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“The five days of meetings where everyone speaks French were difficult but fun.”

— Olivia Baskerville

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Three Marshall High students win Model UN awards in Montreal.

BY DANIELLE LANDAU
THE CONNECTION

Three of the eight Marshall High School students who attended the Secondary Schools' United Nations Symposium 2008 in Montreal, Canada, last month returned home with impressive awards in hand. More than 1,000 students from 53 high schools participated in this Model UN. Marshall seniors Samantha Plotner of Great Falls, who acted as presidential advisor Clark Clifford, and Jessica Levine of McLean who represented the Republic of Georgia, each won the Lester B. Pearson Award for Peacekeeping in their respective committees. In addition, sophomore Olivia Baskerville from Vienna embodied the Minister of Immigration in the conference's French-speaking Quebec cabinet, winning the Nellie McClung Award for Advocacy. Each recipient was involved in a different division of the Model UN, returning with fond memories of exploring the town and defending arguments to their peers.

FIRST-TIME PARTICIPANT and winner Baskerville summed up the experience as “unbelievable and inspiring” and plans to participate in Model UN in her next two years of high school. “The five days of meetings where everyone speaks French were difficult but fun,” said Baskerville of the all French-speaking Quebec cabinet in which she was involved. Her group of students from all over the world included a large number of fluent-in-French Canadians. They worked to rewrite the party's platform acting as the Quebec cabinet running for re-election in the Model UN simulation. Baskerville recalled “focusing on sustainable development, preservation of the French language and culture and economic growth in the current financial crisis” as the party's main re-election ideas. Surprised with the



Marshall High's award-winning girls — Samantha Plotner, Olivia Baskerville and Jessica Levine — see foreign relations, journalism and political science as possible career paths.



Pictured in Montreal, from left, Lauren Hahm, Samantha Plotner, Alex Blomme, Emily Moonan, Matt Martz, Jessica Levine, Olivia Baskerville and Hannah Goldberger.

award, Baskerville said, “I could not believe it; I really did not expect to win at my first conference. It was such an amazing experience and I will definitely be signing up for the next Model UN.”

Senior Samantha Plotner is an experienced Model UN delegate. Keeping things interesting at each conference, Plotner gets involved in different elements of the Model UN. As Clark Clifford, in the recent simulation, Plotner and her fellow committee members rewrote the history from 1964-1968 in only four days. “I had to stick with my member's position, but our group was able to drastically change the outcome of the Vietnam War,” Plotner said.

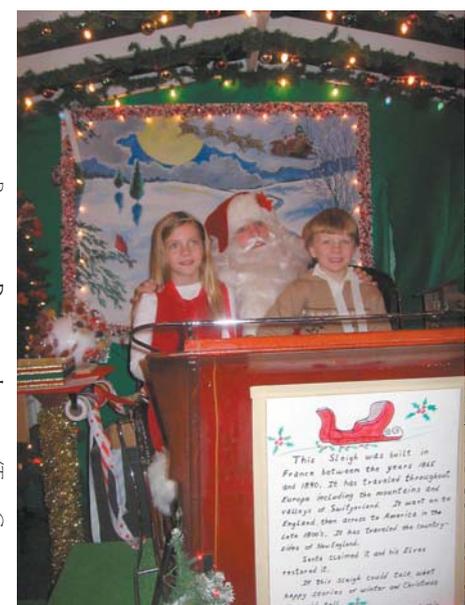
“THE MODEL really allows the students to take control and determine the outcome. We get to act in positions of power that actually do change the worlds,” she said.

Plotner also attended a few of the meetings for the teachers who chaperoned the groups of students at the conference, mak-

ing sure the students' unified voice was heard with regards to progress.

Jessica Levine, also a senior at Marshall, feels that “having the conference outside of the United States really ties in with Model United Nation's goal of going abroad to discuss foreign affairs.” Levine has been involved in Model UN since her freshman year, but at last month's conference she worked on the press core committee for the Montreal Symposium's newspaper, a job that she enjoyed thanks to her experience with journalism as the editor-in-chief of Marshall's school newspaper, Rank and File.

Influenced by the experience in Montreal, the girls see foreign relations, journalism and political science as possible career paths, noting that they all enjoy studying French and have come to understand the benefits of bilingualism. Plotner and Levine will be participating in a Model UN next week at Harvard University in Massachusetts and as the days pass they are increasingly excited for their graduations in June.



Lucille and James Sherlock share their Christmas list with the “real Santa,” who has spent the holiday season at Merrifield Garden Center for 26 years. This Santa stresses the giving spirit of the season.

‘Real Santa’ Brightens Season

Merrifield Garden Center becomes a holiday spectacular.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Young boys and girls are curled up on a carpeted floor, clustering around Santa Claus. Sometimes, Santa leads them in song, sometimes he tells them a holiday story. At this moment, he is describing the route from Merrifield to his home in the North Pole. “But where do you live?” one child interrupts.

You take the Capital Beltway to where the highway ends in Canada, and to proceed further to the North Pole, one goes by dogsled, plane or flying reindeer, Santa tells his captive listeners.

For 26 years, the “real” Santa has made his way south to the Merrifield Garden Center, where he sits on a sleigh crafted in France between 1865 and 1890. Since Santa and his elves took possession of the sleigh, more than 3,000 children, many of them back year-after-year, have sat on Santa's knee, gift list in hand.

“He's the ‘real’ Santa,” said Arlington parent, Royce Sherlock. “He's so inspiring. He spends a lot of time with each child, making it personal. He talks to them about things, like caring about others.”

Sherlock comes to Merrifield Garden Cen

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Making Holidays Brighter for Troops

Junior Auxiliary of American Legion sending 30 boxes of cheer to Iraq and Afghanistan.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

The holiday for 65 American troops stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan will be a bit brighter this year thanks to the Junior Auxiliary of Vienna's American Legion Post 180. The team of 11 young people collected enough snacks, games, books and toiletries to fill close to 30 boxes that will be shipped in mid-December. They worked weekends and after school to create more than 120 handmade holiday cards for the troops.

"I come from a military family," Mackenzie Duffy, Junior Auxiliary president. "My father is deployed in Iraq right now. Hopefully, he'll be home in March 2009."

Community businesses and American Legion members rallied around the four-week drive. The Fairfax County Park Authority donated 40 cases of golf balls. Patrick Henry Library contributed four boxes of used books. An American Legion member donated two boxes of jigsaw puzzles. The manager of a Michael's craft store in Woodbridge used his employee discount on behalf of the Junior Auxiliary. And Betty Jane's Sweet Shop of Dunn Loring donated 60 bags of homemade peanut brittle. And the largesse and generosity doesn't include the financial support from Artful Gifts, Thieves' Market, C and C Garage, the American Legion Post 180 and Sons of the American Legion. And there's more businesses and people to thank, Auxiliary president, Janet Renner, said.

"I'm amazed by the community support," Renner said. "We weren't expecting all of this."

DUFFY AND HER PEERS reached out to businesses for sponsorship, held bake sales, a car wash and raffles.

"Mackenzie spearheaded this project," Renner said. "She made a lot of initial contacts. She tired me, she has that much energy. No matter what we asked of her, she jumped right in and did it."

"Mackenzie sets a wonderful example for young girls and even old ones, to look up to."

Many of the Junior Auxiliary members have family who are serving or who have recently served overseas. Alisha Jerez, the mother of a little member, is in the National Guard, and her husband was deployed to Iraq in 2005-06. Five-year-old Makayla Jerez helped to design the holiday cards.

"I haven't heard one of them talk about what they want for Christmas," said Renner of the Junior Auxiliary. "It's all about the soldiers and making sure they have a nice Christmas."



Front row, left to right, are Miraya Jerez, Makayla Jerez, Mackenzie Duffy and Amanda Smith. Back row, Auxiliary president Janet Renner, Bethany Smith-Mansfield and National Guard member Alisha Jerez. Seated is Morgan Duffy.

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The American Legion Post 180 Junior Auxiliary collected enough snacks, games, books and toiletries to fill nearly 30 boxes for shipment to Iraq and Afghanistan.

The holiday gifts will be shipped to the 50-troop 506th Expeditionary Medical Support Squadron in Kirkuk, Iraq, and to a 15-troop platoon in Afghanistan whose leader is a son of an American Legion member. Holiday-themed gifts will go out first.

"I know it's hard for these people to be deployed during the holidays," said Mackenzie Duffy. "We're hoping we can make this time a bit brighter when they're away from home and their families."

Morgan Duffy's sixth-grade class at Louise Archer Elementary School is making holiday cards for inclusion in the Junior Auxiliary's initial shipment. "This is important to me because I know the soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan do so much for us," Morgan Duffy said. "It's important for people here at home to keep the troops in their thoughts."

Bethany Smith-Mansfield, showing some

of the 55 ministockings they filled, agrees. "This means a lot to me. I know how hard it is for them. I do it because they do it for us."

When Amanda Smith, 13, approached businesses for support, she was struck by the thought that the soldiers in the field have "nothing to do" for relaxation. "And that's when I thought of the library books; I love the library," said Smith. Patrick Henry filled up boxes for the troops, making Amanda "very happy."

NEXT YEAR, the Junior Auxiliary hopes to adopt a squadron from the time it is deployed until it returns home from the war zones.

"Keep all our soldiers in your thoughts and prayers," said Mackenzie Duffy. "Remember them all year round because they sacrifice a lot so we can do what we please."

WEEK IN VIENNA

Man Arrested for Counterfeit Bills

On Nov. 26, at approximately 12:52 a.m., a man entered the 7-Eleven convenience store located at 427 Maple Ave., East in Vienna and purchased several money orders. It was later determined that the bills used to pay for the money orders were counterfeit.

After investigation, it was determined that the subject uttering the counterfeit bills was a 49-year-old Vienna resident. Warrants were obtained and served for uttering forged bank notes and possession of forged bank notes.

After being arrested the man was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. He is being held on \$1,000 bond.

Code Adam Program Implemented in Vienna

During the month of November members of the Town of Vienna Parks and Recreation Department received training from the Vienna Police Department in the Code Adam Program.

The program is an internationally recognized missing child safety program. It was originally created by employees of Walmart retail stores in Indiana and named after the child of John Walsh, host of America's Most Wanted, whose son Adam was abducted from a Sears store in Florida in 1981 and later found brutally murdered.

The program is sponsored by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The center provided all training materials, posters and door stickers for the Vienna Community Center.

The distinctive blue Code Adam sticker is displayed on windows and doors to let people know that should a child go missing while inside the building or at an event, they can report the missing child to an employee and the staff will mobilize to search for the child.

At the suggestion of Council member Laurie Cole, the Vienna Police Department and the Town of Vienna Parks and Recreation Department determined that the program would work well at the community center. Initial training was held for a core group of employees and the program has been implemented. All employees will eventually receive training as well as any future employees.

Area Schools Make Top 100 in Nation

Four Fairfax County high schools have been named to the list of top-100 high schools in the United States by U.S. News and World Report. Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) was named the top high school in the country for the second consecutive year.

Ranked 55th on the list of America's Best High Schools is McLean High School. Langley High School was ranked 76th, and Woodson High School was ranked at 90.

U.S. News and World Report uses a methodology developed by School Evaluation Services to assess more than 1,900 schools in 48 states. Criteria include college readiness, proficiency on standardized state tests and student participation in and performance on Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) exams.

Schools recognized for meeting specific criteria were designated as Silver high schools and additional schools were identified as Bronze schools based on their performance on state tests. Seven Fairfax County high schools received Silver recognition: Chantilly High School, Lake Braddock Secondary School, Madison High School, Marshall High School, Oakton High School, Robinson Secondary School and Stuart High School.

Soundry of Vienna Celebrates Opening

On Saturday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. The Soundry of Vienna will have its Grand Opening and debut art show.

The 5000 square foot venue, formerly an auto body shop, provides a space for local artists and musicians of all backgrounds including studios, classrooms for workshops and instruction, fully equipped musical rehearsal rooms, a gallery and Undergroundz, the coffee and espresso bar.

The Soundry is located at 316 Dominion Road in Vienna, adjacent to the W&OD Trail and two and a half blocks from Route 123. More information can be found at thesoundry.net.

—PAUL D. SHINKMAN

Wynema 'Winnie' Collins Sharman, 83, Dies

Wynema "Winnie" Collins Sharman, 83, of Annandale, died Nov. 30, in Bealeton. She was preceded in death by her husband, David C. Sharman, in 1990.

Mrs. Sharman was dedicated to her family, loved ballroom dancing, baking and was a Master Gardener. She owned a charm school, gift shops in Arlington, as well as a beauty shop. For many years, she managed Embassy Visa Service in Washington.

At age 54, she walked from Virginia Beach, crossing the Mississippi River into Arkansas. One of her reasons for doing the walk was to leave it as a legacy showing her children and grandchildren that if you want something badly enough, you can make it happen.

She was the beloved mother of five children: Patsy (Lonnie) Mann of Tallahassee, Fla.; Lynda Sharman of New York, N.Y.; John Sharman of Cherry Hill, N.J.; Kathy (John) Salamone of Oakton; and J. Michael (Nancy) Sharman of Reva, Va.

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Loyal Safeway customers join Safeway staff for final time.

Goodbye, Safeway

Neighbors throw surprise going away party.

It was a surprise party on Friday, a pot luck moving away lunch for old friends. A small cadre of Vienna women threw the party and the guests of honor were Safeway employees. Serving hot dishes, dessert and hugs, it was the community's way of saying goodbye to the store that's been serving loyal locals since 1973.

"Elmer has been a face I see every day, since we've lived here in Vienna," Melissa Reed, one of the lunch organizers, said. "I'm going to miss them. I'm in the store on a daily basis, we see friends and community here."

Elmer Shoemaker, the friendly checkout clerk who knows all the regulars by name and their children, too, is retiring. Shoemaker grew up in Vienna and worked at the store since the day it opened 35 years ago.

For 18 years, Ricardo Aguilar has traveled from his home in Maryland to the Vienna Safeway. His commute will be much shorter now, from his home in Gaithersburg to his new store in Rockville.

Reed said she'll try Pan Am Safeway and, probably, frequent Magruder's more than she has.



Original Vienna Safeway employee, Elmer Shoemaker, accepts a lunch dish from customer Sharon Turner.

"This Safeway has always been our hometown community store," Reed said.

— DONNA MANZ

VIEWPOINTS

Where will you shop now that Safeway on Maple Avenue is gone?



Mary Ellen Larkins
"I've known Elmer and Frances such a long time ... I guess Whole Foods and Giant; where else can I go?"



Diane Nugent
"I don't know where I'm going to shop now ... probably the Pan Am Safeway, Giant. I prefer to shop locally. I'm really going to miss this place."



Susan Pierce
"My plan is to go to Safeway on Nutley every few weeks to stock up on dairy-free foods. For produce and fresh stuff, I'll go to Magruder's. I'm going to have to plan better."



Volunteers Tana Keeffe, Debbie Earman and Pat Dozier help Nataly choose the decorations for her treasure box.

Holiday Party Serves Community

VTRCC plays host to children from area shelters.

On Dec. 6, the Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce [VTRCC] hosted its annual holiday party for children coming from some of the area's homeless shelters and for youngsters in outreach programs. The Vienna Community Center was filled with cheer, laughter, music, crafts and Santa. And gifts ... gifts from Santa Claus and gifts made by the children for their families.

Goods and cash contributions supported the event. From fleece blankets to books and wood treasure boxes and child-made photo frames, the children created presents for loved ones.

Craft tables were arranged corresponding to age groups and volunteers helped the children with their projects.

"We have more volunteers than children this year," Diane Poldy, VTRCC president, said. "The community support is amazing."

Some businesses and service clubs donated goods, others gave money to VTRCC to buy what it needed for the party. Tysons Corner Center, for one, contributed enough sport duffel bags for each child. Verizon Telecom Pioneers, a service club, donated and distributed books and student dictionaries and bears made by members that are given to children in stressful situations.

The children moved from table to table, creating crafts, decorating cookies, and taking turns telling Santa what they wanted for Christmas.

Some of the youngsters shared their thoughts on the holiday. What is their favorite part of Christmas?

"Sharing time with my family," Anthony said.



Erica asked Santa for a Care Bear teddy bear. "Family coming together" is what she likes most about Christmastime.

"Family coming together," is Erica's favorite part of the holidays.

SANTA CLAUS OFFERED to come to the home or office of any business contributing \$100 or more to the fund to get the gifts from the North Pole workshop to Vienna. He got two takers, he said.

Each child left with the gifts they crafted, plus presents from Santa Claus, a scratch-off card and a large goody bag.

The young guests came from Alternative House outreach communities, FACETS, the Katherine Hanley Shelter and the Patrick Henry Shelter. Primary sponsors included Tysons Corner Center, Northwest Federal Credit Union and Navy Federal Credit Union. Contact Tana Keeffe at tana@LNF.com for a complete list of donors.

— DONNA MANZ

NEWS

Double Murder, Suicide in Vienna

Elderly couple, son killed.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

“Mr.” Appleberry was well-known and well-liked, throughout his Cinnamon Creek neighborhood. As he walked his little black miniature Doberman two or three times daily, he stopped to talk to neighbors, always friendly, always outgoing and gentle in demeanor. Very few people knew his first name; he always introduced himself as “Mr.” Appleberry.

This morning, Fairfax County police responded to a call from the home that “Mr.” Tom Appleberry, 81, shared with his wife, Rachel, also 81, and 53-year-old son. The bodies of Tom, Rachel and son were found by a family member who came by the home early in the morning.

“Our preliminary information is that the shootings were domestic in nature,” said Fairfax County spokesperson, Lucy Caldwell. “There is no threat to the community.”

The killings occurred in a wooded community of \$700,000 homes off Beulah Road outside Vienna town limits. Tom and Rachel Appleberry were original owners of the house built in the early 1970s.

“I never knew his first name,” said neighbor Bill Loucks. “He was just Mr. Appleberry to everyone. Never saw his wife or son. Anytime I saw him, I talked to him. He was a good father to his kids and a father

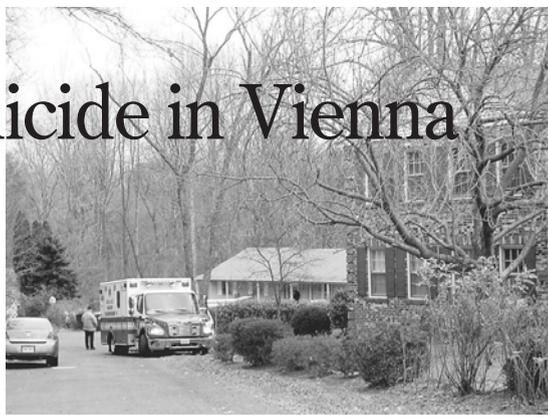


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Emergency vehicles at the scene of the family tragedy in Vienna’s Cinnamon Creek neighborhood.

to the community.”

“Tom was an avid NRA enthusiast,” said neighbor Sheryl Loucks. “That’s why there were guns in the housing. He went to shooting practice a couple of times a week.

“Mr. Appleberry was a wonderful, wonderful man,” said Sheryl Loucks. “We used to sit in a friend’s house and talk. He would do anything for anybody, especially for his kids.”

Kirsten Evans, a lifelong resident of Cinnamon Creek, remembers Appleberry similarly. “He was such a very nice gentleman, always out walking his dog, very polite and pleasant. We’ve known him since we were kids.”

Police have not released where the bodies were found nor the identification of the person who killed the others and committed suicide.

Both Tom and Rachel Appleberry are retired CIA employees. Their adult daughter lives in Reston.

\$2 Million Mortgage Fraud

Mohammed Rababeh, 29, of Vienna, engaged in a mortgage fraud scheme from April 2004 through September 2006, obtaining \$2 million in the process.

On Friday, Dec. 5, U.S. District Court Judge Claude M. Hilton sentenced him to 24 months in prison.

Mohammed Rababeh and his brother, Ahmed Rababeh, pleaded guilty in September to conspiring with Randolph Baltimore, 50, of Leesburg. The siblings submitted fraudulent loan applications overstating Baltimore’s income so Baltimore could purchase properties Mohammed and Ahmed Rababeh wanted to sell, according to court documents and Dana J. Boente, Acting U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia.

According to statement of facts submitted with their guilty pleas, they paid Baltimore \$27,500 to serve as the buyer on four properties, including:

a property at 904 Timber Lane in Vienna resulting in \$582,000 in fraudulent loans in April 2006; a property at 109 Melody Lane in Vienna resulting in \$597,972 in fraudulent loans in July 2006; and a property in Falls Church (\$434,000) and one in Haymarket (\$599,850).

Mohammed and Ahmed Rababeh also engaged in similar schemes to obtain loans to buy properties in their own names, according to Boente. Losses to lenders could amount to \$1 million.

Ahmed Rababeh, 31, of Haymarket, was sentenced Friday to 18 months in prison.

Hilton sentenced Baltimore in September to 12 months in prison.

The FBI and IRS investigated the case, prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney James P. Gillis.

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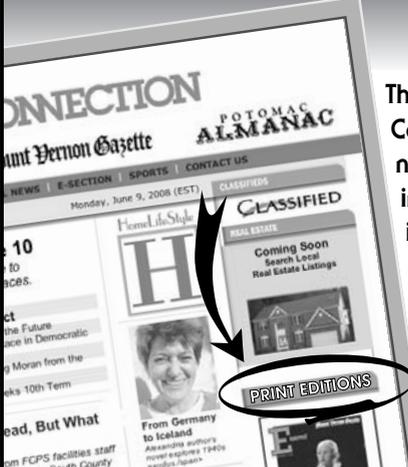
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OPINION

Planning for Holiday Party Season

Many ways to avoid drinking and driving.

The season for holiday parties is upon us, and with it the increased incidence of driving under the influence.

The possible consequences of driving drunk and underage drinking are often hard to comprehend. But the stories and grief of local families who have lost loved ones to such accidents should provide enough of a cautionary tale.

William Cameron Schlifke, 22, born in Fairfax and a graduate of Robinson Secondary School, died Monday, Nov. 24, 2008, less than three days after his Volkswagen Jetta was rear-ended in Newport News. Schlifke was serving as designated driver for friends in his fraternity at Christopher Newport University. The driver who crashed into him, also a student at CNU, was arrested at the scene and charged with DUI refusal, reckless driving and underage possession of alcohol, and later with involuntary manslaughter.

Earlier this fall, a young man from Fairfax was sentenced to three years in jail for involuntary manslaughter because of a drunk-driving accident on Dec. 3, 2007 that resulted in

Get Involved

Join the Northern Virginia chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving for 14th Annual MADD Red Ribbon Run 5K on Wednesday, Dec. 31, at George Mason University in Fairfax. The run begins at 4 p.m., with many activities for families. See www.maddnova.org or call 703-379-1135.

Safe Ride Home

From Dec. 12 through New Year's Day, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., the Washington Regional Alcohol Program offers a free cab ride home (up to \$50) to local callers who are 21 or over. Call 800-200-8294.

unspeakable tragedy for three families. One family lost a beloved daughter after she clung to live for five brutal days; one family has seen their active son reduced to 70 pounds and "unresponsive" and living in a nursing home; the family of the defendant has also seen life as they knew it change.

DON'T TAKE THE RISK. Plan ahead, arrange for a designated driver, or choose to abstain if a designated driver isn't available.

But if you find yourself in the unfortunate position of drinking without a safe way home of your own, the Washington Regional Alcohol Program has provided you with a safety net called SoberRide. Take your number with you when you head out, and be sure any young adults in your family are similarly armed.

Founded in 1982, WRAP is a public-private partnership working to prevent drunk driving and underage drinking in the Washington-

metropolitan area.

WRAP's 2008 Holiday SoberRide program will be offered from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. each night from Dec. 12 to Jan. 1, 2009. To receive a free cab ride home up to a \$50 fare, call 800-200-8294. You must be 21 or older to use the SoberRide service.

Parents are well advised to talk to their teens and let them know that if they find themselves without a safe ride home, that they can call their parents to be picked up. There are consequences of binge drinking for teens that go beyond driving under the influence. But it is also important for parents to let their teens know that whatever happens, it is not OK to drink and drive or to get into a car driven by someone who has been drinking.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Make Sure They're Soccer Fans'

To the Editor:

The following open letter is addressed to President-elect Obama.

No doubt you have spent weeks and months giving serious thought about the makeup of your foreign and defense policy team. Your likely candidates will include experts and veterans of previous administrations, but for all their qualities, please see to one key criterion: make sure they're soccer fans.

Those who follow "the beautiful game" are already predisposed to be effective foreign affairs practitioners, for the same qualities of the game that endear people are also well suited to the shaping of foreign policy. Several come to mind.

❖ Patience is a virtue. Most spectator sports Americans enjoy are rife with the prospect of instant gratification. We're always one swing away from a home run, one long pass from a touchdown, or one "alley oop" away from a slam dunk. A successful soccer goal can take several minutes to set up and may only become an opportunity after seeing a narrow opening. The

same tenet can be applied to foreign policy initiatives.

❖ Most Americans like their sports to the extent to which we get to see the stuffing beat out of something. A baseball, basketball rim, visiting football quarterback and golf ball all have one thing in common: crowds go wild when they're assaulted. Soccer can have its violent moments. Last year, for example, a British match witnessed a player's shin bone sawed in half from a slide tackle with his leg nearly being amputated. This is the exception. The general rule is for the team to share passes setting up what frequently becomes a finesse shot. Appreciation of this enhances approaches to the nuances of foreign and defense policy.

❖ Concentrate. American sports fans seem plagued with ADHD. We tend to get anxious if we go more than five minutes without a timeout or commercial break. Soccer requires you to park it and focus for 45 minutes (plus stoppage time!), before you do it again in the second half. The inability to patiently focus on the big picture has led to some noteworthy foreign policy blunders.

❖ Strong bladders only, please. Attend a European soccer match, and you'll find that the quickest way to irritate those around you

is to take a comfort break before the half's end. You're there for the game, not the men's room. Squirming during the game because your mind is on a commode is a sure sign of weakness and lack of purpose.

❖ "Friendlies" aren't. In the U.S., we have exhibition games. Many view the exhibition season as tune-ups or tryouts but with relatively little relevance to the regular season. Soccer's variants are called "friendlies." They are anything but. Friendlies can have an enormous impact on how a team is viewed on its home turf and may even lead to fans calling for a manager's ouster. In summer 2006, Scotland's Celtic played D.C. United at RFK Stadium. D.C. United won 4-0. Back in Glasgow, people stayed up until 3 a.m. to watch the game on television, and Celtic's fans both at the game and back home were literally in tears at the outcome. The D.C. Metro system that night even saw some fabled "soccer hooligans" who were more than a little distraught. Likewise, you should never treat an international gathering as a "friendly." You are being watched and evaluated, and the outcome will shape other countries' approaches to the U.S. during your administration.

❖ Everybody else "gets it."

American foreign policy, especially recently, has been littered with examples of how our policy-makers were both baffled and frustrated by other countries' seeming inability to understand U.S. perspectives and act accordingly. This stems in part from our own reluctance to acknowledge that other countries' views have at least some merit worthy of consideration. Trying to see the world through others' eyes can profoundly influence your own views.

❖ It brings the world together. U.S. foreign policy can either unite the world or divide it. Despite the fierceness of international rivalries (the U.S. and Mexico immediately come to mind), soccer brings people together. Every four years, the world's best national teams come together in the globe's largest sporting event in what may be politely called a "frenzy" to crown the world champion. In June and July 2010, fans will converge on South Africa for the World Cup. Almost every hotel has long since been booked in anticipation. A carefully crafted U.S. foreign policy has the potential to generate the same level of enthusiasm. How you do that, of course, is up to you.

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FROM PAGE 8

I wish you all the best during the next four years. On Jan. 20, you'll kick off. Will you immediately charge the goal, or take time to set something up? Both have been successful, and both have led to disappointment.

Jerry E. Sullivan
Vienna

Retired Army colonel, and the director of Intra-governmental Affairs for the Africa Center for Strategic Studies on Fort McNair, Washington, D.C. The views expressed in this article are those of the author and do not reflect the official policy or position of the National Defense University, the Department of Defense, or the U.S. Government.

Uninteresting Development

To the Editor:

I read the recent open letter to Mayor Seeman in your Connection of Nov. 19. I also read an article on the subject in the Sun Gazette of Nov. 20. The subject relates to development of the property currently housing the Safeway in Vienna. Though the facts about the ultimate development differ in the articles, the subject of Vienna development is the same. Vienna continues to authorize the same continuing uninteresting development of its main street. Banks, mattress shops and drug stores seems to be the only kinds of development the Vienna council is able to consider and it continues to obstruct ideas that might just make this town more lovely and enjoyable. This town has quite a potential to be more than it is, but the mundane point of view continues. We need more underground parking and more productive and interesting places to walk to and shop in. I walked by the sleep stores yesterday and no one was there — no one was around the block either, except for Starbucks, a most welcome shop. The council apparently has no interest in progress. Take a look at how other small towns around Tysons are beginning to change for the better and Vienna continues its same old path.

Nancy Appler
Vienna

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Board of Equalization, 7 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 7 and 8, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-4891, TTY 703-222-7594.

Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority, 7 p.m. at the Department of Housing and

Community Development, FCRHA Board Room, 4500 University Drive, Fairfax. 703-246-5102, TTY 703-385-3578.

Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting, 7 p.m. at the City Hall Annex, 10455 Armstrong St. Fairfax. 703-385-7858 or www.fairfaxva.gov/ParksRec/MeetingPostings.asp.

MONDAY/DEC. 15

Board of Supervisors Budget Committee FY 2010 Lines of Business Review, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Rooms 9 and 10, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-2531.

Board of Equalization, 7 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 7 and 8, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-4891, TTY 703-222-7594.

TUESDAY/DEC. 16

Board of Supervisors/Fairfax County Delegation Legislative Breakfast Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Fairview Park Marriott, 3111 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church. 703-324-2531.

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Multiple Sclerosis Support Group. 7 p.m. at the Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St., NE, Vienna. A group for anyone with multiple sclerosis, their friends and family. Sponsored by the National Capital Chapter of the MS Society. The group meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Free. 703-768-4841.

THURSDAY/DEC. 11

VTRCC Annual Holiday Luncheon. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Chima-The Brazilian Steakhouse, 8010 Towers Crescent Drive, Vienna. Santa Claus, The Madison Madrigals. Bring unwrapped new toys to donate to Toys For Tots. 703-281-1333.

Susan Mero Shelton, author of "A Most Reluctant Caregiver," 7:30 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Rd. Vienna. www.elvienna.org.

Bear-y Good Stories. 10:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Stories and activities about bears. Age 3-5 with adult. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. 703-242-4020.

The James Madison High School Jazz Band in concert with the Thoreau Middle School Band at James

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The Newcomers Club of Vienna meets at Morco Polo Italian Restaurant in Vienna on the second Thursday of each month. Lunch and programs cost \$20. Call Nancy Crowley to reserve, 703-938-4835.

Madeline Madness. 10:30 a.m. at the Patrick Henry Library. Stories and songs, Ages 3-5 with adult. 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. 703-938-0405.

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A Christmas Carol, the Musical. 8

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SATURDAY/DEC. 13

Santa Claus at the Freeman Store and Museum, 131 Church St. N.E., Vienna. 1-3 p.m. 703-938-5187 or fs@historicvienna.org.

Lunch with Santa, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 at the Vienna Community Center. Hot dogs, chips and sodas. Turley the Magician will perform after lunch. \$5.

Elizabeth, Phil, and Chris. Acoustic trio. 6 p.m. \$12. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

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Mortimer's Important Job at Santa's Workshop. 11 a.m. KayDee puppet show. All ages. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. 703-356-0770.

Flu Vaccinations. 10 a.m. at the Patrick Henry Library. Shots \$25 or Medicare part B, age 18 and up. 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Call Inova for details 703-698-2424.

The Biggest, Most Beautiful Christmas Tree and the Gingerbread Man. 10:30 a.m. at the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library. Interactive stories with Miss Cathy. 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. 703-790-8088.

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Open Mic Night, 7-9:30 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E. Free admission, refreshments and table seating provided. The program is open to all ages and levels of talent. Sign up to perform by calling Jim Dowell at 703-268-3427.

Hobey Ford and his Golden Rod Puppets with Tales of Light, 2 p.m. at the Alden Theatre. \$12, \$8 for McLean district residents. 1234 Ingleside Ave., in the McLean Community Center. 703-744-9363 or www.mcleancenter.org.

McLean High School Holiday Bazaar, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at 1633 Davidson Road, McLean. Fresh poinsettias, fruit and baked goods, MHS apparel. Free admission. 703-714-7284.

The Great Falls Studios Holiday Show and Sale, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Colvin Run Historic Schoolhouse, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Paintings, pottery, photography, jewelry, art quilts, and drawings created by Great Falls artists. Admission is free. 703-442-9251.

SUNDAY/DEC. 14

Carrie Rodriguez full band and Carsie Blanton. Roots/country. 7 p.m. \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

A Christmas Carol, the Musical. 2



Hobey Ford and his Golden Rod Puppets will be at the Alden Theatre in the McLean Community Center on Saturday, Dec. 13.

p.m. at the Alden Theatre in the McLean Community Center. Tickets at 703-790-9223 or 703-573-SEAT. Non-perishable food or toy donations accepted for SHARE.

Kid's Cookie Class at Wildfire with Allison Seymour, 1-2:30 p.m. at Wildfire Tysons Galleria, 3rd Floor, 1714U International Drive, McLean. \$10 for a parent and up to two

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MONDAY/DEC. 15

The Dog Wagners: "Wassailing With the Wagners." 7 p.m. \$10. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Bedtime Stories. 7 p.m. All ages. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. 703-356-0770.

Animal Survival. 3 p.m. Hands-on exploration of skulls, bones and fur to learn how animals survive winter. Age 6-12. Great Fall Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 703-757-8560.

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Lunch Bunnies. 11 a.m. at the Patrick Henry Library. Bring a snack for stories and songs. Ages 1-5 with adult. 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. 703-938-0405.

TUESDAY/DEC. 16

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

Personalized Internet Training. 2:30 p.m. at the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. 703-790-8088.

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CALENDAR

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Learn about animal locomotion. Age 2-5 with adult. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. 703-356-0770.

Book discussion Group. 7:15 p.m. "Galileo's Daughter" by Dava Sobel. Adults. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. 703-242-4020.

Miss Belle's Sing-Along. 10:30 a.m. at the Patrick Henry Library. Enjoy old favorites and original songs. Ages 1-5 with adult. 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. 703-938-0405.

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THURSDAY/DEC. 18

Rude Buddha and Cerca Trova. Rock. 8 p.m. \$10. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Tiny Tot Tales. 10:30 a.m. Stories and activities. Age 13-23 months with adults. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. 703-356-0770.

Pokemon League 3 p.m. at the Patrick Henry Library. Ages 3-18 learn and play. 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. 703-938-0405.

VIP Vienna. 10 a.m. at the Patrick Henry Library. Support group for adults with vision loss. 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. 703-938-0405.

Book Discussion Group. 1:30 p.m. at the Thomas Jefferson Library. "True North" by Jill K. Conway. 7415 Arlington Blvd. 703-573-1060.

A Christmas Carol, the Musical. 8 p.m. at the Alden Theater in the McLean Community Center. Tickets at 703-790-9223 or 703-573-SEAT. Non-perishable food or toy donations accepted for SHARE.

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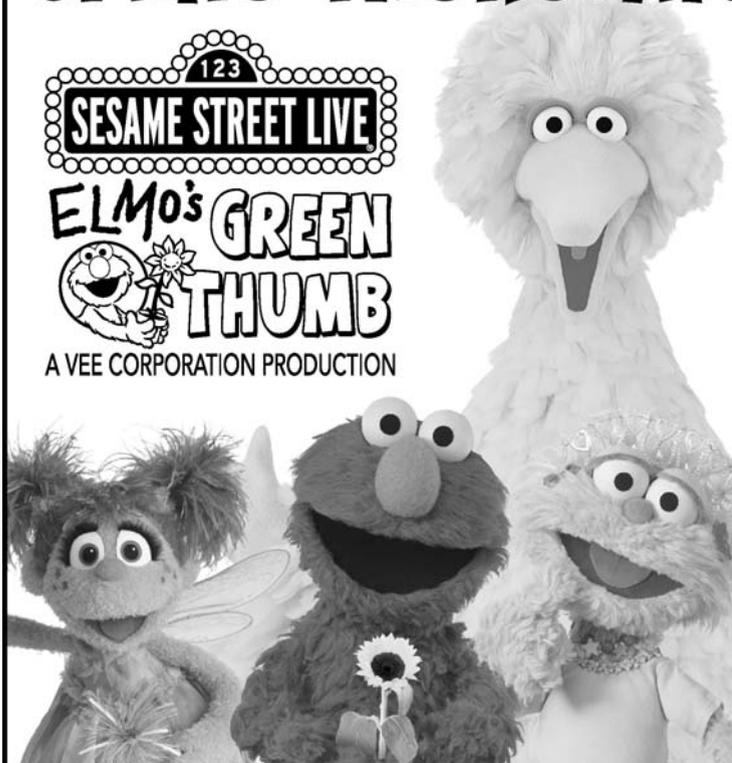
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James Madison Girls Lacrosse Chili Dinner and Cook-Off, 5-7 p.m. at Madison High School, 2500 James Madison Drive, Vienna. Proceeds benefit the team. Adam Swink will be performing at the dinner. Tickets \$8, children 6th grade or younger \$5.

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SATURDAY/DEC. 20

The Conservatory Ballet's 37th Annual 'The Nutcracker,' 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the Madeira School Theater, 8328 Georgetown Pike, McLean. \$24 adults, \$18 seniors, \$20 age 12 and under. 703-476-4500 or conservatoryballet.com.

Meeting 'Real Santa'

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Center each year, bringing her older child, now 9, since she was just 6 months old. Visiting the "real" Santa has been a holiday tradition for the Sherlock family ever since.

Lucille asked Santa for a Nintendo game, "if possible," and clip-on earrings. Her 5-year-old brother, James, asked for Pokemon, Star Wars toys and a dump truck. Santa asked a favor of James: to leave out his sweater under the tree on Christmas Eve, with an apple — for Santa's reindeer — tucked inside. In return, James would find a special treat. Santa suggested Lucille leave her shoes outside her door; she, too, would find a special treat.

Santa Claus, Royce Sherlock said, has always stuck to his end of the deal.

Elf Peter said Santa liked coming to Merrifield Garden Center because it was a "family business" and Santa was welcome to focus on the true meaning of Christmas.

The North Pole guest is only part of the holiday tradition at the Garden Center.

A LAND OF FAIRYTALE TREES and decorations deck the halls there, featuring themed shops.

"We're celebrating everything the season has to offer," said wreath decorator and perennial specialist, Jessica Frakes. "Yester-

day was the first time Santa has left the North Pole since last year.

"We've had an open house every year for more than 23 years to begin the holiday season. We like bringing families together. That's the point of the season."

Merrifield Garden Center's design team, headed by Joyce Watkins, begins its process in January when the designers and buyers preview the first design shows of the new year. Once the designers decide what themes to bring to life, they place orders for their merchandise. This year, 18 themes are represented, from traditional Williamsburg motifs and woodland creature motifs, to sparkling silver and gold and jewel-toned religious elements, baby's first Christmas and ornamentation honoring family pets.

Watkins said the sparkle theme, woodland creatures and pet theme are always popular.

Merrifield Garden Center sells live trees, wreaths and roping and artificial greenery, as well.

"We want to have something for everyone," said Frakes. "From traditional to non-traditional. We sell the individual ornaments and create ready-made trees, too."

"When I first started here, people wanted to make their own wreaths and decorations. Now, they're willing to pay more to buy their decorations ready made."

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SPORTS

Madison Boys Get into the Basketball Win Column

Kuhblank's Warhawks defeat rival Oakton in comeback fashion.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Madison High boys basketball coach Chris Kuhblank was not at all discouraged by his team's season opening 71-41 non-district road loss at private-school power Bishop O'Connell (Arlington) early last week.

For the Warhawks, it was a chance to matchup against one of the metropolitan area's elite programs over recent seasons. The Knights, in the last few years, have had such current ACC players as Marcus Ginyard (North Carolina) and David Neal (Maryland) on its squad and have been a dominant force within the Virginia Independent School League, the governing body of the state's private-school teams. O'Connell is coached by Joe Wootten, the son of former legendary DeMatha High coach Morgan Wootten.

"We were playing right with them," said Kuhblank, whose team trailed the Knights by a 26-20 score at halftime in the game played Dec. 1.

But the coach said O'Connell took control of the game in the second half by taking advantage of any and all Madison miscues.

"They capitalized very quickly," said Kuhblank, who said O'Connell's defensive pressure in particular was intense. "We had to really fight to stay with them. They're well coached, play hard and are hard to beat."

The following night, Madison



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Madison's Trevor Swindley looks to make a pass in the Warhawks' game at Herndon last week. Swindley is a transfer student from Flint Hill School.

lost to Northern Region opponent Herndon, 52-43, in a non-district road game. Playing a quality team like the Hornets, a member of the Concorde District, was a tough task and even more difficult 24 hours after having faced O'Connell. Herndon has one of the region's top players in senior forward Isaac Johnson, who recently scored 21 points with 13 rebounds in a Herndon loss to DeMatha.

Madison led Herndon at the half, 27-21, before wearing down in the second half.

"We knew playing back to back on the road would be very diffi-

cult," said Kuhblank, whose Madison teams have won 40 of 46 home games over the past four seasons, but have had a tougher time away from Vienna. "We ran out of gas [in the second half] and Herndon is very good."

Madison senior frontcourt player Will Clarkson, the Warhawks' football quarterback this past fall, led his team with 25 points against Herndon. He was the lone Warhawk in double figures.

"We were just going to him every time [down the court]," said Kuhblank, whose team was riding

"We do everything based on our defense. The last three years we've had the best defensive player in the Liberty District."

— Chris Kuhblank, Madison High boys basketball coach

the red hot Clarkson against the Hornets. "He was getting dunks, hitting [outside] threes and making free throws."

MADISON (1-2) got into the win column last Friday with a 55-44 comeback win at local rival Oakton. Clarkson led a balanced Madison scoring attack with 15 points. Other Warhawks in double figures were senior guard Gavin Hilburn (13 points), senior point guard Omi Ogolo (13) and Trevor Swindley (10), a transfer student from Flint Hill School.

"I used to coach at Oakton and that's a game I wanted to win," said Kuhblank.

The 6-foot-5-inch Clarkson, who saw limited playing time last year, improved his all-around game during the offseason. Along with his big games against Herndon and Oakton, the post player tallied 14 points in the season opening loss to O'Connell. He is averaging 19 points and six rebounds through three games.

"He's a post [player] that can score as a guard," said Kuhblank, of the versatile Clarkson's ability to produce solid play inside and away from the paint. "Will does everything. He draws charges, blocks shots, rebounds and scores inside and outside."

Clarkson and Hilburn are Madison's team captains this winter. Hilburn, a shooting guard, is

Madison's defensive stopper, according to Kuhblank.

"We do everything based on our defense," said Kuhblank, whose Madison team last year finished 20-7 overall and made it all the way to the region semifinals at the Patriot Center before seeing its season end with a loss to Langley.

Over the past three years, a Madison player has been named as the district's defensive player of the year. Last year, since graduated player Drew Smerdinski earned that honor. Kuhblank expects one of his players to, once again, earn that postseason accolade after this season.

"The last three years we've had the best defensive player in the Liberty District," said the coach.

ONE OF THE KEYS for Madison this season will be the play of Ogolo, a standout defender who has averaged 10 points per game in each of the past two years for Madison. He earned Second Team All-District honors last year and is the Warhawks' lone returning starter this winter.

This season, Ogolo is playing point guard after having played an off guard position the past two years.

Ogolo missed early season practices and Madison's first couple of games as a result of a hip injury. He came off the bench in his season debut against Oakton and helped the Warhawks overcome an early 18-6 deficit against the Cougars.

This week, Madison was scheduled to play non-region opponent Forest Park (Woodbridge) Tuesday. This Friday night, the Warhawks will host non-district opponent West Springfield and Spartan scoring sensation Bryn Renner.

Next week, Madison will begin its district schedule with games at South Lakes Tuesday and against visiting Marshall, Friday, Dec. 19.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

McLean, Oakton, Madison and Marshall High had place finishers (top eight) at last Saturday's Northern Region Wrestling Classic. The annual, early season event took place at Fairfax High School. Thirty-two teams participated.

Robinson High was the team champion with 222 points, while Westfield was second with 194.5.

Oakton (17th overall) received second-place finishes from Ethan Doyle (140-weight class) and Matt Patinos (160).

Also for the Cougars, Chris Butters finished sixth at 125-weight class.

From Madison, Sahand Dilmaghani (160) and Albert Schultz (112) both earned fifth-place overall finishes.

From McLean High, Palmer Dickson (119) finished seventh, while Marshall was well represented by Mark Bergenholtz (seventh at 189) and Collin Newcomb (eighth at 171).

St. Cloud State University (Minn.) sophomore forward Garrett Roe, a resident of Vienna,

currently leads all NCAA Division I men's hockey players with a 1.56 points per game scoring average.

Roe leads the Huskies this season with nine goals and 16 assists for a total of 25 points in 16 games played. An All-Western Collegiate Hockey Association selection in 2007-08, Roe has notched 27 goals and 43 assists in two seasons with the Huskies (70 points).

The Huskies currently own an overall record of 10-6-0 and are 5-5-0 in the WCHA. They are ranked 17th in the nation in the latest NCAA Division I poll. St.

Cloud State is located about one hour northwest of Minneapolis.

Roe is a 2008 draft pick of the Los Angeles Kings and he is the son of Larry and Julie Roe of Vienna.

The Marshall High Boosters will be selling Christmas Trees once again this holiday season. Every year the Booster Club runs a tree lot to raise much-needed capital to keep the Statesmen's sports and activities programs funded. All the monies raised will go right back to the school's athletic/activities programs.

The Madeira Swim & Dive team

opened the winter season with a 122-64 home win over Holy Child. The private high-school competition took place Dec. 5. Event winners for Madeira were Alex Psaris (200 freestyle and 500 freestyle); Renee Mattox (50 and 100 free); Melissa Berkowitz (100 breaststroke); Whitney Chronister (200 individual medley); and Christa Ann Saunders (100 fly).

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the following property being the property contained in said
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TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$23,000.00 or ten per-
cent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the
form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser
at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase mon-
ey being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale,
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settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the se-
cured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no
cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebt-
edness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of
Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

Any defaulting purchaser shall forfeit the deposit and
stand the risk and cost of resale.

Sale shall be made subject to all existing easements
and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the
real estate. Sale is further subject to mechanic's and/or mater-
ialman's liens of record and not of record. The property will be
sold subject to all conditions, covenants, restrictions, rights of
redemption of federal lienholders or encumbrances, and agree-
ments of record affecting the same, if any.

In the event the undersigned trustee is unable to con-
vey to the purchaser good title, then purchaser's sole and ex-
clusive remedy shall be in the refund of the deposit paid at the
time of sale.

This sale is being made subject to two superior trusts.

The subject property and all improvements thereon will
be sold in "as is" condition without warranty of any kind. Pur-
chaser shall be responsible for any and all building and/or zon-
ing code violations whether of record or not of record, as well
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property at his/her expense. Purchaser shall assume the
risk of loss and shall be responsible for any damage, vandal-
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ring after the time of sale. Conveyance will be by special war-
ranty deed. Conveyancing, recording, transfer taxes, notary
fees, examination of title, state stamps, and all other costs of
conveyance are to be at the expense of purchaser. State and
local taxes, public charges, and special or regular assess-
ments, if any, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and there-
after shall be assumed by the purchaser.

The undersigned trustee unconditionally reserves the
right: (i) to waive the deposit requirement; (ii) to approve or dis-
approve the creditworthiness of any bidder and/or purchaser;
(iii) to withdraw the property from sale at any time prior to ter-
mination of the bidding; (iv) to extend the time for bidding; (v)
to reject any or all bids; (vi) to postpone or set over the date or
time of sale; and (vii) to extend the period of time for settlement
hereunder.

Additional terms and conditions of sale may be
announced at the time of sale.

DAVID N. PRENSKY
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Thursday, December 11, 2008 at 1:15 p.m.
the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:
Lot 7-B, as shown on the plat entitled Resubdivision of Lot Seven (7) and the Western One-Half (1/2) of Lot Eight (8), Block Three (3) Section One (1), Aurora Hills, recorded in Deed Book 839 at pages 288 and 289, among the Land Records of Arlington County, Virginia.
Commonly known as 2507 S. Fern Street, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$35,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 6.375 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

Any defaulting purchaser shall forfeit the deposit and stand the risk and cost of resale.

Sale shall be made subject to all existing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the real estate. Sale is further subject to mechanic's and/or materialman's liens of record and not of record. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, covenants, restrictions, rights of redemption of federal lienholders or encumbrances, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any.

In the event the undersigned trustee is unable to convey to the purchaser good title, then purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy shall be in the refund of the deposit paid at the time of sale.

The subject property and all improvements thereon will be sold in "as is" condition without warranty of any kind. Purchaser shall be responsible for any and all building and/or zoning code violations whether of record or not of record, as well as for all unpaid and enforceable homeowners' or condominium owners' association dues and assessments, if any. Purchaser also shall be responsible for obtaining possession of the property at his/her expense. Purchaser shall assume the risk of loss and shall be responsible for any damage, vandalism, theft, destruction, or the like, of or to the property occurring after the time of sale. Conveyance will be by special warranty deed. Conveyancing, recording, transfer taxes, notary fees, examination of title, state stamps, and all other costs of conveyance are to be at the expense of purchaser. State and local taxes, public charges, and special or regular assessments, if any, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter shall be assumed by the purchaser.

The undersigned trustee unconditionally reserves the right: (i) to waive the deposit requirement; (ii) to approve or disapprove the creditworthiness of any bidder and/or purchaser; (iii) to withdraw the property from sale at any time prior to termination of the bidding; (iv) to extend the time for bidding; (v) to reject any or all bids; (vi) to postpone or set over the date or time of sale; and (vii) to extend the period of time for settlement hereunder.

Additional terms and conditions of sale may be announced at the time of sale.

DAVID N. PRENSKY
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Oakton High School Dance Team Clinic, Dec. 15-18, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at Oakton High School, 2900 Sutton Road, Vienna. Open to students in grades 7-12. Pre-clinic registration \$90, registration at the door \$100. Contact Missy Isakowitz at isakowitz5@gmail.com or Coach Rowley at Karen.Rowley@fcp.edu.

Chester Edward Markwalter, a chemical engineering major from Vienna, won the 1743 Distinguished Scholars award at the University of Delaware. Markwalter is a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology.

Members of the Marshall High Percussion Ensemble will perform at the Music for All National Concert Festival in Indianapolis in March 2009. The ensemble was selected from a by blind audition and was judged by percussion professionals and university percussion directors.

Mary Ellen McCormick, who teaches entrepreneurship at Marshall Academy, recently attended the 26th annual Entrepreneurship Education Forum in Austin, Texas where she received the Entrepreneurship 101 Award from the Consortium for Entrepreneurship Education. McCormick was selected for the award based on her leadership and creativity in bringing entrepreneurship education to students. She previously worked as a marketing teacher at Langley High and has also worked in the marketing departments of several national advertising agencies.

Senior **Andrew Yu-Long Lee**, son of Jay Lee and Jackie Cheng of Vienna, has been inducted into the National Honor Society at Randolph-Macon Academy.

Navy Reserve Seaman Recruit Leslie A. Rouse, son of Leslie A. Rouse of McLean, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

John Frederick Spalding has been inducted into the Alpha Zeta Rho Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Northern Virginia Community College. Spalding, the son of Sidney and Nancy Spalding of Great Falls, is majoring in Theatre/Music/Dance.

Patrick J. Doherty has graduated from the Army ROTC Leader's Training Course at Fort Knox, Ky. Doherty is a student at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, and is the son of Brian and Adrienne Doherty of Merrimac Drive, McLean.

Abbie Macatuno Elliott has received a full scholarship towards a masters in business administration at East Carolina University. Elliott, the daughter of Alexander Macatuno of McLean and Leslie Dasch, was a 1999 graduate of McLean High School and 2003 graduate of Mary Washington College.



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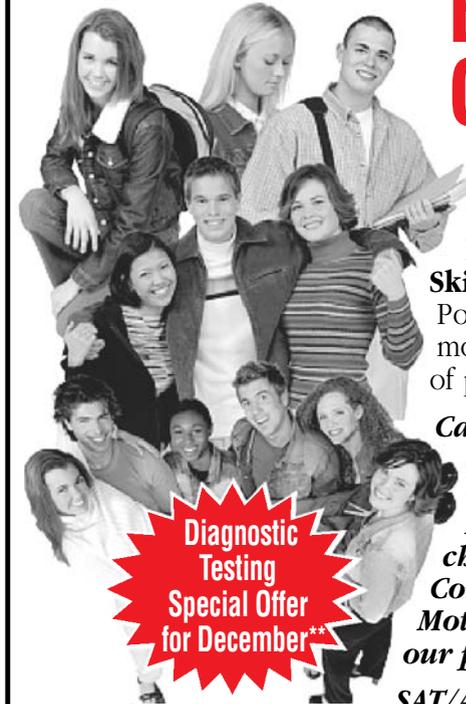
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Western Fairfax Christian Ministries is looking for volunteers to provide food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Western Fairfax Ministries will provide information about a family in need, and the volunteer will deliver the basket(s) directly to the sponsored family. Contact Pam Ryan at 703-988-9656 or volunteer@wfcvma.org.

Messiah Sing, with soloists and orchestra, Saint Luke Festival Choir and chamber orchestra, Paul Skevington, artistic Director, and Cheryl Branham, conductor. 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14. Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Adults \$15, seniors and students \$12. 703-356-0670 or www.musicinmclean.org.

Vienna Assemblies of God, located at 100 Ayr Hill Ave. N.E., Vienna, have several events scheduled in December. 703-938-7736 or www.viennaag.com.

* **Motion for Missions Banquet**, following services on Sunday, Dec. 14 from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

* **'The Last Straw' Children's Christmas Play**, based on the book by Frederick H. Thury. Dec. 14 at 10:30 a.m.

* **A Blue Christmas**, services for those who have lost a loved one or have family deployed. Dec. 22 at 7 p.m. Not a celebratory service: where those who are mourning can experience comfort.

* **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service**, celebratory service for the whole family. Dec. 24 at 7 p.m.

Chanukah Wonderland at Tysons Corner, 8100 Oak St., just off Gallows Road in Vienna, from Sunday, Dec. 14 through Friday, Dec. 26. Sunday-Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Free admission. Meet Judah Maccabee, tour the Chanukah House, make candles, build a giant Lego menorah, design cards for Israeli soldiers. Arts and

crafts, games, olive oil show and olive press, Chanukah Superstore and café, Chanukah Mad Science, Katie Balloons and comedy and magic shows. 703-821-7770 or www.chabadtysons.com.

Hugh Taft Morales will discuss moral roll models and "Feet of Clay," at the Northern Virginia Ethical Society. Sunday, Dec. 14 at 11 a.m. Free. 225 Nutley St. NW, Vienna, VA 22180. www.esnv.org or 703 437 3161.

Chanukah concert with Zemer Chai: swing beats to Sephardic melodies. Sunday, Dec. 14, 4 pm, Temple Rodef Shalom, 2100 Westmoreland St, Falls Church. Free with RSVP. Order tickets at www.ZemerChai.org.

Redeemer Lutheran Church Annual Living Nativity, Dec. 18 and 19, 6:30-8:30 pm. Visit live animals at the crèche, where children can dress like Mary and Joseph. Crafts, Christmas carols, cookies and hot cocoa. Redeemer is located at 1545 Chain Bridge Road in McLean. 703-356-3346 or www.redeemermclean.org.

St. John's Episcopal Church Festival of Lessons and Carols, on Sunday, Dec. 21 at 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. St. John's is one mile east of Beltway Exit 44, at 6715 Georgetown Pike in McLean. 703-356-4902 or www.stjohnsmclean.org.

Oakton Church of the Brethren Christmas Eve service with candle lighting and communion will be Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. Childcare is available. 10025 Courthouse Road in Vienna. 703 281-4411 or www.oaktonbrethren.org.

Providence Baptist Church Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. at 8980 Brook Road in McLean. 703-893-5330 or Providencetoday.org.

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Chanukah Program at Library

Songs and stories are family event.

People of any faith have an opportunity to learn about Chanukah traditions, through music and story, at the Patrick Henry Library on Dec. 20.

"I hope that we have both Jewish and non-Jewish families there," said Carol Boyd Leon, singer, songwriter and Jewish music educator. "This is an opportunity to educate as well as entertain. We will sing traditional Chanukah songs, contemporary Chanukah songs designed for children, and a few of my own Chanukah compositions."

Leon plans an interactive story time, engaging the audience in active participation. Leon is accompanied by guest singer, 12-year-old Jessica Campbell of Vienna. Campbell will lead songs with Leon, and take part in storytelling. The 45-minute program gears itself to the age groups in attendance.

"I am anticipating families with school-aged and younger children," Leon said. "These are family activities, I hope to rope in adults, as well. I think adults will have as much fun as the kids will have."

Campbell has participated in



PHOTO COURTESY CAROL BOYD LEON

Jessica Campbell of Vienna and singer/songwriter Carol Boyd Leon present a Chanukah program of song and story at Patrick Henry Library on Dec. 20.

"Miss Carol's" musical theatre camp since Campbell was in first grade, and the youngster became a member of Leon's Kol-Nova choir while in second grade. Campbell has performed on two of Leon's CDs, and has accompanied Leon in live performance on earlier occasions.

"I've been singing since I was born," said the Kilmer Middle School student. "I love it so much. I want the kids in attendance to have the same experience I did."

"I was always exposed to music and it's a way to keep my Jewish identity, through music and song."

Leon's award-winning CDs, as well as Jewish song books, will be available for purchase at the Patrick Henry Library program. The program begins at 3:30 p.m., Sat., Dec. 20. No pre-registration required.

"I truly enjoy bringing the joy of the holidays to others," said Leon. "This is one way I could share that joy with families in the Vienna area."

See <http://carolboydleon.com/> for more information on Leon's works.

—DONNA MANZ

FAITH NOTES

Great Falls United Methodist Church Celebrate Recovery Ministry begins Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 6 p.m. A 45-minute contemporary-style service with music, prayer, and biblically-based messages, followed by coffee fellowship. 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 703-759-3705.

Vajrayogini Buddhist Center offers ongoing classes on meditation and Buddhist philosophy, Mondays at 7 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. \$10 per class. 202-331-

2122 or www.meditation-dc.org.

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, at 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton chorale, a 60-voice adult choir, welcomes new members any time and meets Thursdays, 7:15 p.m. The Circle of Music Makers meets the first Monday of the month, for those who can share a vocal or instrumental solo. Contact Judy Harrison at 703-281-4230, ext. 26, or jharrison@uucf.org. Joint Activities in Music at Sunrise is for preschoolers, kindergarteners, parents

and residents of Hunter Mill Sunrise Assisted Living Center, on Wednesdays, 1-1:30 p.m. Contact Marsha Giusti at 703-425-1902 or giustim@juno.com.

McLean Bible Church Fitness Class at Body & Soul fitness. Balance is key, energy is renewed, strength is gained, and friendships are formed. Mondays 9:15 a.m. and Fridays 9:45 a.m. Childcare is free for registered students. E-mail bodyandsoul@mcleanbible.org for more information.



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