

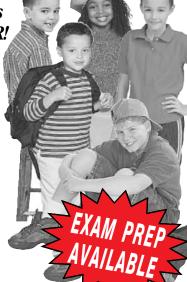


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## News

## From Bits of Glass to Art

## Maverick Mosaics teaches, creates.

By Donna Manz THE CONNECTION

n the mosaic art studio on Church Street, sheets of glass tesserae lay waiting to be transformed into artwork. Tables, tools and benches fill the workshops. Along shelves on one wall are mosaic art pieces produced by owner Bonnie Fitzgerald and her students. A glittering intensely hued Venetian glass artwork highlights a single wall. Maverick Mosaics is the domain of Oakton resident, Fitzgerald.

"You can find inspiration anywhere, from nature to lifestyle," Fitzgerald said. "I think there's a real desire for people to take mosaic classes for lots of reasons. I know a lot of people who are looking for a second career. Others learn mosaic art to enhance the beauty of their homes, to have beautiful things around them."

Aspiring mosaic artists from around the D.C. area migrate to Maverick Mosaics. Fitzgerald teaches classes, mentors at scheduled "open studio time," hosts workshops taught by prominent mosaic artisans and holds a summer camp for students. Somehow, Fitzgerald finds the time to produce custom mosaics for clients.

"The open studio is for people with experience and knowledge in mosaic work," Fitzgerald said. "Students have access to tools and to each other's companionship and knowledge."

On a recent Saturday afternoon, a cadre of mosaic artists worked under the tutelage of visiting artist, Andrea Shreve Taylor, who was conducting a workshop on "installation" of mosaic pieces as part of a larger project. Susannah Dryden of Arlington, creating a pattern for her kitchen backsplash, took direction from Taylor. "I'm making a cartoon cardinal, lots of funky birds against a solid dark background," Dryden said. "Lots of bright pieces for the birds. I do this because I enjoy it. It's a creative

"A lot of the pleasure is the community of friends who get together to do this," Dryden said.

Students new to Maverick Mosaics must commit to four open sessions. Otherwise, Fitzgerald said, it is pay as you go. In open sessions, students bring their own materials to work with.

The structured classes at Maverick Mosaics include supplies so students do not "have to worry



Bonnie Fitzgerald, owner of **Maverick Mosaics, shows** off a mosaic vignette jampacked with fiery hues.

about materials."

AFTER STUDYING ART in college, Fitzgerald's career took a different direction in Los Angeles. She worked as a television producer and, in 1988, moved to Northern Virginia. She produced the Kennedy Center Honors before coming full circle back to art. An Oakton resident for 18 years, Fitzgerald started her business there, in her home, 10 years ago. She moved her studio to Church Street last May.

"I use a lot of opaque stained glass because it's reasonablypriced and readily available," Fitzgerald said. "Some of the colors are fantastic."

Color affects pricing. The richer the pigment, the more expensive the pigment is. Red, for example, costs more than green in all tiles.

Fitzgerald shares stories behind some of her artwork.

She holds a tray with an emotional history behind it. "A woman's daughter died and the mother had her mosaic tiles left. She asked me to finish her daughter's project." Rather than take any risk with those irreplaceable pieces, Fitzgerald made a trial

A client from Maryland contracted Fitzgerald to create a custom kitchen backsplash for her. Fitzgerald is pulling out slate pieces and replacing them with handmade mosaic tiles in random vignettes. The artist is pleased with the project's progression. "The client is into red; we live in a beige world. Reds are not common enough," Fitzgerald said.

FITZGERALD LOOKS to engage



Jessica Maxson of Herndon works on a red and blue mosaic star during the visiting artist workshop at Maverick Mosaics, held on a recent Saturday at the Church Street studio.

the younger generation in mosaics, an art form going back more than 2.000 years. It is the reason. she said, she holds the summer camps. The five-day camps run two hours a day and children are grouped, when possible, by age and grade. "Safety is a big issue. The classes are age appropriate."

She is on the board of directors of the Society of American Mosaic Artists and is active in "Crafts for a Cure," a cooperative of artists supporting cancer research.

Fitzgerald never stops learning. She usually takes the workshops taught by Maverick Mosaic's visiting artists and makes trips to Venice to learn under master mosaic artists. In 2006 she earned master in mosaico certification at Orsoni Smalti Veneziani in Venice, and she has taken classes and workshops at UCLA, USC, The Corcoran School of Art and Smithsonian Institution.

"When I have my druthers, I like to go to foreign countries like Italy to take workshops, just Venice."

### AT SATURDAY'S WORKSHOP,

the artists grabbed plates of hot pizza as they worked and talked to one another.

Jessica Maxson of Herndon agrees with Dryden's description of the art form. "It's a great outlet for creative expression, as Susannah said," Maxson said. "Cutting, shaping, watching the picture come to life ... it can be very therapeutic."

**MAVERICK MOSAICS** is located at 145 Church St. N.W., Vienna. Phone: 703-938-1755. For more information on workshops, classes sales, art www.MaverickMosaics.com.



Eight students from the Camelot Center who are hearing impaired competed in the Optimists club's "For Me, Optimism is ..." The children described their goals, as well as their present.

## Nothing Stops Them

# Students with hearing impairments face the future with optimism.

By Donna Manz The Connection

ight fourth- and fifth-grade stu dents stepped up to the podium at the Vienna Optimists Club i n

ner Jan. 21. They described their goals, their interests, their past and their challenges. The students spoke on what "optimism" is to them. These children, described by those who heard them speak as "amazing," are hearing impaired.

The Vienna Optimists Club supports learning resources for students at Camelot Center, a Fairfax County school-within-a-school concentrating on the needs of hearing-impaired elementary-school children. Besides contributing financially, Vienna Optimists host a Communication Contest for the children in which they recite a speech they have written on "For Me, Optimism is ..." And if they share anything, it is optimism.

"Every night my parents ask me how my school day was. I tell them I had a good day," said Branav Dhakal, who said he has a strong desire to go to a good college and become an astronaut when he grows up. "I believe our dreams can come true if we work hard."

**GRAND WINNER**, Carolyn Coveney, said her "mommy helped" her write her presentation, as did her teacher. "But they were your ideas," Coveney's mother, Jennifer Click, told her. Carolyn detailed her diagnosis of cancer at age 4 and half, her chemotherapy and subsequent loss of hearing. "You can't change what happens to you," Click said. "The only thing you have control over is your attitude toward it."

Carolyn had a list of things she wanted to accomplish. "Optimism is not being afraid of trying new things. Nothing stops

me from doing anything I want to do. For me, optimism is believing I can achieve my goals. Optimism is being grateful for my life."

Kevin Reyes is optimistic that he will "grow up and be a good person." He would like to be a carpenter and build houses for people. "I want to build houses to make money so I can buy my own house, just like my dad."

Sonu Phillips said her parents had faith and a belief that everything "will be OK."

"Optimism to me is to look on the bright side," Sonu said. She calls herself a hard worker who never gives up and she wants to be a teacher someday.

"I can do anything I want to do even though it's very hard and it takes me a long time," Yasmine Iskander said. "I like to make things and go bowling and golfing. I want to be a teacher to work with students who have a hearing problem."

For Angela Stone, optimism is being cheerful even though she has a hearing loss. "I know I'll be OK no matter what," she said. When she grows up, she wants to work at a place like Home Depot, to help people find things they need to make their homes beautiful. "And I want to be a bicyclist, with the wind blowing through my hair."

Karina Lucas said that, for her, optimism is the belief that "things will turn out for the best." All of her friends at her new school have hearing aids, she said, just like her. Her older brother helped her write her "beautiful speech." She wants to be a teacher or a doctor when she grows up.

Quimari Sawyer agrees with Karina that optimism is believing that things will work out for the best. "In my old school, I felt like I was different, but not at my new school," Quimari said.

She said she has friends who are hearingimpaired and friends that are not. She loves to read and write about her family. "College will be hard because it will be hard to hear my teachers," she said.

## Givology Helps Students Abroad

## Area nonprofit aims to transform education philanthropy.

By Paul D. Shinkman The Connection

n his inaugural speech Jan. 20, Presi dent Barack Obama addressed poor nations throughout the world, saying Americans will "work alongside you ... to nourish starved bodies and feed hungry minds." The president need look no farther than across the Potomac River to see his words already in action through a locally founded nonprofit organization.

"Givology' is all about transforming education philanthropy," said co-founder and Vienna resident turned Rhodes Scholar Joyce Meng, explaining how her organization focuses on transparency and making giving easy, something she felt is lacking with larger donation-oriented nonprofits.

This organization, whose main purpose is raising funds for impoverished students abroad, functions primarily through its Web site community where potential donors can peruse listings of students throughout the world, their life story, specifically how much money they need and for what purpose and how much they have already received.

"We have an entirely volunteer staff with no overheads," Meng said. "All of the donated money goes directly to the students."

**THROUGH THE WEB SITE**, donors can post to student's journals to followup on their donation directly or simply relay moral support.

Givology's staff dedicates much efforts to carefully selecting viable, responsible nonprofit organizations, such as the Peach Foundation or the Peace Nursery and Primary School of Uganda, based in locations lacking education support. Meng insists that donations as small as \$5 will make a big difference.

"One hundred dollars may not seem like a lot to [Americans], but it can build a library in China," she said.

In the five months since its inception Givology has raised more than \$2,500 with 198 donations.

"It's always a good thing when Northern Virginians can pause from their beltway routine to think about people in the world around them," Stuart Stein of Northern Virginia, an active Givology donor and a former classmate of Meng's, said.

Meng, 22, first had the idea for this organization in April 2008 while an undergraduate at the University of Pennsylvania's Huntsman Program in International Studies and Business. She



PHOTOS COURTESY OF GIVOLOGY.ORG

Givology co-founder and Vienna resident Joyce Meng, right, with a team member Lauren Zarzar of Oakton, who also went to TJHSST.

## Givology Featured Student

Zhiqing Lv is the son of a farmer and is a ninthgrade student in Sichuan, People's Republic of China. His mother died in 2000 due to illness and over exhaustion from field labor. His family had to sell part of their land and spend most of their savings to give her a proper burial and his grandmother, who broke her leg earlier this year, is now entirely dependent on Lv's family. The family's annual income is roughly \$280.

He is on an education grant with the Peach Foundation and has received \$60 of his requested \$250 for tuition, school supplies, textbooks, transportation and room and board. For more information on Lv and others like him, visit givology.org.

worked with co-founder Lauren Zarzar of Oakton, a classmate of Meng's at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology and also at Penn, to develop the model and successfully launched Givology in September. It is awaiting receiving 501(c)(3) nonprofit status.

THE ORGANIZATION has since developed a core group of 10 volunteers, all of whom were seniors together at Penn, who manage Givology. This group includes a chemistry doctorate candidate at Harvard, a bioengineering student at the University of Virginia, and Carl Mackey, a doctorate candidate at Penn who designed Givology's sophisticated Web site.

"You can pay a firm thousands of dollars to make a Web site like this," Meng said of the integral feature of the organization. "But one guy did it for us. For free."

Meng has extensive experience with international development and microfinance through internships at Goldman Sachs, the World Bank and Credit Suisse in Hong Kong to name a few. She is reading for a master of science in economics for development at Balliol College, Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar.

"I'm tired of talking about what we ought to do," she said. "Now let's do something."

For more information, visit givology.org and peachfoundation.org.

# Giguere Guilty

## Jury of six men and six women to recommend sentence for voluntary manslaughter this week.

By Ken Moore The Connection

arysusan and Ronald Giguere's 12- and 14-yearold sons had been sleeping in their Crowell Road home in Vienna the night their mother fatally shot their father feet away from their sons' bedroom on March 3, 2008.

Neither testified or attended their mother's three-week long murder trial in Fairfax County Circuit Court. But the boys' heartbreaking and anguished cries in the background of their mother's 911 call remained palpable in the courtroom as a jury contemplated a prosecutor's argument of murder and their mother's version of self-defense.

"Oh God, I can't believe this happened, oh God," Marysusan Giguere said in the 911 call.

Giguere, 53, begged the dispatcher to send help 13 times before police arrived on scene minutes later, although she told the emergency dispatcher she was too frightened to check on the status of her husband after he was shot in the forehead from her .38 revolver.

"We were having, my husband and I, a domestic and the gun went off," she said. "It was an accident. Oh please, oh please, help us. ... I am so, so, so, so sorry."

Last Friday, Jan. 23, the jury of six men and six women found Marysusan Giguere guilty of the lesser charge of voluntary manslaughter. She faces up to 10 years in prison.

The jury is expected to hear final arguments on sentencing Tuesday, Jan. 27, after the Connection's press deadline, before deliberating on the sentence to recommend.

**POLICE FOUND** the body of Ronald K. Giguere, 60, in the upstairs bathroom, fatally shot once in the forehead.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Robert McClain called the scene "nothing short of murder." The prosecutor described how Ronald Giguere physical disaster," who has had cringed and cowered and more than 140 appointments kneeled down to shield himself with doctors the last couple of

"The evidence is the defendant was extremely angry and was enraged at Ron Giguere.

The evidence is that the defendant and Ron Giguere were at least four-to-five feet apart when he was shot," said McClain

"Ron Giguere was unarmed when this defendant shot him in the head. That, ladies and gentlemen, is the evidence in this case," he said.

Police first talked with Marysusan Giguere, dressed in a Redskins T-shirt and cotton snowman pajama pants, around 2 a.m., March 3 in the driveway of the couple's home.

Earlier that evening, Giguere spray-painted messages on the driveway — condemning words filled with sexual accusations.

Giguere told officers she and her husband had been in an argument and that her husband threatened to kill her.

During the trial, Giguere's defense attorney Peter D. Greenspun said that the domestic argument couldn't only be viewed from the upstairs bathroom where Ronald Giguere was shot.

The entire house was a continuous scene for the marital conflict that led to Ronald Giguere's death, Greenspun said, with drops of Ronald Giguere's blood throughout the house demonstrating how Marysusan Giguere attemped to defend herself.

One of the family's dogs even bit Ronald Giguere during the conflict, Greenspun said.

**IN ADDITION** to self-defense, Greenspun was expected to argue insanity at the time of the offense during the trial.

Giguere suffered "physical abuse, ... significant, significant emotional abuse, and ... torture abandonment," Greenspun in motion hearings late last year. But during the trial, there was no mention of the insanity defense.

He is expected to reveal these issues as mitigating factors for the jury to consider in sentencing Tuesday.

In an earlier motion hearing, Greenspun called his client "a when he was shot in the head. years for breast cancer, a double mastectomy, hysterectomy, chemotherapy, fatigue syndrome,

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## News

## Pet Rescue Effort Goes On

Oakton cat and dog rescue saves lives, holds adoption fairs.

> By Donna Manz THE CONNECTION

he tiny, 7-week-old pa tient was driven from Greeneville, S.C., to Charlotte International Airport in the morning of Christmas Eve. An escort met the patient in Charlotte and accompanied him on a mercy flight to Dulles International Airport, where the two arrived in late afternoon. The escort, who paid her own way, turned the baby over to his sponsor and new foster "mom" and returned to Charlotte on the next flight out.

Two days later in Vienna, the ailing patient, tended to by his benefactors, visited the first of medical consultants who would diagnose, treat and try to rehabilitate the baby's paralyzed back legs.

Commonwealth Cat Rescue Inc., operated by Chris Haslam of Oakton and a small staff, sponsored the furry patient, Tiny Tim. It is an all-volunteer group with no permanent shelter facility. Rather. Commonwealth relies on foster homes to care for its cats, kittens and dogs prior to adoption. A 501(c)(3) charity, Commonwealth was formed in the spring of 2006 to support local animal shelters and to assist other rescue groups in the community. It focuses on rescue, rehabilitation and "re-homing."

Tiny Tim was "famous" by the time he arrived at Dulles.

"There's always something about that one animal that grabs you, appeals to you," Haslam said. "So, I went to bat for him.

"Without the kind of treatment he's going to get here, he'd have no chance at all of making it."

BRARY Jan. 17, Commonwealth Cat Rescue Inc. hosted a cat and kitten adoption fair. Library patrons stopped by to visit with the

AT PATRICK HENRY LI-

cats looking for a permanent home and animal supporters who heard about the adoption fair made their way to Patrick Henry purposefully.

Haslam takes Betty Lou out of her cage. She's 8 or 9 months old and came to Commonwealth pregnant direct from death row in Culpeper. Betty Lou gave birth to four kittens who were raised by Susan Spaulding in her home. The



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**Commonwealth Cat Rescue** Inc. staffer, Karmella Moten, introduces an up-foradoption kitten at Patrick Henry Library Jan. 17.

## How to Help Or Adopt

Commonwealth Cat Rescue Inc. is holding cat adoptions fairs Jan. 31, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., at the following local libraries: Dolley Madison, McLean; Fortnightly, Herndon; and Reston Re-

To contribute to Cristobel's care and that of other abandoned pets, or to adopt, visit http://www.petfinder.com/ shelters/VA393.html or e-mail chris.haslam@cox.net.

babies have been adopted and now Betty Lou, soft and fluffy, is waiting for someone to bring her

"Betty Lou's a typical case," Haslam said. "She won't be here long because she's cuddly, sweet, cute, friendly and purrs nonstop.'

Haslam said about two-thirds of the adoption fair cats and kittens come from the Morgan County (W.Va.) Animal Shelter, a no-kill shelter. The two organizations work closely together and Haslam said they have a healthy adoption

"There's a demand in this community for healthy, happy, wellsocialized cats," Haslam said. "The Morgan County shelter has excellent policies and procedures to keep their animals healthy."

When new guardians leave with their Commonwealth cats, they go with a special adoption kit that includes food and instructions. Commonwealth spays and neuters its animals when they are of safe

Eight cats were adopted out from the Patrick Henry adoption

TINY TIM WAS RESCUED by a Greenville, S.C., animal rescue



Chris Haslam of Oakton, director of Commonwealth Cat Rescue Inc., said new mother cat, Betty Lou, is typical of shelter cats dropped off when pregnant and left for euthanasia.

league after suffering a bite that injured his fragile spinal column. A plea was sent to an e-mail-based community of more than 10,000 animal supporters and more than 100 groups and individuals offered to take Tiny Tim. The rescue group protecting the little creature met to evaluate the suitability of potential rescuers.

"They asked, 'What resources do you have?" Haslam said. "I wrote to them by e-mail and made my

I detailed financial support and available veterinary care. And the 'kitten mom' said she would foster him. We sponsor Tiny Tim, but Susan Spaulding, the 'kitten mom,' is fostering him. She's known across the country."

Two weeks later, on Jan. 7, a little girl kitten with a similar disability arrived from Georgia to join Tiny Tim and the Commonwealth family. Haslam and Spaulding named her Cristobel.

Commonwealth Cat Rescue Inc. welcomes cash donations to help defray costs of medical care for Tiny Tim and Cristobel. See http:/ /www.petfinder.com/shelters/ VA393.html chris.haslam@cox.net.

"At the end of the day, we're not gods, we're just people and it doesn't always work out the way we want it to," Haslam said.

TINY TIM TOOK ILL suddenly late afternoon Jan. 14. En route to Hope Emergency Center in Vienna, Tiny Tim died in the arms of foster mom Spaulding. The loss of Tiny Tim, Haslam said, was devastating to all who came to know the sweet-tempered kitten. Cristobel lost her fight the evening of Jan 20.

## **OPINION**

# **Crossover Point**

## A recap of last weekend's town hall meeting.

By Steve Shannon STATE DELEGATE (D-35)

his past weekend, Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) and I held a town hall meeting in Vienna to provide an overview of this year's General Assembly and to seek input from constituents. I want to thank all those who attended, as well as the mayor and Town Council for allowing us to use Town Hall on Sat-

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urday. I wanted to utilize this article RICHMOND to highlight some key points discussed at the meet-

ing.

This year, House members prefiled 1,193 bills, and Senate members prefiled 831 bills. The House of Delegates will consider House bills until Feb. 10, after which time the Senate will consider the House bills. The Senate likewise will consider Senate bills until this crossover point in the session, and then it will consider the House bills.

Procedurally, some positive changes have occurred in the House of Delegates this session to make the policymaking process more transparent. First, the House of Delegates will now record votes taken in subcommittees. This is important because subcommittee votes can prevent a bill from being considered by the entire House and thus this change allows the public to know how members voted. In addition, the House of Delegates proceedings are now available through a streaming video at http//legis.virginia.gov. While the Senate has provided this

service to the public for years, it is a change for the House.

Budget discussions dominate the activities of the General Assembly. Declining retail sales, stagnant wage and job growth and a stressed housing market have resulted in declining projected revenues to the state. We currently estimate that the shortfall in the state's general fund for the twoyear budget is \$3 billion, which amounts to about 12 percent of the overall general fund budget. In early February, we will receive another revised revenue forecast, so the shortfall may be larger.

Virginia's constitution requires the state to maintain a balanced budget. Thus, the governor has proposed amendments to close the budget shortfall, and the General Assembly currently is considering whether to provide alternative amendments.

The current proposal calls for transferring the maximum allowable limit from the state's reserve fund to the general fund, amounting to approximately \$500 million. In addition, about \$400 million in savings to the current twoyear budget can occur by shifting to bond financing for several state projects. The more difficult proposals include the following: more than \$400 million in funding reductions to the state's Medicaid program, more than \$400 million in funding reductions to K-12 public education, 15 percent funding reductions to most public universities (10 percent cuts to the community college system), more than \$100 million in funding reductions to the Department of Corrections and eliminating the budget's 2 percent state employee pay raise.

In addition, the current proposal contemplates increasing the state cigarette tax from 30 cents to 60

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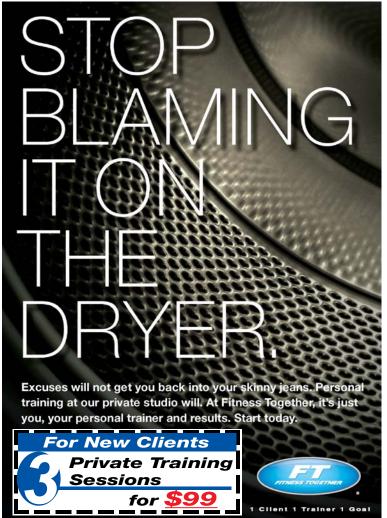
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# **OPINION**

# Major Party Candidates Plea Their Cases

## Why Vote for Bulova?

By Sharon Bulova DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR Chairman of the Board of SUPERVISORS

n my years as a member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, I have had the opportunity to meet and work with many people from all parts of Fairfax. I am gratified that people tell me that they have chosen to live here because they enjoy the excellent schools, exceptional public safety, and first rate business climate. They tell me that realize that is a good place to live, work, raise a family and grow old.

In the upcoming Feb. 3 election for the Chairman of the Board, the

most important message that I hear from voters is that they realize the good things about Fairfax County haven't happened by accident. Voters know that we are one of

the best managed jurisdictions of our size in the country because we have had public leaders who have paid attention, set priorities, made the tough decisions, and demanded quality in all that we do.

In the 21 years, I have served on the Board, I have chaired the budget committee for 17 of those years. I know that our budget is our most important statement of our values. We can say we are for something, but it we aren't willing to put resources there, we are misleading. I know that building the annual budget is a constant quest for the best balance between revenue and expenses. We have a AAA bond rating, and we also have schools that rank among the very best in the United States. We have welcomed diversity as a great asset, even though that same diversity has challenged us and sometime cost us more to provide the services people here need and de-

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mand. We have worked hard to find the right balance.

Voters know that our Board works best when we work together. I have a long record of reaching "across the aisle" and working with

people from all parts of the county to build consensus about priorities. Voters know that I have been a leader in developing new ways to get public input, connect public and private resources, and improve the quality of life for every-

Voters know that in the past I was one of the most consistent advocates for mass transit to help relieve our traffic mess. I was one of the early sponsors of the Virginia Railway Express (the VRE) and have spent the last ten years as an advocate for rail to Dulles.

Voters know that as Chairman of the Board, I will continue that civil consensus-building open and honest approach. I won't walk away from a problem because it is hard or because I didn't get my way. I will the leader of the Board and will set the agenda, but I will always respect those who dis-

Respectfully, I ask the citizens of Fairfax County for your vote on Feb. 3. I pledge that I will always work to keep Fairfax the place where people will want to chose to live, work, and play.

## Vote Feb. 3

All Fairfax County polling places will be open on Tuesday Feb. 3 for the special election for Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to replace Gerry Connolly.

## Why Vote for Herrity?

BY PAT HERRITY REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

ampaigns are about highlighting differences, but I am confident we can agree on one thing: Fairfax County is a great place to live. For decades we have had the best schools and beautiful parks. We've had a Triple-A bond rating since 1975, and we have been the economic engine for

Yet our future success is not preordained. We currently face significant challenges. Most pressing is our \$650 million shortfall, the

largest in our history and larger than all of our surrounding jurisdictions combined. We face this shortfall despite the fact that taxes on homeowners have doubled

in the past seven years. County spending has exploded, growing the budget by a billion dollars beyond inflation and population growth, squandering the good times on misplaced priorities.

We've spent \$200 million in the past two years to buy government housing and have built a large housing bureaucracy that makes us among the largest landlords in the County. We're subsidizing housing for those making \$99,000 a year.

At the same time, our schools are in dire need of renovations and class sizes continue to increase. Teacher pay has dropped from highest in the region to sixth highest. Despite this, the School Board, with my opponent's support, wants to spend \$130 million on a fancy administration building.

Fairfax County needs a leader with tested financial skills, who knows how to read a balance sheet, how to say "no," and who will focus spending on priorities. I am a chief financial officer with an award-winning financial track record of turning around troubled companies. I am the only candidate for Chairman with the financial experience necessary to lead us out of this financial train wreck.

I am also a recognized leader in transportation. I sit on the operations board for VRE, and was leading the effort for telecommuting with the Northern Virginia Tech-Council before telecommuting was an accepted concept. On the Board, I have led



Herrity

In His Own Words Contrary to my opponent's

the efforts for both shortterm and long-term improvements to the I-66 corridor.

accusations, I did not attempt to block the Dulles Rail project. In 2002, I filed suit against the project in order to ensure it was competitively bid, in an effort to save taxpayer money. To date, the project has never been competitively bid. I believe if it had, we would have been able to build a tunnel, the best option for Tyson's Corner, and still have met federal cost standards.

We can't afford to wait for Richmond to solve our problems. Thirty years ago when my father, Jack Herrity, was chairman of the Board, private-sector funding for transportation outweighed federal, state and local funding combined. Developers were held accountable for infrastructure improvements. We need to return to this kind of responsible leadership and creative solutions.

We also need to make our commercial tax base a priority. The commercial tax base was 27 percent but has now fallen to 17 percent, shifting the tax burden onto homeowners. It is important now more than ever for government to be responsive to the need for tax relief for residents. That is why last year I proposed a balanced budget that included an actual tax cut for homeowners. My budget also included an increase in education spending and more money for public safety programs than the budget passed by the Board.

I want my children to raise their children in a Fairfax County that is the best place to live, work, and play. I ask for your vote on Feb. 3.



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## News

# **Approaching Crossover Point**

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cents per pack, resulting in approximately \$148 million, to cover the increasing Medicaid costs from smoking-related illness. It also proposes eliminating the state's "dealer discount," which allows retailers to retain a portion of collected sales tax revenues, amounting to an increase of \$64 million to the state's general fund.

Finally, it is important to note that these measures only address balancing the state's general fund. They do not address the revenue shortfall in non-general fund expenditures, most prominently a large portion of the state's construction and maintenance funding for transportation projects.

The General Assembly continues to hold public hearings to elicit input on the proposed budget amendments. I would encourage you to contact my office directly as well. We can be reached in Richmond at 804-695-1035 or by e-mail at delsshannon@house.state.va.us.

## Giguere Guilty of Killing Husband

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spinal fusion, pneumonia and an irregular heart beat, among other conditions and treatment.

After the death of their father and arrest of their mother last March, the Giguere's two teenage boys lived for a month with their friend's family in their Vienna neighborhood. They now live with their aunt, Marysusan Giguere's older sister, who has custody of them.

"They're doing well, they've been through a lot," the boys' aunt testified in the courtroom Monday. "All things considered, they're doing well."

## Lions Club Sponsors Scholarships

he Vienna Lions Club will present its 47th James A. Bland Memorial Music Saturday, Feb. 28, 2 p.m., at the Vienna Assembly of God Church, 100 Ayr Hill Ave. N.E., in Vienna. This event is intended to stimulate students who enjoy music to continually grow in their instrumental or vocalist skills while performing before an appreciative community audience. Eligibility is open to public, private, parochial and homeschool students up through grades 12. A panel of accredited vocal and instrumental music educators will be serving as judges for this event.

Prizes are awarded to first- and second-place winners in both instrumental and vocal categories. Each first-place winner becomes the Vienna Lions Club representative in run-off contests that lead to a statewide finale in May for 12 scholarships and awards totaling \$12,600. There is no cost for eligible students to enter this competition. Interested students wishing to participate should contact their music teacher for guidance in preparing for this contest. Registration forms and contest rules are available from www.blandfoundation.org. Applications must be received by Feb. 23.





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By Donna Manz The Connection

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## LEARN SOMETHING NEW

The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna (SCOV) is a nonprofit, volunteer-based, interfaith organization sponsored by area

congregations and community groups to serve older persons in the Vienna, Oakton area. SCOV's mission is to provide services that help older persons to continue to "live a life that matters." Volunteers conduct programming to enrich senior adults, articularly through the center's "Adventures in Learning" series. Volunteer opportunities allow individuals to feel needed by reaching out to other older adults. 703-281-0538, www.scov.org.

The Vienna Arts Society [VAS] offers art classes in different mediums for all age groups, and in the summer VAS offers art camp for students. 115 Pleasant St. N.W.: 703-319-3971.

Vienna Community Center classes. From art, music and Spanish language

instruction to personal safety for women and drop-in legal seminars, the Town of Vienna Department of Parks and Recreation offers a myriad of learning opportunities. Registration is via walk-in, mail-in, Webtrac (online) or fax. 120 Cherry St. S.E.; 703-255-6360, http:// www.viennava.gov/ Town Departments/events2.htm

## BEING A GOOD GUY OR GAL

Give back to the community. Civic organizations serve the community and offer social interaction. They raise funds for humanitarian efforts, assist and run community events and play a is the Vienna-Oakton area. From the Lion and Rotary clubs to Committee for Helping Others and Shepherd's Center of Vienna-Oakton and all the service organizations in between, there is a civic group that needs your caring, help, time and energy. http://viennava.gov/NewcomerInfo/

ORGLIST.pdf.

COMMUNE

Pancakes, anyone? See old friends and neighbors and eat a hearty oreakfast, benefiting a good (local) cause at a community breakfast. American Legion Dyer-Gunnell Post the Post. Receipts support Legion projects. Post 180 frequently hosts special events that are open to the public. 330 Center St. N.; 703-938-9535, http://www.legion180.net/ NsltrJan09.pdf.

Holiday festivals, from a hot late spring ViVa! Vienna! to December's and friends against a backdrop of food, entertainment and shopping. from years gone by pop up, as well. newsletter at http:// www.viennava.gov/Town\_Info/ News\_letter/newslet.htm

### BE ARTFUL

The Vienna Art Society (VAS)

celebrates its 40th anniversary in 2009. Each month, the society features a changing exhibit at its gallery on Pleasant Street N.W. Throughout the year the society hosts receptions that are open to the public at no charge and it offers art classes in different mediums for all age groups. VAS offers art camps for students during the summer months. In honor of its anniversary, the Vienna Art Center is offering monthly

workshops in various mediums. Thes workshops are instructed by local and nationally known artists. Fee for workshops. 115 Pleasant St. N.W.; 703-319-3971,

Ayr Hill Art Gallery Vienna artist, Gail B. Roberts, always wanted to own her own gallery, to promote art and to teach it. In Ayr Hill Art Gallery, opened in 2008, Roberts' dream materialized. The fine art gallery showcases the work of contemporary and emerging American artists, Roberts features special events and exhibits and offers a Third Thursday Art Night at

141 Church St. N.W.; 703-938-3880. Gallery is open Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and by appointment on Sunday, http:// www.ayrhillgallery.com/.

Habatat Galleries, located in an office

ouilding behind the Tysons Marriott, features glass art pieces designed by renowned glass artists, including Dale Chihuly. Not a place for rambunctious children, 8020 Towers Crescent Drive, Suite 125, Tysons Corner; 703-989-7110 www.habatatgalleries.com. Open Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-

180 hosts a breakfast buffet, featuring pancakes, omelets, bacon and more on the third Sunday of each month at

Church Street Stroll, attract families Neighbors meet up and acquaintances For an update on Vienna events and happenings, see the Town of Vienna

FARMERS' MARKETS Fresh food tastes, well, it tastes fresher. The local farmers' markets offer seasonal produce, as well as locally produced baked goods, sweets prepared seasonings and meats and dairy. Not only that, but at the markets neighbors run into one another, dogs sniff and parents push strollers. Farmers' markets are a community get-together. Vienna farmers' market is held Saturdays May-October, caboose parking lot, 8 a.m.-noon.

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Every Sunday, the Flame Room's

Fairfax County Farmers' Market moved to Oak Marr Recreation Center last year, but continues its Wednesday

GET CRAFTY

Maverick Mosaics glass art studio teaches the art of glass mosaic. The owner, Bonnie Fitzgerald, is an accomplished artisan who teaches mosaic art to children and adults and produces pieces for clients. In the summer, Maverick Mosaics holds camps for children. 145 Church St. N.W.; 703-938-1755, www.maverickmosaics.com

Bowman House, through the Town of Vienna's Parks and Recreation Department, offers arts and crafts classes throughout the year, including a full series of pottery classes ranging from beginner to advanced. Fee for classes and materials. 211 Center S

S.; 703-255-6360, www.viennava.gov; http:// www.viennava.gov/ Town\_Departments/winter2008.pdf.

BARK IN THE PARK

The Vienna dog park, on Courthouse



Vienna Dog Park, maintained by the Town of Vienna, features a mulched

by mature shade trees and is mulched. There's a fountain and some canine play equipment. Humans are allowed only if they're socialized.

HAM IT UP

surface, agility equipment, water and shade trees.

Amateur radio operators of the Vienna Wireless Society not only have fun talking to others worldwide, but they serve the Vienna community, as well. Volunteers from the wireless society traditionally have been charged with providing communications along the Vienna Halloween parade route, as well as participating in a myriad of Vienna's special events. The club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at the Vienna Elementary School; during the mmer months, meetings are held at the Vienna Community Center. Meetings are open to all interested in learning about amateur radio operation and licensing. Contact Jim Parsons, W4JTP, president and public nformation officer, W4JTP@parsonage.net; 703-392-0150 after 5 p.m.;

o://viennawireless.org/home.php.

CONSULT A TRAIN-ER

For the "little kid" in all of us, there is Northern Virginia Model Railroaders [NVMR]. At the former Vienna Railroad Station, NVMR set up an HO scale model railroad layout that is on permanent display at the Vienna station in a 50-by-22-foot room. The club models a small railroad, the Western North Carolina set in the 1950s.

The club hosts open houses, 10 times a year, where the public is welcome to come and see trains running. Admission is free, but donations are welcomed. Hours are from 1-5 p.m.

The Vienna station, formerly part of the Washington & Old Dominion Railroad, is located in the historic Church Street area along the Washington & Old Dominion Trail, at 231 Dominion Road N.W. E-mail nvmrinc@yahoo.com or call 1-703-938-5157; www.nvmr.org.

**GROW IT** 

The Ayr Hill Garden Hill is Vienna's oldest garden club, going back to 1929. The club promotes gardening in the Vienna-Oakton area and sponsors

projects that enhance Vienna. The garden fronting Maple Avenue at the W & OD bike trail near Whole Foods is maintained by Ayr Hill Garden Club. Contact Christine Orlando at 703-281-5346 for information on joining the club.

PARK IT The Town of Vienna maintains multifaceted parks throughout Vienna. Most have a playground, tennis court and basketball courts, as well as picnic tables and shelter. Some, like uthside Park, have athletic fields. The dog park on Courthouse Road at Nutley Street has a mulched surface shade trees, water and agility equipment — for the dogs, not their humans. There are "pocket" parks that serve as a bit of green and tranquility, such as the Sarah Walker Mercer Park and Northside Park, The Town Green, home of summer concerts and story time, has Wi-Fi

Peterson Lane Park is owned jointly by the Town of Vienna and the Fairfax County Park Authority. The Branch Road Tot Lot has playground equipment for children ages 2-5.

http://www.viennava.gov/ Town Departments/parklist.htm

Fairfax County Park Authority has an extensive presence in the Vienna Oakton area.

From Wolf Trails Park on Old Courthouse Road to the expansive resources of Nottoway Park, the Fairfax County Park Authority supplements the recreational facilities of the area. The county maintains athletic fields, bike trails, equestrian trails, nature trails, streams, a recreation center in Oaktor and a working gristmill in Colvin Run Mill Park. http:// www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/

Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority maintains two prominent and distinctive parks within the Vienna area. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, on Beulah Road, features more than 95 acres of flowers, shrubs, trees, ponds and parkland. There is a risitors' center and a venue popular for wedding receptions and special

events. The gardens are a complex of

large ornamental display gardens and

native plant collections. Meadowlark

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native wildflowers, gazebos, birds,

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The Northern Virginia Technology Council (NVTC), the largest technology council in the nation, announced that Michael Dell, chairman of the board and chief executive officer, Dell Inc. will be the keynote speaker at the Tuesday, Feb. 3, Premier Titans Series luncheon.

Dell will discuss emerging green technology, critical investments in infrastructure and steps to stay liquid in these challenging economic times. This session will be moderated by Gary Shapiro, president and CEO of the Consumer Electronics Association, who will lead the conversation followed by an interactive question-andanswer session with attendees.

After founding the company in 1984 with \$1,000 and the idea to have direct relationships with customers, Michael Dell became the youngest CEO to earn a Fortune 500 ranking in 1992.

The registration and networking begin at 11 a.m. and the lunch and program, at 11:45 a.m., at the Hilton McLean, 7920 Jones Branch Drive.

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## SCHOOL NOTES

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Green Hedges School, 415 Windover Ave. N.W., Vienna, will celebrate International Day, a long-standing school tradition, Friday, **Jan. 30**, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. The day is focused on promoting the children's vision of peace, where all faiths and cultures respect and understand one another. Vienna Mayor M. Jane Seeman will attend. Schedule of events:

8:30 a.m., Peace Tree Movie and discussion

10:15 a.m., Assembly.

11:15 a.m., Parade of Nations.

11:45 a.m., Peace Tree Ceremony.

12 p.m., Cultural foods, games and art projects

1:15 p.m., Coleman McCarthy speaks to grades 5 - 8.

2:15 p.m., Cultural assembly featuring Indian Dance

James Madison High School is producing a set of eight student-directed one-act plays, nicknamed "bite-sized plays." These plays, eight in all, are completely produced, directed and acted by students, with minimal-to-no involvement by the adult supporters of the program. The plays run **Feb. 5-7**, with four plays running on the nights of the 5th and 7th at 7 p.m. and four other plays running at 7 p.m. on the 6th and at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday the 7th. \$5 for all shows.

### FAITH NOTES -

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

staged reading of Archibald MacLeish's Pulitzer prize-winning play "JB: A Play in Verse" will be performed at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton, Sunday, Feb. 8, 4 p.m. The play translates the Book of Job into the modern day story of JB. A discussion will follow the performance, which is free and open to the public. Call the UUCF office at 703-281-4230, or see Special Events, www.uucf.org.

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 viennachristianhealingrooms.com.

A BlankDay of Prayer on "With the Dawn Rejoicing: A Christian Perspective on Pain and Joy" will be held Monday, Feb. 9 at the Dominican Retreat, 7103 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. Call 703-356-4243 or visit www.dominicanretreat.org.

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#### THURSDAY/JAN. 29

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**Mothers First Potty Training Lecture,** 7:30 p.m. at the Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Free Admission. Potty Training Lecture by Donna Pence, Nurse Practitioner. 703-242-0195.

#### FRIDAY/JAN. 30

Miró Quartet. 8 p.m. Chamber Music at The Barns. Tickets \$35. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

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# Sports

# Warhawks Heating Up for the Stretch Run

# Madison boys winning behind their defense.

By Rich Sanders
The Connection

he Madison High boys basketball team, with just a few weeks remaining in the regular season, is in a pretty good position as the postseason looms.

The Warhawks, having won six of their last eight games going into this week, are playing good basketball, especially on the defensive end of the floor. But they know they can get even better and hope to be at or near their peak when the Liberty District playoffs begin Feb. 17.

"We're doing it with defense," Madison coach Chris Kuhblank said of his team's winning ways in recent weeks.

The defense will have to continue to boost Madison (9-5), which does not have a high-powered offensive team.

"We're putting everything we have into our defense," said Kuhblank, who added his team's half-court style of offense, backed up by its all-out, in-your-face defensive prowess, is not the prettiest thing to watch. But it has proven quite effective for the Warhawks, who are 4-3 in district play, third in the standings behind South Lakes (7-1) and Woodson (6-2).

Madison gave it one of those gritty efforts last Friday night in a 50-38 win at district opponent Marshall. The Warhawks were led by their top-two scoring leaders this season — senior post Will Clarkson and senior guard Omi Ogolo, who scored 16 and 10 points, respectively, in the victory over the cross-town rival Statesmen.

**BESIDES CLARKSON** (20 points per game average) and point guard Ogolo (11.5), Madison does not have any true offensive scoring standouts. That's fine, as long as the Warhawks smother teams defensively and keep games relatively low scoring. Last year, Madison had the Northern Region's top-ranked defense and this



Gavin Hilburn, hounded by Langley defenders, looks to free himself during the Warhawks' Jan. 13 district home win over the Saxons. Madison is home this Friday night against Stone Bridge.

season the Warhawks are in the top-three defensively.

In Friday's win, Madison held the Statesmen to just four second-quarter points after Marshall had scored 17 in the first quarter. That shutdown quarter kept Madison

in the game as it trailed the home team, 19-15, at the half before outplaying the Statesmen in the second half on way to the

Madison struggled with its shooting in the first half against Marshall's tough 3-2 zone

defense. But over the course of the game, the Warhawks made some key plays defensively that resulted in some easier transition baskets. Madison, following its 15-points in the first half, netted 35 after the intermission.

"It was a big road win," said Kuhblank, whose Madison team lost to Marshall at the 2006 Northern Region semifinals at the Patriot Center after having beaten the Statesmen in the district tourney finals two weeks earlier.

"It's a big cross-town rivalry and we always get [Marshall's] best effort," Kuhblank said. "It's a good healthy rivalry."

Friday's win marked the second time Madison has beaten Marshall this season. In the first meeting between the two teams on Dec. 19, Madison won at home, 61-51.

Madison, going into the Marshall game, was coming off a 43-33 district road loss at Woodson last Wednesday. The Warhawks held a 31-30 lead early in the final quarter of that game before the Cavaliers overtook them.

Prior to that game, Madison had won three straight district games over McLean, Langley and Jefferson. The wins over McLean and Langley both came at home where Madison, going into this week, is a perfect 6-0 this season.

Madison has been a dominant home team in recent years, going 40-6 the past four years. Kuhblank said Madison has a wonderful home-court advantage in its cozy, but loud gymnasium. And he said the Warhawks receive outstanding support from the Vienna community,

"It's small, but it's our home," Kuhblank said of Madison's home floor. "We have a strong following. The Town of Vienna has high expectations and they want us to win. We have an amazing home crowd and a school and student body that really supports us. It's a Warhawks Nation."

Madison was scheduled to play two district home games this week — against South Lakes on Tuesday, Jan. 27, and Stone Bridge this Friday night. The Warhawks will be looking to avenge earlier season losses to both teams.

## Sports Roundups

The Fairfax County **Football Hall of Fame** will hold its 18th Annual Banquet Sunday, March 1, at the McLean Hilton Hotel, 7920 Jones Branch Drive, McLean, located near the Tysons II Mall Festivities will begin with a social gathering at 2:30 p.m. and dinner at 4 p.m. An awards ceremony will follow, honoring local youth and high-school players, coaches, officials and cheerleaders, along with other guests and the new Hall of Fame inductees. For general information, call Mark Meana at 703-281-0153 or go to Santrak@aol.com.

For ticket information, contact Betty Powell at bpowe1@AOL.com or 703-

This year's Class of 2009 Hall of Fame Inductees includes Eddie Royal, former Westfield High and Virginia Tech star,

and current member of the Denver Broncos; Mike Skinner, former Marshall and Centreville High football coach; and John Schaffstall of the Braddock Road Youth Club.

The following high-school football individuals will be among those recognized at the awards banquet Mike Olsen of Stone Bridge High (Liberty District Player of the Year); Jack Tyler of Oakton High (Concorde District Player of the Year); Jovan Smith of Flint Hill (Private School Player of the Year); Mickey Thompson of Stone Bridge High (Division 5 Coach of the Year); and Joe Thompson of Oakton (Division VI Coach of the Year).

The following will be among those recognized as "Youth Football Players of the Year": Ashton Nyanteh (75-pound American Division) of McLean Youth Incorporated; Donny Sanders (85

National) of McLean Youth; Patrick McMahon (110 American) of Vienna Youth Incorporated; and Kyle Savage (125 Central) of Reston Youth Football.

Youth Football Coaches of the Year will include Brian Monticue (Central Division) of Vienna Youth; and Doug Kleinsmith (National Division) of Dulles South Youth Sports. Youth Cheerleaders of the Year will include Kyannah Calhoun (Herndon Optimist Club) and Kaylyn Macaluso (Reston Youth Football).

In **high-school swim** action last week, the McLean High teams went up against W.T. Woodson. On the boys side, Woodson defeated McLean, 188-127. On the girls side, Woodson won by a close 161-153 score. For the McLean boys, Charlie Putnam took first place in two individual events, the 100 back and

the 200 IM. Also, Andrew Cole took first place in the 100 free. For the McLean girls, Eva Greene was first in both the 200 and 500 free races.

Also for the Highlanders, Ellie Springsteen won the 100 breaststroke and Alex Yensen won both the 200 medley and 100 back races.

**McLean High** split a pair of Liberty District girls basketball games last week. Coach Mike O'Brien's Highlanders, as a result, were 10-6 overall and 5-3 in district play going into this week. On Jan. 20, McLean lost to district leading South Lakes, 48-41, in a home game. But the Highlanders came back strong three days later with a 32-24 win at district foe Langley. Langley got off to a fast start and led 13-4 after the first quarter. McLean picked up the pace at the defen-

sive end to draw within 13-11 at halftime. McLean took the lead in the third quarter and pulled away for the crosstown rival win. McLean's Melissa Wilson led the Highlanders with 13 points. Also for McLean, Caity Flint scored six points, Andy Romness had four, and Taylor Ancell, Caitlin Baker and Patricia Pascoe each had three. Sophomore Audrey Dotson led the Saxons with six points.

In **private school swimming**, the Flint Hill boys took first place in a trimeet against Edmund Burke school and Bullis. On the girls side, Bullis finished ahead of second-place Flint Hill and third-place Edmund Burke.

Double event winners for Flint Hill included Jenna Jacoby, Jessica Spiegel and Chan Park. Single event winners were Nick Waters and Brian DeMocker.

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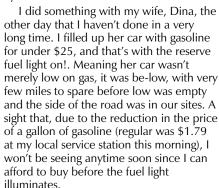
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The cumulative effect for me though, at this moment in time, seems to be newfound money. Money that is now available after gassing and heating up that only a few short months ago was not available. This change gives me more money to spend, but not money to spend on necessities, rather money to spend on "discretionaries." And the more money consumers have to spend on "discretionaries," the more money is spread around and it's that spreading around that makes the world go round (at least in my house).

Still, I can't hide my glee at the notion of cheap — relatively and comparatively gasoline even though intellectually I have come to understand that if "things" weren't so bad economically-speaking, gasoline and to a lesser financial degree, home heating oil, wouldn't have to be so low in order to find buyers for the oil from which these products are refined.

Nevertheless, as bad as those "things" are, I can't imagine how much worse it would be for consumers if the price of gasoline and/or home heating oil were to return anywhere near their '08 peak. But I suppose that couldn't happen unless there were actual buyers increasing their demand which, with a slowing, maybe even contracting world economy, there simply doesn't appear to be. As such, since many consumers/businesses can't afford the price of gasoline/home heating oil at its present level, it seems unlikely to rise appreciably so I suppose I can keep smiling, especially so if I still have a job.

However, if something dramatic were to happen to the supply, then that would be another story, literally, and probably another column or two as well.

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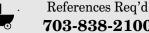
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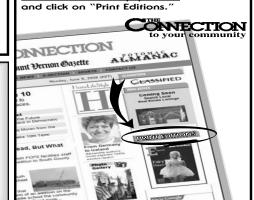
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#### TRUSTEE'S SALE

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In execution of a Deed of Trust from Jairo O. Solano and Lina V. Rincon, dated August 10, 2007, and recorded August 20, 2007, in Deed Book 4127 at page 2597 among the Land Records of Arlington County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Arlington County, at 1425 N. Courthouse Road, Arlington, Virginia, on

#### Monday, February 2, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

the following property being the property contained in said **WALTER RUDOLPH WENK SR.**Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Col. Walter R. Wenk Sr. LISAF, 89 d.

Unit 2. Fairfax North Arms Condominium, in accordance with the declaration and exhibits attached thereto recorded in Deed

Commonly known as 1735 Fairfax Drive #2, Arlington, Virgin-

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$40,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 6.50 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the sesettlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the sea daughter, Jean Marie Wenk, and his sister, Eleanor Wenk cured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

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

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Col. Walter R. Wenk Sr. USAF, 89 died at Wuestoff Hospital Melbourne, Florida on Sunday, November 16, 2008, with his

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During World War II, he served as a bomber pilot in the southwest Pacific Combat Theater. Col. Wenk has three tours of duty at the Pentagon, as well as stations in Wiesbaden, Germany, Wright-Patterson AFB, Patrick AFB and the Air War College in Montgomery Alabama. He retired from the Air Force in

Col. Wenk is survived by his wife, Helen Puzak Wenk Melbourne, FL; son, Walter Jr. and his wife, Mary Kay, of Arlington, VA; son John David of Leesburg, VA; four grandsons, Dr. Scott Wenk or Orlando, FL, Kevin Wenk of New York City, Matthew and Andrew Wenk of Irving, Texas; and his niece, Karen Klusendorf of Chicago, Illinois.

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29 Like the Godhead

**30** 14-Across, e.g.

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**ACROSS** 

1 Court systems

12 Bailed out, in a

manner of

speaking

14 Principle of

economy

17 It may be red or

16 Individual

shares

black

19 Move

18 Salutary site

20 Influences

23 Otter and others

24 In bridge, the

player on the

dealer's right

25 Fuse sound 26 Depth charge

33 Hit, as a Texas leaguer

35 Early Plains building material 36 Bonds after

splitting 38 Amass

40 Scrub 41 Engender 1 Like a news bulletin 2 Pronounced

**DOWN** 

**42** Top-selling pop

46 Tanning need

visual effects

49 Singer DiFranco

47 Works with

48 Park place?

50 Flight datum:

Abbr.

51 Like some

statistics

52 Become livid

in a way

58 Leads

group of the 70's

3 Buck passers?

4 Motor -5 Capt. of industry

6 Left end? **7** 1990's

Coca-Cola slogan

8 Some stallions

9 Has no life 10 Mass, setting

12 Poetic chapter

11 Deeply felt

32 Stork with a featherless head

e.q.

31 White elephants,

**34** Persian output 37 Grand ----

("Evangeline"

setting) 39 Untroubled

41 Track event

43 Lighter fill 44 Uncomfortable

neckwear 45 Not impotent 14 Mud dauber, e.g.

47 Two-tone treats

**50** Great--

22 Port in Oregon 51 Curtainlike partitions. 23 Justice Dept. division biologically

26 Literary variant 53 T-shirt size: of Hindustani

Abbr. 28 Be an accessory 54 Highest

29 Position

13 One who gets

15 Experienced

20 Cantors' places

21 Dipsomaniac

high?

57 Commit oneself, 30 Popeye's female

foe in early comics

**55** Café alternative

56 Like some cats

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