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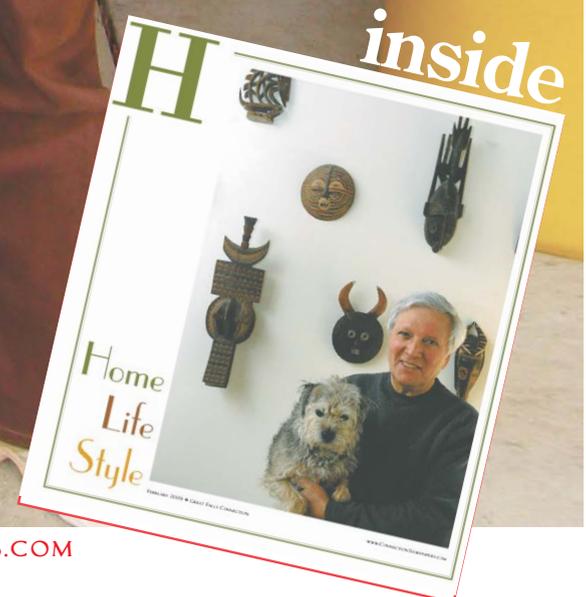
Great Falls Elementary sixth-graders Michael Glenn and Christina York pose outside the McLean Community Center, where they just participated in Ethics Day. Nine area schools had Ethics Days scheduled, although half the sessions were snowed out.

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The George C. Marshall cast performs the comic satire, "Reflex Action," and will compete in the state championship in Charlottesville, Va., on March 21.

Marshall High Theatre Goes to State Championship

George C. Marshall High School Theatre moves onto the state championship after being one of two winners at the 2009 Virginia High School League (VHSL) Northern Region One Act Play Festival held at Lake Braddock Jan. 31.

Wins for Yorktown High School, first place, and George C. Marshall, second place, send both high schools to the state championship finals in Charlottesville, Va., March 21.

Marshall's thespians exceptional perfor-

mance of the one-act play "Reflex Action" earned Michael Bradford a nomination for the Northern Region's Best Actor and Orla Conway the medal for the VHS Runner Up for Best Actress, Northern Region.

"Reflex Action," a comic satire by D. Craven, is directed by Trena Weiss-Null, Zach Popkin-Hall and Curtis Cooper.

The other high schools in the competition were Fairfax, South County, Thomas A. Edison, Hayfield, Stone Bridge and Chantilly.

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Few Voters Turn Out in Election

Election officials in northern precincts reported light turnout in the special election for Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman Feb. 3.

Supervisors Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock) and Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield) were squaring off in a race where political parties expected to see few voters. U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) triggered the event after he resigned as county chairman in early January to join the U.S. House of Representatives.

At a well-used precinct in Langley High School's gymnasium, election officials had seen approximately 200 voters by mid-morning, significantly lower than they see on a typical normal election day.

In Reston, at North County Human

Services Center, approximately 75 people had voted by the late morning.

"It is light, but not as light as the congressional primary last June. And in November, we probably had this many people one minute after we opened the polls," Randy Capuch, the chief election officer at the site, said.

Capuch added that the polling place had been open for less than two years and served a transient population, so he wasn't expecting a heavy turnout for the county chairman's race.

The Connection went to print before the polls closed on Tuesday. For an update on county chairman results, visit www.connectionnewspapers.com

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE



Election officers at Langley High School assist a voter who has come to vote in the special election for Fairfax County chairman Feb. 3.

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Lessons in Right and Wrong

Sixth-graders learn about doing what's right at Ethics Day.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

The Safe Community Coalition is seeing to it that sixth-graders in the Langley and McLean high school pyramids begin middle school prepared not only to write essays and score well on the Standards of Learning, but also to stand up for what is right. In that interest, sixth-graders at nine area elementary schools were to participate in Ethics Day at the McLean Community Center over the last two weeks, although two of the four sessions were snowed out.

"Really, having a communitywide Ethics Day for seniors wasn't enough," said Ron Axelrod, a retired Fairfax County educator who helped to stage the program. The students learned about taking other people's feelings into account and stopping bullying, whether in the classroom or in cyberspace.

"Once they get to middle school, these issues will be things they've talked about," Axelrod said.

Langley and McLean high schools have long held Ethics Days for seniors, and their



Ron Axelrod and Diane Pechstein were among the many adults who organized the Safe Community Coalition's sixth-grade Ethics Days.

PHOTO BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION

pyramids are the only ones in the county that incorporate such an activity at the elementary-school level. The Safe Community Coalition, a group of McLean and Great Falls volunteers committed to helping children make wise choices, started sixth-grade Ethics Day four years ago with three elementary schools.

AT THE FINAL SESSION, last Friday, Jan. 30, sixth-graders from Great Falls and Colvin Run elementary schools were broken up into groups of eight and were asked to talk about how they would react in various situations.

In a lesson on cyberbullying, Stefan Mascoll of Safe and Drug-Free Youth asked students whether there should be rules about what people could say in e-mails, text messages and other electronic correspondence. The children in Group 31 all agreed that it wasn't right to say whatever one wanted without regard to others' feelings, but they thought proscriptions against hurtful messages would violate their freedom of speech. They also wondered how such rules could be enforced.

Students were surprised to learn that a new law made cyberbullying a Class 1 misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail and/or a fine of up to \$2,500.

Asked what they would do if someone they knew was engaging in cyberbullying, a number of the children in Group 31 said they would tell the person to stop the behavior. When facilitator Faye

Navab asked if they would tell a teacher, several children shook their heads, but one girl said she had stopped one of her friends from cyberbullying by telling her mother what was going on.

THE STUDENTS had different ideas of
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Nutrition Group Kicks Off

A Great Falls chapter of the Weston A. Price Foundation kicked off with a meeting at the Conscious Bean Coffee House last Saturday, Jan. 31.

"The foundation works at trying to educate people in restoring nutrient-rich food to their diet," said chapter founder Kate Deriso.

Deriso, a holistic nutritionist and Sterling resident, said she chose Great Falls for the chapter because it is accessible to many Fairfax and Loudoun residents and because the Conscious Bean was willing to house the meetings, which will be held there once a month. As a nutritionist, she employs the foundation's principles of "eating whole food, real food, not processed food," as well as supporting local food producers, she said.

Each meeting will focus on a different topic and experts in nutrition will be brought in to speak. Saturday's meeting featured a talk by Alan Magan, founder of the soup and salad company Chesapeake Gardens. Magan is working with Johns Hopkins Hospital to research the healing effects of healthy soup. Conscious Bean carries Chesapeake Gardens soups and soup was available for sampling at the meeting.

The new chapter in Great Falls joins a number of other chapters of the Weston A. Price Foundation, including groups in Reston, Ashburn, Alexandria, Leesburg and Manassas.

The foundation is named for a dentist who studied generations of isolated, nonindustrialized cultures. He watched the groups' diets become compromised by processed foods and excessive sugar and observed a correlating decline in their health.

— MIKE DICICCO

McAuliffe Leads Fairfax Money Race

During 2008, Attorney General Bob McDonnell (R) raised more money than any of the three Democratic candidates he will face in Virginia's gubernatorial race this year. But former Democratic National Committee chair Terry McAuliffe has taken lead when it comes to Fairfax County fund raising.

McAuliffe, the only Fairfax County resident in the race, collected \$440,113 from the locality's residents and businesses while McDonnell received \$228,115, former Alexandria Del. Brian Moran received \$343,112 and state Sen. Creigh Deeds received \$123,860 from sources in Fairfax County.

McDonnell, Moran and Deeds have been preparing for years to run for governor in 2009 and began some of their serious fund raising early in 2008. McAuliffe announced his candidacy relatively late and only started to raise money during the last two months of year.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

Optimists Host Robotics Club

Members of the Langley High School Robotics Club will be giving a presentation and demonstration to the Great Falls Optimist Club on Thursday, Feb. 12, at 6:30 p.m., at the Grange on Georgetown Pike. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

"We are excited to learn more about the Robotics Club and the project they have planned for this year's FIRST competition," said president Lisa Jackson. "They needed to raise \$6,000 in order to compete against teams from all over the world in two events."

Members of the Robotics Club will set up the robot they made last year, and give a demonstration at 7 p.m. The FIRST competition, which stands for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology" will be held at the D.C. Convention Center at the end of February. The Langley team is competing in Richmond and Washington, D.C., this year, according to Faculty Sponsor, Barry Franks.

The team relies on corporate sponsors for the \$16,000 typically necessary to participate in two competitions.

For more information about the Optimist Club, please visit www.greatfallsoptimist.org.

Parent Classes at Colvin Run ES

Active Parenting Now, a research-based program by parenting expert Dr. Michael Popkin for parents of children ages 5 to 12, presents effective ways to improve communication with children, use nonviolent discipline techniques that work, teach responsibility and other important values and more.

These parenting classes, using video, activities and discussion to show ways to raise responsible, cooperative children, will be held Wednesdays March 4, 11 and 18, 7-9 p.m., at Colvin Run Elementary School and are sponsored by the Safe Community Coalition and The Safe and Drug Free Youth Section of FCPS. Fee: \$13. To register, contact session leaders and Colvin Run ES school counselors Marlene Guroff at Marlene.Guroff@fcps.edu or Nathan Herendeen at Nathan.Herendeen@fcps.edu.

Smart Markets Open Year-Round

Smart Markets at Oakton is open year-round Saturday mornings, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., in the parking lot of the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton.

Vendors offer meats, cheese, breads and bakery goods, pasta, sausages, coffee and Virginia wines. Visit www.smartmarkets.org

Luncheon With Bobbie Kilberg

The Business Bank 2009 Power Networking Luncheon, with speaker Bobbie Kilberg, President and CEO of the Northern Virginia Technology Council will be held Thursday, Feb. 5 11:30 a.m. at Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar at 1960-A Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Reservations are \$25 at www.mcleanchamber.org or 703-356-5424.

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Pictured top row from left, Andrew McCormick, Joey Kiffe and Cameron Hodge. Bottom row from left, Clay Entsminger, Rusty Reneau, Matt Entsminger. Not pictured Michael Lillie.

Eagle Scouts Honored

Troop 55 recognizes seven members.

The members of Troop 55 in Great Falls have been busy over the last year. Seven young men have risen to the rank of Eagle Scout. "Our community is very proud of these Scouts, each of whom have demonstrated the true spirit of Scouting through the positive deeds that they have done, including the Eagle projects that they have planned and completed," Amos Lu, scoutmaster of Troop 55, said. Gary Pan, lead assistant scoutmaster, added, "The adult leadership team has been very impressed with this group of Scouts in their daily application of the Scout Oath and Law, and look forward to their continued positive contribution to their communities and country."

Each of these Scouts completed a community service project involving physical labor, planning, collaboration and coordination of Scout resources. Each said that the support of their families helped make their achievements possible.

HERE ARE some highlights of their work:

Andrew McCormick gave back to the Reston Children's Center that he attended as a youngster by building two decks that made the playground safer and more usable. He thinks persever-

ance is what it takes to become an Eagle Scout and found that as he got older, he spent more time thinking about how he could give back to the troop.

Joe Kiffe organized a large landscaping project at Christ the King Church last April where he raised \$2,000 from the congregation to fund the project. Landscaper Sherry Barton donated her service to design the garden and Kiffe purchased all the plants and executed on her vision. Kiffe believes that becoming an Eagle Scout takes a lot of time and patience, but the sense of accomplishment makes it all worth it in the end.

Cameron Hodge completed his Eagle project in October of 2008 where he cleared a three-quarter-mile trail used by horse riders and dog walkers off Innsbruck Avenue in Great Falls. Hodge believes that his experience working toward his personal management merit badge helped him decide on a college major in business.

Clay Entsminger supported his school, Notre Dame Academy in Middleburg, by doing a landscaping project. He met with a landscape designer to get pointers on his design plan and then presented to the School Board for approval. He believes that Scouting helps create men with strong

character and good leadership skills. He's learned how to work with other boys as well as adults.

Russell (Rusty) Reneau tore down and rebuilt a 27-foot walking bridge at the Dominican Retreat in McLean. He arranged for telephone poles to be donated by Dominion Electric and organized his Scouting crew to accomplish the task. Long hours and hard work completing merit badges took a lot of dedication on his part. He is thankful to his parents for pushing him to finish the job.

Matt Entsminger was concerned about dumping of hazardous waste in storm drains so he began his project with door-to-door education on the dangers of doing so. The final phase involved orchestrating a sticker campaign reminding people not to dump waste that pollutes our rivers. He was a big fan of the "High Adventure" programs offered by the Scouting program and believes that all Scouts should take advantage of these once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to travel and challenge themselves.

Michael Lillie's project involved improving the walking trail around the Stations of the Cross at St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church. He thinks that making Eagle Scout is the greatest honor he's received so far. His Court of Honor ceremony was a great opportunity for him to thank everyone who's helped him along the way.

Experience Proves Obama Right

Commenting on a proposal in President Barack Obama's Economic Stimulus Plan, PartnerMD's Mark A. Paster, M.D., says that transitioning from paper to electronic medical records is not only a cost-cutting convenience to doctors and patients, but can also dra-

matically improve both preventative and critical care. PartnerMD is one of the first medical practices to fully incorporate electronic medical records. It has offices in McLean and Richmond. For more information, call Paster at 703-288-3750 or visit www.PartnerMD.com.



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Taneja Sentenced to 7 Years

Fairfax man ordered to pay \$33 million in restitution.

U.S. District Court Judge Claude M. Hilton sentenced Vijay K. Taneja, 48 of Fairfax, to 84 months in federal prison for conspiracy to commit money laundering in a \$33 million mortgage fraud case.

Taneja, who was ordered to pay \$33 million in restitution to four financial institutions, will also serve three years of supervised release.

Taneja's company, Financial Mortgage, Inc. (FMI), originated and sold mortgages on residential properties

throughout the metropolitan area. Before his company sold mortgages to financial institutions as long term investors, FMI used "warehouse lenders" to temporarily fund the mortgages before they were sold, according to Dana J. Boente, Acting U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Taneja defrauded a series of his company's lenders and other long term investors of \$33 million

Mortgage Fraud

Vijay K. Taneja used some of the following properties in his fraudulent schemes, according to court documents; property owners were unaware, and some properties were used repeatedly, defrauding different financial institutions: Copper Brook Way, Herndon, \$496,780, April 27, 2001; Christy Place, Herndon, \$344,059, Nov. 14, 2007; \$345,000, Sept. 9, 2007; White Cornus Lane, Reston, \$351,741, Dec. 7, 2007; Utterback Store Road, Great Falls, \$649,150, April 27, 2001; Old Dominion Drive, McLean, \$1,985,892, Oct. 2, 2006; Centerboro Drive, Vienna, \$454,000, Nov. 17, 2005

through several schemes: creating fictitious loans with bogus loan closings; selling the same legitimate loan to multiple investors; and pocketing proceeds generated from refinancing loans when the money was intended to payoff prior mortgages on the same properties, according to Boente.

Taneja's company filed for bankruptcy in June 2008.

He agreed to pay \$8,141,327 in restitution to Franklin Bank; \$5,637,293 in restitution to First Tennessee Bank; \$7,503,350 to Wells Fargo Bank; and

\$11,880,321 to EMC Mortgage Corporation, according to his signed plea agreement filed in U.S. District Court in Alexandria.

Special Agents of the FBI and the IRS conducted the investigation, which was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen Learned.

— KEN MOORE

'Something to Think About'

Second teenager sentenced to one month in juvenile detention for assault on Christmas Eve 2007.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

In a Fairfax County Circuit Courtroom last November, a 15-year-old victim approached the 17-year-old who punched his three front teeth out Christmas Eve 2007 and extended his hand.

Defendant Anthony J. Nelli, 16 at the time of the assault, gave the 15-year-old, who will require future surgeries to repair his teeth and jaw, a big smile as they shook hands.

"No hard feelings?" said Nelli, moments after a jury found him guilty of misdemeanor assault and battery but not guilty of aggravated malicious wounding, a charge that carries a sentence of 20 years to life in prison.

Last Friday, Jan. 30, Judge R. Terrence Ney sentenced Nelli to 30 days in the Fairfax County Juvenile Detention Center, but told Nelli he "benefits greatly" from guidelines for sentencing juveniles.

"You showed a complete disregard for the individual struck ... and caused injuries he will suffer for a lifetime," the judge said.

"There is not a person that doesn't make a mistake from time to time, but the willful actions on your part, absolute reprehensible actions, are something you should think about for a long time," Judge Ney said.

Ney sentenced Nelli to 30 days without any credit for the 24 days he has already served prior to being released on bond on electronic monitoring.

Ney also sentenced Nelli to probation, 75 hours of community service, alcohol awareness, victim impact and anger management classes, and ordered Nelli to pay \$2,000 in restitution for current costs not re-

imbursed for the victim's medical care.

ABOUT 4 P.M. Christmas Eve 2007, the victim, then 14, and his friends were walking past Longfellow Middle School on their way to skateboard at Haycock Elementary when James Clarke, Nelli and two other teenagers approached them from a car.

The attackers, who ate at a Burger King after drinking a few beers, were on their way home when they targeted the victims, whom they didn't know.

After exiting the vehicle, Clarke ended up throwing a punch at the back of the 14-year-old's head and Nelli punched the victim in the mouth, knocking one of his top front teeth immediately to the sidewalk.

"One of the boys said, 'Dude, I think you knocked his teeth out,' and they ran to the car," the victim testified at trial last fall.

A jury deliberated 80 minutes before clearing Nelli of possible felonies but convicting him of misdemeanor assault.

"I'm not a bad person or a bully, but I made bad judgments that day and am sorry for what I did," said Nelli, who apologized to victim, the victim's family and his family.

"I learned a lot about the consequences of my actions," he said. "I never intended for this to happen and I can't say how sorry I am."

BUT THE CONSEQUENCES from the two punches thrown by the two teenagers will be long lasting for all parties involved.

The victim lost three of his front teeth and will face multiple surgeries in upcoming years.

"The prognosis for these teeth in the long-term is

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OPINION

Importance of College Options

Northern Virginia Community College will have a growing and critical role in coming decade.

Here in Northern Virginia, residents, businesses and government all recognize the importance of quality public schools. Great schools benefit everyone, not just families with children in school.

In Fairfax County, the public schools absorb more than half the county funds available. In Loudoun, the percentage is much higher. Spending per student in Arlington and Alexandria demonstrate those localities' commitment to their public schools as well.

Another critical component of the quality of life, education and the economy here is the Northern Virginia Community College. While it's hard to overstate the importance of NOVA, the second largest community college in the nation with more than 60,000 students, will play an even bigger role in the decade to come.

While NVCC (or NOVA as it is more commonly known), along with local school districts, has taken its share of budget cuts, the General Assembly should not take steps to cap

its tuition. Northern Virginia Community College offers access to high quality college classes and degree programs at a very affordable price (well under \$3,000 annual tuition for a full-time student) and also offers support to students with financial need in a variety of ways. The school must have some flexibility to manage its revenues to continue to meet growing demand.

EDITORIAL

NOVA is one of the most internationally diverse colleges in the United States, with students from more than 180 countries; international students make up about 20 percent of student population.

The community college conducts significant outreach to the many students in Northern Virginia high schools who could be the first in their family to go to college, many of them immigrants. This is a critical link to the American dream.

NOVA provides an affordable path to a four-year college degree, plus provides certificates and training in careers high in demand like nursing and health care, "green" technologies.

With even many affluent families feeling the effects of the economic crisis, many students in Northern Virginia will need to find alternatives to paying full freight for four years of college education.

NOVA accepts IB and AP credits, so an advanced student from Fairfax County could arrive at NOVA with a year's worth of college credit, get an associates degree in one year at an affordable rate, and then transfer to a four-year college, finishing in three years and potentially cutting their college costs in half.

Students who graduate from NOVA with an associate's degree and a minimum grade point average are guaranteed admission to other Virginia colleges and universities, including George Mason University, the University of Virginia, and the College of William and Mary.

NOVA has campuses in Alexandria, Annandale, Loudoun, Manassas, Springfield and Woodbridge along with educational centers in Reston and Arlington. NOVA offers more than 160 certificate programs and degrees at the associate's level, along with distance learning programs.

— MARY KIMM

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VIEWPOINTS Speaking of Valentine's Day

—DANIELLE LANDAU AND MERRILL ROTH



Brenna Healy, Vienna, 10th grade, The Madeira School

"Valentine's Day is one of my favorite holidays because I really love its upbeat, happy spirit and all of the candy doesn't hurt. Every year my girlfriends and I go out for a dinner and then trade Valentine's Day cards. I think it's a really great way to celebrate friendship."



Aidan Smith, Oak Hill, ninth grade, Oakton High School

"For Valentine's Day, I'm going to give a couple hugs to my friends and a couple hugs of love to the people who mean the most to me."



Elana Sacher, Herndon, ninth grade, Westfield High School

"I love eating chocolates on Valentine's Day. I always give my friends flowers and candies."



Dana Alloy, Vienna, ninth grade, Flint Hill School

"I make my friends cards and give them candies. I love the candy hearts especially, the messages are so fun. Some years I go out to dinner, but it depends on what my friends want to do."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Advantages of 'Going Green'

To the Editor:

Current economic conditions are bleak enough to make most people hesitant to spend money, even if they have it. At the same time, we know that the collective effect of so many closed wallets is to deepen and prolong the recession. So people who can afford to do so should find smart ways to spend — ways that will pay off for themselves in the long run and support their local economies in the short run.

This is a perfect time to invest in home weatherization and energy efficiency. Hiring a home energy auditor, adding insulation and fixing the air leaks that are driving up your energy bills will put local people to work and pay off in energy savings month after month. If your heating and cooling system is old and inefficient, you may find that a new Energy Star-rated system earns back the up-front cost relatively quickly. New on the market are geothermal systems, which cost more to install, but use much less energy than conventional systems, saving a lot of money in the long run.

"Going green" has become the new way to show your patriotism, but it is also one of the best

ways to support the economy while protecting your own financial interests.

Ivy Main
McLean

Vital Support for 'Homes Tour'

To the Editor:

The Woman's Club of McLean expresses its appreciation for the support of the community during our December charitable fundraiser, "The Holiday Homes Tour." We especially wish to thank the four home owners who opened their homes for public viewing, to Emanuel Presbyterian Church for the use of their facility, also, to the many businesses in McLean, Great Falls and Vienna who purchased ads. We applaud the members of the club who worked so diligently over the past several months to make an outstanding success of this endeavor.

The tour is a productive yearly club fund-raiser, which supports many charities for the needy in our community. We could not do this without the support of The Connection and encouragement of our community at large and to you all we say, thank you.

Nancy Lang
President

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Fairfax Schools Anticipate Stimulus Money

Fairfax County Public Schools could receive some additional money from the federal government this year through the national economic stimulus package. The U.S. House of Representatives has passed a bill that includes funding for the local school system and the U.S. Senate is expected to take up the matter this week.

Under the bill passed by the House, the school system would receive approximately \$7.5 million to assist schools that serve "at risk" students, \$19.5 million to help students with disabilities and \$17.3 million for school construction. Some of the federal stimulus money could come with restrictions so only a portion of it may plug the projected budget gap for next year, which could range from \$56 million to approximately \$200 million.

The federal government has not yet placed any limitations on the school construction money the school system might receive. But Del. Dave Albo (R-42) has introduced a bill at the state government level that would restrict the use of federal stimulus money to the renovation of existing schools only.

The school system's chief operating officer Dean Tistadt said he is irritated with Albo's bill. Fairfax schools anticipate a large increase in the countywide school population and Tistadt has said the school system may have to put school renovation projects on hold in order to build additions or new schools that can accommodate the new students.

- JULIA O'DONOGHUE

School Board Weighs Teacher Pay

The Fairfax County School Board is considering freezing teacher pay next year to help close a projected gap that ranges from \$56 million to approximately \$200 million in next year's school budget. Superintendent Jack Dale has not included a cost-of-living adjustment or a salary step increase for teachers in his 2010 budget proposal. The school board will vote on its overall budget, including teacher pay, at its Feb. 5 meeting.

Dale said approximately one third of the school districts in Virginia are planning to cut teacher pay, not just hold it steady as Fairfax is considering. Montgomery County Public Schools in Maryland, often seen as Fairfax's largest competitor in the region, have already decided to forego a cost-of-living adjustment and automatic step pay increase for their teachers, he added.

- JULIA O'DONOGHUE

Electronic Training for Concealed Handgun?

The Virginia Senate Committee for Courts of Justice moved forward a bill that allows an applicant for a concealed handgun permit to demonstrate competency with the weapon by taking an online, video or electronic course as long as it is taught by a state-certified or National Rifle Association-certified instructor.

In order to get a concealed handgun permit, Virginia residents are currently required to complete a hunting course or a firearms training and safety course with a National Rifle Association or criminal justice-trained instructor.

The bill, introduced by Fairfax County Sen. Ken Cuccinelli (R-37), received bipartisan support among committee members. Democratic Majority Leader Dick Saslaw (D-35), and Democratic gubernatorial hopeful Sen. Creigh Deeds (D-25) both voted to support the bill. Fairfax County senators Janet Howell (D-32) and Toddy Puller (D-36) voted against the bill.

- JULIA O'DONOGHUE

Rate of Admission

Virginia colleges and universities have fewer slots for in-state students.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

When it comes to the University of Virginia (UVA,) Vienna resident Joe Sampson is guilty of brainwashing his daughter.

The Madison High School freshman has worn Virginia sweatshirts and been going to football games in Charlottesville at Sampson's alma mater since she was four or five years-old. She attends science camp there every summer and is thrilled when she gets to stay in the dorms, he said.

"She has always wanted to go to Virginia," said Sampson.

Like many other Northern Virginia families, the Sampsons are well aware of how competitive it has become to get into the University of Virginia. Even though she has excellent grades, Sampson's daughter suggested she transfer to a high school near their vacation house in Louisa County for her senior year of high school, in part to better her chances of being admitted to the school of her choice.

"We are not there yet but I want her to be able to go where she wants," said Sampson.

"I have had constituents tell me that they were forced to send their kids to out-of-state schools, even though their children had 4.0s," said Del. Tim Hugo (R-40). "We see it daily up in Northern Virginia. We see kids with good SATs and 4.0 [grade point averages] getting rejected from our top schools."

Hugo has introduced legislation that would cap the percentage of out-of-state residents enrolled in most of the state's undergraduate programs at 25 percent, leaving 75 percent of the slots open for Virginia residents.

Four of Virginia's most competitive schools — UVA, William and Mary, Virginia Tech and JMU — currently enroll between 27 percent and 35 percent of their students from outside the state. According to university officials, the General Assembly forces the schools to admit higher numbers of out-of-state students — who pay significantly higher tuition — because the state provides so little funding to subsidize the relatively low in-state tuition rates.

"[The larger percentage of out-of-state students] allows us to keep our in-state tuition low. Our in-state tuition is middle of the road when compared to other schools nationwide," said Daniel Abramson, a member of UVA's Board of Visitors, the school's governing body.

Virginia provides so little money to its public universities that state funding covers only about eight percent of UVA's budget, he added. Should UVA and other universities be forced increase the percentages of Virginia students they enroll, in-state tuition would probably also have to rise to help the institutions meet their operating expenses.

"You are basically robbing Peter to pay Paul. Capping the number of out-of-state students forces colleges to raise tuition on in-state students," said Del. David Bulova (D-37), who sits on the House of Delegates' high education subcommittee.

Some parents said they would be willing to endure higher in-state tuition rates if it meant that more

How Virginia Colleges Compare

Here is how Virginia compares to other top rated public universities and colleges in terms of percent of in-state freshman attending in 2008-2009. When available, the 2009 U.S. News and World Report "best public schools" ranking is listed next to a school's name in parentheses.

| State University | % of in-state freshman |
|---|------------------------|
| UC-Berkeley (1) | 85.0% |
| University of Virginia (2) | 68.5% |
| UC- Los Angeles (3) | 89.6% |
| University of Michigan (4) | 66.0% |
| UNC - Chapel Hill (5) | 80.0% |
| College of William & Mary (6) | 65.0% |
| Georgia Institute of Technology (7) | 60.0% |
| University of Wisconsin - Madison (7) | 60.0% |
| UC - San Diego (7) | 93.0% |
| University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (10) | 87.0% |
| Virginia Tech (30) | 73.5% |
| James Madison University | 70.3% |

slots were available for their children.

"My daughter goes to college out-of-state. If UVA were to increase their tuition dramatically, I would wager that it would still be a lot less than what I pay now. There is a lot of room between in-state tuition and what we are having to pay to go out-of-state now," said Andrew Robinson, a McLean resident.

Some other parents, including School Board member Liz Bradsher, said they would be concerned about an in-state tuition increase, especially during financially hard times.

Hugo, a graduate of William & Mary, proposed raising tuition for out-of-state students to compensate for revenue lost by increasing the number of in-state students.

Several state colleges, including UVA and William & Mary, have recently been rated among "best college bargains" because of their relatively low out-of-state tuition rates, leading Hugo to believe that the universities could raise college fees for non-Virginia residents considerably, he said.

Del. Dave Albo (R-42) wanted to cap the number of college credit hours on which an individual student could pay Virginia's in-state tuition rate. The delegate hoped to free up more spots at Virginia colleges by clearing out students who were wasting time and taking several extra semesters to graduate without a good reason, he said.

Del. David Poisson (D-32) also proposed raising tuition rates on out-of-state students, in part because out-of-state tuition at Virginia state schools is relatively cheap, he said. Poisson hoped to use the difference between what out-of-state students pay now and what they would pay in the future to financially assist in-state Virginia students, who might not otherwise be able to go to college, he said.

No matter how it is done, many parents would like to see Virginia state schools accept more Virginia residents into their undergraduate programs.

"Too many of our best and brightest are not getting into Virginia schools because we are giving away seats to out-of-state students," said Megan McLaughlin, co-founder of FAIRGRADE, which fought to have Fairfax County's grading system altered this year.

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SATURDAY/FEB. 7

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Civil Suit Filed in Attack

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zero," his dentist testified at trial.

Clarke, who was kicked out of McLean High School, spent 20 days in the juvenile detention center, will remain on probation until he is 18 and his motion to have his record expunged in the future was rejected.

Nelli already violated terms of his bond, testing positive for marijuana and breaking curfew before his trial, according to prosecutors. Prosecutors said he was also found in possession of marijuana earlier this month.

"The court needs to address this young man before he becomes an adult," said Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Gregory O. Holt.

"You're a very young man, and looking back for the reasons I've stated, the things you did are terrible," Judge Ney told Nelli Friday. "But from this day we're going to look forward. You have many years ahead of you, and I hope you will have a productive life."

Clarke, Nelli and the two other teenagers with them last Christmas Eve have all been named in a \$169,000 civil suit filed against them for the victim's future medical expenses.

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CALENDAR

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WEDNESDAY/FEB. 4

Sonya Kitchell, "Burn Brightly" and Residency. Acoustic/indie. 8 p.m. \$10. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Sealed With a Kiss. Get ready for Valentine's Day with stories and activities. Age 2-5 with adult. 10:30 a.m. at Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. 703-356-0770.

Around the World in Film, 7 p.m. Adults. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. 703-938-0405.

Jim Clark. 7:30 p.m., Lecture Hall, Thoreau Middle School, 2505 Cedar Lane, Vienna. Nationally renowned photographer Jim Clark will be making a guest appearance. His talk incorporates two of his musical slide programs, "Mountain Memories" and "Between Ocean and Bay."

Susan Crites, 10:30 a.m., Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Story time with Susan Crites, author of "I Love You More Than Rainbows." For ages 2-5.

Great Falls Friends, 8 a.m., Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Join the Great Falls Friends for their February Meeting for a light breakfast, networking and Guest Speaker Karen Washburn. Call Candace at 703-759-0375.

THURSDAY/FEB. 5

Greg Howard and Harper. 7 p.m. \$25. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Lizz Wright, jazz singer. 8 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$25. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

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

Italian Love Affair. 6:30-8:30 p.m., Ritz-Carlton Tysons Corner, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean. This course features an oenological tour from the northern regions to the southern provinces.

FRIDAY/FEB. 6

The Persuasions. A cappella gospel and pop. 8 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$25. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

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

Paul Green School of Rock, with the greatest hits of the Led Zeppelin. 7 p.m. at Ned Devines Irish Village, 21800 Town Center Plaza, Sterling. Tickets \$10. 703-444-7873 or irishvillage.neddevines.com.

"An Empty Plate in Café du Grand Boeuf" at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E. Vienna. 8 p.m. \$10 adults, \$9 for students and seniors. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.gov.

Clifford the Big Red Dog Visits Storytime, 10:30 a.m. at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. 703-506-2937 or www.bn.com.

Future, Politticks, Mello-D & the Rados and The Remedy, 8 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

English Conversation. 10 a.m. Call for details and registration. Adults. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. 703-938-0405.

Pokemon League, 3 p.m. Learn and play. Age 5-18. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. 703-938-0405.

SATURDAY/FEB. 7

The Drifters at the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce Chairman's Gala, for the installation of officers and the board of directors. 703-356-5424.

Crash Boom Bang. Pop/rock. 6 p.m. \$15. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Eileen Ivers & Immigrant Soul. The All-Ireland Fiddle Champion and her band. 7:30 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$25. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.



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Be My Valentine, 1 p.m. Make unique Valentine cards using stamping, stenciling and fabric. Age 10-16. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. 703-938-0405.

Win the Job You Want, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., The Women's Center, 127 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Former Washington Post career advice columnist Mary Ellen Slayter explains how to bolster your professional image, tap into the "underground" job market and how to make the most of temp and contract work. \$45 fee; \$35/Center Circle Donors. www.thewomenscenter.org.

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Amy LaVere, acoustic/roots. 7 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Used Book Sale. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. A special collection for sale by the Friends of the Library. Call 703-790-8088.

Smart Markets. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Smart Markets at Oakton is open year-round on Saturday mornings. Vendors will offer meats, cheeses, breads and bakery goods, pasta, sausages, coffee and Virginia wines. www.smartmarkets.org.

SUNDAY/FEB. 8

Dan Reed. 8:30 p.m., Jammin' Java, 231 E. Maple Ave., Vienna. Melodic rocker Dan Reed performs after a 15-year hiatus. Visit www.danreed.com and www.myspace.com/danreed2012.

Winter Outdoor Walk. 2 p.m., Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Do the ponds freeze in the winter? Do the geese stay or leave? Find out during this outdoor walk through the gardens with Patricia Dietly. 703-255-3631.

Celtic Concerts, 4, 6, and 8 p.m., The Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760-C Walker Road, Great Falls. Lilly Neill will play Celtic harp music. \$15/ticket. Call 703-759-3309.

Ralph's World, 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15.



Rokia Traore brings progressive West African music to The Barns at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts on Thursday, Feb. 12.

703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Black History Forum. 3-5 p.m., Olson Theater, Flint Hill School, 10409 Academic Drive, Oakton. African Americans in literature, science, music and education are a few of the categories that will be featured at the 25th Annual Black History Forum. The forum's mission is to heighten the community's awareness of the achievements of African Americans. The Black History contest will feature students from three local northern Virginia high schools, Mt. Vernon High School, Lake Braddock, and defending champions, the Flint Hill School. Free.

Harp Heaven. 4, 6 & 8 p.m., Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760-C Walker Road, Great Falls. Internationally renowned harpist Lily Neill will perform three sittings. Tickets: \$15; call 703-759-3309.

Lincoln and Darwin. 11 a.m., 225 Nutley St. N.W., Vienna. In honor of the bicentennial of the birth of both Charles Darwin and Abraham Lincoln, Northern Virginia Ethical Society Leader Jone Johnson Lewis will highlight the ethical concerns of these two individuals who, each in their own way, had enormous impact of the world we live in today. Free. Visit www.esnv.org.

Cirque Éloize with Nebbia: a Magical Fog, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at George Mason Center for the Arts, on the Fairfax campus at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins 45 minutes prior to the performances on the Center's Grand Tier III. Tickets are \$23-\$46, and age 12 and under are half price. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or visit www.tickets.com. www.gmu.edu/cfa.

MONDAY/FEB. 9

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

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

Beth Patterson will perform her traditional and original mix of Celtic, Cajun and folk music at the Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760-C Walker Road, Great Falls Sunday, Feb. 15 with three sittings at 4, 6 and 8 p.m. \$15/ticket. Call 703-759-3309.

Be My Valentine, 10:30 a.m. Short stories, fingerplay and a craft for older toddlers. Age Birth-5 with adult. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 703-757-8560.

Vienna Theatre Co. Auditions. 7:30 p.m., Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna. Auditions for the Vienna Theatre Company's production of "Crossing Delancey" will be held. Be prepared to do cold readings from the script. Those auditioning for the role of Bobbie should prepare eight measures to sing a cappella (preferably something comic). Call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360.

VITA Tax Help. 6-8 p.m., Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. IRS-certified volunteers help taxpayers that earned up to \$42K. Call 703-790-8088.

TUESDAY/FEB. 10

Rock-a-Bye Baby, 10:30 a.m. Rhymes, stories and songs. Birth-12 months with adult. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. 703-938-0405.

Picturing America, 1 p.m. Artist Nancy Palmer will discuss the history of art in America. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. 703-938-0405.

Property Settlement Agreements, 7-9:30 p.m., The Women's Center, 127 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Learn about negotiating your separation, custody and property settlement agreement, how to approach the negotiation, negotiating strategies and more. \$50/person; \$40 Center Circle Donors. Go to www.thewomenscenter.com or call 703-281-2657 to register.

Daughters of the Confederacy. 6:30 p.m., Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. The Laura Ratcliffe Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy meets. Meetings are open to the public. Women with an ancestor who fought for the Confederacy or who gave material aid are eligible for membership in the United Daughters of the Confederacy. For more information, please call Nancy Wigginton at 703-408-8019.

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Chris Bohjalian signs 'Skeletons at the Feast,' 7 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. 703-506-2937 or www.bn.com.



Jack Warden and Karen Bateman pictured with their paintings exhibited at the Great Falls Library.

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Art Exhibit at Great Falls Library

The work of local painters Jack Warden and Karen Bateman will be featured in a show throughout February at the Great Falls Library.

Warden and Bateman both work almost exclusively outdoors and do a lot of their painting along the Potomac River. They both also paint in New England and Warden frequently works in far Northern Michigan. Their somewhat similar styles, Bateman got her start as a pupil of Warden and has

since graduated to the status of “painting buddy,” are characterized by rapid, rough-and-ready brushwork, but also by a passionate response to the subtleties of nature’s beauty. Warden has painted locally for decades and has shown extensively, while Bateman recently had her first one-woman show at a Virginia winery and has been courted by a New York gallery where eight of her paintings are now on view. The Great Falls Library show presents more than 50 of their works, all available for purchase.

Ethics Day Offers Lessons for Lifetime

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how they would react if they were the targets of cyberbullying, offering solutions ranging from counterbullying to telling the harasser that the messages were funny. Navab suggested that they should tell their parents, but one boy said he thought that would be embarrassing, while another said he would not want to end up overprotected.

Mascoll said an effective response to cyberbullying would be something along the lines of, “I have all your e-mails. I printed them off and gave them to my father and he’s going to give them to the police,” even if it was a bluff. If students knew someone who was bullying others, he said, “The easiest thing for you to do as a bystander is not to laugh at it.”

Great Falls student Christina York said she had never been witness to an incident of cyberbullying, but she said she thought the presentation was informative. One lesson she had learned, she said, was to delete any text messages that could cause trouble. If a friend were being cyberbullied, she said, she would tell the friend to ignore the behavior.

The students also watched a portion of a film about a small-town Iowa teacher who, on the day after Martin Luther King Jr.’s assassination, famously divided her third-grade class by eye color and declared one group superior to the other.

IN GROUP DISCUSSIONS afterward, students expressed as much surprise at the teacher’s conduct as they did at the classmates’ ensuing behavior toward each other. They agreed, though, that the activity had successfully mirrored the racism that had been prevalent at the time.

The students did some role-playing of their own,

acting out skits in which students stood up for classmates who were being bullied. Group 30, assigned a skit in which an overweight new student was picked on, worked out dialogue for its enactment:

“Hey, guys, guess what? That person’s very fat.”

“Yeah, he’s heavily obese.”

“Yeah, I hate him.”

“He should go to one of those fat camps.”

“And he should get some friends.”

Finally, the hero intervened: “He’s a new kid. Give him a break.” After the skits, one boy raised his hand, asking “Isn’t it possible that you’d side with the popular kid?” That, Colvin Run counselor Marlene Guroff said, was the reason the discussion was taking place

— so the children would stop and think before making such a decision.

“I’ll watch what I say more to make sure it doesn’t hurt anybody,” Great Falls Elementary student Michael Glenn said, as Ethics Day drew to a close. Although he had not seen any incidents of cyberbullying, he said, he had seen his siblings picked on and had been picked on himself. “And I really don’t like how it feels.” He said the lesson that had most impressed him had been the video. He was surprised that the children in the “superior” group had bullied their classmates and that the oppressed students had reacted violently in at least one case.

“We’re not convincing them of anything, we’re just getting them to think about things,” Axelrod said. He said the students would continue to talk about ethics in their classes throughout the year, in the context of literature, history and other lessons.

Diane Pechstein, a Safe Community Coalition board member, said Ethics Day had proven popular with parents, as well as students. “A lot of the people I’ve seen as table leaders for the sixth grade, I’ve seen as table leaders for high school [Ethics Day], too,” she said.

“The easiest thing for you to do as a bystander is not to laugh at it.”

— Stefan Mascoll, Safe and Drug-Free Youth

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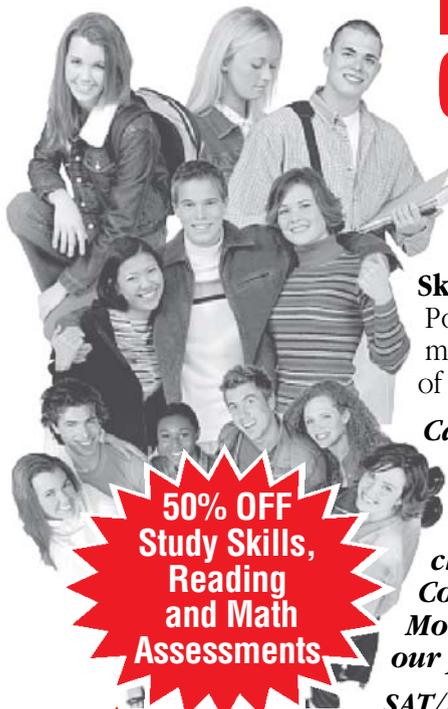
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GALLERIES

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Applegate Gallery, 101 Church St. N.W., Vienna, will be displaying a show of pointillist paintings and drawing by Pamela Bickford Feb. 7-March 4. There will be an Artist's Reception Feb. 7 from 6-9 p.m. The event is free and drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Habatat Galleries, 8020 Towers Crescent Drive, Tysons Corner, is hosting "The Heart of Networking: A Valentine Mixer" Wednesday, Feb. 11, 6-8 p.m. Art, chocolate, wine tasting, live music and more. Call 703-989-7110.

Learn about the art of making chocolate while surrounded by the beautiful art in the galleries of McLean Project for the Arts, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean on Feb. 12, 7-9 p.m. Windows Catering's acclaimed pastry chef, Laurent Lhuillier, will be the guide. \$10 donation appreciated. RSVP to info@mpaart.org.

Ayr Hill Gallery, 141 Church St. N.W., Vienna, will host a Valentine Art Open House Friday, Feb. 13, 4-8 p.m. Guests will enjoy champagne and chocolates as well as a 10 percent discount for artwork purchased during the event. R.S.V.P. required by Feb. 12. The Gallery is also holding a demonstration series by exhibiting artists Feb. 7. Armand Cabrera will demonstrate his painting technique, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Artist Denise Dumont will hold a painting demonstration on March 21, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Both events are free. R.S.V.P. to (703) 938-3880 or info@ayrhillgallery.com.

HEALTH NOTES

Health notes are for support groups, exercise classes, blood drives and similar events open to the public at no or minimal cost. Send information to greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

Yoga for Body and Spirit, Wednesdays from 9:15-10:30 a.m. at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 1125 Savile Lane, McLean. The first class is free, each subsequent class is \$15 or 6 classes for \$75. Bring a yoga mat. www.ipcmclean.org.

Northern Virginia Stuttering Support Group, a support group for people who stutter meets the **third Tuesday** of the month at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton, at 7:30 p.m. Call 703-319-8382 or e-mail virginia.nsa@earthlink.net.

The Greater Chesapeake and Potomac Blood Services Region of the **American Red Cross** is seeking volunteers to assist its blood collections staff at blood drives and blood donor centers. This position is offered to people who are 14 years of age or older. Training is provided. To register for training, call the American Red Cross Volunteer Office at 1-800-272-0094, ext. 1, or e-mail karloff@usa.redcross.org.

SCHOOLS



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Langley High School novice rower Becca Redd, left), Langley senior Abby McPhie, middle, and novice rower Alexandra Ward.

Langley Team Competes in Erg Sprint Championship

The Potomac River may be partially frozen over these days, but that didn't stop more than 1,000 local rowers of all ages from partaking in an indoor version of their favorite outdoor activity.

The 2009 Mid Atlantic Erg Sprints were held this past Saturday at T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria with high school, collegiate, and adult rowers from

all over the Washington, D.C. area trying to make it to the National Erg Sprint Championships. The winners in each individual age group will be announced Tuesday, after the Connection's press time.

The T.C. Williams gym was outfitted with more than 60 Concept2 Indoor Rowers as competitors rowed the equivalent of 2,000 meters (or about 1.25 miles) on the machines.

SCHOOL NOTES

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Erin Glennon of Great Falls, graduate of Thomas Jefferson

High School for Science and Technology and daughter of Sarah and Jim Glennon, was named in her freshman year to Columbia University's Dean's List for the fall semester in the 2008-09 academic year. Students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive Dean's List recognition.

Alexander M. Gregory and **Hannah K. Laws** of Great Falls have been named to the fall semester Dean's list at Radford University. Gregory, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew M. Gregory of 10918 Woodland Falls, is a senior marketing major. Laws is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Laws and is a sophomore recreation, parks and tourism major. To be named to the Dean's list, a student must have taken 15 or more

credit hours and have a grade point average of 3.4 or above with no grade below a C.

Oakcrest School seniors **Kathleen Ouyang**, **Grace Tatlonghari** and **Mollie Kelly** attended the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Holiday Lecture with Nobel Prize winner Eric Kandel, M.D., and Thomas Jessell, Ph.D. "Making of Your Mind: Molecules, Motion, and Memory" was a two-day conference for students inclined towards medical or science careers. The conference was divided into four lectures as well as question and answer sessions. The first lecture described the history of brain research, the second covered cell differentiation, the third explained brain functions, and the fourth described memory. Ouyang intends to pursue the humanities while maintaining her interest in science. Tatlonghari hopes to pursue a career in forensic science. Kelly plans to enter the field of medicine as a pediatric oncologist with a specialization in genetics.

FAITH NOTES

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

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

❖ **All Things New**, an ecumenical worship service every

Wednesday at 6 p.m. Based on the Beatitudes of Jesus, for people affected by anger, fear, stress, dealing with rejection, credit abuse, drug/alcohol abuse, physical/sexual addiction or eating disorders.

A 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.

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 dominicanretreat.org.

McLean Women's Bible Study Thursday Bible Study, at 9:15 a.m. The Book of Proverbs will be the focus for

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Vajrayogini Buddhist Center offers ongoing classes on meditation and Buddhist philosophy, Mondays at 7 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. \$10 per class. 202-331-2122 or meditation-dc.org.

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Saxon Boys Top Seahawks at the Buzzer

Baker nets game-winner at buzzer; Travis Williams paces South Lakes with 19 points.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Sometimes, a tough loss can have a carryover effect. That might have been the case for the South Lakes High boys basketball team, which was defeated on a last-second shot by visiting Langley, 46-44, last Friday night, then lost at Madison, 57-43, the following day.

The Seahawks, with the consecutive Liberty District setbacks, saw their record slip to 11-7 overall and 7-3 in the district. Going into this week, they were in a three-way tie for first place with both Madison (12-5, 7-3) and W.T. Woodson (11-7, 7-3). Langley, with the victory over the Seahawks, extended its win streak to five games and improved its overall record to 13-5, 6-4 in the district.

Two weeks remain in the regular season before the start of postseason play with the Liberty District tournament, set to begin Tuesday, Feb. 17. Every regular season game from here on out will be important for both Langley and South Lakes as both are in the running for the regular-season title and a top seeding at districts. This week, the Seahawks were scheduled to play visiting Woodson Monday night, Feb. 2, and will be at Marshall Thursday night. The following week, South Lakes will wrap up the regular season with games against Stone Bridge on Tuesday, Senior Night, and at McLean on Friday, Feb. 13.

Langley was scheduled to travel to Jefferson on Monday of this week and will host Madison this Thursday night.

BACK ON JAN. 6, South Lakes won a dramatic overtime affair at Langley, the defending district champion. On Friday, the visiting Saxons turned the tables with a down-to-the-wire win of their own when senior

Derek Baker nailed a straight-on, buzzer-beater jump shot from just inside the three-point line to break a 44-44 tie and give the visiting team the win.

Baker, a shooting guard who had scored 24 points the night before in Langley's 63-47 district home win over Stone Bridge, scored his game-winner following a pair of timeouts, the later coming with eight seconds remaining in the final quarter. On the game-winning play, Baker, standing near the Langley team bench, in bounded the ball to teammate Thomas Kody, who quickly got the ball right back to Baker near the top of the key. Baker then made a few penetrating dribbles before pulling up and shooting the ball into the bucket.

"We'd run that play in practice and I said [to Langley coach Travis Hess] we should run that play again," said Baker, of his conversation with the coach during the timeout prior to the winning basket.

Upon releasing the ball, Baker said he believed it was going in.

"I felt pretty confident it would have a good chance to go in," he said. "[South Lakes] got us in overtime at our place. We felt we needed to get this."

Hess, the Langley coach, felt good about his team's chances with Baker taking the final shot.

"We wanted to flip it back to Derek," said Hess, of the inbound play. "I really felt it was going in."

South Lakes coach Darryl Branch credited Langley with getting off a good shot in



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Langley shooting guard Derek Baker converted three 3-pointers against South Lakes last Friday night.

the final seconds.

"It was a great job by [coach Hess] and they got off a jump shot near the free throw line," Branch said. "Good players are going to make that shot. I credit Langley, they were extremely physical tonight."

THE SAXONS, in the win, received a huge game from senior Danny Pritchett, a small forward who scored a season-high 15 points to lead the Saxons. Pritchett scored 10 of his points in the first half to help Langley build a 27-21 halftime lead. Most of his baskets came on hard drives to the basket that resulted in close-range scores. His ac-

robatic, swooping baseline layup basket late in the second quarter gave Langley its biggest lead of the night at 26-14.

"I think Danny was our MVP tonight," Hess said. "He really got us going early."

The Saxons were still ahead, 33-25, after three quarters and looked well on their way to victory when Baker drained a 3-pointer from the left of the top of the key area with 3 minutes, 48 seconds left to make the score 42-33 Langley.

But long-range treys by Steve Kerr and Travis Williams, followed moments later by a conventional three-point play by point guard Williams — in which he drove in the lane and scored while being fouled — capped a 9-2 South Lakes run to get the Seahawks within 44-42 with 1:05 left. A little later, Williams hit a pair of clutch foul shots to tie the game at 44 with 18 seconds left.

That set up Langley's last possession and Baker's eventual game winner.

"I like how our guys didn't quit," Branch said of his team's late surge to tie the game. "They fought back. Our defense was sound tonight."

Said coach Hess, "I'm not surprised South Lakes came back. They are a good team that will make runs and we're a good team that will make runs."

Langley's leading scorers after Pritchett were Baker (12 points), Kody (nine) and Barrett Hunter (seven). Senior guard Jack McLindon (three points) gave the Saxons a spark off the bench with a solid, all-around game.

South Lakes was led by Williams' 19 points. Also for the Seahawks, shooting guard Kerr scored 11 points while Ramin Shaheedian and Jamal Hulum (10 rebounds) both scored seven points.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

The Langley and McLean High boys and girls swim teams

met in a Liberty District match last week. In the boys competition, Langley came away with a 203-122 win. In the girls meet, the McLean girls were 165 to 150 winners. On the boys side, Charlie Putnam was a double-event winner for McLean. In diving, Martin Brown finished first and set a new McLean record with a score of 259.3. On the girls side, McLean's Eva Green and Margaret Harlow were each four-event winners and Katie Yensen was a double-event winner. In diving for the Highlanders, Lydia Mendelson won with a

new personal best score of 183.3.

Northern Virginia Senior Olympic (NVSO) committee

announces that the 2009 Senior Olympics will be held Sept. 12-24. Participants must be 50 years of age as of Dec. 31, 2009. More than 25 different competitive events are planned for the 10-day event. The NVSO committee also announces its new leadership for 2009, which includes Jack Hobbs, Alexandria, chairman; Betsy Bailey, Culpeper, vice chairman; Carol Mackela, Arlington, secretary; and Mike Marrone, Alexandria, treasurer. Judy Massabny of

the Arlington County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources and Brian Johnson from the Fairfax County Parks Authority serve as co-coordinators on the committee. For further information, go to novaseniolympics.com or call 703-228-4721.

Supporters of **Fairfax Adult Softball Inc.** (FAS) united together Sunday, Jan. 25, for the 9th Annual Bowling Tournament, which benefited the Northern Virginia Special Olympics and Fairfax County Park Authority field improvements. Two hundred and

twenty-five participants contributed their time and spirits to raise more than \$9,200 at the tournament. FAS president John Carney was elated with the success of the venture. FAS has been involved in raising funds for Special Olympics for 19 years and is proud to have the dedicated volunteers who continually undertake the commitment to give back to the community. For more information on FAS, contact the league office at 703-815-9007.

The **Madison High** boys and girls **swim teams** were victorious in a Liberty District meet

against South Lakes last week. The Madison boys won their meet, 220-90, while the girls were victorious, 185-130. Madison boys single-event winners were Tom Fenninger, Robbie Parker, Mark Vogan, Matt Russiello, Steven LeDuc, Adam Pennington and Justin Dutta. Members of the three winning relay team foursomes were Austin Chute, Justin Dutta, Mark Vogan and Parker; David Fallavolitta, Dillon Vita-Finzi, Pennington and Parker; and Russiello, LeDuc, Pennington and Parker. Ryan Fox won in diving.

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I have begun, over the last year, to gradu-
ally supplement my vitamin- and nutrient-
challenged diet with an assortment of pills,
capsules, geltabs, liquid gels and soft gels to
provide healthy sustenance that so far has
escaped me. Since I cannot beat them on
my own, I have decided to join them. If
I've learned anything in life, it is that!

Surely exercise would help, as would
dropping another 20 pounds (only 20?).
Completely changing my eating habits, and
I mean, 180 degrees, likely would contrib-
ute as well to a healthier and more fit me.
But it's rather difficult to turn an ocean
liner around after it's headed out to sea,
and so far as I can see, the horizon is in my
rear view window.

However, I imagine a few unexpected
and discouraging results in my next quar-
terly blood test would most assuredly get
the captain of my ship to turn tail and
return to port. And even though my cur-
rent and birth-to-date eating habits would
seem to indicate that I don't yet know port
from starboard, if I was unfortunate
enough to receive "the talk" from my pri-
mary care physician and/or his nutritionist,
I'm sure my interest and predilection to
focus on the inside aisles at the supermar-
ket (pre-packaged, bottled, canned; gener-
ally speaking, manufactured foods) would
change rather quickly to a more concerted
re-focus on the outside aisles at the super-
market (fresh and prepared foods, pro-
duce, dairy, meat, poultry, fish, etc.).

In lieu thereof, I have been pill-popping
in one form or another going on 18
months. And for all I know, and for all my
lab results seem to indicate, there may
actually have been some benefit to the 10
to 12 pills a day regimen that I've main-
tained and even added to recently: multivi-
tamin, a few prescriptions, baby aspirin,
fish oil, Resveratrol of late, and possibly
COQ-10 in the future, all in an attempt to
stem the biochemical tide and imbalance
caused no doubt by the life, liberty and
happiness that I pursue.

And even though I've never character-
ized these pursuits as any kind of declara-
tion of my independence, in effect, they
were, and continue to be so. Now whether
this pursuit has caused irreparable harm or
in fact created an internal environment in
which these manufactured and presumably
concentrated supplements have no
counter-balancing effect, I certainly don't
know. Nor do I imagine that even the
health care professionals who speak so
knowledgeably and eloquently on the sub-
ject know exactly how the human body
will ultimately respond for sure. One thing
I know for sure, however, I'm not getting
any younger. Nor am I, unfortunately, able
to go back in time and start all over.
Therefore, I have to make the best of the
hand — and the health — I've been given.
From my perspective, it's certainly nothing
to complain about, it's just a dozen pills a
day — or more eventually, I'm sure —
likely for the rest of my life. A life that,
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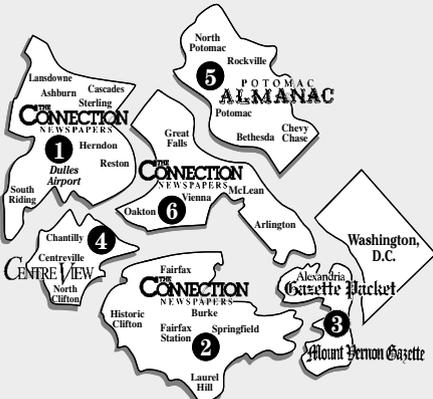
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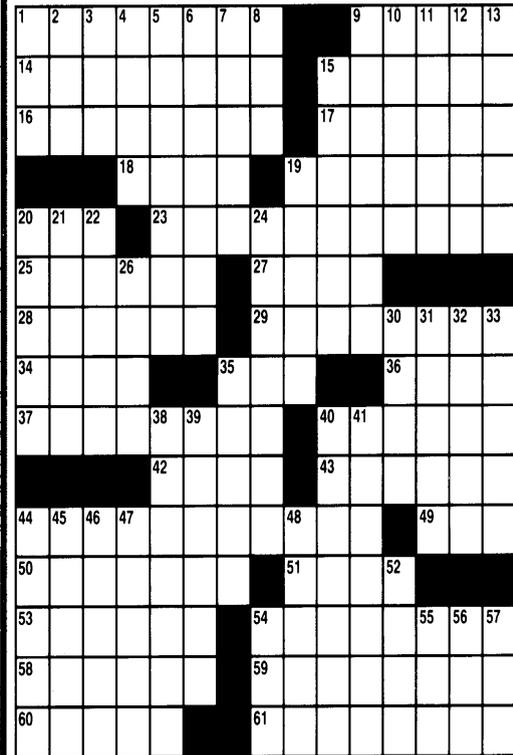
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- 1 Small tip
- 9 A ton
- 14 "Likely story"
- 15 Weed of the mint family
- 16 Shells may be in them
- 17 Blazing
- 18 Christmas times: Abbr.
- 19 Egyptian god shown holding a scroll
- 20 Hearst's captors: Abbr.
- 23 They're often made of silk
- 25 Las —, Canary Islands
- 27 Associate of Dayan
- 28 Connected, nowadays
- 29 Ellery Queen and others
- 34 Site of Kit Carson's grave
- 35 Opening of a retail store?
- 36 Strike
- 37 Don't act
- 40 Pupil surrounder
- 42 Hardly thrilling

DOWN

- 12 More terrible
- 13 Dance set?
- 15 Lincoln's first Vice President
- 19 Words before "Fine" and "Pretty" in song
- 20 Some are blind
- 21 Stoop in Hawaii
- 22 Set apart
- 24 Understanding
- 26 Spray
- 30 Skating maneuver
- 31 Dour
- 32 Solver of the Königsberg bridge problem
- 33 Shiners
- 35 Has quite an impact on
- 38 Basque, e.g.
- 39 Learns little by little
- 40 Its range is about 500-1700 kHz
- 41 More out of shape
- 44 Iris Murdoch and others
- 45 — Gay
- 46 Protected bird
- 47 "The Secret History" novelist Tartt
- 48 Hindenburg's predecessor
- 52 Include
- 54 British sports cars
- 55 Pro —
- 56 Time piece?
- 57 1040 ID

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