendors. mcleancenter.org.

SUNDAY/JULY 10

Emma Bailey. 6-8 p.m. Great Falls Village Centre Green, Great Falls. Soothing Emma Bailey country with the Standing Room Only Rock Band. <http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/concerts-on-the-green/>.

The English Channel. 5 p.m. McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd. British Invasion tribute band. Part of the Alden's Sunday Summer Concerts. Free. aldentheatre.org. 703-790-0123.

MONDAY-FRIDAY/JULY 11-15

Olympic Camp. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Providence Baptist Church, 8980 Brook Road, McLean. For rising first- to sixth-graders. Cooking for fun, acting, experiments and explosions, magic, dance and sports. ProvidenceToday.org. 703-893-5330.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 13

Never Shout Never Concert. 7 p.m.

Saint Ann Catholic Church

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SPORTS

Top Spring, Winter Sports Moments

The following is a look back at some of the top moments in local high school sports from the 2016 winter and spring seasons.

Madison's Vannicola Throws No-Hitter

Katie Vannicola's first high school no-hitter earned the Madison softball team its first trip to the state championship game since 2004.

Vannicola did not allow a hit against Grassfield in the 6A state semifinals and Madison won 4-0 on June 10 at Robinson Secondary School. The future Georgetown hurler struck out seven, hit one batter and walked three.

Vannicola received some help from her defense, including third baseman Alex Echazarreta catching a line drive in the seventh inning.

The Warhawks would lose to Osboun Park 4-0 in the state final the following day.

Madison finished the season with a 24-5 record, with three of its losses coming in the Conference 6, 6A North region and state championship games.

South Lakes Boys' Lax Wins Conference

For the South Lakes boys' lacrosse team, a double-digit win streak developed into the first conference title in program history.

South Lakes defeated Yorktown 8-5 in the Conference 6 championship game on May 13 at Langley High School, giving the Seahawks their first title. South Lakes finished the season with a 16-3 record, including a 13-7 loss to Colonial Forge in the state quarterfinals.

After losing to Stone Bridge in the second game of the season, the Seahawks kept on winning. A five-game win streak turned into a 10-game win streak and eventually South Lakes entered the conference tournament final with a 12-1 record, having won 11 straight.

South Lakes made it 12 in a row with the win over Yorktown. Tommy Jung scored three goals for the Seahawks and Matt Hughes scored two.

Herndon's Menendez No-Hits South Lakes

Herndon junior Antonio Menendez tossed a no-hitter against South Lakes on April 2 and the Hornets defeated the Seahawks 2-0 in Reston.

Menendez struck out 10, walked two and hit two batters. He threw 86 pitches, including 53 for strikes.

It was the first varsity no-hitter for Menendez, who is committed to Wake Forest.



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Madison pitcher Katie Vannicola threw her first high school no-hitter in the state semifinals.



PHOTO BY WILL PALENSCAR

Paige Galiani and the Langley girls' basketball team reached the state final for the first time in program history.

Langley Girls Reaches State Final

The 2015-16 Langley girls' basketball team reached the state championship game for the first time in program history. Along the way, the Saxons won their first conference/district title since 1988 and upset previously unbeaten Oakton in the state semifinals.

Langley gave two-time defending state

champion Cosby trouble in the state final and had a chance to tie with less than a minute remaining, but the Titans went on to capture their third straight championship with a 42-37 victory on March 9 at VCU's Siegel Center. Langley ended the season with a 26-6 record and the deepest postseason run in its history.

The previous day, the Saxons defeated then-unbeaten Oakton 47-38 in the semifinals. The 38 points were a season low for the Cougars.

Senior guard Paige Galiani became the program's all-time leading scorer during the regular season. She scored 17 points and hit a late 3-pointer that led the Saxons to a 34-32 win over Landstown in the state quarterfinals on March 5 at Old Dominion University. She totaled 11 points, four rebounds and two blocks against Cosby in the state final.

Senior guard Lizzy Shamloo had 12 points, nine rebounds and three steals against Cosby.

Great Falls U-11 Boys Win Lacrosse Championship

The U-11 Great Falls Boys Team defeated Fort Hunt 4-3 in a close and hard-fought win this past Sunday at McLean High School, winning the Northern Virginia Youth Lacrosse League Championship. The Great Falls boys were ranked No. 8 out of 23 going into the Championship tournament, managing to snatch the No. 1 spot. The team is led by head coach Denny Sisson and assistant coach Mark Spoto. The team roster includes: Sam Borrer, John Cook, Bradley Cruthirds, Joseph Duncan, Phelps Henry, Will Horstman, Zachary Jones, Mikey Kieffer, Raman Mathur, Jake Moser, Hunt North, Jack Pino, Owen Ruskavich, Denison Sisson, Nicholas Spoto, Andrew Vivenzio, Charlies Williams, Liam Willson.



HOME SALES

In May 2016, 122 homes sold between \$2,650,000-\$180,000 in the McLean and Falls Church area. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$2,650,000-\$333,000 range. For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	Postal Code	Subdivision
932 SWINKS MILL RD	5	7	3	MCLEAN	\$2,650,000	Detached	1.60	22102	HITTAFFER
861 CENTRILLION DR	6	5	2	MCLEAN	\$2,375,000	Detached	0.86	22102	GARFIELD PARK
1125 DOGWOOD DR	5	5	1	MCLEAN	\$2,200,000	Detached	0.34	22101	LANGLEY FARMS
1311 SUMMERWOOD CT	6	5	3	MCLEAN	\$2,128,000	Detached	0.83	22102	SUMMERWOOD
1049 BELLVIEW RD	6	4	1	MCLEAN	\$1,888,000	Detached	2.74	22102	WOODSIDE
930 TOWLSTON RD	5	5	2	MCLEAN	\$1,831,000	Detached	1.64	22102	PEACOCK STATION
1236 FARNESTINE ST	5	5	1	MCLEAN	\$1,825,000	Detached	0.35	22101	HANSBOROUGH
7102 THRASHER PL	6	5	1	MCLEAN	\$1,800,000	Detached	0.29	22101	LANGLEY MANOR
1300 SKIPWITH RD	5	5	1	MCLEAN	\$1,750,000	Townhouse		22101	MERRYWOOD ON THE POTOMAC
1951 MASSACHUSETTS AVE	8	6	1	MCLEAN	\$1,700,000	Detached	0.27	22101	FRANKLIN PARK
1810 MACARTHUR DR	6	5	1	MCLEAN	\$1,480,000	Detached	0.31	22101	CHESTERBROOK
2323 DALE DR	5	5	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$1,461,286	Detached	0.20	22043	CHESTNUT PLACE
2235 BEACON LN	5	4	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$1,440,000	Detached	0.25	22043	CHURCHHILL
1704 ESQUIRE LN	5	4	2	MCLEAN	\$1,440,000	Detached	0.43	22101	DIVINE LANDING
6608 TINA LN	5	3	1	MCLEAN	\$1,395,000	Detached	0.52	22101	LANGLEY OAKS
6289 DUNAWAY CT	5	5	1	MCLEAN	\$1,395,000	Detached	0.33	22101	EVERMAY
1450 EMERSON AVE #314	2	2	1	MCLEAN	\$1,394,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors	22101	BALLADIUM AT MCLEAN	
1246 RACHEL RD	3	3	1	MCLEAN	\$1,382,000	Detached	0.50	22101	MCLEAN
1005 EATON DR	4	5	1	MCLEAN	\$1,330,000	Detached	0.83	22102	THE GREAT HAMPTONS
1434 BUENA VISTA AVE	5	4	1	MCLEAN	\$1,323,400	Detached	0.17	22101	WEST MCLEAN
2142 HAYCOCK RD	6	5	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$1,315,000	Detached	0.24	22043	CHURCHHILL
2038 HILLSIDE DR	4	4	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$1,288,000	Detached	0.48	22043	HILLSIDE MANOR
6131 FRANKLIN PARK RD	4	3	1	MCLEAN	\$1,275,000	Detached	0.43	22101	FRANKLIN PARK
1423 KIRBY RD	5	4	0	MCLEAN	\$1,250,000	Detached	2.90	22101	CHESTERBROOK
6524 ORLAND ST	4	4	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$1,230,000	Detached	0.36	22043	POWHATAN HILLS
1333 MERRIE RIDGE RD	4	4	1	MCLEAN	\$1,225,000	Detached	0.24	22101	THE DOGWOODS AT LANGLEY
2109 PIMMIT DR	5	5	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$1,215,000	Detached	0.26	22043	PIMMIT HILLS
6506 SPARROW POINT CT	4	3	1	MCLEAN	\$1,205,000	Detached	0.47	22101	LANGLEY OAKS
7284 HIGHLAND ESTATES PL	5	4	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$1,200,000	Detached	0.18	22043	HIGHLAND ESTATES
2011 VIRGINIA AVE	4	3	0	MCLEAN	\$1,200,000	Detached	0.60	22101	FRANKLIN PARK
7603 TIMBERLY CT	5	4	1	MCLEAN	\$1,199,000	Detached	0.28	22102	TIMBERLY SOUTH
6302 HARDY DR	5	4	1	MCLEAN	\$1,175,000	Detached	0.37	22101	POTOMAC HILLS
1718 CHESTERFORD WAY	4	4	0	MCLEAN	\$1,175,000	Detached	0.25	22101	CHESTERFORD
7304 YATES CT	5	4	0	MCLEAN	\$1,170,000	Detached	0.30	22101	MC LEAN KNOLLS
8223 RIDING RIDGE PL	4	4	1	MCLEAN	\$1,140,000	Detached	0.64	22102	GREENWAY HEIGHTS
7333 PAXTON RD	5	4	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$1,120,995	Detached	0.28	22043	PIMMIT HILLS
2039 WESTMORELAND ST	5	3	2	FALLS CHURCH	\$1,116,250	Detached	0.34	22043	WESTMORELAND
1733 FAIRVIEW AVE	5	4	0	MCLEAN	\$1,100,000	Detached	0.48	22101	DIVINES CHESTERBROOK
1755 ANDERSON RD	5	4	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$1,080,000	Detached	0.33	22043	PIMMIT HILLS
733 RIDGE DR	4	3	1	MCLEAN	\$1,070,000	Detached	0.48	22101	LANGLEY OAKS
7323 WESTERLY LN	5	2	1	MCLEAN	\$1,050,000	Detached	0.42	22101	BEDFORD ACRES
6445 SIENNA CT	4	3	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$1,040,000	Detached	0.31	22043	MARLBOROUGH
1400 ROMEO CT	4	3	1	MCLEAN	\$1,037,500	Detached	0.37	22102	MC LEAN HAMLET
1701 ALBEMARLE ST N	4	3	0	MCLEAN	\$1,016,800	Detached	0.42	22101	CHESTERBROOK WOODS
1423 IRONWOOD DR	5	3	1	MCLEAN	\$1,015,000	Detached	0.39	22101	CHESTERBROOK WOODS
1913 KENBAR CT	5	4	0	MCLEAN	\$1,000,000	Detached	0.53	22101	FRANKLIN FOREST
1632 MADDUX LN	5	3	1	MCLEAN	\$995,000	Detached	0.39	22101	CHESTERBROOK WOODS
850 MERRIEWOOD LN	5	3	1	MCLEAN	\$989,750	Detached	0.59	22102	TROXELL MANOR
2057 ARCH DR	5	3	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$980,000	Detached	0.25	22043	PIMMIT HILLS
1556 MARY ELLEN CT	4	3	1	MCLEAN	\$980,000	Detached	0.28	22101	MC LEAN WEST
1721 OAK LN	4	2	1	MCLEAN	\$970,000	Detached	0.12	22101	C
1604 COLONIAL HILLS DR	3	3	2	MCLEAN	\$969,900	Townhouse	0.03	22102	HUNTING RIDGE
1200 WINTER HUNT RD	4	3	1	MCLEAN	\$960,410	Detached	0.46	22102	MC LEAN HUNT ESTATES
7911 LYSANDER CT	5	3	1	MCLEAN	\$940,000	Detached	0.34	22102	MC LEAN HAMLET
1469 HAMPTON RIDGE DR	3	3	1	MCLEAN	\$930,000	Townhouse	0.05	22101	HAMPTONS OF MCLEAN
2343 BRITTANY PARC DR	4	3	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$910,000	Detached	0.18	22043	BRITTANY PARC AT TYSONS
5907 FRAZIER LN	4	3	0	MCLEAN	\$900,000	Detached	0.65	22101	WESTMONT
6514 TRUMAN LN	5	3	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$895,000	Detached	0.41	22043	MARLBOROUGH
7720 LEWINSVILLE RD	4	2	2	MCLEAN	\$886,500	Detached	1.00	22102	LEWINSVILLE
8021 AGIN CT	4	3	1	MCLEAN	\$880,000	Detached	0.37	22102	MC LEAN HAMLET
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1644 WRIGHTSON DR	5	3	0	MCLEAN	\$877,000	Detached	0.30	22101	WEST GRASS RIDGE
6723 TENNYSON DR	4	3	0	MCLEAN	\$875,000	Detached	0.52	22101	BRYN MAWR
1823 SUSQUEHANNOCK DR	4	3	0	MCLEAN	\$875,000	Detached	0.28	22101	W LEWINSVILLE HEIGHTS
1506 WOODACRE DR	3	3	0	MCLEAN	\$875,000	Detached	0.39	22101	CHESTERBROOK WOODS
1806 YOUNGBLOOD ST	5	3	0	MCLEAN	\$869,000	Detached	0.43	22101	GRASS RIDGE
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7718 FALSTAFF CT	4	3	0	MCLEAN	\$855,500	Detached	0.47	22102	MC LEAN HAMLET
7024 HORNET LN	4	3	0	MCLEAN	\$840,000	Detached	0.37	22101	WOOD GLYNN
1472 HAMPTON HILL CIR	3	4	1	MCLEAN	\$836,000	Townhouse	0.07	22101	HAMPTONS OF MCLEAN
1636 WRIGHTSON DR	5	3	0	MCLEAN	\$825,000	Detached	0.26	22101	WEST GRASS RIDGE
6930 TYNDALE ST	5	2	1	MCLEAN	\$816,000	Detached	0.34	22101	ROSEMONT
2547 OGDEN ST	4	3	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$815,000	Detached	0.24	22043	SHERMONT
2411 BARBOUR RD	4	3	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$805,000	Detached	0.29	22043	FALLS HILL
6904 STRATA ST	4	2	1	MCLEAN	\$800,000	Detached	0.24	22101	DEVON PARK
6227 NELWAY DR	5	3	0	MCLEAN	\$800,000	Detached	0.24	22101	POTOMAC HILLS
6828 LEMON RD	4	2	1	MCLEAN	\$730,000	Detached	0.24	22101	DEVON PARK
1800 OLD MEADOW RD #906	3	2	1	MCLEAN	\$700,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	22102	REGENCY AT MCLEAN	
1601 COLONIAL LN	2	3	1	MCLEAN	\$700,000	Detached	0.18	22102	HUNTING RIDGE
2427 FALLS PLACE CT	4	3	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$695,000	Townhouse	0.09	22043	FALLS PLACE TOWNHSES
7414 ELDORADO ST	3	3	1	MCLEAN	\$680,000	Townhouse	0.05	22102	HALLCREST HEIGHTS
2091 HOPEWOOD DR	4	2	2	FALLS CHURCH	\$680,000	Townhouse	0.04	22043	WESTMORELAND SQ
6826 MCLEAN PROVINCE CIR	3	2	2	FALLS CHURCH	\$680,000	Townhouse	0.05	22043	MC LEAN PROVINCE
2230 CAPRI CT	3	1	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$650,000	Detached	0.25	22043	CHURCHHILL
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2125 HUTCHISON GROVE CT	3	3	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$570,000	Townhouse	0.03	22043	MARSHALL HEIGHTS
7734 LISLE AVE	2	1	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$526,000	Detached	0.23	22043	PIMMIT HILLS
1746 PIMMIT DR	3	1	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$509,000	Detached	0.27	22043	PIMMIT HILLS
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7815 BEARD CT	3	3	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$490,000	Townhouse	0.03	22043	PINEWOOD GREENS
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1521 SPRING GATE DR#10408	2	2	0	MCLEAN	\$390,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	22102	GATES OF MCLEAN	
1800 OLD MEADOW RD#603	2	2	0	MCLEAN	\$383,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	22102	REGENCY AT MCLEAN	
1808 OLD MEADOW RD#414	2	2	0	MCLEAN	\$383,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	22102	ENCORE OF MCLEAN	
1815 WESTWIND WAY#59C	3	1	1	MCLEAN	\$350,000	Townhouse		22102	WESTERLIES THE
1738 WESTWIND WAY	2	1	1	MCLEAN	\$345,000	Townhouse		22102	WESTERLIES THE
8350 GREENSBORO DR #1021	2	2	0	MCLEAN	\$337,500	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	22102	ROTONDA	
8380 GREENSBORO DR #303	2	2	0	MCLEAN	\$333,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	22102	ROTONDA	

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PEOPLE

Caroline Ehler Crowned Miss Tysons' Outstanding Teen

Local teen Caroline Ehler will be competing in the Miss Virginia's Outstanding Teen pageant in Roanoke on June 25. Caroline was crowned Miss Tysons' Outstanding Teen in March and will compete to win the title of Miss Virginia's Outstanding Teen, a division of the Miss America Scholarship Pageant.



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Caroline Ehler

Caroline is a junior at Dominion High School. She has a passion for math and wants to be a computer engineer. She is a member of the National and French honor societies, and serves as her school's vice president as well as class president. She has also been a varsity cheerleader for 3 years. Her pageant platform is "Cheering Girls on to STEM." Her goal is to get young children excited about math and science and for girls to know that they can be a cheerleader *and* love math and science. Caroline has spoken locally to elementary school children as well as performed with the Science Cheerleaders in Washington, D.C. at the USA Science and Engineering Festival.

The pageant includes a talent competition in which Caroline plays classical piano. She won first place for her talent in the Miss Northern Virginia's Scholarship Pageant. Follow Caroline's journey on Facebook at "Miss Tysons' Outstanding Teen Caroline Ehler," or on Instagram @MissTysonsOT2016.

Langley Graduation

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the way.

Clark looked to the stands and thanked his mother and father, as a way for all of the graduates to thank their families.

"I know I couldn't have made it without you guys," said Clark.

"Hold on, let's give a round of applause to all Langley parents," he said.

"Here we go, congrats everyone," said Clark, moments before the passing of the diplomas.

JACKSON HAS ATTENDED the last 12 Langley graduations.

"Perfect attendance," he said.

He reflected on lessons he learned from past Langley graduation speakers, which included former colleagues as well as Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, who helped with founding of Langley's Case Day program.

He reminded students that "life isn't fair" and that Stone had warned students that they should "expect disappointments."

"Life isn't fair or unfair, life is simply something in which we all take part," said Jackson.

"If we remove all labels of

good and bad, we see life for what it is," he said. "Besides, no one wants to attend your pity party."

Among Jackson's additional lines:

"Honesty matters. First and foremost be honest and true with yourselves."

"Be compassionate and empathetic. Like ethics, practicing these are not easy. They will always be worth the effort."

"Be a good person and exhibit good manners," he said. "Don't cheapen your good efforts by expecting something to be given back in return."

"Say 'please' and 'thank you.' Magic has the ability to bring joy to others and we all know that 'please' is a magic word. 'Thank you,' it takes a second to say and all of us have the ability."

"Continue on the path you set for yourselves and surround yourself with a team of motivated people."

"Learn from winning and from losing."

"Graduation is not an ending, it is a beginning."

"Please do not settle. Do not peak in high school," he said.

"The world is there for you to explore and experience."

"Thank you."

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Rooting Around



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As rare as this beginning may sound, a funny thing happened to me at my dentist's office this past week: the apparent need for two root canals followed up by two crowns (neither of which will make me king or master of my domain) for a not-so-grand total of between 8 and 10 thousand uninsured/out-of-pocket dollars (the specific pocket yet to be determined and the timetable likewise yet to be decided).

And it's not as if the consequence of my inaction was a shock. Hardly. My dentist and my dental hygienist, Sandy, have been advising/cajoling me and attempting various preventive procedures for years hoping to avoid this eventuality, for my sake, really. Nevertheless, despite their consistently best efforts to get me to floss and/or use whatever flossing alternative exists on the market, I have unfortunately through no fault of theirs, reached my infected point, at least on the X-Rays I was shown, of no return. Not that needing root canals or any other variety of dental repair is at all unusual – or unexpected after reaching a certain middle age, it was more the manner in which the need/recommendation was suggested to me by my dentist and his hygienist – and my reaction to it, that I thought was column-worthy. I thought especially so in the light of having been diagnosed with stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer in early 2009.

Separating out the cost-anxiety for a moment and trying just to deal with the bad, inconvenient, negative, time-consuming news, the message I received, softly and clearly, was one offered up as sympathetically and presumably as empathetically as possible, given my underlying cancer diagnosis, with which the practice is well acquainted. And I appreciated the sensitivity with which the dental assessment – and cost, was discussed. However, if I had to bet a dollar, I would say their initial concern was more about yours truly finding the necessary unreimbursed dollars to solve this long-standing tooth decay than was its impact on me as a cancer patient, as evidenced by their assurances of financial assistance.

And since I was not yet in the excruciating pain that my dentist described was likely forthcoming, nor flush with cash ready to commit to this huge/not totally unexpected expense, I took their advice in stride (in the dental chair, actually) and hesitatingly authorized their first step: e-mailing the referred endodontist for price/plan/schedule, etc.

Now this is where the subject finally gets funny, and I don't mean hysterical (because I'm not crazy or laughing heartily) and I don't mean ironic (because it's not exactly a twist on reality), but it was as Jerry Seinfeld once said: "something." And the something it was I think was context. I have the ultimate weight on my shoulders: cancer – and by association I'm told, on my teeth, too. I'm already living with terrible news, the worst kind of news, a "terminal" prognosis given at age 54 and a half due to an "incurable" form of lung cancer. And what was funny to me was the serious, somber and sorrowful tones and expressions with which this root canal need was given. If I hadn't already received a cancer diagnosis seven-plus years ago, I would have thought I was receiving one right there in the dentist's office.

Root canal? Is that all you got? Hey, I may not be thrilled about the cost and I'm certainly not looking forward to the pain and inconvenience. I'll get it done when I get it done. In the interim however, to be honest, I can't worry about it too much. I have cancer: "The Emperor of all Maladies."

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