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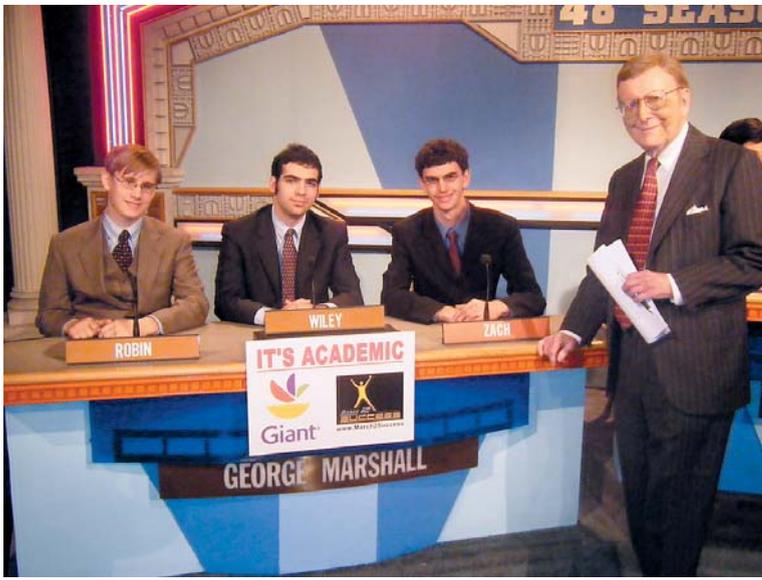
The possibility of "limited retail" in McLean Professional Park was discussed at the recent McLean Citizens Association meeting.

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Marshall High School team participating in "It's Academic" quiz program.

Marshall High Competes in 'It's Academic'

A team of students from George Marshall High School competed with teams from St. Albans School of Washington, D.C., and Springbrook High School of Silver Spring, Md., on "It's Academic," the nation's high-school quiz program. The competition was spirited and St. Albans won the match. The program will air Saturday, Jan. 24, at 10:30 a.m., on NBC4, Channel 4.

The George Marshall team consists of captain Wiley Cole, Robin Crigler, and Zach Popkin-Hall. Their faculty coach is Melissa Nicholson.

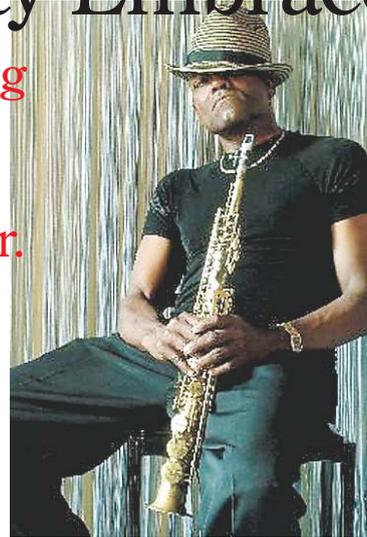
"It's Academic" has been recognized by Guinness Book of Records as "the world's longest-running television quiz program." The program is sponsored by Giant Food and the U.S. Army. Mac McGarry is the longtime host of "It's Academic."

Community Embraces Dream

Martin Luther King celebration Sunday at Community Center.

The McLean Community Center (MCC) will celebrate the achievements and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the 6th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, at 3 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 18, in the Alden Theatre. General admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children age 10 and younger and includes a dinner reception with the artists. The center is located at 1234 Ingleside Ave.

"Embracing the Dream: Elevating Our Nation" is the theme of this year's celebration. Master of ceremonies for the program will be the Rev. Dr. Robert Cheeks Jr., pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, McLean. Guest speaker the Rev. Todd Brown is pastor of First Baptist Church Chesterbrook, McLean. These two, historically black churches of McLean worked with



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Live entertainment will be provided by saxophonist and composer J. Plunky Branch.

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now. Pick up tickets at the Alden Theatre Box Office, or download an order form from the Center's Web site: www.mcleancenter.org/special-events, and fax it in. Orders received after Monday, Jan. 12, will be held at the "will call" window. For more information, call the Center at 703/790-0123, TTY: 711, or visit www.mcleancenter.org/special-events.

MCC's governing board and staff to establish the celebration in 2004 and continue to support it each year.

Live entertainment will be provided by saxophonist and composer J. Plunky Branch, www.plunkyone.com, and the musical duo Tom Teasley and Charles Williams, www.wordbeat.com. Artists provided by Young Audiences, Arts for Learning, Virginia, www.yav.org.

Using keyboard, tenor sax, alto sax, traditional African flutes, shakers and other instruments, J. Plunky Branch will perform traditional and contemporary jazz music that explores the early roots of the art at the start of the Harlem Renaissance. Performers Tom Teasley and Charles Williams explore the connections from Africa to America as they play traditional instruments and discuss the cultural connections. At the MLK Day Celebration, the duo will perform the poetry of Langston Hughes set to Teasley's original music.

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Behind the cheese counter, Allison Fordham slices Gruyere cheese in preparation for the store opening.



The sushi chefs were already busy behind the Harris Teeter sushi bar Monday afternoon.

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Grocery Store in Tysons

Harris Teeter celebrates grand opening.

Until Tuesday evening, shoppers could buy just about anything in Tysons Corner except for groceries. That changed with yesterday's grand opening of the Harris Teeter on the ground floor of the Lofts at Park Crest condominium development off Westpark Drive.

"We've heard there hasn't been a grocery store in this location for a long time," Har-

ris Teeter director of communications Jennifer Thompson said when asked how the grocery chain selected the site. She noted that the condos overhead should provide abundant business.

At 65,000 square feet, the store is on the large end for the Harris Teeter chain, and it is set up to satisfy more than just grocery needs.

An extra-large indoor seating area, along with outdoor seating, provide a place for diners who stop in for the hot bar, sub shop, pizza and pasta counter, sushi bar, antipasto bar and salad bar. There is also an in-house Starbucks.

With a total of about 40,000 items, the store boasts almost 600 produce items —

90 of which are organic, more than 300 cheeses and about 1,850 varieties of wine. Some of the wines are organic, too.

An in-store wine steward can help customers match wines to foods, the butcher will cut meats to order and seafood personnel can suggest recipes and cooking methods for fish purchases. The seafood counter also carries whole fish and live lobsters.

The floral department is full service and deli dishes are prepared by in-house chefs, as are the pastries, cakes and breads in the bakery.

Having celebrated its grand opening, the store will not close. It is open 24 hours a day.

— MIKE DICICCO

Grading Adjustments Studied

More than 800 residents show support for grading changes at school board meeting.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Emily Goodnight's acceptance into Utah State University this December was bittersweet.

The school is Goodnight's top choice but the Marshall High School senior was frustrated the university did not grant her admission into its business school.

Goodnight's standardized test scores were more than adequate but Utah State requires at least a 3.5 grade point average (GPA) for admission to its business program. The Vienna resident, an International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma candidate, has a 3.3 GPA.

ACCORDING TO GOODNIGHT, Fairfax County's grading policies are partly responsible for her rejection. If she attended school in Arlington, Goodnight would probably have earned a high enough grade point average (GPA) to be automatically accepted into the business program, she said.

Instead of the more widely used 10-point grading scale, Fairfax County Public Schools operates on a six-point grading scale, requiring students to earn a 93 percent, instead of 90 percent, to acquire an A in a class.

The Fairfax school system also only awards a half-point weight on the GPA scale for Advanced Placement and IB courses

while many other comparable school systems, like Arlington and Montgomery County, award a full point.

And Fairfax County gives no additional weight to honors courses. Again, many school systems allot a half or full-point bump in the GPA scale for an honors class.

"... On a 10-point scale with a one-point weight for my IB classes, I have more than the 3.5 required for admission to business school," said Goodnight.

THE STUDENT'S father, Chuck, added that Fairfax County's grading scale could cost his family \$48,000 if Utah State decides not to reconfigure his daughter's GPA for a merit-based scholarship.

The university automatically awards the money for students with 3.4 GPA, a standard Goodnight would meet if her grades

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Lisa Luks, the director of sales and marketing for the McLean Hilton.

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Area Hotels Prepare for Inauguration Weekend

Although they are not offering three-day packages for inauguration weekend guests, hotels in the Tysons Corner area are preparing for what is expected to be a record-breaking weekend. President-elect Barack Obama's inauguration ceremony will have attendees from states and countries near and far. Hotels like the Crowne Plaza at Tysons Corner were booked to capacity on Election Day, Nov. 4. The Crowne Plaza's guest service manager Soo Kim said, "We are bringing in extra staff, preparing to-go lunches for guests and providing rides from an outsourced shuttle company for what we expect to be the busiest week in years."

Similarly the Hilton McLean is nearly booked and anticipating "an unbelievable turnout." Lisa Luks, the director of sales and marketing for the hotel is also dealing with the Presidential Youth Convention that will be held at the Hilton, in a week's time. "More than half of our hotel is booked for the students attending the conference," said Luks.

— DANIELLE LANDAU

Bank Robbery in McLean

A 50-year-old Falls Church man working as a teller at the Wachovia Bank located at 1300 Chain Bridge Road was robbed Monday, Jan. 5, shortly before 10 a.m. Two men entered the bank displaying handguns, sequestered bank employees in a room and demanded money. An undisclosed amount of cash was taken and nobody was injured. The suspects fled in a gold car, believed to be a Chrysler Sebring, with unknown Virginia tags.

The suspects were both described as tall, black males, in their 20s. They were wearing dark clothing and black masks covering their faces.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

Meet the Candidates Night

The Providence District Council is holding an informal event Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 7:15 p.m. for Supervisors Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock) and Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) to speak to residents about the challenges that lay ahead for Fairfax County and their priorities for addressing them. Each will be given time to discuss their vision for the county followed by questions from the audience. All are welcome to attend and participate.

The meeting will be held at the Dunn Loring Administrative Center Great Hall, located at the N.W. corner of Gallows & Idylwood Roads. Enter through door # 1, proceed upstairs and turn right. The meeting room is at the end of the hall.

The Candidates will debate Friday, Jan. 30 at 7:30 p.m. at Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Visit www.fairfaxcaps.org/html/debate.shtml.

Naomi Project Seeks Volunteers

The Naomi Project needs volunteers who will be trained to serve as mentors to disadvantaged pregnant women and new mothers in the Northern Virginia area.

Mentors are matched with a client in a one-on-one relationship. Experienced area supervisors help mentors develop and manage involvement with a client in their geographical area. Spanish-speaking volunteers are especially needed.

The mission of the Naomi Project, a free, confidential, inter-faith program sponsored by the Virginia Council of Churches, is to promote healthy pregnancies, babies and mothers.

The next training session for volunteers is Saturday, March 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Falls Church Presbyterian Church, 225 E. Broad St., Falls Church. A \$20 registration fee covers a background check, study materials and lunch.

For more information, contact Pilar Jones at 703 860-2633 or naomiproject@hotmail.com or visit www.naomiproject.org.

Literacy Council Needs Tutors

More than 150 new volunteer tutors are needed to help area adults learn to speak, understand, read and write English. Currently on a waiting list to be matched with tutors, these adult students are eager to improve their English literacy skills by working one-to-one with a trained volunteer.

The Literacy Council of Northern Virginia (LCNV) helps adults learn to read, write, speak and understand English through one-to-one tutoring programs and English classes. No teaching or foreign language skills are required. A \$35 training fee covers the cost of books, materials and instruction. All tutor training workshops take place at the James Lee Community Center, 2855 Annandale Road in Falls Church, but the tutoring will take place in a library or community center in the tutor's neighborhood. Students and tutors are matched based on geographic proximity to make the weekly sessions as convenient as possible.

The next English literacy tutor training workshop will be held on three consecutive Saturdays, Jan. 24, Jan. 31 and Feb. 7, from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

For more information, e-mail volunteers@lcnv.org or call 703-237-0866.

NEWS



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The McLean Citizens Association decided not to support a proposal by the owner of McLean Professional Park to allow "limited retail" on the parcel. The Comprehensive Plan nomination will soon be heard by the Dranesville District Area Plan Review Task Force.

Neighbors Oppose 'Limited Retail'

Proposal to allow "limited retail" in McLean Professional Park to be heard soon by APR Task Force.

"If Main Street goes in — and we hope it does — we're going to suffer for that. And we think that's enough."

**— Jim Peoples,
Bryn Mawr Citizens
Association president**

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

Bryn Mawr Citizens Association president Jim Peoples said his neighborhood already had enough trouble with light and noise pollution from the neighboring McLean Professional Park and expected still more from the planned redevelopment of downtown McLean. He asked the McLean Citizens Association (MCA) board to oppose a proposed Comprehensive Plan change by the office park's property owner to allow "limited, neighborhood-serving retail" on the premises.

Peoples said he already expected traffic around his neighborhood to worsen with the development of the planned "Main Street" project in years to come. "If Main Street goes in — and we hope it does — we're going to suffer for that. And we think that's enough," he told the MCA board at its meeting Wednesday, Jan. 7.

THE ASSOCIATION'S Planning and Zoning Committee had voted in favor of the amendment to allow retail in the professional

park, located near the intersection of Chain Bridge Road and Tennyson Drive, in late November. But the committee took another vote a month later and came down opposing it. Planning and Zoning Committee co-chair Mark Zetts said both votes had been close. He said committee members supporting the change had thought it would provide convenient options for neighbors and a place for small businesses to move during the downtown redevelopment.

On the other hand, he said, the property is zoned C-2, meaning it is for "limited office" use, and the lowest commercial zoning in which retail is allowed is the considerably more traffic-heavy C-5 designation. He noted that the entire 6-acre subarea in which the professional park sits, now intended to serve as a transition area between the business district on one side and the residential neighborhoods on the other, would have to be rezoned as a C-5 commercial area. And it would be difficult to provide adequate entry and exit for the parking lot to accommo-

date the increase in traffic.

Also, Zetts said, neighbors such as the Bryn Mawr neighborhood had been promised years ago, when the property was rezoned from a residential area, that there would be no new retail added there. The Comprehensive Plan currently specifies, "No new retail," for that subarea.

Ted Alexander was one on the Planning and Zoning Committee members who had flipped his vote. He said he had not initially been aware that the MCA had been involved in the promise not to put new retail in the office park.

Peoples noted that it was rare that a property owner would agree to such a condition and he said it had been done at the insistence of his neighborhood.

NEIGHBOR Maya Huber said the plan for redevelopment was supposed to be contained to McLean's Community Business Center (CBC). "It busts the plan. What they're presenting is not what they're asking for," she said of the McLean Planning Committee (MPC) members who had initially supported the amendment.

Jim Turner, a member of the MCA Board, the MPC and the Planning and Zoning Committee, said he thought the owner was trying to both provide a home for any displaced local businesses and turn a profit with the higher rental rates fetched by retail properties.

The MCA board voted against the proposal, which the Dranesville District Area Plan Review (APR) Task Force will review on Jan. 22.

School Board Leans Toward Grading Adjustments

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are calculated on a 10-point grading scale with the heavier weights for advanced coursework.

"I am considering moving to Montgomery County if they don't do something. Staying in Fairfax County

advocacy group, FAIRGRADE.

Over the past several months, FAIRGRADE has called for the school system to adopt a 10-point grading scale and adding points for honors, IB and AP classes to more adequately reflect the policies of other school districts. Parents and students argued that Fairfax County graduates have been missing out on scholarship opportunities, admission to honors programs and overall college acceptance because their GPAs were artificially deflated when compared to students from other areas.

During a work session Jan. 12, the school board indicated it would mostly likely vote to increase weighting for Advanced Placement (AP) and IB courses from a half-point to a full-point on the GPA scale at its next meeting Jan. 22. The change would apply retroactively to students already enrolled in AP/IB courses this year.

"In hindsight, there is a price

that may have been overlooked ... Our kids may not be on a level playing field in terms of merit scholarships and honor programs," said Superintendent Jack Dale, who recommended the change.

THE SCHOOL BOARD also seemed to be in favor of increasing weights for honors courses.

Dale said the school system would have to review which classes the extra weight would apply to and probably could not make the change until the start of the next school year. Some classes should probably carry the extra weight but are not explicitly considered "honors" courses currently, according to the superintendent.

"In addition to honors, we have 'pre-IB' and 'pre-AP' courses. ... We have some courses at [Thomas Jefferson School for Science and Technology] that don't fall under any of those categories but that should probably carry the weight," said Dale, who was in favor of adding the honors weight.

few school board members pushed back on converting from a six-point to a 10-point grading scale.

Dale said there was no conclusive evidence that the six-point grading scale hurt Fairfax County students during the college and university admissions process.

Most school board members appeared to be leaning toward changing the grading scale anyway, particularly after more than 800 members of FAIRGRADE showed up to the Jan. 8 school board meeting to advocate for the change. Dale also did not articulate clear reasons for keeping the six-point scale and so several school board members said they felt as if there was "no harm" in changing it.

Board members will review various permutations of the 10-point scale, like those that do and do not include letter grades with pluses and minuses, and indicated that they would probably adopt a new scale for the start of next school year.

members had been concerned about the school board adopting extra weighting for advanced courses like AP, IB and honors without changing the grading scale as Dale had suggested.

They said they were concerned such a move would only help high-achieving students without providing relief to those on the lower end of the grade spectrum.

"If we were only to change the weighting system and not the grading scale, the bell curve would further widen. We would be separating higher achieving students from lower achieving students even more," said student school board member Arvin Ahmadi, a Thomas Jefferson junior.

Other members mentioned that there was also some evidence that a 10-point grading scale improves drop out rates among African American and Latino students when compared to a six-point grading scale.

Some were also concerned, due to public outcry over the issue, the parents had lost confidence in the county's six-point grading scale.

"Our kids may not be on a level playing field in terms of merit scholarships and honor programs."

— Superintendent Jack Dale

costs me money," said Chuck Goodnight, who has son entering high school next year.

SCHOOL BOARD members are leaning toward adopting new policies that reflect national trends in grading scales and weights following a year of intense lobbying from the citizen

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OPINION

It's Not Grade Inflation

Fairfax and Loudoun should change to 10-point grading, add weight for advanced classes; over 90 percent is an A.

Fairfax County Public Schools, along with Loudoun County schools, have been grading students in a way that puts them at a disadvantage for scholarships, college admissions and college credit compared to other similar school systems.

Right now there is a proposal on the table in Fairfax that would remedy many of these concerns, and the school board should take this opportunity to do so.

Fairfax has been grading students on a six point scale, meaning that a student scoring more than 90 points out of 100 could get a B instead of an A; it takes a 94 for an A, and a 64 to pass.

While most comparable school systems offer extra points for Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and some honors classes, Fairfax has not been doing so.

Will changing the grading scale mean that more students from Fairfax County will head to Harvard? Not at all; many top colleges make their own adjustments to applicants' grade point averages, but not all. While it's easy for some to dismiss this push on helicopter parents who would do anything to further the success of their gifted children, there are some important issues at stake.

EDITORIAL

There is no question that a lower grade point average as reported by an applicant's school can result in fewer opportunities for merit scholarships. Given the cost of college tuition and the economic challenges facing all families right now, putting Fairfax students at a disadvantage for scholarship money is unfair and unwise.

And at the margins, how the schools calculate and report a grade point average could affect which colleges accept a given applicant,

and these small differences can have a dramatic affect on a student's college experience.

Giving extra weight for the extra rigor and work of AP and IB classes is also critical for our students.

Fairfax County also should ensure that its graduates arrive at college with the most college credit possible for their college level studies in high school. Students taking IB exams should also take the most similar AP exam. In many cases, no additional preparation is required. While IB courses are just as rigorous as AP classes and should result in college credit for the students who have successfully completed them based on test scores, many colleges do not yet recognize IB test scores for credit.

But a student who scores well on the IB test will likely score just as well on the most similar AP test, and almost every college will give credit for high AP scores.

Again this is not a nicety for parents to brag about or students to put on their resumé. Arriving as a freshman in college with college credit gives students a leg up on more advanced coursework, and can in some cases reduce the cost of college by a semester or more.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Looking for Mary

To the Editor:

I volunteered to make telephone calls on election day to get people to the polls to vote for Barack Obama.

I was sent a list by the Obama organization. The first person on my list was a delightful lady I ended up talking to for over half an hour. We struck up an instant friendship and arranged for her to come visit me after the election at Vinson Hall, a retirement community in McLean.

Some days ago, I returned to my apartment to find that she had left me a taped message to let me know that she would like to visit me. She introduced herself as Mary and a name thereafter that sounded like "Wye." But she left no telephone number.

Perhaps she thought that as I called her the first time, I would have her number. Unfortunately, as the next person I had called had been so unpleasant, I didn't call anyone else, nor did I even keep the list.

What makes me even more distressed about all this is that not only did Mary want to come see me, but it turned out that she had purchased two of my books (I'm a writer of children's books) for her grandchildren for Christmas and wanted to bring the books for me

to autograph them.

I have looked up every possible permutation of the name "Wye" in the telephone directory. I called several numbers found on the Internet and finally reached someone connected to the Obama campaign, but was told all lists had been destroyed. In short, I have done everything but call President-elect Obama himself to find "Mary."

I have hoped that she might call again, but she never has.

My only hope now is that Mary herself, or a friend she might have talked to, will read about this and know how hard I have tried to find her, will call again, and this time, please leave a telephone number.

Barbara Brooks Wallace
McLean

Don't Change Grading System

To the Editor:

I believe that Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) should not implement a 10-point grading scale for the students. I am personally an eighth-grade student myself and believe that a 10-point grading scale would diminish the expectations of the students. I believe that colleges look at an application from a Fairfax County student and they know that we have some of the best students in

the country. I know this because FCPS sends a profile of our current grading system with every transcript. If they see that a person has a B-plus from Fairfax, they know that it would normally mean an A from another school district. All the 10-point grading scale would do, would be to diminish the effort of our students who work hard to get "A's."

Mitchell Greenwood
Vienna

Missed Opportunity

To the Editor:

Several weeks ago my son received an award from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8469 in Fairfax. The award was for an essay Jack wrote in response to the 2008 Patriot's Pen contest sponsored by Post 8469. Several other local area sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade children won an award as well, which included a U.S. savings bond.

VFW Post 8469 hosted a reception and an awards ceremony for the contest winners. The only disappointing aspect of the evening was the announcement that only two local schools participated in the contest: Rocky Run in Chantilly and St. John Academy in McLean.

That's a shameful participation

rate for any area of the U.S., but particularly for Northern Virginia. Our area has a rich history of military activity dating back to the Revolution. More to the point, there isn't a school in the area that doesn't enroll students with family members employed by the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard.

Given this, why did only two schools in our area offer their children this opportunity to practice their writing skills, to think about the concept of sacrifice for a larger cause and to win a U.S. savings bond?

I applaud Rocky Run and St. John Academy for giving their students a chance to write an essay, rather than sit in front of a television or computer screen. I applaud them for encouraging their students to think about — for at least a few minutes anyway — the costs our veterans paid so that our kids can do the things they like to do.

There are two things I don't worry about: first, that our kids have gotten to the point where they are writing too well and second, that our students appreciate too much what our veterans have done for them. Seems to me there's room for improvement in both of these areas.

I would encourage the scores of schools in our area to participate

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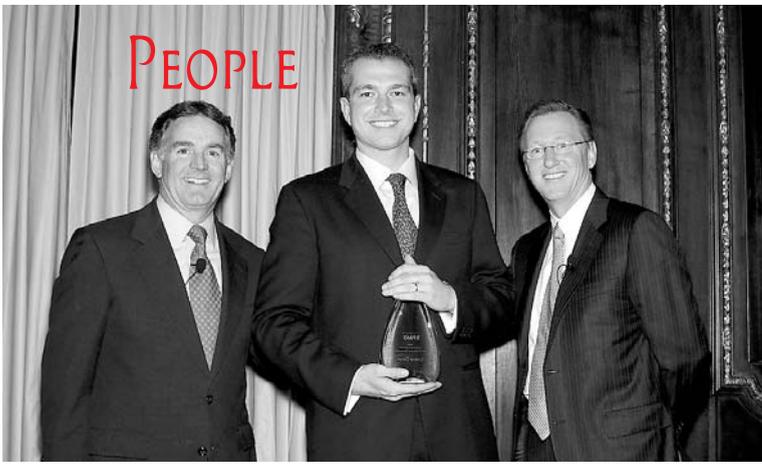
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Conrad Caplin, middle, accepts the award from Chairman Tim Flynn, right, and CEO/Deputy Chairman John Veihmeyer, left.

Caplin Receives Outstanding Volunteer Award

Conrad Caplin, advisory manager at KPMG's Tysons Corner office, was recently honored as an outstanding volunteer by KPMG and presented with the firm's Chairman's Award for Excellence in Community Service.

Caplin serves as team leader for VolunteerFest, a day dedicated to community service in Fairfax County with more than 1,000 volunteers working at more than 30 projects. He arranged for an on-site visit by Mentors Inc. to the KPMG Tysons Corner office to increase mentoring opportunities and

awareness at KPMG. He also led KPMG team volunteering efforts at S.O.M.E. (So that Others May Eat) and the Capital Food Bank.

Additionally, Caplin's team has also been involved with park cleanups, habitat for humanity projects, Earth Day cleanups, teaching programs, the Laurel Learning Center and the American Cancer Society. This past summer, Caplin helped raise more than \$1,500 from 28 different donors for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and hopes to reach the \$5,000 level in 2009.

LETTERS

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in this program. What's not to like? The children get to practice their writing skills, they get to think about the concept of people serving a larger cause and they get a chance to win a savings bond. I can only conclude that more schools don't participate in this program because they are unaware of it.

By the way, I didn't serve in the military. I just happen to believe this program offered by the VFW is a winner for all involved.

For more information on this program, contact the VFW Post 8469 in Fairfax.

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Candidates Look at Raising Tax Rate

Bulova, Herrity take different approaches on other budget issues.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Both major political party candidates for Fairfax County chairman agree the Board of Supervisors will have to at least consider raising homeowners real estate tax rate to address the locality's looming budget crisis next year.

"When we adopt a budget, there will be a reconciliation to close the projected shortfall and it will include a discussion of a tax rate adjustment," said Braddock District Supervisor Sharon Bulova, the Democratic nominee for the position.

The Republican nominee, Springfield District Supervisor Patrick Herrity, said it is likely the county will have to raise the tax rate. But Herrity also committed to lowering the actual amount of taxes most residents pay, a promise Bulova did not make.

This year, real estate assessments will have dropped significantly for many households, enough that the county could raise the real estate tax rate but not the actual amount of taxes paid by citizens, according to Herrity.

"Due to the extent of the shortfall, it is likely the tax rate (but not the actual taxes paid by homeowners) will need to be increased this year," he said on his Web site.

THE TWO major political party candidates will face Independent Green Party candidate Carey Campbell and Fairfax business owner Christopher DeCarlo in a special election for county chairman Feb. 3.

The previous chairman, U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), vacated the position earlier this month to join the U.S. Congress.

Fairfax County government's leadership has to close the \$650 million funding gap in Fairfax's \$3.3 billion budget for fiscal year 2010, which starts July 1. The financial hole is larger than the combined budgets of the police, fire and rescue, sheriff, library, parks and recreation and health departments.

"This is the most serious downturn I have experienced since I have been on the board," said Bulova, who was first elected in 1987.

The circumstances surrounding the county chairman's special election are similar to 14 years ago when, in 1995, the sitting county chairman, Tom Davis (R), left the Fairfax board to join the U.S. Congress, triggering a February special election to replace him.

Just like the Democrats in 2008, the Republican Party had made significant gains at the national and local level in 1995 and appeared to have the advantage in chairman's race. Fairfax County's budget and economic situation, like today, was also tough and residents had just endured a round of cuts to county services.

"I cut everything except [information

PATRICK HERRITY (R)

Age: 48
Current Home: Clifton/Centreville
Hometown/Grew Up In: Springfield, Va.
Education: Virginia Tech., B.S. in Accounting (1982)
Family: Wife Nancy and two high school children
Professional experience: chief financial officer at Arrowhead Global Solutions, government contractor (2005- present)
Political experience: Springfield District Supervisor (2008-present)
Civic experience: former executive committee of Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, former board member of Northern Virginia Technology Council, youth athletics coach



CAREY CAMPBELL (I)

Age: 52
Current Home: North Springfield
Hometown: North Springfield
Education: University of Maryland, B.A. (European Division) University of Freiburg, Germany University of Kentucky – business and accounting
Professional experience: Accountant
Political Experience: State Chairman, Independent Greens of Virginia; National Chairman, Draft Michael Bloomberg
Civic Experience: North Springfield Civic Association Board Member, North Springfield PTA member, past vice president of the Fairfax County Federation of Civic Associations



technology] and economic development," said Davis, about the 1994-1995 county budget.

With a voter turn out of 17.8 percent, the Democrat, Providence District Supervisor Kate Hanley, beat the Republican, Springfield District Supervisor Elaine McConnell, to become county chairman that year.

Davis said this year's special election for chairman could be a referendum on the supervisors' approach to the budget, especially since Bulova has been intimately involved with the county finances as the board's budget committee chair for more than a decade.

"When it comes to the budget, voters will get a say very early on because of the election," he said.

The two major political party candidates, Bulova and Herrity, agreed that the integrity of Fairfax County Public Schools, which normally receives more than half of Fairfax's annual budget, should be a top priority.

BULOVA said human services would also be another budget priority if she were to become county chairman.

Fairfax has seen a greater demand and need for human services programs, especially since the region started to face a financial downturn. With the faltering economy, it is likely people will need even more from those programs than they have



SHARON BULOVA (D)

Age: 60
Current Home: The Cloisters of Fairfax
Hometown/Grew Up In: Pikesville, Md.
Education: University of Virginia (classes via Fort Belvoir extension campus), Northern Virginia Community College, business management (1977)
Family: husband Lou DeFalaise, two adult children, three grandchildren
Professional experience: book keeper, sales and office manager
Political experience: Braddock District Supervisor (1987-present), former aide to Annandale District Supervisor Audrey Moore (1984-1987)
Civic experience: founding member of Virginia Railway Express Operations Board (1989 – present), Governors Commission on Rail Enhancement for the 21st Century (2004 – present)

CHRISTOPHER DECARLO (I)

Age: 50
Current Home: Fairfax
Hometown: Greenwich, Ct.
Education: Georgia Institute of Technology, coursework toward electrical engineering degree; George Mason University coursework toward business administration degree; North Virginia Community College
Family: wife Kathleen and five children, ages 2 years old to 10 years old
Professional Experience: president of DeCarlo Enterprises Inc., which sells propane gas to over 1,000 customers in Fairfax County.



in the past, said Bulova. "The increase in demand and spending in these areas has nothing to do with inflation," she said.

In terms of cuts, Bulova said she hopes to take actions similar to the 1990s when there was a major downturn in revenue and board members eliminated services like satellite tax offices and small "storefront" library kiosks, she said.

Without seeing county executive Tony Griffin's budget proposal, the supervisor could not point to specific cuts she would support at this time.

"It's still a little bit early. We need to give the county executive his opportunity to put something on the table first," she said.

Bulova is pleased with the way county officials and the board addressed the county budget crisis so far. Fairfax started hosting community meetings about the budget in the early fall and has engaged residents earlier than the county usually does, she said.

The supervisors recently implemented more programs focused on preventing home foreclosure and purchased 10 foreclosed properties, with the intention of fixing the

houses up and selling them.

The foreclosure crisis has a direct impact on the county budget since Fairfax County acquires the bulk of its revenue through residential real estate taxes and those collections are linked to home value and assessment.

HERRITY, who is one of just two Republicans on the Board of Supervisors, is more critical of the way Fairfax has handled its budget crisis.

The county should have been more willing to make cuts in its current budget cycle as soon as next year's financial picture began to look so dire. Instead, Bulova and other supervisors opted to wait until the situation got worse, he said.

Herrity has called for more budget transparency. He proposed a county "blue ribbon" budget commission, where a group of citizens would provide advice on how to adjust Fairfax's budget. Herrity also wants to put details of county expenses online for residents to peruse, he said.

When it comes to budget cuts, Herrity has proposed scaling back Fairfax County's affordable housing program – which has received over \$20 million annually in recent years. He wants to limit the scope of Fairfax County's housing program to focus only on people "really in need," such as those with mental disabilities or development challenges that would make it difficult for them to take care of themselves.

The county currently offers housing to some people near or below the county's median household income. The Springfield supervisor also voted against the board's decision to purchase foreclosed homes.

"We are competing with the private sector. ... We need to focus on the people that truly need help," said Herrity.

Over the long term, Herrity hopes to help the county budget by increasing Fairfax's commercial tax base. Commercial property owners tend to contribute more money in real estate taxes than they use in county services, he said. Currently, only 17 percent of Fairfax's tax base is commercial. Herrity would like to increase that number to 25 percent, he said.

In addition to education, Herrity said he is most concerned about cuts to the public safety budget.

AS FOR the two independent candidates, Campbell said keeping Fairfax County Public Schools "strong" would be his number one priority. He would also focus on

trying to build one lane of light rail on the Capital Beltway.

DeCarlo, who announced his candidacy Jan. 10, said the county's main problems were "outrageous taxes" and over-regulation. He also said elected officials had ceded control of the government to special interest groups.

"We need to focus on the people that truly need help."

— Pat Herrity

"This is the most serious downturn I have experienced since I have been on the board."

— Sharon Bulova, elected in 1987

Vinson Hall Amendment Opposed

At its Jan. 7 meeting, the McLean Citizens Association (MCA) board voted to oppose a proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment by Vinson Hall Retirement Community that would allow the U.S. Navy retirement home to expand its independent living facilities from 169 dwelling units to 350 units.

The community currently exists under a special exception that would already allow up to 276 dwelling units on the property, in addition to the existing 49 assisted living units, said Mark Zetts, co-chair of the MCA's Planning and Zoning Committee. For the first two phases of expansion, Vinson Hall plans to add 60 units, and if there is still a demand, 40 more would be added in phase two, Zetts said. "Essentially, you felt that they're already permitted to do this with their special exception."

He said he and other Planning and Zoning Committee members were also concerned about the intensity of use that would be generated by 350 independent living units on the 17-acre development. "We just felt they should go ahead with their current expansion plans," said Zetts, noting that Vinson Hall would not likely expand beyond what is allowed before it had a chance to apply for a plan amendment in another four years.

The 350 units alone would create a density of 20 dwelling units per acre on a parcel that, without the existing special exception, would not be allowed more than one unit per two acres.

However, Zetts also added, "It's a really well-run facility," calling Vinson Hall "a credit to the community."

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sistant principal, served as the liaison between the hotel and students and their families. On Friday, Dec. 12, the hotel's general manager, Shelly Dimiglio, sponsored a reception to recognize all the students for their creativity and to honor the winning designs.

The winning design was created by Katelynn Lee, a Churchill Road 3rd grader. It was used on the Tysons Marriott's 2008 holiday cards. Sixth grader Emily Chiang's design received the top award for grades 4-6; and first grader Lee Peterson's "panda in the snow" received the nod for grades K-3. Each of the three winning designs has been displayed in the Churchill Road School Lobby.

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Taking Geographic Bee Challenge

Langley School eighth-grade winner advances to next round.

Ten students in grades four-eight at The Langley School tested their geographic knowledge during the first round of the 21st annual National Geographic Bee Jan. 8. After the students tackled a series of challenging questions — including “Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered to Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Courthouse located in which state?” and “Mount Rainier can be seen from cities in Oregon, British Columbia and what state located between them?” — Langley crowned its 2009 winner, eighth-grader Gabe Rodriguez.

Sponsored by the National Geographic Society, the opening round of the annual Geography Bee is held in thousands of schools across the country and is the first step toward naming a national champion. During Langley’s competition, participants were asked a series of questions about both physical and cultural geography, ranging from the locations of national parks to the names of rivers. Students were eliminated from the bee after giving a total of two incorrect answers, until only the winner remained.

As Langley’s champion, Rodriguez will now ad-

vance to the next level, a written examination to determine state competitors. The top-100 scorers on this written exam from each state will then face each other in their statewide Geography Bee, with state champions eventually competing for a \$25,000 college scholarship in the national competition in Washington, D.C., in May 2009.

The 10 participants in Langley’s schoolwide bee included eighth-graders Michael Bauer and Gabe Rodriguez, champion; seventh-graders Nick DeMarco and Danny Rodriguez; sixth-graders Evan Drake, runner-up and Milo Ferenczi; fifth-graders Mark Ahari and Theron Masters; and fourth-graders Caroline Morin and Douglas Sarasin. They were selected to participate based on their performance on a preliminary qualifying test.

All of Langley’s fourth- through eighth-grade students were given the test prepared by the National Geographic. The two top-scoring students in each grade were then selected to participate in the schoolwide bee.

Founded in 1942, The Langley School is an independent coed day school for students in preschool through eighth grade. Situated on a 9.2-acre campus in McLean, the school reaches across multiple disciplines to discover, amplify and embrace the talents of every child, every day.

Langley School is located at 1411 Balls Hill Road McLean, VA 22101. Phone: 703-356-1920, fax: 703-790-9712, Web site: www.langleyschool.org.

Kent Gardens Feels Like Family

By MARYAM ALAM
KENT GARDENS ES, SIXTH GRADE

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The school has a special feature known as the French Immersion Program, which is very good for a student who would like to start learning French in first grade. This immersion process puts the students in half a day of French, which means math and science are taught in that language. By the end of sixth grade students should hopefully have a good understanding of the French language

and culture.

A cool thing about the teachers at Kent Gardens is that they come from a wide variety of backgrounds and from all over the world. This offers students an opportunity to learn about different cultures and experience different teaching strategies. For instance, my teachers come from Australia and Canada.

There are many family events that bring us together outside the regular school day. These include International Night, Carnival, Showcase, Parent-Teacher Basketball Tournament and Portfolio Night.

In conclusion, I would like to say that this school has made my friends and I happier because we always know that we are in a safe environment. I hope someday you may be able to come and visit us here at Kent Gardens!

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FAITH

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

The Institute of Catholic Culture presents Dr. William Marshner in a series on the Protestant Revolution at St. John the Beloved Catholic Church Adult Education room. The series takes place on Jan. 17, 24, and 31, 2009 at 10 a.m. Continental Breakfast included, no charge. St. John's is located at 6420 Linway Terrace, McLean, VA.

McLean Women's Bible Study Thursday Bible Study, at 9:15 a.m. The Book of Proverbs will be the focus for the next 12 weeks. All are welcome. Contact Martha Wiles at 703-448-2020 or MarthaWiles@msn.com.

Great Falls United Methodist Church is at 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 703-759-3705.

❖ **All Things New**, an ecumenical worship service every Wednesday beginning Jan. 14 at 6 p.m. Based on the Beatitudes of Jesus, for people affected by anger, fear, stress, dealing with rejection, credit abuse, drug/alcohol abuse, physical/sexual addiction or eating disorders.

❖ **Christian Unity Month Ecumenical Service**, Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. Guest speaker Angelo Maker, will discuss his experience as a Lost Boy of Sudan, his faith and life in America.

The "Third Wednesday at One" recital series with organist Charles Miller, on Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 1 p.m. at Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Free admission. 703-356-0670 or www.musicinmclean.org.

Torture and the New Administration, 10 a.m. at the Northern Virginia Ethical Society, 225 Nutley St., NW, Vienna. Linda Gustitus will speak about ending torture and brutal prisoner treatment. Gustitus is president of the National Religious Campaign Against Torture. www.esnv.org, or 703-437-3161.

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.

A Centering Prayer Group meets Fridays, 9:30 a.m. at Andrew Chapel

United Methodist Church, 1301 Trap Road, Vienna. The hour includes a brief reading related to Centering Prayer, followed by a 20-minute prayer period. E-mail Martha Thomas at mmthomas211@hotmail.com or call the church at 703-759-3509.

St. John's Episcopal Church supports over twenty outreach ministries, including SHARE, Habitat for Humanity, Martha's Table, and the Gen. Colin L. Powell Leadership Club at Macfarland Middle School in Washington D.C. Services at 7:45 a.m., 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. St. John's Episcopal Church, 6715 Georgetown Pike, McLean. 703-356-4902 or www.stjohnsmclean.org.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and the Jewish Outreach Institute offer the Mothers/Parents Circle, an umbrella of free educational events and resources. Jewish rituals, ethics and the creation of a Jewish home, regular meetings and group Shabbats and holidays. Participants include Sha'are Shalom, Congregation Beth Emeth, Temple Rodef Shalom and the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia. ShalomDC.org.

The Jewish Social Services Agency, 3018 Javier Road, Fairfax, offers a variety of family programs. **Call 703-204-9100.**

❖ **Just Chill: An Anxiety Management Group**, for ages 8-10. Wednesdays through Feb. 18 at 6 p.m.

❖ **Teen Talk: An Adolescent Adoption Series**, for ages 13-18. Tuesdays through Dec. 23 at 7 p.m. Pre-registration required.

❖ **Support Group for Parents of Young Adults with Asperger's**

Syndrome and Related Disorders. Jan. 28 at 7 p.m.

❖ **Social Club for Young Adults with Asperger's Syndrome.** Call for a schedule of events and costs.

❖ **Starting Over: A Widow and Widower Support Group**, meeting the third Monday of every month, at 1 p.m.

❖ **You and Your Aging Parents, meeting the third Wednesday of every month, at 6 p.m.**

Registration for the St. Mark ESL winter term will be Jan. 6 and 8 at 7:30 p.m. Classes meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings. \$15 for the 11 week semester, new students must also purchase class book. Child care is available, and an optional basic computer skills class is offered to intermediate and advanced students. St. Mark CFC, 9972 Vale Road, Vienna. 703-216-4488, 703-477-2389 or 703-424-1046.

Vienna Assembly of God has a ministry to children on Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. at the corner of Center N and Ayr Hill Avenue, N.E. Children's Church on Sundays also available. 703-938-7736 or www.ViennaAG.com.

Vienna Christian Healing Rooms, every Saturday, 1-5 p.m., at 8200 Bell Lane. A team of Christians is available to anyone requesting prayer. Free and open to the public. 703-698-9779 or www.viennachristianhealingrooms.com.

The Baha'i community of McLean holds a weekly fireside, a meeting of discussion, devotion and fellowship, at 7500 Box Elder Court in McLean, at 8 p.m. every Friday. An opportunity to learn about the Baha'i faith. 703-556-3400.



CONTRIBUTED

Angelo Maker, pictured with his wife Stephanie,

Maker Discusses 'Lost Boys of Sudan'

Angelo Maker will speak on Sunday, Jan. 18 at 7 p.m., at the Great Falls Ecumenical Council Christian Unity Program at Great Falls United Methodist Church, 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Maker is one the three thousand orphans called the Lost Boys of Sudan. He and his family were victims of the civil war in Southern Sudan in 1983 that claimed over two million lives, including those of his mother and two brothers when his village was attacked. Maker was alone and only seven years old. In 1999 the United States began to bring these Lost Boys to America so they would have a chance to educate themselves and return to build a better future for their people. He now resides in Newport News with his family, where he works and attends ODU studying international relations, while remaining active in efforts to create a better future for Sudan. 703-759-3705 or www.greatfallsumc.org.

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WEDNESDAY/JAN. 14

Great Falls Historical Society, 7 p.m. at the Great Falls Library, Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 703-757-8560. Karen Washburn speaking on "Towlston Grange." GFHS.org or 703-759-9188.

Al de Meola, guitar virtuoso. 8 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$35. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Kitten and Cat Adoption

Extravaganza, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. All of the cats and kittens are fully socialized, vaccinated and de-wormed. All of the kittens and cats can be selected on the adoption site, and many may be able to be taken home the same day. Chris C. Haslam, Commonwealth Cat Rescue, Inc. 703-568-3600.

Preschool Sing-Along, 10:30 a.m. Sing songs with Miss Belle. All ages. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. 703-356-0770.

THURSDAY/JAN. 15

Chapter 227, Vietnam Veterans of America Inc. meeting at Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane Shopping Center, Vienna, at 7:30 p.m. Col. Ward B. Nickisch, U.S. Army (Retired) will give a presentation of the current process to recover and identify the remains of unaccounted service members from World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. The general public is invited. Admission is free. Call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 or visit www.vva227.org.

Patty Larkin, folk guitarist. 8 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$22. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

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Memoir on Thursdays through March 5, 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. \$71 for Town of Vienna residents, \$88.50 for out-of-town participants. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.gov.

CHADD (Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/ Hyperactivity Disorder) of Northern Virginia on "Behind the Research: Brain Development and ADHD," 7-9:15 p.m. in the James Madison High School library, 2500 James Madison Drive, Vienna. The speaker is Philip Shaw, BA, MB, BCh, PhD, and staff clinician for NIH. Refreshments will be served. 703-641-5451, www.novachadd.org or email northern-virginia@chadd.net.

Financial Planning for Separation and Divorce, 7 p.m. at Investment & Resource Planning Associates, 10600 Arrowhead Drive, Suite 310, Fairfax. \$55 non-members, \$45 members. 703-281-0657 or www.thewomenscenter.org.

The Arts for Understanding Tour featuring Nero and Scott Lewis. Pop/rock. 7 p.m. \$20. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Operation Support Our Troops, 5-8 p.m. at the Silver Diner on International Drive. A Marshall High School DECA sponsored fundraiser for the USO, to raise money for American troops in Iraq, Korea and Afghanistan. Raffles will be held and donations appreciated.

FRIDAY/JAN. 16

Baritone Keith Phares, mezzo-soprano Patricia Risley, and



The Riders in the Sky bring 'Comedy & Western' music to the Alden Theatre on Saturday, Jan. 17.

pianist Kim Pensinger Witman. 8 p.m. Opera artists at The Barns. Tickets \$35. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Hotspur, Goodnight Anthem, Time Tells All and The Baby Grand. Rock. 5:30 p.m. \$10. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

American Legion Charity Citrus

Fruit Sale: honeybells, seedless grapefruit, navel oranges and sunburst tangerines. American Legion Post 270, 1355 Balls Hill Road, McLean. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Proceeds support local youth and veteran needs. 703-356-8259.

Col. Evin Planto, 11-11:45 a.m. at George C. Marshall High School in the auditorium. Col. Planto will speak about his experiences as a member of the Army Reserves stationed in Baghdad, Iraq in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. Sponsored by Marshall High School DECA Project.

SATURDAY/JAN. 17

Riders in the Sky, 'Comedy & Western' music. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Tickets are \$30, \$25 for McLean tax district residents, at the Alden Theatre box office, at 703-573-SEAT or www.ticketmaster.com. 703-790-0123 or www.mcleancenter.org/alden.

Dangerous Summer, The Downtown Fiction, Select Start, School Boy Humor and Sing Me Insomnia. 4:30 p.m. \$10 advance, \$12 at the door. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

American Legion Charity Citrus

Fruit Sale: honeybells, seedless grapefruit, navel oranges and sunburst tangerines. American Legion Post 270, 1355 Balls Hill Road, McLean. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Proceeds support local youth and veteran needs. 703-356-8259.

Carlene Carter, contemporary country. 7:30 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$25. Wolf Trap Foundation



Jon Carroll, Zoe Mulford, Joe Uehlein & The U-Liners, Karen Collins, Ruthie & the Wranglers, Laura Baron, Seth Kibel, Carey Creed and Jesse Palidofsky perform at Jammin' Java on Sunday, Jan. 18.

for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

"A Farewell Show" with The Sketches, Alfonso Velez and Mike Errico. Pop/rock. 9:30 p.m. \$15. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Why Don't My Kids Listen to Me? 11 a.m. at the Great Falls Library,

9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Gain cooperation without repeating, reminding or yelling, taught by a Certified Parent Educator. Free admission. Pre-registration required. 301-929-8824 or www.PEPparent.org.

Virginia Hunter Horse Show

Series, 8 a.m. at Frying Pan Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Fairfax. Watch local residents compete. Spectators admitted free. 703-437-9101.

Richard Bland Lee's 248th Birthday Party, 1-4 p.m. at the Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Cake, house tours and half-price admission. \$3 adults, \$2.50 students, \$2 seniors and children. 703-437-1794.

Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association's Country Dance, 7:30-11 p.m. at Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. \$12 per person. 703-860-4941 or www.nvcwda.org.

SUNDAY/JAN. 18

Family Skate Nights, 6:30-8 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. \$1 per skater; bring your own skates and safety equipment.

Jon Carroll, Zoe Mulford, Joe Uehlein & The U-Liners, Karen Collins, Ruthie & the Wranglers, Laura Baron, Seth Kibel, Carey Creed and Jesse Palidofsky. 7 p.m. \$10 advance, \$12 at the door. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Acoustic Jam, 1-4 p.m. at the Frying Pan Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Fairfax. Free drop-in music session. 703-437-9101.

Play 18th and 19th Century Games, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Play games for \$2 and make a historic toy for \$2. House tours \$6 adults, \$4 seniors and children. 703-437-1794.

Mr. Skip 'It's All About the Kids!' 10 a.m. Katie's Coffee House at 760 Walker Road in the Great Falls Village Centre. 703-759-2759 or

www.mrskip.com.

Soprano Danielle Talamantes, cellist Igor Zubkovsky, clarinetist Jean-Francois Bescond and pianist Diane Winter Pyles performing Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Gliere, Arensky, Bernstein and more, 7 p.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park Street, Vienna. Reception to follow. Free. 703-255-2576.

Sixth Annual McLean Martin

Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration, 3-5 p.m. in the Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Guest speaker Rev. Todd Brown, live entertainment by saxophonist J. Plunky Branch and musicians Tom Teasley and Charles Williams. A reception will follow. \$5 adults, \$3 children. 703-790-0123 or www.mcleancenter.org/alden.

The Oberlin College Conservatory of Music Tzigane Clarinet Trio with works by Beethoven and Brahms plus Balkan dances by Taj Evi. Free program and refreshments. 7:30 pm. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax 2709 Hunter Mill Road Oakton. 703-893-9072.

MONDAY/JAN. 19

Open Mic Night with Ron Goad. 7-10 p.m. \$2. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

TUESDAY/JAN. 20

Inauguration Day Par-tay with Toubab Krewe. Rock/afro-beat. 8 p.m. \$10 advance, \$12 at the door. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 21

W for Winter, 10:30 a.m. Stay warm with stories and activities. Age 2-5 with adult. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. 703-356-0770.

Book Discussion Group, 7:30 p.m. Call for title. Adults. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 703-757-8560

Book Discussion Group, 7:15 p.m. Call for book title. Adults. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. 703-356-0770.

THURSDAY/JAN. 22

Celtic Crossroads. 8 p.m. Traditional bluegrass, gypsy, and jazz at The Barns. Tickets \$25. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

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

Jim's Big Ego and Hamell on Trial. Rock. 8 p.m. \$12. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Brenda the Parrot Lady and her parrots will entertain children with bird trivia, tricks and songs. 10 a.m. Katie's Coffee House at 760 Walker Road in the Great Falls Village Centre. 703-759-2759 or www.mrskip.com.

Ask an Expert: Valerie Neal on the Enterprise: Sister Ship of Columbia. 12:30-12:45 p.m. at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly. Free admission. 202-633-1000 or www.nasm.si.edu.

FRIDAY/JAN. 23

Chicago City Limits: Myspace or Yours? Comedy. 8 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$22. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

SPORTS

Highlanders Cool Off in Girls Basketball

McLean looking to get back on track in district play this week.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Perhaps it's just a midseason slump, but McLean High girls basketball coach Mike O'Brien did not like what he saw from his usually hard working, ready-to-go team last week in Liberty District losses to both Woodson and Madison.

"We started out the season outhustling and outworking people," said O'Brien, in his fifth season as the program's head coach. "The last few games I feel we've slacked off a little and been outworked."

McLean (7-5 overall, 2-2 in the district) fell at Woodson last Tuesday, Jan. 6, 59-45, before losing at home to Madison, 48-34. The Warhawks are coached by former McLean coach Kirsten Roberts (see connectionnewspapers.com, and go to Vienna sports).

"I felt we got outhustled to loose balls," said O'Brien, of last week's district losses. "In my four years here I've prided myself on us getting to balls."

MCLEAN, UNDER O'Brien, has shown improvement every year. The Highlanders went 9-13 his first season and have won 10, 12 and 14 games in each season since. Last year's 14-11 team qualified for the Northern Region playoffs for the second straight year. O'Brien believes this year's team, a younger, less experienced squad than last year, can continue the program's upward progression. But the Highlanders need to quickly get back to playing the spirited ball that helped them begin the season 7-2.

"We started off this season with limited experience," O'Brien said. "We told the kids our goal was to get better and to outhustle teams."

"I felt we got outhustled to loose balls. In my four years here I've prided myself on us getting to balls."

— Mike O'Brien,
McLean High girls basketball coach

Expect McLean to regain its earlier season form. The Highlanders' district wins thus far have come over Jefferson and cross-town rival Langley.

McLean's key players this season have included senior shooting guard Caity Flint (8 points per game), junior point guard Caitlin Baker (5 points), sophomore guard Andie Romness (team leading 9 points) and junior post player Melissa Wilson (8 points).

OVER THE HOLIDAYS McLean traveled to St. Petersburg, Fla., where it competed in the Suncoast Classic. There, the Highlanders reached the finals of the eight-team field. They won games over Florida schools Clearwater Catholic, 49-31, and Mount Dora High, 54-31, before losing in the championship game to St. Thomas Moore of Canada, 50-33.

In last week's district games, Wilson (13 points) and Romness (10) were both in double figures in McLean's loss to Woodson. Junior guard Lauren Sutherland contributed nine points in the game in which the Highlanders trailed by just a 34-33 score at the half.

In the Madison game three days later, Romness led McLean with 13 points while Flint netted seven.

This week, McLean was scheduled to play district games at Stone Bridge on Tuesday and at home against Marshall this Friday night.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

McLean Youth Soccer Spring 2009 Registration has begun on the league web site at www.mcleansoccer.org for all returning and new families. MYS offers various programs for children ages 4 thru 19, including House/Recreation, Travel and McLean Premier Soccer Travel, U5 for Pre-K players, and TOP Soccer for children with special needs. The season will begin March 30 and run thru June 14. Be sure to register no later than January 31 to take advantage of the early discounted registration fees. For more information, please contact the MYS Administrator at admin@mcleansoccer.org or call the MYS Office at 703-506-8068.

McLean Little League baseball and softball walk-in registration will be held on the following dates: Thursday, Jan. 15 (5 to 8 p.m.) and Saturday, Jan. 24 (8 a.m. to 1 p.m.). Registration will be held at the McLean Little League Administration Building, located at 1840 Westmoreland Street in McLean. Players registering for t-ball and baseball must be between the ages of 5 to 12 by April 30, 2009. Girls registering for softball must be between the ages of 7 to 16 by Dec. 31, 2008. Any questions, please email miadewitt@mcleanll.com.

The Madeira High girls' swim and dive team improved its record to 3-0 with a close 94-92 win over National Cathedral School on June 6. Madeira opened the meet by



PHOTO COURTESY/MCLEAN WRESTLING

McLean High wrestler Andy Chung holds his 112-weight class victory bracket on the first place stand at the recent West Potomac Christmas Classic Tournament event.

winning the 200-medley relay and closed the meet with a win in the 400-free relay. Event winners for Madeira were: Christa Ann Saunders (100 butterfly, 100-backstroke); Whitney Chronister (100-breaststroke); and Renee Mattox (50-freestyle). Other key swims for the winners came from: Alex Psaris (2nd in the 200 and 500 free); Rachael Tang (3rd in the 200-free and 5th in the 100-fly); Carsen Anderson (4th in the 200-free and 100-back); and Jen Dussault (4th in the 100-breaststroke).

"This was a good win over a very strong team," said Madeira coach Rod Montrie. "NCS always gives us a great meet. It doesn't come

any closer than two points. It really came down to the last relay and our girls rose to the occasion." Madeira was scheduled to compete earlier this week against visiting Potomac School.

Both the McLean High boys and girls swim and dive teams were winners in a meet versus South Lakes last Friday. The meet took place at the Springhill Recreation Center. The Highlander boys' team won, 167-142, while the McLean girls won, 192-122.

Quadruple event winners for the 2-2 McLean boys were Ed Lee and Charlie Putnam. Double event winners were Andrew Cole and



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

McLean High senior point guard Peter Brosnan goes up for a shot during a Liberty District boys' basketball game against Langley. The Highlanders (4-7) will be home against Marshall this Friday night.

Phil Betts.

For the 2-2 McLean girls, quadruple event winners were Eva Greene, Adrienne Harlow and Margaret Harlow. Double winners were Sarah Wilcox and Katie Yensen, and Jamie Bugel was a triple winner.

In diving, the Mclean boys swept

the top three spots with Martin Brown scoring top marks with 226.9 points.

In girls' diving, the Highlanders took the second and third spots with Lydia Mendleson leading the ladies with a score of 151.4.

McLean was scheduled to meet Marshall this week.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF VALUABLE
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Improved by the premises known as
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In execution of a Deed of Trust from Daniel H. Flores,
Jr., Liliانا Rocha, Nelson Rocha and Oscar Gudino Camacho,
dated November 28, 2006, and recorded December 4, 2006, in
Deed Book 18952 at page 317 among the Land Records of
Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will
offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial
Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road,
Fairfax, Virginia, on

Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.
the following property being the property contained in said
Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Unit 221, The Chateaux, A condominium
Tax Map No. 051-3-39-0221

Commonly known as 3125 Patrick Henry Drive, #221, Falls
Church, Virginia 22044.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$25,000.00 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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7.65 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settle-
ment. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured
promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash
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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 materi-
alman's liens of record and not of record. The property will be
sold subject to all conditions, covenants, restrictions, rights of
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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.

The subject property and all improvements thereon will
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the property at his/her expense. Purchaser shall assume the
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conveyance are to be at the expense of purchaser. State and
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The undersigned trustee unconditionally reserves the
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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
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Additional terms and conditions of sale may be an-
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DAVID N. PRENSKY
Substitute Trustee

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF VALUABLE
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Improved by the premises known as
4042-41st Street N., McLean, Virginia

In execution of a Deed of Trust from John A. Vance and
Elyane J. Vance, dated April 1, 2003, and recorded April 7,
2003, in Deed Book 14236 at page 526 among the Land Re-
cords of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute
trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance
of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge
Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.
the following property being the property contained in said
Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Lot 72, Section 3, Chainbridge Forest, as the same appears
duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 3396 at
page 375, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virgini-
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at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase mon-
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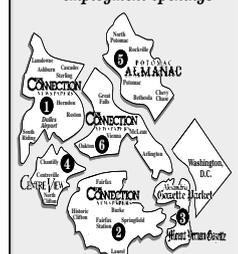
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The public hearing, which may be continued or adjourned, will be held at 10:30 o'clock a.m. on Friday, January 30, 2009, before the Authority or its designee, in the Treasury Board Conference Room, 3rd Floor of the James Monroe Building, 101 North 14th Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219. As required by the Act, the Bonds will not pledge the credit or the taxing power of the Commonwealth of Virginia or the Authority and will be payable solely from revenues derived from the University and pledged therefor. Any person interested in the issuance of the Bonds or the location or purpose of the proposed Project may appear and be heard. Written comments may be submitted prior to January 30, 2009, at the Authority's address set forth below. A copy of the University's application materials may be inspected at the Authority's office, 3rd Floor, James Monroe Building, 101 North 14th Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219 (P.O. Box 1879, Richmond, Virginia 23218-1879), during business hours.

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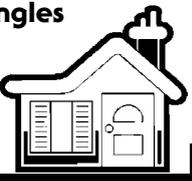
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