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VIEWPOINTS

What was the most memorable event in your life in 2008?

— DONNA MANZ



Sue Robinson, Vienna

"My daughter and her family live in Ankara, Turkey, and for me, one of the biggest things of the year is that we went to Ankara and spent three weeks with my daughter, her three little girls and her husband. That was a wonderful adventure."



Marlene Miller, Alexandria

"Probably, Obama being elected. And I retired. It was a memorable event when I retired."



William Lloyd, Vienna

"The most memorable thing that happened was having my first great-grandson. He was born in October."



Ron Patterson, Vienna

"My most memorable event was that my school IDEA (Integrated Design and Electronics Academy, Washington, D.C.) passed the annual yearly progress [AYP] tests in math."



Marilyn Hanson, Gerrardstown, W.Va.

"Finding the son I gave up for adoption when I was 15 years old. He was born on July 4, and is now 40 years old. I have two grandchildren now; I didn't have any last year."

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Welcome to Inauguration

Rooms available for \$100 a night in Vienna/Oakton area.

BY JANELLE L. PLUMMER
THE CONNECTION

President-elect Barack Obama's Presidential Inauguration is just days away and if travelers are still searching for a place to stay at reasonable price it might be a challenge. Just miles away from Washington, D.C., travelers can stay in Virginia for a reasonable price.

Members of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax in Oakton are renting rooms in their homes for as low as \$100 a night from Jan. 18-21.

Susan Smith, who is renting her home, said the price of hotels during the inauguration is too high.

"It's taking advantage of people who want to come to the inauguration," Smith said.

Karen Rasmussen, the social justice lay minister at the church, said the money would benefit Affordable Housing and Homelessness at UUCF.

"The money that will be donated will help the project," Rasmussen said.

Rasmussen said the money will be used toward the Rebuilding Together Program. This is a one-day home-repair action for low-income elderly homeowners. According to UUCF, social justice is a central pillar of Unitarian Universalism.



Pictured, from left, Ira Hamburg, Susan Smith, Barbara Harding and Karen Rasmussen discuss the Obama Inauguration Housing Hospitality Project at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax in Oakton.

Barbara Harding, who has been a member of the church for 18 years, said she became involved in the UUCF because of the social justice programs. Harding is also renting a room in her home for the inauguration.

"I don't want people to pay these prices," Harding said. "It's nice if the money goes to our causes."

In the end, Ira Hamburg, who is heading the hospitality project, said people do not know about the UUCF.

"We are probably one of the most active

[churches] with our programs," Hamburg said. "We want citizens to be aware that there are a lot of people in need and to provide assistance. The best way is through the congregation."

Four homes are available for rent through the UUCF. Other services include a continental breakfast, Internet access, a Jacuzzi and transportation to the Vienna Metro, which is three miles away.

For more information, contact Ira Hamburg at 703-373-7381.

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

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

Every Child Is 'Divine'

Local foundation supports Georgian orphanages.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

In 1995, Kelvin and Susan Pierce of Vienna were watching a news brief featuring a couple returning to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport with their baby girls newly-adopted from Russia.

"Hey, we ought to do that," Kelvin Pierce said to his wife. "Yeah, that's a great idea," Susan Pierce agreed. After reading an article in the Washington Post about the same couple featured at Reagan Airport shortly after that, the Pierces decided that adopting a child from Russia was to become a reality.

"Even way back in high school and col-



PHOTO BY DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION

Susan and Kelvin Pierce founded the Divine Child Foundation to improve the lives of children living in Georgian orphanages.

lege, I always said I wanted to adopt kids," Susan Pierce said. "But Kelvin is the one who made all of this happen. He's the force

behind the Divine Child Foundation."

THE PIERCES, cat-parents only up to 1995, were married nine years when they started the adoption process. The first agency the Pierces contacted took their money and fled. The agency's owner was pursued and located, and eventually, she "came through" for the Pierces and another couple who had tried to adopt through her agency.

Kelvin Pierce flew to Russia to meet his new children when the babies were just 2 months old. The little girls were 3 months when the Pierces brought them home to Virginia.

"When the Soviet Union fell apart, Georgia was one of the worst hit because it had no large manufacturing plants or exports," said Kelvin Pierce. "The public-works sector just fell apart completely. It was just a mess. A lot of babies were being given up, a lot of them starving to death."

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Cyberbullying Discussed

I-SAFE presentation teaches Kilmer MS students Internet safety.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Cyberbullying took the blame in the deaths of two young teens within the past few years, and parents, teachers, victims and i-SAFE want cyberbullying stopped.

Kilmer Middle School in Vienna presented an Internet safety video produced by i-SAFE, a nonprofit foundation dedicated to protecting the online experiences of children and teenagers. Four drama club students re-enacted true-life events that had devastating results. In one act, students recreated the series of events that led to the 2003 suicide of 13-year-old Ryan Halligan who was allegedly prompted to kill himself by an online "friend."

"Cyberbullying can have very serious consequences," Barbara Appling, Kilmer English teacher and i-SAFE assembly coordinator, said.

I-SAFE PRODUCES films and learning tools for use in schools and for law enforcement. Cyberbullying is described as using the Internet to spread rumors, to harass, to humiliate and put down a victim. The Internet, with its global reach, is the means to spread a message, not just around a school, but around the world.

"You can avoid cyberbullying if you only talk to people you know, people you invite to your page," Sarah Chapin, a Kilmer eighth-grader, said.

i-SAFE warns students to guard their personal contact information, and not share "buddy lists" with perceived friends. Don't

Kilmer Students Discuss Personal Experiences

Katie McCall, eighth grade

"I've definitely seen conversations of people being cyber bullied. I tried to stop it. In fact, I talked to the person bullying online and tried to get her to stop. She stopped after I talked to her."



Daniel LaBarbera, seventh grade

"What I see is mostly talking behind people's backs. Normally, victims don't find out because it's a lot of gossip and rumors. It's not face-to-face. If I saw someone being cyber bullied, I'd tell either the victim or to the bully to try to work it out. But not both at the same time."



— DONNA MANZ

Sarah Chapin, eighth grade

"I haven't seen it in person or online. It's mostly teasing, not so much face-to-face, but behind people's back. If I saw someone being cyber bullied, I'd probably go directly to the person who's bullying, not to other people. A lot of victims probably



wouldn't want a lot of people to know they're bullied."

Nick Brunori, eighth grade

"I've never been cyber bullied myself and I've never seen it done intentionally. It's mostly teasing among friends. If I saw someone really being cyber bullied, I'd probably try to solve it without notifying an adult first."



assume communication is private and don't use real names.

If a child is the victim of a cyberbully, i-SAFE recommends the victim not react when harassing messages are received. If the perpetrator continues harassment, the victim is advised to inform parents or other responsible adults, school personnel and the victim's Internet service provider.

Kilmer Resource Officer Mike Allen spoke to the students during the program.

"Be an Internet role model," Allen directed the captive young audience.

The school's seventh- and eighth-graders

dedicated their homeroom period to the discussion of cyberbullying, creating public service announcements (PSAs). Students broke down into four groups, each with a different orientation to the single focus. Some students created posters, others composed a rap song, some created a PSA voice-over and others produced a skit.

Kilmer has a vehicle in place for anonymous reporting of bullying through its Blackboard. The school presented an i-SAFE program to parents at two parent nights in the past year and between 30 and 50 parents attended the presentations, Appling said.

Helping Georgia's Orphans

FROM PAGE 3

In January of 2004, Kelvin Pierce read an article in the New York Times about Georgia and the plight of its orphanages and the hard times these facilities faced. The story talked about hope and need, Kelvin Pierce said, and sadly, the article showed kids huddled around wood stoves and with no bedding.

On Jan. 14, Kelvin Pierce brought the article home and showed it to his family. The story altered their lives.

"When I looked at the article, I could see my kids' faces. The only difference is that my kids got lucky," he said.

At first, when he began thinking of ways to help the orphaned children, Kelvin Pierce said he was overwhelmed, wondering how he could possibly "make a difference." Although he said it "took a while" to overcome his personal doubts, he and Susan created a foundation, the Divine Child Foun-

dation [DCF], a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, to address the pressing needs of Georgian orphanages.

The Pierces' first "official" trip on behalf of the Divine Child Foundation came in January 2007. The couple, with a guide who doubled as translator and a driver, visited 12 orphanages in that trip. They looked at living conditions and interviewed directors extensively. Their translator made all their arrangements. On their last day in Georgia, they took a vote. "We voted for the Saguramo orphanage," Susan Pierce said.

Kelvin Pierce, DCF's founder, makes the trip to Saguramo often, assessing the needs of the orphanage. Many of the needs are related to the physical structure, the Pierces said.

There is a translator on the DC staff who finds contractors in Georgia for the foundation. Kelvin Pierce, himself a local builder, goes to Georgia to interview and hire the contractors who will do the repair and con-

struction work.

Martha and Marty Strauss know Susan and Kelvin Pierce through Vienna Presbyterian Church and contracted Commonwealth Home Remodelers — the Pierces' construction company — to design and build their new home.

"When we heard they were making repairs to orphanages in the country of Georgia through a foundation they had created, we knew it would be a well run, effective endeavor because the Pierces have a heart for children and those in need, and are great at what they do — building things," Martha Strauss said.

The Strauss family supports the foundation financially and "always look forward to hearing about the wonderful changes being made despite significant challenges that arise," Martha Strauss said.

There are approximately 40 children liv-

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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.

Col. Evin Planto to Speak at Marshall High

Col. Evin Planto of the U.S. Army Reserves will speak Friday, Jan. 16, , 11-11:45 a.m. in the George C. Marshall High School Auditorium, 7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church.

Col. Planto will be speaking to the community about his experiences as a member of the Army Reserves stationed in Baghdad, Iraq in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom and to raise awareness and civic consciousness about our soldiers who are still overseas.

Marshall High School seniors Amanda Flynn, Rachel Neubauer and Kelly Skahan will host the event.

Support Our Troops at Silver Diner

A fundraiser for the United Services Organization will be held 5-8 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 15 at the Silver Diner, 8101 Fletcher St., McLean to raise money for the American troops fighting overseas in Iraq, Korea and Afghanistan. Raffles will be held and the donations to USO are greatly appreciated.

CORRECTION: In the article "Shepherd's Center Helps Non-Profits" [Vienna and Oakton Connection, Dec. 22-30, 2008] the amount mentioned was collected over a period of ten years: the amount collected on Nov. 25, 2008 was \$2,188.

CALENDAR

Send announcements to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit www.connectionnewspapers.com

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 14

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.

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.

Foundations of Writing the

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,



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.

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 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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Vienna Foundation Supports Orphanages

FROM PAGE 4

ing at Saguramo at one time, Susan Pierce said, but the orphanage held as many as 70 children once. Currently, Saguramo has 42 young residents.

DCF purchased bicycles previously, too, a real treat for the children and for the Pierces.

"Getting them bicycles was the most fun we did," Susan Pierce said. "One kid rode his bike to his brother's orphanage to take him

for a ride."

Most contributions come from friends and family and from the Pierces' own construction company, Commonwealth Home Remodelers, based in Vienna. The foundation is trying to raise most of its funds from the private sector.

"I DO THIS out of love," Kelvin Pierce said. "It's an opportunity to extend love and get love back. I can't tell you the feeling I get when

I give them a big smile and they give one right back to me. I'm helping them to survive. Chances of survival for these kids are slim without help.

"Our hope is for my children to get interested in community service and to connect with their heritage," Kelvin Pierce said.

Susan, Kelvin and their two children host an exchange student from Georgia, a George C. Marshall High School junior who is a master chess player.

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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

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 es-

say 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 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.

John C. Katz
Falls Church

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

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11-Day Murder Trial Begins

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

Prosecutor Robert D. McClain calls it murder. Defense attorney Peter D. Greenspun says self-defense.

Marysusan Giguere's trial began the afternoon of Monday, Jan. 12, in Fairfax County Circuit Court, at the Connection's press deadline. Judge Jane M. Roush will preside over the Vienna murder trial, which is expected to last 11 days.

Giguere is accused of murdering her husband on March 3, 2008 in their Vienna home on the 1400 block of Crowell Road, where they lived with their two teenage sons. Police found the body of Ronald K. Giguere, 60, in the upstairs bathroom, fatally shot in the forehead.

Police first talked with Marysusan Giguere, who was wearing pajamas, around 2 a.m. in the driveway of the couple's home.

"She was crying and she said she was sorry," Officer Kimberly Folden testified during Giguere's preliminary hearing in May 2008.



Giguere

Giguere spray-painted messages on the driveway, "revealing the wife's feelings toward her husband," according to court documents filed in the case. The spray-painted messages, photographed by police, contained condemning words filled with sexual accusations.

Giguere told Officer Folden that "she and her husband had gotten into an argument, there had been a struggle, and Mr. Giguere threatened to kill her," Folden testified in last May's preliminary hearing.

Greenspun, Giguere's defense attorney, is expected to argue self-defense as well as insanity at the time of the offense during the trial the next three weeks.

Giguere suffered "physical abuse, ... significant, significant emotional abuse, and ... torture of abandonment," said Greenspun in motion hearings late last year. "There are very interesting circumstances from a trial point of view," he said, referring to battered-wife syndrome, self-defense, and insanity.

Choosing a jury took almost three hours Monday before opening arguments began.

Giguere appeared to have dropped a significant amount of weight between her arrest and the beginning of the trial.

In an earlier motion hearing, Greenspun called his client "a physical disaster," who has had more than 140 appointments with doctors the last couple of years for breast cancer, a double mastectomy, hysterectomy, chemotherapy, fatigue syndrome, spinal fusion, pneumonia and an irregular heart beat, among other conditions and treatment.

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The Vienna Community Center, bordering the W & OD bike trail and Waters Field, offers classes and drop-in programs for children from birth on up through teenage years.

Tots, under a caregiver's supervision, can ride their wheels around the gym and teens can shoot hoops and skate. Fee-based classes offer music and movement for babies and toddlers, gymnastics for primary-graders among a diversity of fitness, arts and dance. Youth Open Gym: ages 6-11, Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays, 3-4 p.m.; ages 12-17, Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays, 4-5 p.m. 703-255-6360; 120 Cherry St. S.E., http://www.viennava.gov/Town_Departments/cmctr.htm.

Jammin' Java Tot Rock – every weekday, award-winning musical artists take the stage and entertain children. Well-known children's artists, including Miss Belle, Robbie Schaefer and Rocknecros pack the house daily. Admission fee for customers over 1-year-old. 227 Maple Ave. E., 703-255-1566, <http://www.jamminjava.com/kids.php>.

LIBRARIES

Patrick Henry Library is an interactive kind of place. From stories, songs and special events, to Wii, anime and Pokemon to foreign films and great books discussion, Patrick Henry Library wears many faces through the day and evening. Special events programming, featuring author presentations, themed parties, mystery night, music and even wildlife, are scattered abundantly throughout the calendar. And it has books for lending, too. 101 Maple



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Barry Sweitzer pedals leisurely along the Washington and Old Dominion bike trail. The paved trail, stretching from Arlington to Gainesville, is maintained by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority.

Ave. E., 703-938-0405, <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/LIBRARY/BRANCHES/ph/>.

Oakton Library opened Sept. 29, 2007, the first public library in Fairfax County designed and constructed under the Leadership Energy In Environmental Design (LEED) program, sponsored by the U.S. Green Building Council. The branch soon became the "heart" of Oakton and serves as a community center for Oakton-area residents. There are programs and special events for all ages. 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton, 703-242-4020, <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/BRANCHES/ok/>.

Make stuff up. During the summer, Patrick Henry Library staff crosses Maple Avenue monthly to read stories to young children and their grown-ups on the Town Green. Bring a blanket and plenty of water. 703-938-0405, <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/LIBRARY/BRANCHES/ph/>.

Make a splash. Sure, the children like story time on the grounds of the Little Library ... but they love the splishin' and splashin' that takes place after the stories. The Town of Vienna sets up sprinklers on the Green for little ones. www.historicviennainc.org.

MORE WAYS TO HAVE FUN

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Be a "Trappie," a Wolftrappie. Wolftrap's Institute for Early Learning through the Arts offers playtimes of cultural enrichment, music, dance and movement programs for children ages 6 months and up. www.wolftrap.org/Education/Institute_for_Early_Learning_through_the_Arts.aspx.

Theatre-in-the-Woods. Throughout the summer, the Theatre-in-the-Woods at Wolf Trap Park for the Performing Arts presents programming for children. From



VIENNA YOUTH INC.

Vienna Youth Inc. runs leagues in basketball, lacrosse, football, volleyball, cheerleading and wrestling. Todd Casey's basketball team struts its stuff in a league game.

music to puppet shows, the Theatre-in-the-Woods hosts a varied selection of programming for toddlers to teens. http://www.wolftrap.org/Education/Childrens_Theatre-in-the-Woods.aspx.

Hang out. For teens of Vienna, there's Club Phoenix at the Vienna Community Center, an after-school and weekend drop-in hangout. Big-screen television, computer games, stage and sound system, billiard and ping-pong tables and special events. Snacks available for purchase from the "Candy Bar." Sixth-graders from Vienna Elementary School walk over. Adult-supervised and free. http://www.viennava.gov/Town_Departments/teencenter.htm.

The Vienna Community Center sponsors musical dance instruction for youngsters and teens. Every summer, Vienna youth have an opportunity to audition for, and perform in, a musical production produced by the Vienna Youth Players. Read the Town of Vienna newsletter for audition news in late spring.

Sports. If you can kick it, throw it, hit it or wrestle it, it's a Vienna sport. From VVI football, wrestling, basketball, cheerleading and lacrosse to Little League, Babe Ruth, softball and soccer, all the traditional sports are represented. See the Town of Vienna Web site for links to youth athletic organizations. www.viennava.gov/NewcomerInfo/ORGLIST.pdf.

Once Upon a Time toy shop on Church Street. Vienna's very own children's fairyland features miniature collections, wood-crafted dollhouses made in Vermont, knights on horseback, Madam Alexander dolls, EU-made Playmobil sets and German-made Steiff stuffed animals. It's not unusual to see adults browsing through the miniatures collection. 120 Church St. N.E.

Colvin Run Mill, operated by the Fairfax County Park Authority, maintains its role as a working mill and living museum year-round. From ice cream making to woodworking and maple syrup boil-downs, Colvin Run Mill offers family and children's activities. In early December, the General Store operates a children-only gift sale. Mill-ground wheat and corn flours are sold in the General Store. Fee for tours and special events. Located at corner of Leesburg Pike and Colvin Run Road. 703-759-2771, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/crm/.

Vienna Inn. Chow down a chili dog or cheese fries at the VI. After practices and youth games, families and teammates pour into the Vienna Inn, just around the corner from Waters Field. The VI is noisy, crowded, busy



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Jammin' Java is known as a prominent adult music venue in the evenings, but in the morning, Jammin' Java caters to the tot set. A highlight of the Tot Rock year is the New Year's Eve extravaganza featuring prominent artists, Rocknecros and Robbie Schaefer, combined as Robbie-noceros.

Dominion (W & OD) bike trail winds its way through woods, commercial areas and subdivisions, nodding at the Vienna Community Center, Town Green, the Vienna Inn, Freeman House and the caboose as it passes them by.

Be game. On Sunday evening, the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department hosts a bingo fund-raiser, while at the Community Center, mature adults can choose from among card games and Pickleball. www.vvfd.org, http://www.viennava.gov/Town_Departments/seniors.htm.

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Joel Holland and **Andrew Timbers**, both of Vienna, have been named to the dean's list at Babson College of Wellesley, Mass.

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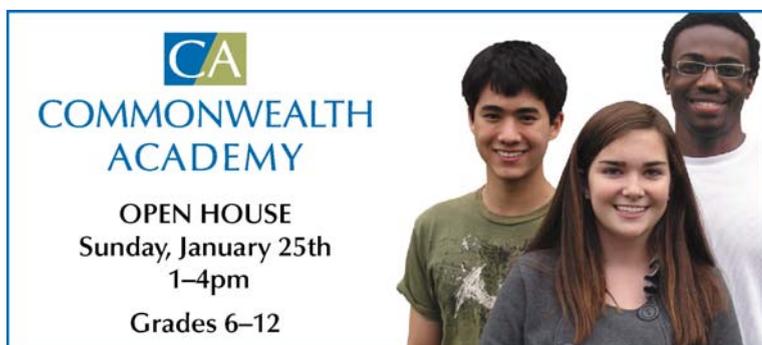
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Internet and finally reached someone connected to the Obama campaign, but was told all lists had been destroyed. In short, I have done everything but call President-elect Obama himself to find "Mary."

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.

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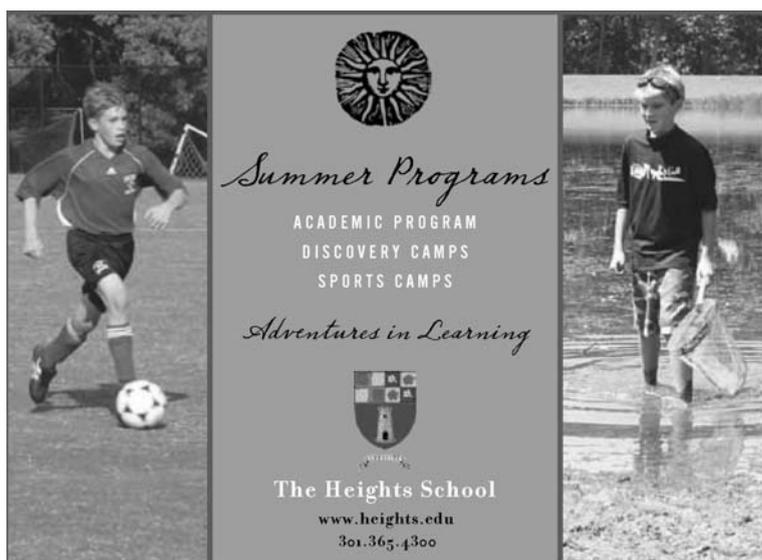
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Torture and the New Administration, 10 a.m. at the Northern Virginia Ethical Society, 225 Nutley St., NW, Vienna. Linda Gustitus will speak about ending torture and brutal prisoner treatment. Gustitus is president of the National Religious Campaign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

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SPORTS

Madison Girls Basketball Showing Good Progress

Former Warhawk player Roberts is at the helm of the program.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Last Friday night could not have been much better for first-year Madison High girls basketball coach Kirsten Roberts, who got a chance to visit her former coaching grounds while also seeing her new team pick-up a win.

Roberts' Warhawks defeated host McLean — the school where Roberts was the girls hoops coach from 2000 through 2004 — by a 48-34 score. With the Liberty District win, Madison improved to 4-7 overall and 2-2 in district play.

During Roberts' four years at the helm of McLean, she helped turn a fledgling program into one that was respectable. She has nothing but fond memories of her time with the Highlanders.

"It was a great learning experience," Roberts said. "When I came in, McLean didn't have much of a program. We built it up into a tradition of working hard. The kids worked real hard at McLean. I had a great time at McLean and it was great to be back."

This season has not been an easy one thus far for Roberts and her new Madison team, which is vastly different personnel wise from the Warhawks' squad of a year ago that went 26-2 and reached the Northern Region semifinals under former head coach Denise Weinig, who stepped down following last winter's season in order to focus on being a mother.

The Warhawks, with several new players in their starting lineup this season, have struggled to find the same success as in recent years.

"We lost a lot of scoring [to graduation] from last year and people have had to learn new roles," Roberts said.

ROBERTS, a former Madison player herself, is steadfast on rebuilding the program back up again. The win over McLean was big because it got the Warhawks back to

the .500 mark in district play. Junior guard Erin Kavanagh (12 points) and senior guard/forward Danielle Landry (11) both scored in double figures to lead Madison. Senior forward Becca Speck added eight points in the victory.

Roberts said she has enjoyed her first season at the helm of the Madison team. Over the past three years, she was earning her master's degree at Loyola University of Chicago. This past summer, Weinig, the former Madison coach, gave Roberts a phone call informing her that the head coaching position was open. She encouraged Roberts to apply for it, which she did. Roberts was offered the position in August.

She has enjoyed being back in the Northern Region coaching scene.

"It's wonderful," she said. "There are still a lot of the same old faces and assistant coaches. I love the Northern Region. Being back at Madison is definitely where I want to be."

Roberts was a player at Madison under former Warhawks' coach Pat Deegan from 1991 through 1995. There, she was part of a renowned program that earned state playoff appearances during her freshmen, sophomore and senior years. Madison captured the state AAA title when Roberts was a 10th-grader.

Now, as the Madison coach, she still keeps in contact with both Weinig and Deegan, who are always willing to offer their advice or encourage her.



Madison High junior Stephanie Sisak makes her drive to the basket. The Warhawks won games over Stone Bridge and McLean last week. They will be home against Jefferson this Friday night.

ON THE COURT, the Madison team is getting better and better as the season

moves on. The Warhawks started the season 0-5, but have won four of six games since then. The wins have come over Centreville, Freedom of South Riding, Stone Bridge and McLean. Kavanagh and Landry are both averaging in double figures scoring to lead Madison. Landry is the team's lone starter back from last year. Other key players include junior point guard Khristin Kylo and sophomore guard Sarah Schrock, a top defender.

"The girls are starting to get used to the way I like things run and getting used to playing with each other," Roberts said. "They come to practice every day and work hard for two hours."

Roberts believes her team grew by competing in a competitive holiday tournament — The Bulldog Bash, hosted by Westfield High School — Dec. 27-30. There, Madison defeated a talented Freedom High team by two points. The Eagles are perhaps the top team in Loudoun County's Dulles District. After the win over Freedom, Madison lost to both a team from Pennsylvania and Midlothian High from Virginia.

"All three teams we played were tough," Roberts said. "They played good defense and were really strong."

Certainly, the holiday tournament was good preparation for the Warhawks as they will now focus on their difficult district schedule over the next several weeks. Madison was

scheduled to play district games this week at Langley on Tuesday and at home against Jefferson this Friday night.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

The Vienna 10-year-old boys Fairfax County Select basketball team, known as the **Cobras**, competed as a Division 1 team at the recent Braddock Road Youth Club (BRYC) holiday tournament. The locals won opening round games over McLean, Lee District and Great Falls. Ultimately, the Cobras reached the title game where they defeated the Alexandria Cardinals AAU team. Earlier in the tournament, Vienna had lost to the same Alexandria team. The Cobras are coached by Joe Corish and Bob Tobin.

This past fall, the Cobras, as a Division 2 team, captured the Thanksgiving tournament. Wins in that event came over Springfield Youth Club, Arlington and Burke.

Oakton High School has an opening for the head varsity girls tennis coaching position. For more information, contact Oakton director of student activities Pete Duperrouzel at 703-319-2763 or at peter.duperrouzel@fcps.edu.

Registration for the **Vienna Girls Softball League** spring season is now open at www.VGSL.org. Girls ages 5 to 18 in Northern Virginia are invited to play on softball and T-ball teams that will be formed in February. Indoor clinics teaching softball fundamentals are now being held. Practices will begin in March, and league play will run mid-April through mid-June. More than 400 girls at all levels from beginner to travel play on VGSL house and select teams.



The Vienna Cobras were champions at the recent Braddock Road Youth Club holiday basketball tournament. Pictured on the back row, left to right: Coach Corish, Luke Lilienthal, Oak Zhang, Ben Christenson, Luke Address, Daniel Wheeler, Andrew McDonald and Coach Tobin. On the front row are Johnny Corish and Mikey Briody.

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

Commonly known as 3125 Patrick Henry Drive, #221, Falls
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DAVID N. PRENSKY
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Improved by the premises known as
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ments, if any, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and there-
after shall be assumed by the purchaser.

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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 an-
nounced at the time of sale.

DAVID N. PRENSKY
Substitute Trustee

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE

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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
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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
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page 375, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virgin-
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TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$20,000.00 or ten per-
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ment. 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 indebted-
ness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of
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Any defaulting purchaser shall forfeit the deposit and
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ments of record affecting the same, if any.

In the event the undersigned trustee is unable to con-
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FOR MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY

Notice is hereby given that the Virginia College Building Authority (the "Authority") will hold a public hearing on the application of Marymount University (the "University"), a nonprofit institute of higher education within the Commonwealth of Virginia, for the Authority to issue, pursuant to the Educational Facilities Authority Act (the "Act"), its educational facilities revenue bonds in a maximum amount not to exceed \$40,000,000 (the "Bonds"). The proceeds of the Bonds are to be used, together with other available University funds, to finance costs incurred in connection with the construction and equipping of a new residence hall containing approximately 240 beds, an academic science and health science building of approximately 50,000 square feet and a parking facility containing approximately 370 spaces at the University's facilities in Arlington County, Virginia (the "Project"), and other costs associated with issuing the Bonds. The Project will be located at 4763 Old Dominion Drive in Arlington, Virginia.

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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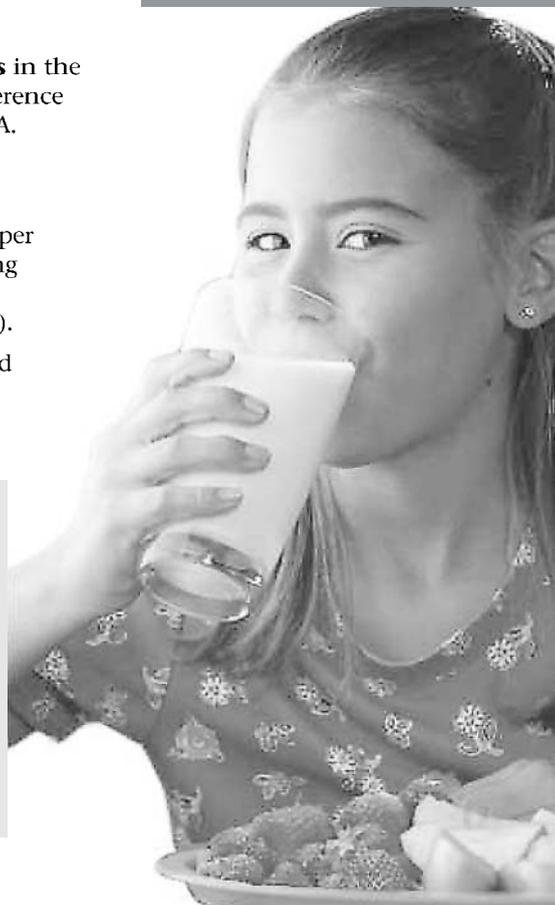
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