At the Robbie-noceros New Year’s Eve party at Jammin’ Java, children — and parents — got down and boogied.
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From the air looking west, construction along Route 123 shows both the HOT Lanes work and a future Dulles Rail Station.

‘Silver Line,’ HOT Lanes Transform Tysons Area

Motorists will reap benefits by 2013.

By Mike Salmon VDOT

The Dulles Metrorail and Interstate 495 HOT Lanes projects are moving full steam ahead, and the traveling public in Virginia will reap the rewards of these significant transportation additions by 2013.

Phase 1 of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail project began in Tysons Corner last March and over the summer, support columns for the aerial track went up near Interstate 66 and the Dulles Connector Road (Route 267). This is where the new line, unofficially tagged the “Silver Line,” is branching off the Metrorail’s Orange Line. Phase 1, which goes as far as Reston, is mostly above ground and features a tunnel along Route 123 between the Tysons Corner Center and Tysons Galleria malls. The tunneling began in October using a machine called the “Drill Jumbo,” which uses the New Austrian Tunneling Method.

Work on five new Metrorail stations is underway, with four in Tysons Corner and one in Reston. The Tysons East station will be inside the Capital Beltway. The Tysons Central 123 station will be located at Tysons Boulevard and Route 123. Tysons Central 7 is along Route 7 near Route 123. The Tysons West station will be built at Route 7 and Spring Hill Road. The rail line then follows the median of the Dulles International Airport Access Highway to Reston where the final station in this phase is being built at Wiehle Avenue. Trains are expected to begin servicing these stations in late 2013.

Although construction of the Interstate 495 HOT (High Occupancy Toll) Lanes overlaps Metrorail construction in Tysons Corner, it is a separate project. The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority is building the $2.7 billion Dulles Metrorail Project while the Virginia Department of Transportation, in a public-private partnership with Transurban-Fluor, is building the Interstate 495 HOT Lanes.

HOT Lanes are a system that will provide new travel choices for a faster and more reliable trip. On Interstate 495, there will be two new HOT lanes in each direction from the Springfield Interchange to just north of the Dulles Toll Road that will be free to HOV-3 cars, motorcycles and buses. Vehicles with less than three occupants can choose to pay a toll to enter the lanes. The amount of the toll will vary throughout the day and depend on real-time traffic conditions.

Construction on these lanes started in 2008 and will replace $260 million in aging infrastructure. This includes overpasses and bridges at the Springfield Interchange, Braddock Road, Little River Turnpike, Gallows Road, Lee Highway, Interstate 66, Arlington Boulevard, Oak Street, Idylwood Road, Leesburg Pike, Chain Bridge Road and Lewinsville Road. Crews are demolishing the old bridges/overpasses and building new ones with the goal of keeping traffic moving. The toll lanes are scheduled to be open by the end of 2012 or early 2013.

Both of these projects will significantly expand transportation options in Northern Virginia. In the mean time, some delays could occur during construction. To mitigate these impacts, Virginia Megaprojects created a traffic management plan (TMP) to offer motorists alternatives to lane closures and detours. This plan includes three new bus services: Tysons Connector, a free shuttle serving Tysons Corner at lunchtime during the week; Tysons Express, a Woodbridge to Tysons Corner commuter bus with free Wi-Fi; and a Loudoun County express bus to Tysons Corner to launch in fall 2010. Another aspect of the plan empowers businesses in Tysons Corner. The Megaprojects Employer Solutions Team is trained to help employers develop customized transportation strategies to increase employees’ commuting options. These may include shared-ride commute matching options (carpool, vanpool, bus, rail, metro and slugging); commuter services seminars or fairs; telecommuting programs; and employer and employee incentive information. To learn more about these free resources, call 877-9595-222 or e-mail: employersolutions@vamegaprojects.com.

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By Donna Manz

The Town of Vienna budget tops the list of issues the Council will address as it determines funding for projects and infrastructure. Traffic and transportation rate a close second.

“We’re always looking for ways to work with the greater Tysons coalition on traffic and Tysons redevelopment since these issues affect Vienna, particularly the commuter routes, so much,” said Mayor M. Jane Seeman. Metrorail and Dulles rail construction at Tysons Corner and increased density as a result of new development will exacerbate traffic congestion along Route 123 and the peripheral roads.

“We will start working on the Maple Avenue new development plan in January. We’ve been talking about this for years and it’s exciting to finally be doing something about it,” Seeman said. The council has just begun discussion of Maple Avenue redevelopment and will initially consider size, height, parking and the type of use of new buildings. Parking spaces are a significant challenge in Vienna, especially on Church Street and in centers with a fixed lot size.

“Our citizens will have huge input in this redevelopment plan,” Seeman. “We will continue to make Vienna such a desirable place to live and certainly will not be selling out to developers.”

New businesses and stores are coming into Vienna even in the slowed economy, the mayor noted. Walgreens has planned on a winter opening and the Midtown Plaza will be ready for its tenants by late spring.

The Branch Avenue shopping center, Danor Plaza, is owned by two separate companies and the mayor is cooperating with both to try to get them to work together to improve the center and pull in new tenants to the empty shells there now.

Community Meetings Address Hot Topics

“Budget, budget and budget tops agenda,” said Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill District). “It’s the driver with what we do.”

Dulles rail cuts through the Hunter Mill District in the Reston area and construction and traffic congestion hit Hunter Mill residents and commuters.

As the Board of Supervisors
A Tot-Rockin’ New Year’s Eve

Jammin’ Java hosts annual Robbie-noceros children’s concert.

They came from Vienna and McLean, from Alexandria and South Riding and beyond, to celebrate New Year’s Eve in style — children’s style, that is. For the third consecutive year, Jammin’ Java hosted two matinees featuring Robbie Schaefer of Vienna and Rocknoceros in a jumping gala New Year’s Eve party called Robbie-noceros. Schaefer’s two pre-teen sons, students at Vienna schools, performed along with the band.

Melissa Rossman of Vienna brought her 7-month-old son Jaiden and 3-year-old daughter Sierra. Sierra danced, shaking her dress to the music. “The baby loved it. She couldn’t keep her eyes off them.”

The sold-out shows drew over 200 parents, preschoolers and babies at each performance. Little ones jumped and twirled to the music, their parents throwing themselves into the moment.

“Like this is the direct connection you make with audience members,” Cotton said.

Rocknoceros appears on Cox digital cable channel 27. Robbie Schaefer plays on Sirius radio at “Kids’ Place Live,” sirius.com/kidsplacelive. To learn more about Rocknoceros, go to www.rocknoceros.com or visit Robbie Schaefer at http://songsforkidslikeme.littlestarrecords.com/ — Donna Manz

Week in Vienna

Armed Robbery at Vienna Bus Stop

On Dec. 26, at 11:30 a.m. Vienna Police responded to a report of a woman that had been robbed at an area bus stop. The woman had exited the Wachovia Bank at 212 Maple Ave., E. and entered into a bus stop shelter along Maple Avenue.

A short time later, an individual approached her, produced a knife, and demanded the woman’s wallet. The woman complied with the subject’s request. The suspect then fled on foot.

The suspect is described as a white male in his 30s wearing a black stocking cap, black ski type jacket, blue jeans and black boots.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call Detective Gary Lose at 703-255-6313.

Man Wounded by Assailant with Knife

On Dec. 24, at 10:19 p.m. an individual in need of assistance flagged down an officer in the 200 Block of Cedar Lane, S.E. in Vienna. The individual told the officer that he had been slashed on the arm by an unknown assailant.

The officer summoned Fairfax County EMS to treat the victim’s non life-threatening wound on his arm. The victim reported that after a verbal interaction near the Cedar Lane McDonald’s, a threat was made towards him and then the assailant attacked him, cutting his arm with a utility style razor knife. The assailant then fled on foot.

The assailant is described as a Hispanic male in his 50s with white hair, wearing blue pants and a striped shirt.

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Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to call MPO J. Evans at 703-255-7825.

Discussing Vienna’s Development, Park System

Join Mayor Jane Seeman at the next “Vienna at Your Service” meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 12, from 7:30-9 p.m. at Town Hall, 127 Center St., S. Director of Planning and Zoning Greg Hembree will talk about the history of Vienna’s development, and Parks and Recreation Director Cathy Salgado will discuss the establishment of the Town’s park system.

Vienna at Your Service was designed to give citizens the opportunity to learn more about their community. Participants are asked to register with the Parks and Recreation Department. For more information, call 703-255-6360.
Remembering Nicole Dawn Kielar

Five years since Vienna native died while helping save others.

Jan. 10 marks the fifth year since the Kielar family lost their dear Nikki. We wish to publicly remember her to all those who knew her, and even those who didn’t, because she was an extraordinary person who touched many lives and made a difference in so many ways.

She was born Nicole Dawn Kielar, on Oct. 24, 1975, in Ypsilanti, Mich. Her tenaciousness was seen from the start as she arrived at home, not waiting to be born at the hospital. Thirty plus minutes later, her twin brother, Joseph, was born at the nearby hospital. That was the beginning of an unique bond between sister and brother that endured and strengthened over the next 29 years. Nikki and Joe were pre-ceded by an older brother Rob and then three years after their birth by their brother Andy.

Nikki was a beautiful baby, an energetic and determined toddler, made even stronger by being the only girl in a family of four children. She was a self-starter, went by most of the rules and often took on the position of reminding her brothers of those rules. Family and thing that you think might be a story, or something you have a question about, give us a call, or drop us a line.

If you know of a person or an organization doing important work, something that might make a good feature story, we are looking for people to feature each time.

We want to know if someone in your family or your community published a book, became an Eagle Scout, raised money for a good cause, accomplished some feat like running a marathon or having art included in an art show.

We publish photos and notes of a variety of personal milestones and community events, including births, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, awards and obituaries.

We are also interested in events at your church, mosque, synagogue, community center, pool, school, club, etc. E-mail us a photo and a note about the event. Be sure to include the names of all the people who are in a photo and say when and where the photo was taken.

We also publish notes about news and events from local businesses. Notes about openings, new employees, anniversaries are welcome. It is especially important to us to let people know about events ahead of time in our calendar of events. We appreciate getting notice at least two weeks ahead of the event, and we encourage photos. Events for our calendars should be free or at nominal cost and open to the public.

In covering the issues, we strive to provide a voice for our readers. We look forward to hearing from you.

— MARY KIMM
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Get Involved
The first day of the 2010 General Assembly session is Wednesday, Jan. 13.

The House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees will hold a Regional Public Hearing on Friday, Jan. 8, at 10 a.m., at the Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus. The hearing will focus on the Governor’s proposed 2010-12 Biennial State Budget and is open to the public.

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Virginia’s 31st District will host a public hearing on Jan. 19 at 7 p.m., in the boardroom at the Fairfax County Government Center. To reserve a seat, call 703-324-3151.

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In Memoriam
Nicole Dawn Kielar

the love of animals were of the utmost importance for all of her 29 years.

NIKKI went to Oakton Elementary, Thoreau Middle School and then graduated from James Madison Senior High School. While in elementary and middle school, she was an active participant in a local Girl Scout group and also played for the Vienna Youth Soccer for several years. She strove to succeed in everything she attempted; she was never satisfied with anything other than giving 100 percent. She took on responsibility and leadership roles at a very early age and continued throughout all of her first 12 school years. She was in the Honor Society at Madison, captain of the Madison color guard and winter guard and a cellist in the Madison orchestra, while taking challenging college prep courses.

Nicole was an active member of Holy Comforter Episcopal Church in Vienna, part of the youth group, youth choir and a leader of the youth Dakota Team, a mission group that went out to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation every summer.

Nicole set her sights on going to the University of Virginia and, thanks to the preparation she received from Vienna schools, she was accepted. She entered UVA in the fall of 1994, majoring in biology and graduating four years later in 1998. Nikki continued friendships that began in eighth grade and added many new friends during her college years and thereafter.

A defining moment in Nikki’s life happened during her second year at UVA when she joined the local Charlottesville-Albermarle Rescue Squad (CARS), the largest and busiest rescue squad in the country. This is when her passion for medicine and helping others was brought to fruition. Along with her college courses, she began years of rescue training finally becoming a licensed Paramedic. She was involved in all avenues connected to rescue and was never fearful of any new challenge. She was respected and liked by all her CARS teammates, who became her second family. Her leadership roles continued in many aspects and she was made Deputy Chief at CARS shortly after graduation from UVA. An underlying dream of being a doctor began to emerge in her last couple years of college. To reach that goal, she began and finished her master’s degree in physiology at Virginia Commonwealth University. Excerpts of her thesis were published in the New England Journal of Medicine. At the same time, she also began working full time for Air Methods, out of Richmond, as a flight paramedic. Even with a full time job and a full course load at VCU, Nicole continued her volunteer work back in Charlottesville, plus teaching occasional training classes, taking added classes and representing CARS at many EMS conferences.

Nikki transferred to Fredericksburg, Va. to help open the new Air Methods base in Stafford County. This enabled her to be closer to her older brother.

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and her niece Madison and nephew Jordan who were very important to her. She continued her shifts in Charlottesville and also still flew out of the Richmond base. Also added to her busy schedule was a new position of regional education coordinator. Nikki was never idle, but continued to push herself in many areas while waiting for her dream to come true by attending Medical School. One of her most recent projects was to head up a study of lactate and their use in emergency medicine.

NO MATTER how busy Nikki was, she always found time for family and friends. She was a devoted friend to many, a supportive loving sister, awesome aunt and amazing daughter. She traveled and enjoyed her short life to the fullest. She died not knowing she had been accepted into Virginia Commonwealth University Medical School starting in the fall 2005 term. Nicole spent her adult life helping others and died while flying back to their Fredericksburg base after dropping off a cardiac patient at the Washington Hospital. She died while doing what she loved, serving the Virginia community by delivering emergency medical help to those in need, saving many lives in the process.

Nikki will be remembered by her family and friends as a truly outstanding member of the EMS community, as well as a person who would and did give her live for others. May she rest in peace.

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**Focus on Transportation**

Evolution Health & Fitness Celebrates 10th Anniversary

On the eve of Christmas Eve, Evolution Health & Fitness celebrated 10 years in business as downtown Vienna’s hometown health club. To commemorate this milestone, Evolution hosted an evening of celebration attended by more than 100 members and clients. Evolution’s 22 charter members, who all joined the club prior to its opening, each received an embroidered sweatshirt for their 10 years of dedication. Evolution owner Mark Lander gave a toast to the club’s success, thanking his members for their loyalty and expressing his gratitude on how the club has thrived in Vienna for 10 years.

Evolution Health & Fitness, located along the W&OD bicycle trail at 216 Dominion Road, N.E., opened its doors to the public on Dec. 23, 1999. Although smaller than a typical big box club, Evolution has earned the highest consumer satisfaction rating from Washington Checkbook magazine.

Evolution is also the home of “Team Evolution,” an amateur racing team that competes in local triathlons, running and cycling events throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. To learn more about Evolution, or to find out about Evolution’s 10-year anniversary and New Year’s specials, contact the club at 703-255-9707, or visit its Web site at evolutionhealthclub.com.

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Hudgins said, adding that the comprehensive plan needs to provide for the needed infrastructure and amenities such as green space so that nearby communities are not providing the infrastructure," Foust said. "We need to make Tysons Corner the vibrant center we all want while protecting the established neighborhoods." He pointed to the importance of analyzing traffic impact studies that project the traffic that increased density will result in.

With road closures and detours, Foust noted that businesses operating in the Tysons Corner area are also affected by construction and congestion.

Foust said that he will continue his focus on improving pedestrian and bicycle safety throughout the district and especially in the surrounding congested areas of Tysons Corner.

**Challenges Face Providence District**

The county budget, construction, transportation and traffic top Supervisor Linda Q. Smith’s (D-Providence District) priority list. The Providence District, including Dunn Loring and Merrifield, embraces many of the transportation construction projects along Routes 29, 7, 123, 66 and 50, and on Gallows and I-66. Residents in the Providence District are not providing the infrastructure, Foust said. "We need to make Tysons Corner the vibrant center we all want while protecting the established neighborhoods." He pointed to the importance of analyzing traffic impact studies that project the traffic that increased density will result in.

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**Focus on Transportation**

Evolution Health & Fitness celebrates its 10-year anniversary on Dec. 23. Pictured, from left, are Meyer Rubin, Mark Lander, Vienna mayor Jane Seeman and Adam Coon.

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

SATURDAY/JAN. 9

Community Dialogue on the FCPS Budget. 12-3 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Vienna. Orchard St. N.W., Vienna. The Fairbranch of the NAACP, the Northern Va. Urban League, Northern Va. Minister’s Conference, and Rev. Pastor Kenny Smith of First Baptist Church of Vienna in a dialogue with Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Jack Dale. Reserve at 571-423-1064 or kathyartlow@fcps.edu. View the budget at www.fcps.edu/news/5/2011.htm

THURSDAY/JAN. 14

Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Board Installation Luncheon at Fleming’s Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar. 1960 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. www.vtrcc.org.

SUNDAY/JAN. 17

NAACP Fairfax County Youth Council Meeting, 4 p.m. at the George Mason University Johnson Center, Robeson Room, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Meetings are open to youth ages 10-20. restraibel77@gmail.com.

TUESDAY/JAN. 19


FAITH

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

Faith and Foxholes: Religion in the Military. 11 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 10, at Green Hedges School, 225 North St. N.W., Washington. With Rabbi Arnold E. Resnicoff, a retired Navy chaplain, former Special Assistant for Values and Vision to the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force, and former National Director of Interreligious Affairs for the American Jewish Committee, will present an overview of the successes and challenges facing military leaders and service personnel in the area of church and state relations in the U.S. military. Sponsored by the Northern Virginia Ethical Society. center@avid.com.

Grief Share Group. 7-9 p.m. at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 7426 Idylwood Road, Falls Church. A 12-week program for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. stpaulsoff@aol.com. To register, call Karen at: 703-917-6468.

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Sports

2009 High School Sports Year in Review

Langley Boys’ lacrosse won state crown; Oakton girls reached state hoops finals.

By Rich Sanders
The Connection

The 2009 high school sports year was one in which numerous teams from the surrounding McLean, Vienna and Reston areas stepped up and put together breakthrough seasons. There were championships, dramatic turnaround campaigns and the magic that takes place when members of a roster come together as one to form a tightly knit unit. The following are a few of those teams that made memories that will last a lifetime.

Basketball: The Oakton High girls were the champions of the Concorde District and Northern Region championships. Under Fred Priester, the Cougars displayed their talent, grit and heart through out the winter by going unbeaten in region play in both the regular season and playoffs. In a region tournament semifinals game against Mount Vernon at Robinson Secondary, Oakton overcame an early 21-2 deficit to defeat the Majors, 47-39.

“You have to keep your cool because if one person freaks out [at being so far behind] then it’s kind of a team reaction,” said Oakton freshman point guard Caroline Coyer, who scored a season-high 22 points in the victory.

Oakton also came from behind to defeat T.C. Williams, 74-66, in the region championship game after trailing by 11 in the first quarter. Coyer tallied 21 points to garner tourney MVP honors as the Cougars improved to 28-0. Other all-tournament selections for Oakton were senior leaders Erin Kavanaugh, the other Warhawks player to make the all-tournament team, also tallied 11 points in the win over the Squires.

Baseball: With six starters back from its 2008 team that went 15-8, McLean took the next step forward in 2009 and became champions of the Liberty District. Behind starting pitching aces Sean Fitzgerald and Denis Buckley, the Highlanders enjoyed a 16-4 season. They captured the regular season district title before going on to win the district tournament as well. The Highlanders trailed defending district champion Stone Bridge, 5-0, in the championship game before rallying for an 11-8 win. A nine-run fourth inning, following a stern pep talk from head coach John Thomas, turned the game around in dramatic fashion.

“I’ve got to credit coach Thomas,” said McLean catcher Erik Payne, one of just two seniors on the young roster. “He gave an incredible speech.”

Football: Madison High had its ups and downs in the fall of 2009. But in the end, the Warhawks were a pretty good football team and reached the Division 5 Northern Region semifinals before losing to region power Stone Bridge.

Madison had stunned Stone Bridge, 28-14, during a regular season meeting between the Liberty District foes. It was the lone region loss of the season for the Bulldogs, who would go on to capture the Division 5 region crown and ultimately reach the state AAA finals before losing to Phoebus.

Stone Bridge’s district loss to Madison was its first ever in the Liberty District, snapping the Bulldogs’ 31-game district win streak. For the Warhawks, the win was a dramatic turnaround for a Madison squad that, the week before, had suffered a defeating loss to South Lakes on the weekend in which the Vienna school was celebrating both its homecoming and 50th year anniversary as a school.

The bounce-back win over Stone Bridge propelled Madison toward the playoffs, where the Warhawks defeated an always-tough Edison team before falling to the Bulldogs in the semifinals.

Lacrosse: The Langley High boys’ lacrosse team ran the table with a perfect 10-0 record in the postseason to win its first-ever state championship last spring. The Saxons defeated Madison for the Liberty District crown, Robinson in the Northern Region finals and Chantilly for the state title to finish 21-1 overall.

Alex Devin’s overtime goal was the game-winner in the state championship game win over the Chargers in the contest played at Westfield High. The senior midfielder’sizzling shot off the right side found the net and started a spontaneous on-field Saxons celebration as Chantilly, the 2008 state champions, looked on in disbelief.

“I love these players and I love this team,” said an emotional Earl Brewer, the program’s longtime head coach.

Soccer: The Oakton girls, which had fin-ished under .500 in 2008, became a North-ern Region force under first-year head coach Brooke Alexander in the spring of 2009. The Cougars went 14-5 and qualified for the state AAA playoffs. Oakton was at its best during the region playoffs when it won its first two games to set up a semifinals meeting versus West Springfield High. There, in the game played at Robinson, the Cougars won on penalty kicks, the clincher coming on a PK off the foot of senior midfielder Christy Hassell, a team captain.

Oakton went on to lose a heart breaker to Chantilly, 1-0, in the finals, but the Cougars had still reached vast heights by qualifying for states.

Volleyball: Behind standout players Elyse Richardson and Kathryn Caine, the Langley girls reached the state playoffs for the second time in three years this past fall. The Saxons lost in the Liberty District finals to Stone Bridge but came back strong with Northern Region playoff wins over West Springfield, Hayfield and Robinson to reach the finals, where they lost to South County. Langley’s outstanding season ended with a setback to Loudoun Valley at states.

The upset region semi win over Robinson was perhaps the highlight of the season for the Saxons. “We just played so well against them,” said Langley coach Susan Shiffler. “We had to play one of our best matches to beat them.”

Other great teams of 2009: The underdog Langley girls’ field hockey team which, as a No. 6 seed at the Liberty District tournament, upset No. 3 Marshall and No. 2 Madison to reach the finals where it gave top seed Fairfax all it could handle in a 1-0 loss. … McLean softball, behind ace pitcher Jamie Bell, captured the regular season Liberty District crown and ultimately defeated West Potomac in a region playoff game to reach the semifinals, where the Highlanders’ season ended with a setback to South County. Coach Maurice Tawil’s squad went 20-4 on the season. … The Oakton boys’ cross country team, under coach Phil Tiller, won its fifth straight Concorde District crown. Led by standout runner Andrew McCullen, the Cougars went on to successfully defend its region title as well. … Madison High golf finished second at both the region and state championships, finishing behind champion Westfield at both postseason tournaments. Madison, under coach Ted Savia, was led by standout Joe Moloney, who finished fifth overall at states.

South Lakes’ outdoor track and field team won the Liberty District and region crowns last spring. Vincent Brown led the way at regionals with three first place finishes. … The Marshall girls’ tennis team won 12 straight matches during the spring season before losing to Woodson. The Statesmen received outstanding leadership from seniors Amanda Crider, Astrid Adam and Christina Nguyen. … Langley’s wrestling team, under coach John Belyea, captured its ninth straight district title last February.

Three Saxons — David Helmer, Jay Ives and Anthony Jenkins — won district crowns.
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I imagine the confession I’m about to make likely will get me banned from future similar cultural events (good). But, since I’m sitting here (here being the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.) semi listen-
ing to their Choir & Baroque Orchestra, I have to do something, even if some might consider writing on the very program describing the music, musicians, conductor and author to which I’m listening (I didn’t say subjected, after all, it was with my con-
sent that I agreed to this outing) a defama-
tion of my character (or lack there of) and a defaming of sacred text. Nevertheless, as Popeye the Sailor Man said so famously, “I’m what I am.” And what I am, as has been proven by this musical interlude is, a fan of George Frederick Handel’s Messiah. (God forgive me) “arguably the most widely shared musical experience in our culture. Each year the oratorio is sung by tens and perhaps hundreds of thousands of people.”

And it is “mid nite” that I find myself not so enthralled on Sunday, Dec. 6.

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